

WAR NEWS

SUBMARINES AGAIN WILLEMSTAD, Dutch... off the coast of Aruba today...

CITY OF IPRISONERS TOKYO—Tokyo authorities... report a "City of Prisoners"...

RUSSIANS ADVANCE STEADILY MOSCOW—Increased Nazi resistance notwithstanding, the Russians continue to advance steadily...

AXIS BACKS UP IN LIBYA CAIRO—The enemy have abandoned a seventy-seven mile strip near El Agaila in the Libyan fighting...

EXCHANGE AIR RAIDS LONDON—The Royal Air Force was raiding northwest Germany with its bombers again last night...

COULD BOMB UNITED STATES WASHINGTON—President Franklin D. Roosevelt warns that the enemy could shell and even drop bombs on Detroit under certain conditions...

DESTROYER ARRIVES SAN FRANCISCO—The United States destroyer Shaw, which is credited with having fired the first naval shot in the battle at Pearl Harbor December 7, has arrived at a west coast port...

BILLIONS FOR WAR

Huge Appropriation Bill Passes United States House—Two Ships a Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A great \$22,500,000,000 war expenditure bill was unanimously approved by the House of Representatives last night...

Close Schools; Older Boys To Work on Farms

VICTORIA, Feb. 18.—A plan is being considered, said Hon. H. G. Perry, minister of education, yesterday to close schools one month to six weeks earlier this year so that older boys may work on farms.

SUB BASE SUSPECTED

Believed U-Boats Operating Within Canal Zone Defences

CANAL ZONE, Feb. 18.—There is reason to believe that enemy U-boats which have been preying upon shipping in the Caribbean Sea may be operating from a well-concealed base possibly within Canal Zone defence area. Widespread search is being made for such a hide-out.

British Columbia At Quarter Mark

Has Reached That Far After Two Days of Victory Loan Campaign

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—British Columbia and the Yukon had reached nearly the one-quarter mark in the Second Victory Loan drive up to last night.

CANADA'S SECOND VICTORY LOAN

COMING EVENTS Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.—G. E. Wootten, CFPR. Thursday, 6:45 p.m.—W. R. McAfee, CFPR. Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Mr. P. H. Linzey, CFPR.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

C.N.R. FOLK BACK LOAN

Men and Women of Railway System Give Support

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—Reports received from all sections of Canada today by D. C. Grant, vice-president in charge of finance and head of the Canadian National Railway's special Victory Loan organization, indicate that the men and women of the national system are giving enthusiastic support to the government's big drive for war funds.

Special canvassers appointed and trained last week under the direction of regional officers, with the co-operation of members of the war finance committee, started the canvass of their fellow employees Monday morning and their reports to their regional officers, as summarized in messages received at headquarters here, are to the effect that the vast majority of the 90,000 men and women in the offices and shops and on the line in Canada are out to do their utmost to swell the victory fund.

"Our amateur bond salesmen are meeting with a most gratifying reception from the employees they have been appointed to canvass," said Mr. Grant. "Reports from regional headquarters indicate that the members of the big Canadian National family will give all the support they can to the loan. "All solicitation committees have been well trained at the series of organization meetings held last week," continued Mr. Grant. "They are well posted to answer all questions regarding the loan and the methods of subscribing, including the arrangements for payroll deductions to cover instalment plan purchases of bonds."

PLENTY OF TEA HERE

At Least One Thing in Which There Is No Shortage Despite War.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The tea controller for Canada says there is plenty of tea for home consumption in the Dominion. Shipments are still coming from Ceylon in spite of the war.

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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Tomorrow's Tides High 3:53 a.m. 21.0 ft. 16:04 p.m. 19.5 ft. Low 10:00 a.m. 5.0 ft. 22:15 p.m. 5.0 ft.

Dutch Governor's Appeal

CHURCHILL ENDORSED

M. P.'s For Midlands, However, Would Have Improvement In War Situation

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Members of Parliament from the Midlands, in caucus yesterday, expressed unabated confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Winston Churchill but asked that there be more co-ordination between the services. Reference was made to unrest which is growing at the conduct of the war.

