Weather, Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Jalands-Partly cloudy, light variat

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IMPORTANT

Franco Meets Mussolini-To See Petain Next-Possibly Hitler Later

BERNE, Ewitzerland, Feb. 12: conferred so newhere in Italy today with Spain's top-ranking leaders, General Francisco Franco and Foreign Secretary Ramon Serrana Eunear, it was reported, and tomorrow the Spaniards will meet French Chief of State Henri Phillippe Pelain and Vice-Premier Admiral Franco's Darlan. What was afcot was still conjectural, ranging from talk of poace efforts on behalf of Italy to the other extrome of solidification of Axis TT7 streng'h in Farcos through acquisition of Spanish and French Mediterrancan baces.

The greatest of secreev surrounded the session between Mussolini and Franco and elaborate Canada Settled precautions were taken for the safety of the leaders in travelling. The servicen between Franco and Petain will take place temorrow in Southern France and similar secrecy and caution guards that gath-

Some reports said that Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Josephim von Ribbentrop of DRIVE OUT possibly on the Riviera.

Museolini is reported to have asked Franco to enter the war on the Axis side in return for the aid which Ita'y gave Franco in the Spanish civil war.

The general feeling is that the meetings have more to do with an endeavour to further expand the Axis rather than in any peace negotiations which Italy might seek with Great Britain.

HIGH WINDS,

Wet and Stormy Weather is Being Experienced in California

were heavy rains and high winds in satisfactorily. For the first time vincial sources of revenue. the San Francisco region and else- in many days the communique did As the recent Dominion-Provinwhere in Northern California last not specifically mention Libyan op- cial conference broke up without night. Oakland had a 54-mile an erations. hour gale. The storm was moving eastward today.

High waters of the Russian and Sacramento Rivers are receding.

LACL IVUI

British War Aims Too Well to Require Talking About Them

Minister Winston Churchill told the Also reported was occupation of El-House of Commons today that gena, thirty miles south of the Ansion in the United States of British the seizure of prisoners and equipwar aims" that no occasion had ment. Elgena is thirty miles from arisen to outline them for repre- the Red Sea. The British are also sentatives of the Washington gov-ladvancing on Cheren. ernment who had been visiting In Libya British troops are re-England.

States government, the Prime Min- while other units mopped up scat- Not Relieving ister said, had broached the subject tered Italian bands south of Benof British peace aims or post-war gasi. Royal Air Force headquart- I reconstruction.

Pilots Of First Great War Asked

REGINA, Feb. 12 .- The Royal Canadian Air Force has issued an urgent call to First Great War pilots to act as instructors.

War Session of Parliament—

TALKS ON MILLIONS PLANS FOR PARLIAMENT OPENING AT CTTAWA NEXT WEEK

(CP)— Premier Benito Mussolini War and Waterways to be Big Questions But Private fifteen minutes-10:30 to 10:45. All Members to Get an Innings

By FRANK FLAHERTY

Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA, February 12: (CP)—Wartime finance and the St. Lawrence waterways development are expected to WAR NOT Parliament reassembles on February 17. Since Parliament did not prorogue but simply adjourned on December 6, there will be no formal opening

when it resumes.

is a continuing problem.

spring.

ment dams and canals in the

the United States government se-

cures congressional approval of the

agreement will determine when it

reaches the Canadian Parliament.

If the project is handled in the

form of a treaty it requires a two-

thirds majority of the United States

not submit the treaty or agreement

Dominion Financing

The budget may be presented

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prisoners of war escaped from

Military authorities and Royal

Canadian Mounted Police combed,

the area around the prairie intern-

ment camp today for the two pris-

ing Up On Her War Effort

oners of war.

I might be supposed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—A tentative agreement on wages for the construction industry in Canada for 1941 has been reached. The basis will be that of 1939 with allowance for the increased cost of living.

