### The Russian Version

MOSCOW, Oct. 9:—Germany is hurling division ater division into the critical struggle west of Moscow the greatest battle of mechanized armies of all time—but VOL. XXX., NO. 237. the Red Army is fiercely resisting the onslaught and inflicting considerable losses on the enemy, the Soviet government announced today. Soviet newspapers appealed to the Russians to recognize the "gravity of the

Particularly fierce battling raged through the night on the central front sectors of Vyazma and Bryansk and at Melispol in southern Russia, a communique said.

The nearest German advance toward Moscow was said to be the Vyasma area which is about 125 miles to the southwest.

### The German Version

BERLIN, Oct. 9:-German spokesmen claimed today that Germany's eastern armies, ordered to crush Russia before winter and thus "remove the last English ally on the continent," have forged new rings around a million Russian soldiers, virtually deciding Russia's fate. This is the offensive, with Moscow as the principal goal, which Chancellor Adolf Hitler ordered a week ago and of which he spoke optimistically but secretively last Friday in a Berlin speech.

Dr. Otto Dietrich, Hitler's personal press chief, arriving direct from Nazi headquarters, declared today that the issue on the eastern front was at the point of decision. He ascertained the "Soviet Union is militarily finished. In the east the campaign will be developed

when and how we wish."

## The London Version

LONDON, Oct. 9:-Authoritative sources today de- Canadian Legion Is Solidly clared that twin German thrusts on the central front of the Russo-German war have imperilled Marshal Timoshenko's armies but added they had no confirmation that any encirclement move had been actually carried out. The battle is described as the fiercest of this or possibly any other war.

### THREE MEN USING OF PICKED UP MANPOWER

rio Missing From Seiner Great Canada Aims to Employ Its Re-Northern No. 5 Are Safe, It Is Announced.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 9: (P)-Three men who left the seiner Great Northern No. 5 when it was caught in a tide rip near Cape Mudge yesterday have been picked up near Campbell River, officials of the Millard Canning Co., operators of the seiner, reported late last night. The trio, which included Ole Welle of Prince Rupert, had been leared lost when they failed to appear at Campbell River where the seiner itself had arrived safe-

The three men were picked up by the Elva M., a Vancouver fish

Notable Accomplishment By Small IL DUCE IS

British War Vessel Is Revealed By Admiralty

LONDON, October 9:-The Briarmed trawler H. M. S. and sunk a German submarine, far her superior in fighting strength. After the u-boat had Kellaway, commander of the provided. trawler, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

### British Convoy Dispersed, Nazi Claim Asserts

BERLIN, Oct. 9:-German longrange guns shelled and dispersed a British convoy in the English Channel, according to German

perature, 50; light chop.



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Administrative War Services Secretary.



MRS. J. L. SAVAGE Chairman of National War Services Committee.

## Behind Civic Centre; Votes \$500 To Campaign For Funds ing most concern is the twin Ger-

The Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion captured yesterday and where of the British Empire Service League elected officers for Marshal Timoshenko's army is unthe ensuing six months last night and also showed their doubledly imperilled. The possisupport of the civic centre campaign by voting a sub- billy that large Russian forces stantial contribution towards the fund.

Peck, V.C., D.S.O.

Neil Cameron.

and H. A. Breen.

val and air force units.

C. L. Youngman, E. Woodward and

Immediate past president-H. A.

Behind Civic Centre

veterans consider a vital necessity

W. Cripps led the discussion in

Remembrance Day will be ob-

the consent of the civic authori-

RAIN IN VANCOUVER

ern interior.

support of the civic centre.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

## Great Chinese Offensive On

partment of National War Ser- + SHANGHAI, Oct. 9: (9)-The + vices today announced amend- & greatest offensive of the Chi- & ments to the National War Ser- + nese army in four years of + vices regulations broadening & warfare is apparently under \* "powers of governing effective & way, Japanese army sources & use of manpower for successful & said today. They reported & prosecution of the war in the 4 80,000 Chungking troops had 4 national interest and economy & attacked Japanese forces on \* & Oct. 3 on all fronts of central & The new amendments decree 4 China and said that fighting 4 that "in ruling on applications + remained in progress to the + for postponement of compul- 4 north, west and south of Jap- 4 sory military training of com- & anese-held Yankow on the pulsory military training by any & Yangtse river. man engaged in war industry,

seasonal or essential occupa- + + + + into account the supply of avail- Popular Song Writer Dies tions and individuals.

> HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 9: '- Gusl There was very general support Kahn, popular song writer, whose of the civic centre campaign and, compositions included such favo- following the report of H. A. Breen rites as "One Night of Love," "Car- who had attended the executive olina in the Morning" and "O meeting, the sum of \$500 was vot-What a Pal Was Mary," died here ed as the contribution of the

LONDON, Oct. 9:-While the place on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Home Secretary, yesterday declar- The position of Turkey becomes

## Roosevelt Urges Congress To Authorize Merchant Vessels Being Armed - To Go Further

Bulletins

PRESIDENT FLEES

PANAMA CITY - President

Arnulfo Arias of Panama, fled

the country by airplane early

Tuesday in such strict secrecy

that the departure was not dis-

closed until today when his suc-

cessor was sworn in. Though

the departure, political circles

against Arias by political oppo-

his policies would jeapordize

Panama's relations with the

WHEELER ROTTEN-EGGED

tionist, was rotten-egged when

he attempted to speak here last

night. The speech was aban-

OLDEST WOMAN DIES

CALGARY - Miss Elizabeth

Margaret LePage, Calgary's old-

MISSIONS IN LONDON

United States missions to Mos-

cow are back in London today

from the Soviet capital where

they went to discuss with the

Russian government means of

TRAWLER SINKS SUB

Lady Shirley was credited today

with shelling and sinking a Ger-

cued and taken to Gibraltar.

providing war supplies.

LONDON - The British and

United States.

Situation Serious-

## NAZIS ARE MOVING ON

Moscow And London Do Not Deny Enemy Gains And Admit Seriousness Of Situation

LONDON, October 9:- Neither Moscow nor London are attempting to conceal the seriousness of the situation today in respect to Russia's war with Germany. Causing most concern is the twin Ger- i where the town of Vyasma, 125 miles southwest of Moscow, wa there may become encircled is admitted. The 1038 of an important kussian industriai centre 210 miles Honorary president-Col. C. W. south of Moscow is admitted. An attack on Moscow from the rear Vice-presidents - Major John is also possible, British military! MacGregor, V.C., D.S.O.; Lieut. authorities believe. Indeed, the + Col S. P. McMordie, D.S.O.; Lieut. fate of the Soviet capital may be Col. S. D. Johnston, M.C., and of-known within two weeks. Although ficers commanding the local na- the Russians may yet have something in surprise, the whole situ-The active officers elected were: ation is regarded with anxiety in President - Jack Preece (accla- London, Russian morale, if anything, appears to be increased in First vice-president-W. J. the face of growing danger.

Russia, while admitting further Second vice-president-G. W. advances by the Germans in their new grand offensive in the war Executive members-Dr. R. C. against the Soviet, insists that all Bamford, J. J. Judge, J. M. Walk- Nazi gains are at a fearful cost er, George Abbott, Hugh M. Smith, in men and equipment.

In the drive on the central est woman, died yesterday at front towards Moscow, the Rus-, the age of 104. She was the sians admit the loss to the Nazis aunt of Lieut. Gov. LePage of of quite an important town 68 Prince Edward Island. Trustees-J. Preece, W. J. Rance miles east of Briansk.

Moscow estimates that Chan-There was a large amount of cellor Adolf Hitler has thrown routine business including letters three million men and the large of thanks from various organizapreponderance of the Nazi fleet and air force into the campaign against Russia. Red Fleet, Soviet naval organ, suggesting that Hitler has left only about twenty divisions for defence in the west, declared yesterday that the time was now ripe for Britain to essay an invasion of the continent. There is much difference of opiniwas complete agreement on the ion in authoritative quarters on need for a one hundred percent the wisdom of such a move at this backing of the project which the time.

, Berlin Boasts

even with a war demanding the In Berlin it was officially stated today that Germany had begun its last great offensive of the present year by which the last British ally in Europe would be removed and Germany would be to large extent Armistice Banquet and the annual liberated. Berlin declared that Poppy Tag Day will be held with remnants of the Red Army were in retreat everywhere with a great ties. Church parade will take break-through by the Germans in the centre where a million Russians were encircled. Not one Russian division was now left fit for battle, Berlin military sources

cabinet spokesman said here yesterday that the Nazis had been responsible for the massacre and torture, many to the point of in-VANCOUVER -Vancouver had sanity, of 180,000 Serbians since heavy rain last night. Rain also the conquest of that country by prevails throughout the south-Chancellor Adolf Hitler's forces.

