NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITIS H COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

DREW'S CHARGES

night Col. George Drew charged

Prime Minister King with endeav-

ouring to set up a dictatorship in

Canada like that of Cromwell.

He charged that neither the

Prime Minister nor the minister

of national defence were telling

the truth when they said Canada

was prepared for war. Guns with

which the First Division had been

sent overseas were obselete. Prem-

in King had been alone respon-

sible for the stopping of work on

the Valcartier arsenal and the

giving of gun contracts to inex-

perior ed promotors. What Can-

ada moded was a vigorous and

efficient organization to carry on

the crusade for freedom and de-

mocracy. Mr. King might tell of

his actual knowledge and ex-

perience of war in comparison

SMOKE SIGNALS

vestigate reports of smoke signals

GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

non-confidence vote over Pales-

tine policy was rejected 292 to 121

by Parliament late yesterday.

LONDON- The Labor-Liberal

VICTORIA-The provincial no-

best will do."

OTTAWA-In an address last

Tomorrow's Tides 1.06 a.m. 20.0 ft. 13:08 p.m. 20.5 ft. 7:15 a.m. 5.8 ft. 19:30 p.m. 4.0 ft.

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Overseas Headquarters Of Royal Canadian Air Force Established In Old Land

OTTAWA, March 7.—Group Captain George Victor Walsh, M.B.E., of Ottawa, has been appointed to command the Overseas Headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force now being established in England. Announcement to this effect was made today by the Minister of National of \$8000 against which there was Defence, who also indicated that the major section of the

commodation and equipment.

establishment provides for staff

officers responsible for the train-

and personnel in air force squa-

drons, a liaison officer between the

R.C.A.F. and the Royal Air Force.

ganization. In addition, provision

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Squarely Before Congress

NAZI PLANE IS DROPPED

Forty-Fourth Aircraft So Far in War Accounted For-Further British Raids Over Germany

Press)—The Air Ministry announ- erseas on active service, the estab- "nom of the power plant. Soon the ced today that the Royal Air lishment of an air force headquar- sawmill was also in flames and. Force had shot down a German ters in the Old Country may be with a strong wind blowing, the plane off the northeast coast of considered as a further indication entire village appeared for a while Scotland. It was the forty-fourth of the close co-operation prevail- to be in imminent danger of des-German aircraft so far shot down ing between nations of the British truction. Fortunately, the entire in the war. Its bringing down fol- Commonwealth," said the minister, nopulation was at home at the time lowed the inauguration last night "It may be compared, in one sense, and valiant work by bucket brigades aerial warfare in the making of with the United Kingdom Air Lia- saved the homes and other buildnight as well as day air raids over ison Mission, which is now in Ca- inge of the community. The dosthe British coasts in the course nada, engaged in the promotion of truction included logs and lumber of which one small British tanker that phase of the British Common- among which was lumber for the is reported to have been sunk while wealth Air Training Plan pertain- completion of a partially constructa lightship was showered with ma- ing more particularly to the pro- ed new church. hine gun fire.

Royal Air Force fliers, it was an- The war organization of the Ro- c'clock in the morning. nounced earlier in the day, had yal Canadian Air Force has been scouted the German naval bases of amended to provide also for the Wilhelmahafen. Heligoland and establishment of an Overseas Re- ARMISTICE Cuxhaven as well as the principal cords Office, which will operate in cities and ports of northwest Ger- conjunction with the Overseas many last night. The planes drew Headquarters to meet the requireanti-aircraft fire and great search- ments of the Canadian squadron light activity but all returned now in England, and of others Russian Demands Are, However, Ex-

In Berlin the German high com- abroad for service in the theatre, mand, in addition to aerial activity of war to which it may be assigned. against shipping on the North Sea, The Minister of National Dereports successful reconnaissance fence indicated that the Overseas flights into France as far as Paris. Headquarters would comprise offi-Successful attacks on British patrol cers, airmen and civilians. Besides ships and armed cargo vessels are the Air Officer Commanding, the claimed.