Great Pincer Movement in East At rica is Proceeding Satisfactory

Britons Advancing in Libya, Eritrea, a majority vote of both houses. Ethiopia and Somaliland

CAIRO, Feb. 12: (CP)- British to Parliament until it has passed headquarters yesterday announced congress at Washington. continued success in a great pincer movement aimed at squeezing the |. War finance will crop up at var-Italians out of East Africa includ- jous stages of the session but the ing Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian first big certain event in prospect is Somaliland. No specific gains are the budget which will attach to; reported but a communique said the extent to which the federal govthat operations were developing ernment may go in invading pro-

However, it was reported that plan for re-arranging Dominion-Free French forces, operating from Provincial financial relations conthe Lake Chad region of French tained in the Sirois report, Finance ita track in a very muddy condi- Equatorial Africa, had taken a ser- Minister Ilsley said it might be tion for the big Derby to be run to- lies of oases in southern Libya from necessary for the Dominion to levy the Italians.

In Abyssinia the British are re-come taxes in a manner which ported to have pushed fifty miles would cut down provincial revenues. linland towards Addis Ababa, the capital, and British warplanes are early, perhaps in March, in order to reported to have bombed that city.

Today's Reports

British forces advancing forty Two Germans miles within the frontier and driv-Churchill Says United States Knows ing on the Eritrean capitol of As-British War Aims Too Well to mara and the Red Sea port of Mas- Make Escape Isaua, have captured another inland, town in the north and are closing in from the west on two fronts, Bri-LONDON, Feb. 12: (CP)-Prime tish headquarters announced today. "there is such common comprehen- glo-Egyptian Sudan frontier and

'ported today to have completely cir-No representative of the United cled the desert outpost of Hiarabub ers said that land forces found Food Shortage eighty-six unserviceable Italian and German planes on a landing ground at Benina near Bengasi. The Bri-. tish forces are advancing south of

| Tobruk and west of Bengasi. British advance to a point 100 miles within the Italian Somaliland frontier is announced today.

steamer Prince Rupert.

Washington City Practices War

First Black-Out in Washington City -Is Made Quite Realistic

VANCOUVER, Washington, Feb. 12.-Vancouver, Washington, had Work of were turned off and traffic was blocked. United States Army plane: soared overhead. Veterans and Boy Scouts patrolled the city.

DIANILU

Paginning Now. Says Noted In earlier sessions Parliament en- Only War Correspondent acted legislation giving the govern-

ment wide powers for the mobiliza-LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.-Robert tion of the human and material re-Ni-n noted war correspondent, sources of the nation but the prohome from Great Britain, speaking vision of hundreds of millions of here vesterday, said "the war is just dollars needed to finance the war beginning. England is just beginning to fight." Continuing, he said: While negotiations of an inter-"Britain is not licked. Germany national waterways agreement prowill, doubtless, effect a landing on ceed, preliminary engineering works British soil this spring but will be along the St. Lawrence rapids are in progress so that an early start pushed back." may be obtained on power develop-

The probability is Parliament will be asked to ratify a waterway agreement but the speed with which

MORE BRITONS CALLED

LONDON-Great Britain's nineteen-year-olds will be called into Senate to ratify it. If it is simply 40, leaving the eighteen-year-old an agreement it may be ratified by group to the last, it was announc-The Canadian government will ed today.

NO ARMISTICE DEALING

LONDON- Both London and said that such rumors were "fantastic and ridiculous."

EVACUATING ETHIOPIA

ROME-The Vatican is reported to have taken up with the Unproached to permit evacuation of Italian women and children from Ethiopia, possibly on United States' ships. Italian government authorities held, however, that the military situation did not necessitate such evacuation.

DE VALERA'S WARNING DUBLIN-If Dublin women and children do not evacuate voluntarily, the government may resort to compulsory evacuation, said Premier Eamonn de Valera today. He warned that any attack on Eire would probably come first on Dublin.

CALGARY, Feb. 12.—Two German camp near here yesterday after- GREEKS ON The escapees were Ottomar Grunwald and Waldermar Bruggerman.

