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## ALIANS ENTRAPPED

her Force at Mercy of Greeks Albania-Air Force Active

HENS, Feb. 28.—Another large n force has become trapped he Greeks in Albania. British Greek air forces continue acin harassing the Italians there.

# IS WARNED

Britain Hints That Balkan intry May Be Turned Into Battleground

NAZIS MASSING ELGRADE, Feb. 28: (CP)- A movement through Bucharof German troops in battle form is reported today in

ematic dispatches from Buch-

NDON, Feb. 28:-Great Brihas given Bulgaria final ing that diplomatic relations near the breaking point. The Rendel, has sternly told Bulthat, if relations are broken the country will probably be into a battleground. be the intention of the Brito meet the Germans in their nce down the Balkans.

able documents.

e communication was sus- Eden of Great Britain. ed mysteriously for twenty-,

Less Than 150 Conflagrations Started by Royal Air Force Attack

ONDON, Feb. 28: (CP) - The Ministry news service said that I fires were burning at one time ing the Royal Air Force raid on gne Friday night.

#### Magistrate Of anaimo Hurt

Beevor-Potts Suffers Pelvis njury When Struck by Auto

ANAIMO, Feb. 28.—C. H. Beevor-, veteran police magistrate of ilmo, was struck down by an mobile and suffered injury to

### Another German Sinking Claim

n Says That 28 Vessels Have Been Sunk Or Damages In Twenty-Four Hours

ERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany toclaimed the sinking or damagof 24 British vessels of tonnage 146,000 within twentyhours.

albert Stiles sailed today on the ace Rupert from Ocean Falls! a trip to Vancouver.

## War News

MOVING FRENCH FROM COAST

VICHY-Unconfirmed but creditable reports received here today state that Germany is removing the French population from the English Channel coast. Reports to this effect are taken by some French observers as an indication of preparations for an attack on the British Isles but neutral circles said it might be a routine military precaution to prevent leakage of information. One source said a coastal strip was being cleared to a depth of twenty-two miles.

WEATHER GROUNDS BOMBERS

LONDON-Gales sweeping over the English Channel kept the British and German air forces grounded during the night and for the first time in weeks London had no air raid alarm.

WITHDRAW FROM ISLAND

LONDON-British forces which occupied the Italian island of Kastelorizo in the eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn "having accomplished their objective," the Admiralty and War Office announce.

# RUSSIA MAY

sh minister at Sofia, George Change Of Attitude In Connection With Germans And Balkans Hinted

ANKARA, Feb. 28:-There were reports here last night that Russia by landing forces and other- might make an about face in connection with the Balkan situation and the German invasion in partisharp protest has been filed cular. Previously it had been inthe Bulgarian government at timated that Russia would make kidnapping of a British em- no objection to the Germans occuofficial who was on his way pying Bulgaria. Now, however, it Salonika, supposedly carrying is reported that Russia may object to such an invasion.

police cordon was thrown Sir Stafford Cripps, British amand the Bulgarian capital last baseador to Moscow, is hurrying war. , making it impossible for from Moscow to Ankara to confer nyone to leave the city. All tele- with Foreign Secretary Anthony

#### TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .05 (ask). Bralorne, 9.50. Cariboo Quartz, 2.60. Dentonia, .003/4' (ask). Fairview, .01. Gold Belt, .01. Hedley Mascot, .50 (ask). Noble Five, .001/2 (ask). Pacific Nickel, .04. Pend Orielle, 1.50. Pioneer, 2.05. Premier, .85. Privateer, .48. Reeves McDonald. .10. Reno. .10. Relief Arlington, .025/8. Salmon Gold, .01. Sheep Creek, .80.

A. P. Con., .08. Calmont, .18. C. & E., 1.17. Home, 1.75 (bid). Pacalta, .041/2 (ask). Royal Canadian, .10 (ask). Okalta, .50. Mercury, .04. Prairie Royalties, .071/4.

Toronto Aldermac, .12. Beattie, 1.10. Central Pat., 1.73. Cons. Smelters. 351/2. East Malartic, 2.62. Fernland,  $.03\frac{1}{2}$ . Francoeur, .36. Gods Lake, .29. Hardrock, .80. Int. Nickel, 32.00. Kerr Addison, 3.45. Little Long Lac, 1.76. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.90. Madsen Red Lake, .60. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.06. Moneta, .46. Noranda, 52.00. Pickle Crow, 2.72. Preston East Dome. 2.90. San Antonio. 2.18. Sherritt Gordon, .68.