SUBMARINE DESTROYED and administrative officers re-

Chinese Claim of Naval Casualty of has been made for equipment of-Enemy in Yangtse River Is Denied at Tokyo

HONG KONG, March 7.—Reports PROTECTING have reached here of the destruction of a Japanese destroyer by striking a Chinese-laid mine in the loss of more than one hundred President Roosevelt Putting De- ATHENIA members of the crew. Kangtse River on February 24 with

In Tokyo the Japanese authorities deny the report as being Chinese, propaganda.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is U-BOATS tions for increased defences of Panama. He asks that the decision to ATTACKED cut down the administration's appropriations for these and other de-

cation of Results-Germans Claim Sinkings

the week-end, it is disclosed, but pen at Panama in case of emer- fendants. Blame for the sinking

SAWMILL IS DESTROYED

Electric Light Plant Also Consumed in Blaze Which Nearly Wiped Out Naas River Village

Bringing word of a recent village disaster which involved the destruction by fire of the sawmill and power plant with an estimate loss no insurance protection, Johnson new organization had arrived safe- Russ, chief councillor, of Greenville ly in Great Britain. There it has on the Naas River, arrived in the been united with the party that city yesterday with Albert Moore. proceeded overseas in advance of Peter Calder and Samuel Calder the departure from Canada of No. abourd the boat A. M. They are 110 (City of Toronto) Army Co-op- here to confer with the Indian eration Squadron in order to make Agent in regard to the possibilities arrangements for its reception, ac- of financing the rebuilding of the sawmill and nower plant and ex-"Although closely associated with nect to leave tomorrow on their rethe historical and significant arri- turn home.

val in the United Kingdom of the The fire started, Mr. Russ reports, LONDON, March 7 Canadian first air force unit to proceed ov- from a torch in the diesel engine

vision of the necessary equipment." The time of the fire was at 10

that will undoubtedly proceed tensive-Sweden Co-Operates in Negotiations

> STOCKHOLM, March 7: (CP)-Sweden is seeking to arrange an armistice in the Russo-Finnish war, unusually reliable sources said today, adding that Russian peace terms had recently been presented to Finland. The exact nature of the terms are still subject to speculation but unconfirmed reports are that Russia demands the surrender of the Kerelian Isthmus, the port of Viipuri, Lake Ladoga and part of the far northern Petsamo area.

An armistice, it was said, would be followed by further efforts to arrange a settlement. If peace negotiations are under way, Scan-OF PANAMA dinavian nations assume that Berlin would also be interested.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7 .-

demanding of Congress appropria- Claims Totalling \$700,000 Are Filed Against Owners of Ship Which Sank on First Day of War

propriations for these and other de- | NEW YORK, March 7.- Claims fence purposes be reconsidered. If for damages totalling \$700,000 have there is not favorable response to been filed in New York Federal be sent to Congress by the chief ex- sengers aboard the British steamer Athenia which was sunk off the Congress, the President says, must west coast of Scotland on the opinitely fixed in connection with

UNLOADING COLLIERS

LONDON- Eight of fourteen Italian colliers bound from Rotterdam to Italy which were detained by the British contraband control have been ordered to discharge their cargoes for which Italy will be recompensed after the war. The other six cargoes are being checked up on. There has been no reply as yet to Italy's vigorous protest to Great Britain over the interception of the ships.

Bulletins

Russians Suffer Enormous Bloody Losses at Viipuri-More Intensive Siege is Anticipated

HELSINGFORS, March 7: (CP)-Finnish communique today said that the Finns had repulsed all Russian thrusts across Viipuri Bay except two minor ones designed to flank the beleaguered city of Viipuri and the Mannerheim Line. The Russian attacks yesterday were supported by aircraft, tanks and artillery which, with human life, were extravagently poured into the bloody siege. The Reds attacked at many land points on the Viipuri sector but were repulsed with enormous casualties to the invaders. "Heaps of Russian dead" in front of the Finnish positions was the TOCOMBAT way in which the scene of carnage was described.

with that of Dr. Manion. "Our The Russians are still holding survival may be at stake," declarvirtually the same positions on the ed Col. Drew. "Nothing but the week ago.