Complete Failure-Athens Port Is Bombed

ATHENS, Feb. 12 .- The Greeks have resumed the offensive all along the Albanian front following the collapse of Italian counter-offensives.

There have been heavy air atas in the Klisura area.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Germany has One dozen or more Italian planes no intention of lessening her war, have been brought down since Sun-, effort in order to provide food for day.

occupied European countries, it is Yesterday the Fascist planes can raise \$200,000, the provincial said in official Nazi quarters. In bombed Piraeus, the port of Athens, government will be asked for \$200,- ficially described as "highly selec-Mrs. M. P. McCaffery arrived in any case, it is said, the British bloc- and other Greek cities. There were 000 additional in order to build a tive" recruiting has been resumed Canadians paid income taxes in the city this afternoon on the kade is not proving as serious as some casualties but property dam- \$400,000 addition to the Vancouver for reinforcements for the overseas January this year as compared with age was negligible.

DESTROYERS COLLISION ARE NEEDED,

No More Available For Britain, In

(CP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Montreal ploughed into the rear of Knex sad today that the United a freight train near Trenton early Various Indications Point Unmis-States Mavy can spars no more today, killing the engineer and firedestroyers. He made this statement man of the express and slightly inwhen asked to comment on the juring seventeen passengers. The proposal of Wendell Willkie that dead are Engineer George Nayler five to ten destroyers monthly be and Fireman Nelson Schreiber both supplied to Great Britain.

The United States foreign relations committee, public hearings having been completed yesterday, went into secret session today to consider modifications for unity as suggested by Willkie in the "Aid 'o Britain" bill. President Franklin

D. Roosevelt and the administraion are confident that the measure will be given speedy passage. It is expected it will reach a final vote by the first week in March the latest.

The committee was reported tolay to have rejected a 13 to 14 amendment to the British aid bill which wuld have required the President to obtain certification of

would most certainly be in the down in Scotland. war within thirty days. He urged will be followed by men of 37 to be rushed to Great Britain with a R minimum of delay. In a long war he expressed confidence that Great Britain would be the victor.

Last night Willkie spent an hour and a half at the White House with President Franklin D. Roose- Even Bad Weather Does Not Deter Rome officials today denied that velt, making a personal report, it there were any negotiations on is supposed, on the English and feet for an armistice between Irish situations, particularly in re-Great Britain and Italy. Rome gard to war industries. Willkie said he had a "delightful" meeting with the President, adding that "The 1940 election is now water under the bridge. Roosevelt is my President."

Willkie is speaking before a Linited States government the sug- coln Day dinner of the Republigestion that Great Britain be ap- can party in New York tonight.

juries When Struck by Car,

The little boy was the grandson of nel points including Boulogne. J. S. Nelson, well known pioneer city. Three of the British planes were Italian Counter-Attacks in Albania Rupert and was an only child.

open this afternoon.

car which figured in the tragedy

Planned if Finances Available | casualties.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12.—If the city General Hospital.

OF TRAINS

Engineer and Fireman of Passenger | Turkish Newspaper Says That Ger-Killed-Raninto Freight Near

Commenting On Willkie Proposal : TRENTON, Ontario, Feb. 12: (CP) -A Canadian National Railways WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12: express and passenger train from of Belleville.

Britain-One Nazi Bomber Brought Down

BRIEF ALARM TODAY IONDON. Feb. 12: (CP)-London had a brief air raid alarm in midafternoon today but the "all clear" came in a few minutes.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—England had Army and Navy chiefs before he another quiet night as far as enemy Seven House of Representatives first early morning alarm in some are committee that, if Great Bri-little bombing. An enemy bomber ment. tain should collapse. United States is reported to have been brought

UP ATTACK In London the Daily Mail says in a dispatch from Belgrade that Ger-

British Airmen From Striking Hard at Germany

LONDON, Feb. 12.-Large concentrations of light "fine weather" barges, evidently intended for use in carrying troops, light tanks and other equipment for an invasion in England, have been principal targets of the Royal Air Force in its recent intensified bombing raids on Channel ports and, judging from the reports of returning pilots, there has been much success in breaking up such concentrations, just as was done last fall.