Uchi, .25.

Bouscadillac, .02.

Bulletins

GINGER ROGERS WINS HOLLYWOOD-Ginger Rogers, for her work in "Kitty Foyle," was last night declared the outstanding actress for the year by the Academy of Moving Picture Arts and Sciences. ("Kitty Foyle" comes to Prince Rupert at the first of

VICHY PROTESTS

next week.)

VICHY-Vichy is protesting to Great Britain at the blockade of French food ships, five of which have been seized. Admiral Darlan suggests such action may lead to

GERMANY AND ITALY ROME—Germany and Italy have

signed a new trade treaty. It is another move towards Germany taking over complete control of

PLOT AGAINST MUSSOLINI ATHENS-Italian prisoners taken by the Greeks tell of a widespread plot against Premier Mussolini. Army officers have been arrested on high treason charges.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE VICTORIA-A ten per cent increase of wages for women and girls working in laundries and dry cleaning plants is ordered, Adam Bell, deputy minister of labor, announces.

VANCOUVER CONTRACTS VANCOUVER-The Vivian and Reliance engine and machine works of Vancouver have been awarded contracts totalling \$3,-800,000 by the Imperial government, the Vancouver Province says.

### Australia Breaks With Rumania As Enemy Territory

CANBERRA, Feb. 28.—Australia has broken off diplomatic relations with Rumania as being "enemy territory." Australia thus follows the lead of the Mother Country.

#### Extend Pensions Act To Workers In Auxiliaries

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The Pensions Act may be extended to include per-C.A. and Knights of Columbus. | many days.

### MINES AT SINGAPORE

Eastern Entrance to Harbor Blocked to Protect Naval Base From China Sea

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28.- Mine fields, it is announced, have been laid at the eastern approaches to Singapore. This is between the Singapore naval base and the China Sea. Only small vessels will now be able to get through.

# ITALIANS

Mussolini's Newspaper Says They Will Withdraw from Somaliland and Eritrea for Last Stand in Ethiopia

CAIRO, Feb. 28: (CP)-British headquarters announced today that a British and Free French column which is driving into Eritrea from the north is now in contact with enemy troops covering positions north of Cheren-Italian desence centre which has stalled the British advance for weeks.

In Rome Premier Benito Mussolini's own newspaper suggested that the Italians would withdraw entirely from Italian Somaliland and Eritrea to make a strong and final stand in the mountains of Ethiopia.

An Italian division of 7.000 men and three more generals have been captured on the Juba River.

# FAR AHEAD

forestry district for February this exploding beside the aircraft caryear totals 7,759,701 board feet as rier Ark Royal in the Mediterrancompared with 1,617.108 board feet ean. The Ark Royal has been in the same month last year, announced sunk by both the bringing the total for the first two Italians and Germans on severmonths of 1941 up to 15,578,463 al occasions, but still seems to board feet as against 3.152.652 be able to weather enemy bombboard feet in the corresponding ing attacks. period last year. Thus the production so far this year is running Young Son Of five times ahead of a year ago, due entirely to the large increase Constable Is in output of Sitka spruce on the Constable Is Queen Charlotte Islands.

The scaling per species this Feb-Badly Injured ruary and for the same month last Badly Injured year was as follows:

	Feb. 1941	Feb. 1940
	Board Ft.	
Fir	6,458	69,222
Spruce	6,769,657	1,155,042
Cedar	185,908	303,887
Balsam	12,920	16.291
Hemlock		65.181
Jackpine		7,485
Totals	7,759,701	1,617,108

Totals

Forest Products | which was still continuing. | Island Hospital | Forest products for this Febru- Reports reaching Smithers today | Island Hospital lary amounted to only 52,445 lineal say that an operation was perfeet-49,875 lineal feet cedar, 2,450 formed and that the lad was much jackpine and 120 miscellaneous- improved and had regained conas compared with 189,840 lineal sciousness. feet in February 1940. The forest | Constable Clark was stationed in months of 1941, however, is ahead transferred to Burns Lake last month of W. H. Freinbeith of O. It is estiof last year, the figures for the year where he took charge of that aggregate being 543,522 lineal feet detachment. compared with 407,128 lineal feet.

with ten cords in February 1940. DODOCANESE Ontario Takes ISLE TAKEN Relief Burden

From Italians in as Many Days

sons engaged in the army auxiliary the Dodocanese Islands group has F. Hepburn announces that the pro- slightly over forty-eight hours. It Commission has granted a certifiservices such as those of the Salva- been captured by the British, mak- vince will pay 75 per cent of direct is one of the heaviest snowfalls cate of public convenience to Adeltion Army, Canadian Legion, Y.M. ing the second to be taken in as relief costs, leaving 25 per cent to Prince Rupert has experienced in and Bourret to put in a telephone

the municipalities.