Great gaping holes on the bloodlice have been dispatched to infive miles from Cape Cook on the West Coast of Vancouver Is-

bombing of railways, towns and villages of southern Finland and at least forty persons have been killed. So persistent have been the atitacks of Russians on hospitals that it has become evident that they are deliberate so, in order to make such places less conspicuous, Red Cross His Policy Reaffirmed by King Casigns, which it was thought might have protected them from attack,

have been removed from the roofs. sians claim to have brought down lan resources would be thrown bethree Finnish planes.

spread all the way from Viipuri integrity of our borders." Bay to the centre of the Kerelian King Carol reaffirmed Rouman-Isthmus. A lull today sugested that ia's intention of following a strict the Russians might be preparing policy of neutrality, a policy which for an' even more intensive offen- had been carried out and would be sive. A Moscow communique to- continued in the fields of foreign day said there had been nothing of commerce as well as otherwise. importance except local activity on Great Britain would be given an the Finnish front.

The Finns show no signs of sur- ports. have retired before this.

today called out men of twenty-maintain the army of 1,600,000 I year-old class as well as others who men under arms. had been previously rejected on ac- The King declared that relations count of physical defects.

All children have been evacuated further air raids are expected there. Roumanian exports, including oi

Neutrals as Well as British Victims treaty. of Mines in War at Sea

ing of the 3,000-ton Swedish steamer Lagaholm was disclosed when the Miners Back

The Scottish trawler Ben Attow

by the Amsterdam owners.

MELBOURNE, March 7: (CP) -Prime Minister Menzies to- + day formed a coalition cabinet de with the Country party, clos- + ing the breach created last + 4 April by the death of Jeseph + Lyons who had held the quarrelsome parties together. Arch-• ie Cameron, new Country Party leader, will become deputy + * Prime Minister and take three of his followers into the cabin-The United Australian - Party holds twenty-eight seats, the Country Party sixteen and Labor, thirty.

outskirts of Viipuri as they did a Electrifed Cable Used by Liner in Crossing Atlantic

stained ice of Viipuri Bay told the NEW YORK, March 7 (CP)-The story of how the desperately fierce Cunard-White Star liner Scythia Russian attacks had been beaten has arrived safely from Liverpool, the safety of New York Harbor back by the Finnish guns. They having made the voyage without represented how huge numbers of convoy. She used with apparentinfantry and tank crews had gone success a new device, consisting of to a watery grave. The attacks were, an electrical cable, which encomracked with artillery, machine passed her hull, to combat magguns and bombs by the defenders, netic mines. There were special There were also attacks on the watches to keep a look-out for south coast of Finland across the submarines. The Scythia, which ice of the gulf from Esthonian bas- sailed from Liverpool February 22 brought 589 passengers including Russian planes continued the four hundred German refugees.

IC NETTO A DALUINAL

rol in Opening Parliament

BUCHAREST, March 7 (Cana-Ten Russian planes, the Finns dian Press)-King Carol opened claim, were brought down yester- Roumanian Parliament today with day. On the other hand, the Rus- the declaration that all Roumanhind the Army as "a supreme guar-The Battle of Viipuri has now antee of our independence ar

equal break with Germany in ex-

render of Viipuri in spite of the op- The King forecast that the couninion of some observers that it try might have to make great sacmight have been more strategic to rifices for the defence of its frontiers. He announced taxes would The Finnish military authorities be materially increased in order to

with other nations were good.

Great Britain has demanded full from Helsingfors indicating that equality with Germany in sharing a high authority asserted yesterday. The demand is said to have sent Roumanian minister Viorel Tilea hurrying back here from Lon-

> Roumania and Russia are said to be negotiating a non-aggression

LONDON, March 7: (CP)—Sink- Seventy-Nine

British Columbia Police keeping thy... "Apparently the great sea Fear that the Netherlands steam- watchful guard. 79 miners return- power feels that it no longer has ship Rijnstroom, 695 tons, is lost ed to work yesterday, ending the a safe harbor of its own" was with her crew of twelve is expressed strike which paralyzed the Pioneer one German comment. Gold Mine, big gold producer for All these vessels are believed to five months. Some pickets were in evidence but there was no dem-Two more British cargo ships onstration. No members of the Unof the big British tanker San were sunk by mines last Saturday, it in were in the group returning to Florentine. Exchange Telegraph is announced. Four crew members work although there was nothing says it has arrived safely in port. were killed and eleven are missing, to prevent them doing so.

ATLANTIC

• Spectacular Voyage Brings Queen of Seas From Glasgow to New York

NEW YORK, March 7: (CP)-Following a spectacular voyage across the Atlantic Ocean from Clydesbank, where she was built, the giant new Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth, largest ship afloat, was safe in New York Harbor this morning. The voyage had been shrouded in the greatest secrecy and the public had no hint of it until late yesterday when it was nearing completion.