successive night, the Royal Air yesterday of a Russian explosive-Jackie Nelson, Who Sustained In- Force last night, despite stormy and laden train. generally unfavorable weather, attacked German ports and industrial; Jackie Nelson, three-year-old son Norway to France with marked sucof Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, suc- cess. Huge raids on Germany were cumbed at 9 o'clock last night at continued and Hanover was bombthe Prince Rupert General Hos- ed for the second straight night. pital following severe injuries sus- Bremen, Hamburg and other points tained Saturday afternoon when in German were also attacked. Possible United States Army Will struck by an automobile near his There were large explosions and home on Eighth Avenue East. The fires. The attack also took in sadly bereaved family will have the Christiansand in Norway, Rotterdeep sympathy of many friends. dam in Holland, Jutland and Chan-

contractor. He was born in Prince lost including one that crashed at Cambridge on its return, the crew of the wrecked United States Army An inquest into the fatality will being killed.

been casualties but denying

and German - occupied territory carry out the salvage job if Pacific during the night followed the shelling yesterday by the Royal Navy of the United States Army. Ostend under heavy German coastal gun fire. The British ships suffer-\$400,000 Addition to V.G.H. is Being ed no damage and there were no IVIANV

SELECTIVE RECRUITING

CANBERRA, Feb. 12: (CP)-Of-Australian Imperial Forces.

man Troops Are Moving in Steadily-Goal is Bosphorus

Tension Mounts

takeably To Extension Of War To Balkans

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 12: (CP) -The Turkish official newspaper Otrat Politika said yester lay that German troops were arriving in Bulgaria, the officers declaring "our goal is the Bosphorus and the Mediterranean.

At the same time Belgrade reports said that fleets of three-engined German transport planes were Fnemy Air Activity Over sighted over Hungary yesterday speeding southeast in the direction of Rumania and Bulgaria.

Official Bulgaria still denies the Imovement of German troops into the country.

In London British mili ary authorities still expect Germany to stage a strong military demonstration in the Balkans.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler has moved twenty-five new divisions of ould turn over existing defence hombing was concerned. About 2 some four hundred thous nd men equipment to any other country, o'clock this morning London had its, into Rumania in recent weeks, military observers reported in Belgrade amendments to the bill were re- time but there was no bombing. I today. Forty trains per day are now Enemy planes came over south and said to be moving through Hungary Yesterday Willkie told the Sen- southeast England but there was with German soldiers and equip-

Balkan tension is heightening with attention focussed on the Rumanian - Bulgarian frontier where Germans are reported to have massed troops on the northern bank of the Danube.

many is expected to deliver an ultimatum at any moment on Buigaria demanding the passage of German troops towards Greece and Turkey. The London Daily Express said

that several squadrons of German planes had already arrived in Bulgaria. Another report published in Lon-

was entering Bulgaria daily A pro-Nazi newspaper in Sofia said today that Great Bri ain had violated Bulgarian neutrali y by the Royal Air Force flying planes over Bulgaria enroute to Rumaria.

don was that one German division

Two important Sofia streets have been renamed "Berlin" and "Rome." All freight train traffic between Bulgaria and JugoSlavia has been LONDON, Feb. 12.—For the sixth suspended following the explosion

Not Come to Terms Owing to **Excessive Cost**

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12: (CP)-The Pacific Salvage Co. states that it expects to handle the alvaging transport ship Kvichak from Sisters Germany officially admitted the Island in Finlayson Channel if it is Pat Mazzei was the driver of the raids, intimating that there had done but final decision rests with any the United States Army which may serious damage to military objec-| consider the job too costly. There is a possibility that the Armour The heavy air attacks on Germany Salvage Co. of Prince Rupert will Salvage fails to come to terms with

OTTAWA, Feb. 12,-Over 100,000 lonly find hundred in January 1940.