IS DEFEAT FOR ENEMY

British Planes and Warships Turn Tables on Convoy Attackers in Mediterranean.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—British planes and warships, covering evidently important convoy movements in the Mediterranean, have turned into defeat Axis attempts to blast the merchantmen, the Admiralty declared today. Two British merchantmen were lost but others reached their destinations safely and torpedo hits were scored on three enemy cruisers and a destroyer.

ROAD VOTE THIS YEAR

Prince Rupert Gets \$15,000 Out of Total of \$1,000,000 Allotted For Whole Province

VICTORIA, Feb. 18.—For maintenance of roads this year northern ridings receive votes as follows: Prince Rupert, \$15,000. Skeena, \$29,000. Omineca, \$45,000. Fort George, \$42,000. Mackenzie, \$21,000. Peace River, \$30,000.

SITUATION IS BETTER

Convoy Route to Southern England Improved Since Nazi Warships Leave Brest.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—With the German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen out of Brest, the position on the convoy route into the Thames River and southern England is now better than it was before, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday. As long as the great ships were at Brest, they were a constant menace to the British supply line.

Mr. Churchill's suggestion of an early improvement of Britain's naval strength by the addition of important new and large naval craft is understood to have referred, among other things, to two more battleships of the King George V class which are soon to go into service.

BRAZILIAN SHIP SUNK

Is First Vessel South American Republic Has Lost in War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The first Brazilian ship to be lost in the war has been torpedoed and sunk off the North Carolina coast. Survivors were landed last week at Norfolk, Virginia. It was a 5100-ton vessel and the thirty-second ship to be sunk off the Atlantic coast.

\$340,000 For Victory Loan

Prince Rupert continues to make excellent progress towards its quota in the Victory Loan campaign, the \$342,000 figure having been reached last night after taking into account the second day's subscriptions totalling \$225,400. The total to date is 71 per cent of the quota of \$485,000 which it is expected will be easily achieved before the week is out. Up to last night there had been 443 individual subscribers. Smithers reports \$23,200, or 38 per cent of its quota, on the opening day of the campaign. The percentage of quota for this unit as far as reported to date is 51 per cent compared with 25 per cent for the province as a whole. Among yesterday's subscribers here were John Bulger Ltd., \$3000, and C. G. Minns, \$1000. Mrs. E. Lowe was the purchaser of the first bond here Monday morning, it is announced.

LOAN BOAT FOR NORTH

Cannery Tender Pine Leaf on Canvassing Trip Along Coast.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—Bedecked with Victory Loan posters, a trim, staunch 82-foot salmon cannery tender has left Steveston on a five-week errand in behalf of His Majesty.

The vessel is in command of the veteran skipper Captain Matt Wilson, whose 37 years' experience in British Columbia waters will be invaluable for the mission. In and out of coast waterways and up steep inlets some of which penetrate inland for 80 to 90 miles, this ship—the "Pine Leaf"—will carry a crew of Victory Loan salesmen who will sell Victory Bonds to loggers, fishermen and others in out-of-the-way spots on British Columbia's coast and inland.

The ship has been loaned, provisioned and supplied without one cent of cost to the Victory Loan organization through the courtesy of Richard Bell-Irving, managing director of the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company. The Pine Leaf will travel approximately two thousand miles before returning to Vancouver. Ocean Falls and the Queen Charlotte Islands will be visited.

All Night Liquor Store Is Closing

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—The all-night liquor store in Vancouver will be discontinued after the end of this month, it is announced by the chairman of the Liquor Control Board. Thereafter it will adhere to the same hours as other liquor stores, closing at 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 p.m. Saturdays.

FIRST JAPS HAVE LEFT

One Hundred Dispatched From Vancouver To Jasper To Prepare Road Camps

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—The first party of Japanese to leave the protected area of the coast moved today for Lucerne and Rainbow near Jasper. It was a party of one hundred who will engage in camp construction work for other Japs who will be moved to engage in work on the Prince George-Jasper highway.

ESCAPE TO BE PROBED

Judiciary Board to Investigate Flight of German Warships From Brest.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told parliament yesterday that there would be a secret investigation headed by a member of the high court of justice into the escape from Brest through the Straits of Dover last week of the German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen. The investigation will be based on two principal questions: Why was the movement not detected immediately after daylight on the day in question and was liaison between the navy and air force as close as it should have been? It is quite possible the finding may not be made public.