Three-Quarters of Cost

## Indications Are Bulgaria Will Be In War At Almost Time; King Boris Secluded In Palace

BOMBS AT SEA

Parliament at Sofia Holds Emergent Session as Country Prepares to Defend Itself From Bombing-Final Warning From Great Britain

SOFIA, February 28: (CP)—George W. Rendel, British minister to Bulgaria, said tonight that "forerunners" of the German invasion of Bulgaria were already in the country "by hundreds. No, I should say, thousands." He intimated that an order taking him home would be tantamount to beginning of war in which the British would

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* he would receive such an order if Alfonso Is Dead

ROME, Feb. 28: (CP)-For-\* mer King Alfonso of Spain \* \* died shortly before noon today \* + 'n 'h presence of immediate + relatives. Death followed a " lingthy illness with cardiac and nerve disorder.

Japanese armed forces expired at

midnight tonight (7 a.m. Pacific

Standard Time) without reply be-

ing given by France. Authorita-

tive sources said that the Japan-

ese Foreign Office was planning

an extraordinary conference of

key officials later Saturday morn-

ing to which Indo-China peace

conference of key officials later

conference delegates would be in-

According to some dispatches

from Vichy it was suggested that

the French have not replied.

but not yet announced.



TOKYO, Feb. 28: (CP)—Japan's ultimatum to the French that they agree to yield to Thailand Timber scaling in Prince Rupert Two enemy bombs are shown large areas of Indo-China prov-

SMITHERS, Feb. 28:-A serious accident befel the young son of Constable J. S. Clark of Burns Lake when the boy suffered a' as the sled on which he was coatsing collided with a motor car itwo days ago.

Dr. Brummitt was called to operate on the boy and left immediately by car with very heavy going Is Director Of on account of a heavy fall of snow

The family made many friends, Cordwood for this February in Smithers, all of whom sympa- General Hospital. amounted to 232 cords compared thize with them in their misfortune and hope that Johnny will Snowfall For make a good recovery.

## Two Days Has Been 20 Inches

It is quite a snowfall Prince Second of Group is Taken by British Provincial Government to Pay Rupert has had during the past couple of days. Up to yesterday morning no less than 19.7 inches ISTANBUL, Feb. 28.—Another of TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Premier M. had fallen during a period of British Columbia Public Utilities

German uniformed troops crossed the Danube in such numbers as to constitute an invasion, if the Nazis get control without troops or if there is unsatisfactory development from such an incident as that involving the still unexplained disappearance of a British passport of-

Unofficial reports today said that King Boris was closeted in his palace refusing to see his own minis-

Shortly after dawn secret police raided the homes of ten more Bulgarian journalists and oil men. seeking incriminating documents and then arresting them all.

Reports reaching Belgrade said that the Bulgarian Parliament had IS IGNORED held an extraordinary thirty-min-

Civilian air raid defence corps in Sofia and the provinces are said to France Pays No Heed to Japanese have been summoned for a practice

at 11:30 p.m. Budapest reported that the signing would take place in Vienna to-

morrow of a three-point treaty bringing Bulgaria into the Rome-Berlin axis.

### inces of Cambodia and Laos or PROSECUTE suffer "forceful action" by the NEWSPAPER

Ottawa Citizen Will Answer in Courts for Alleged Subversive Statement

OTTAWA, February 28: (CP)-Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, told the House of Commons yesterday that the Ottawa Citizen vited for an explanation of why would "have to answer in the courts" for what he declared was a subversive statement and "an ap-France might resist Japanese de- peal to disorder" in a recent edimands providing the support of Great Britain and the United

#### States was assured. The French position has been decided upon Will Lose Out If Census Not Taken

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.-Whether or not the census should be taken this W. H. Fairbairn is Named to Board year was discussed in the House of of Skidegate Inlet Institution | Commons yesterday. If it is not taken, British Columbia may lose VICTORIA, Feb. 28: (CP)- An- \$60,000 per year under the federal Charlotte City to the Board of man-population is 75,000 greater than in agement of the Skidegate Inlet 1931.

#### Atlin Telephone Service Charter

----Adelard Bourret is Given Permission to Operate Public Convenience

VICTORIA, Feb. 28: (CP)- The

system at Atlin.