Chief Executive Leaves Way Open for American Cargo Ships Going to Belligerent Ports-Challenge of Madman Hitler Cannot Be Tolerated.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 9: (CP) - President Franklin D. Roosevelt, asserting that it was time for the United States to "stop playing into Hitler's hands IN RUSSIA the United States to "stop playing into Hitler's hands and to unshackle our own," today urged congress to revise the Neutrality Act speedily to permit arming of American merchant vessels. In a special message to

> for further revision later to wipe out another major prohibitionthat preventing American cargo ships to travel to belligerent ports. Saying that Hitler "has offered a challenge which we Americans cannot and will not tolerate," the president added: "We will not let Hitler prescribe the waters of the world on which our ships may travel. The American flag is not going to be driven from the seas either by his submarines, airplanes or threats. We cannot permit affirmative defence of our rights to no official reason was given for be annulled and diluted by sections of the Neutrality Act which said pressure had been brought has no realism in the right of unscrupulous ambitions of madmen." nents who accused him of being Administration leaders moved anti-American and pro-Nazi and were said to have feared that

congress he also left the door open

rapidly to implement the president's message by introducing bills in both houses to repeal Neutrality Act provision against arming of American merchant ves-

## ton K. Wheeler, Montana isolationist, was rotten-egged when ARE GIVEN

Big Airdrome Development At Fort St. John-Radio Range Station At Smithers

Contract has been awarded by the federal Department of Transport to the Western Construction and Lumber Co. of Edmonton for an airdrome development at Fort St. John in the Peace River district costing \$65,420 as well as for a radio range station at price of

Announcement is also made of the awarding of a contract to Carter, Halls, Aldinger Co. Ltd. to build a radio range station at Smithers.

### LONDON-The naval trawler Red Parachutists Land in Bulgaria

man submarine in a spirited SOFIA, Oct. 9:-Three Russian parachutists landed in Bularia sea battle. Forty-four of the yesterday, it was reported, but submarine's survivors were resthey were soon rounded up.

PRINCE RUPERT

## COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEK

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Do your bit by making a liberal response to this important war effort on our home front

## yesterday at the age of 59 years. branch towards the project. There Shirley, it was announced by the Admiralty today, has shelled Italians Found Guilty Of TURKEY IN

Activities Against Security Of State

tions, boards are now to take

able labor and the importance

of the individual man to war

industry or national economy."

sources of Labor to Better

ting War.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9: (9-The De-

Advantage in Prosecut-

of the nation.

been struck by the trawler's | ROME, October 9:- In a new four-inch gun and machine gun decree yesterday, Premier Benito fire, the crew signified its de- 'Mussolini set the death penalty sire to surrender. The crew was for persons found guilty of actithen removed and the sub- vities against the security of the marine sunk. The forty-four state. Stiffer prison terms for any survivors were taken to Gibral- persons having anything to do tar and landed. Lieut. A. H. with anti-Fascist literature are

# NEEDS ALL

Naziism From World, Declares 'key. Rt. Hon. W. S. Morrison

ing that United States to all in-Turkey, was signed today after the subject of a special vote of tents and purposes was already in having been in course of negoti- thanks. the war, Rt. Hon. W. S. Morrison, ation for some time. Prince Rubert—Broken clouds, ed that only the mightiest effort southeast wind, fourteen miles of the United States in assisting the critical position in the Russo-perature 50: No. 11-11-12. spectre of Naziism from the world. German war.

# support of every individual. G.

Fulfilling Terms of Dardanelles served as usual. There will be an Guardianship — Reiterating Friendship for Germany.

House of Commons was being in- Appreciation was enthusiasticformed yesterday that Turkey was ally expressed of the fine work of strictly fulfilling the terms of its the retiring president, H. A. Breen, guardianship of the Dardanelles, , who did not allow his name to go some concern was nevertheless before the meeting for re-election, asserted. U.S. HELP felt over a joint declaration pub- To the other retiring members lished coincidentally in Berlin and thanks were extended and a beauty of the other retiring members.

Meantime a trade pact, provid- of refugees in the old country has ing for the exchange of goods and been outstanding. The co-opera-LONDON, October 9:-Declar materials between Germany and tion of the local press was also

# Only This Will Remove Spectre Of tions between Germany and TurNazijsm From World, Declares 'key. Ankara reaffirming friendly relasplendid record of the Women's ATROCITES Application of the Women's ATROCITES

LONDON, Oct. 9:-A Jugo Slav