PRESS NOT SATISFIED

Prime Minister Churchill Continues To Be Under Fire

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The London press has resumed almost unanimous denunciation of the Churchill government for its conduct of the war, particularly in regard to the escape of the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau from Brest. The general opinion in regard to the Prime Minister's explanation of the escape of these ships is that it was "weak and unsatisfactory." One paper wondered why, if it was such an advantage that the battleships should be away from Brest, the British Navy had not convoyed them and given them a shield of aircraft.

ALL OUT FOR WAR

All Property, Public and Private, Subject To Australian Government Order

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 18.—National mobilization, as announced yesterday by Prime Minister John Curtin, will involve all-out mobilization of manpower and wealth and the requisitioning, if the government sees fit, of all property both public and private, for war purposes.

CREWS BUY WAR BONDS

British Columbia Tugboats Competing To Determine Which Shall Get Pennant First

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—Men aboard one hundred tugboats on the British Columbia coast are in a race for the buying of Victory Bonds to decide which boat shall be the first to run up a loan pennant on its mast.

JAPANESE CELEBRATE

Fall of Singapore Cause For Much Jubilation In Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 18.—Over 150,000 Japanese troops took part in a great victory celebration following the capture of Singapore. Premier Tojo gave a triumphal speech.

United Nations Urged To Take Offensive In War At Risk of Losing

Policy of Constant Retirement May Lead to Defeat, He Fears—Chinese Commence Invasion of Thailand—United States Planes Attack.

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18: (CP)—With the zero hour near in the battle for Java, Lieut. Col. Hubertus van Mook of the Netherlands East Indies appealed to the united nations today to take the offensive, search out the enemy and fight on the risk of losing the war. Van Mook, arriving in Australia from the United States, said the policy of "constantly retiring to prepared positions could lead to a position in which the Allies might lose the war." He urged emulation of the Japs in more reckless strategy.

FACE FACTS, HE ASSERTS

People Are Dangerously Complacent, Declares Governor of New York.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—Herbert Lehman, governor of New York, addressing a Victory Loan luncheon here yesterday, said that the most of the citizens of the United States were dangerously complacent about the war. It was up to the governments, press and radio to shake this complacency and present the facts—facts which the people of both Canada and the United States were well capable of facing.

JAPS HAD AIR LOSS

No Less Than Two Hundred Pilots Shot Down at Singapore—Australian Pilots Escaped Under Fire.

BATAVIA, Feb. 18.—Three Australian pilots, reaching here from Singapore, where they took off under enemy machine gun fire, lifting their planes from an air field after it had been captured by the Japanese, declare that the Japanese lost at least 200 pilots at Singapore.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto stock prices. Vancouver: Grandview .15, Bralorne 7.75, Cariboo Quartz 1.50, Hedley Mascot .25 1/2, Pend Orelle 1.37, Pioneer 1.60, Premier .50, Privateer .35, Reno .17, Sheep Creek .75. Oils: Calmont .14, C. & E. .97, Home 2.36, Royal Canadian .05. Toronto: Beattie .80, Central Patricia 1.90, Consolidated Smelters 37.25, Hardrock .45, Kerr Addison 3.35, Little Long Lac 1.95, McLeod Cockshutt 1.30, Madsen Red Lake .38, McKenzie Red Lake .80, Moneta .24, Pickle Crow 2.00, Preston East Dome 2.39, San Antonio 1.35, Sherritt Gordon .75.

CHANGE OF PYJAMAS

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service who, in the past, had to provide their own sleeping attire, will be issued two sets of pyjamas by the War Office.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE Maximum 39, Minimum 36

SUGAR TAX BEING CUT

To Keep Retail Price Down In Face of Increased Basic Cost

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—Minister of Finance J. L. Lacey yesterday announced a reduction from 2c to 1 1/2c in the excise tax on sugar. The object is to keep the retail price down in the face of increased basic cost.

Legislature Adjourning

Financial Arrangements Between Ontario and Dominion Not Yet Completed

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—Premier Mitchell Hepburn asked today for adjournment of the Ontario Legislature. Negotiations with the federal government having not yet been completed, he was not able to announce financial plans of the province.

Chiang Kai-shek And Gandhi Meet

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China and Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, are meeting here today. An Indian-Chinese alliance against Japan is believed to be in the making.