It is expected the Queen Elizabeth will be tied up here for the duration of the war. She will be moored alongside the Queen Mary and the Normandie, the Mauretania having moved yesterday to another berth to make way for

Ending her bold dash across the perilous submarine-infested waters of the Atlantic, the 85,000ton liner which cost \$29,000,000 to build passed Ambrose Lightship shortly after 6 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and soon was in waters. She was forced to wait until high tide before docking at Pier 90 later in the afternoon, this being a ticklish job owing to the enormous size of the ves-

The ship is painted battleship grey and is manned with a skeleton crew under Capt. J.C. Townley, commander of the Queen Mary and Aquitania on their maiden voyages.

The vessel carried no armaments but, apparently, was protected by a mysterious new antimine cable which surrounds the ship high above the water. She

had no passengers. The Queen Elizabeth sailed from her fitting out station at Clydebank on February 26. She took a round about course and was convoyed by naval escorts for a good deal of the way. She carrid extra fuel supplies in her tanks as a precaution against possible delay through changing of course. The voyage took twice as long as it would under normal circumstances.

There was not a single alarm during the entire voyage. GREAT RECEPTION

Th Queen Elizabeth was not normally scheduled to leave on hr maiden vayoge until April 28 and, as it is, she is not entirely completed as yet.

Airplanes roared overhead as the great ship moved slowly up the harbor. They dipped in sa-

Only officials were allowed on board after the vessel docked Even newsmen were dnid admis-

In London the British press boasted over the success of the voyage. Great Britain's retention of the command of the sea and the ability of Clydesbankers to keep a secret were emphasized. "This must be a startling shock to Hitler and the Nazi chiefs who claimed control of the sea," ob-

hailed the feat. Canadian government officials hailed the voyage with delight. The Canadian Navy evidently

served one paper. All Britain

know little or nothing about it. A Berlin spokesman dubbed the voyage as a "disgraceful flight" about which there was was lost with her crew of nine in an PIONEER, March 7 (CP)-With nothing courageous or notewor-

EXTEND BLOCKADE

LONDON-First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill told Parliament yesterday that arrest of traffic in iron between Sweden and Germany was being considered.

But British Sources Give No Indi- the request, a special message will Court on behalf of American pas-

the results are undertermined. gency.

PARIS, March 7: (Canadian either appropriate the funds re- ening day of the war. The owners Press)-Allied patrol boats attack- quired or be prepared to take the of the Athenia, the Cunard-Anchored several German U-boats since entire blame for what might hap- Donaldson Line, are made the de-

Don't Swap Horses In Mid-Stream (Excerpt from "The Vancouver Sun")

THE sensible elector, knowing very well that he can never get perfect government in this world, will ask himself whether, on the whole, he can hope to improve conditions by turning out this experienced government and puting in an inexperienced party.

VOTE FOR HANSON

Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.

ALLIES NOW BEST

LONDON- Great Britain and France have now passed Germany in rate of building warplanes, Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Air, told the House of Commons today. He said the Allies were far ahead in quality. Great Britain's aircreft production had doubled during the past year and the quality of individual models had improved. It is also revealed that a great new naval building program in France will bring the nation second only to Great Britain in

SENTENCED TO DEATH PARIS-Two French radio announcers, who have been broadcasting propaganda from Stuttgart, Germany, on behalf of the Reich, have been sentenced to

death in absentia for treason. RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM STOCKHOLM - Stockholm dispatches to Paris newspapers said that Russian peace terms were in the forms of an ultimatum ex-

piring midnight March 8-9. FIGHT TO FINISH PARIS - Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles of United States arrived here today from

Switzerland to confer with President Albert Lebrun, Premier Edouard Daladier and Auguste de Champetier de Ribes, Foreign Under Secretary. The French attitude as Welles arrived on his "fact finding" visit was far from conciliatory. The whole tone was one that France was resolved on | crew reached a Scottish port. a fight to a finish. After three days here, Welles will proceed to London and will leave there for explosion. Rome to start his homeward voyage March 18.

SINKING UNCONFIRMED LONDON-There is no confirmation of the sinking off Land's have been mine victims. End yesterday by torpedo attack