To Have Occurred

British Fighting Back Strong in Singapore and Malaya-Stronghold Has Air Raid Comparable With London Blitz.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 22: (CP)-Rabaul, poital of New Britain, reported today that eleven ships, ncluding warships, had been sighted off neighboring Vatom Island and, immediately following this report, ommunications with Rabaul ceased. It was presumed ere that New Britain had been evacuated in anticipa-+ + + + + + + + + tion of a prospective Japanese

Critical Malaya Battle

Malayan jurigles, seventy miles

north of Singapore, today as Brit-

ish, Australian and Indian troops

launched a major counter-offen-

sive to smash the main Japanese

fliers took a heavy toll of Japan-

hicles and machine - gunning

to prevent their falling into Jan-

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

anese hands.

Grandview

Bralorne

Pioneer

Premier

Privateer

Calmont

Beattie

Cariboo Quartz -

Hedley Mascot

Pend Oreille

Sheep Creek

Royal Canadian

Central Pat.

Hardrock

Moneta

Cons. Smelters

Kerr Addison

Pickle Crow

San Antonio

Little Long Lac

McLeod Cockshutt

Madsen Red Lake

Preston East Dome

Sherritt Gordon

McKenzie Red Lake

Toronto

haps, decisive battle raged in the

Meanwhile a critical and, per-

landing. If implications of the Rabaul message are fulfilled the Japanese are in process of the Compromise first invasion of Australian territory. New Britain lies east of New Agreement Guinea and is 800 miles northeast of the nearest point of Australia Of Nations Acting Prime Minister Francis

M. Forde and Air Minister Arthur RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 22: + Drakeford warned that a full-Argentina and Chili have + scale military attack on Australia come to terms with United + may be imminent, the immediate States, Brazil and Peru on a + aim of the enemy being to estabtacit anti - Axis compromise + lish bases from which the Japanand the other fifteen Pan- + ese could direct an offensive American nations are expect- + against the Australian mainland. ed to fall in line. There will + be no immediate break-off of + relations.

SECRET SESSION invasion armies in the Muar River sector. Behind the lines British

diament Meeting Again In Ot- ese transport columns north of awa-Prorogation and Imme-Partibulong, destroying many vediate Reassembly

OTTAWA, Jan. 22: — A secret | Singapore, itself under almost sion of Canadian Parliament, incessant aerial assault, counted a e first that the government has toll of 304 killed and 725 woundntertained, may be held, Prime ed in yesterday's 100-plane Japister William Lyon Mackenzie anese attack which was comparg indicated yesterday. It would able with the worst raids on bonpermitted in order to permit don. The beleaguered stronghold embers to speak more freely on was cheered by the arrival of matters. Previous objections powerfully-gunner Hurricane pursecret session have now been suit fighters and, when thirty oved, Mr. King said yesterday Japanese aircraft roared over speaking before the House. Singapore again today, Royal Air

second session of Nine-Force fliers downed five bombers Parliament, which opened and damaged a fighter. November 1940 and was the est on record although it was where Japanese invasion hordes no means in constant sitting. are striking in heavy force, deogued with a Speech from the struction of great oil wells and rone last night. The third sesplants at Balik Papan on the east opened today with another ech from the Throne.

ining Man Is

rchie N. Martin, veteran minman of the Yukon, who went over the "Trail of '98" and for was active in politics of the tory, is spending a few days rince Rupert as the guest of ernment Agent Norman A. before proceeding East for a in Ottawa, Toronto and New Mr. Martin is still prominent mining affairs in Keno and o whence he arrived here a few

SALVAGING

TORIA, Jan. 22: (1) - E. T. y, Liberal member for Skeespeaking in the legislature ig the debate on the reply to speech from the throne, urged greater efforts be made to iron and rubber scrap in to further the war effort. urged the government to tell a "we will place at their osal public works trucks in all ges and towns of the north deliver to the Canadian Na-Railways free all such mamany old tires.

of New Britain Seems The Daily Rems

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides 18:20 p.m. 16.4 ft. 12:20 p.m. 7.9 ft.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1942.

FIRST REFUGEES FROM HAWAII ARRIVE



Holding their Christmas toys, these three children, (left to right), Rosalie Kidey, Paul Severson and Mary Ann Severson, were photographed as they arrived at San Francisco from Hawaii on a transport. The ship also brought in the first service men wounded in the Battle of Pearl Harbor. They were still full of fight and anxious for another crack at the Japa.

Planting of Oil

United States Secretary of Agriculture Asks Farmers to Increase Their Planting.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22: - The In the Netherlands East Indies, secretary of agriculture yesterday urged United States farmers to increase their planting of oil- per of strategic highways are bebearing crops this spring to meet ing built by the Nazis across Nora possible shortage of imported way. Labor is being supplied by coast of Borneo was carried out oils and fats.

Nazis Building Crops Is Urged Roads in Norway

Strategic Highways Are Being Built Across Country With Soviet Prison Labor.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 22:-A num-Russian prisoners of war.

WAR NEWS

RUSSIANS SMASHING AHEAD

MOSCOW-Russian forces since yesterday have smashed their way seven miles beyond newly recaptured Moshaisk on the central Russo-German front west of Moscow. Many tanks and other war equipment is being abandoned by the cream of the German army in its flight. "The Battle of Moscow is now over and the road to victory lies ahead," said a Moscow statement yesterday. To the northwest and southwest of Moscow body blows are also being dealt at the enemy. To the north twenty-five more villages in the vicinity of Kalinin have been recaptured. To the south a stiff Nazi counter-attack was repulsed. West of Leningrad seven hundred of the enemy were killed yesterday. The drive to knock Finland out of the war continues. Only around Sebastapol in the Crimea do the Germans make any claims to success. Throughout last night there was stiff fighting. Forty below zero weather prevails.

THE FAR EAST SITUATION

SINGAPORE-The Japanese are today pushing into Malay, Burma and the East Indies and a drive southward in the direction of Australia is developing. The Australian minister of air, Arthur Drakeford, says that the Japanese may attempt an invasion of New Guinea today. There has been another attack on New Britain, 800 miles to the north of Australia. New Guinea is 275 miles north of Australia Proper and separated from the Commonwealth by Torres Straits. A massing of Japanese forces around Bismark Archipelago suggests that the enemy are moving to obtain bases with a view to an attack on continental Australia. Meanwhile, the Japanese have veered inland on the Malay Peninsula, apparently with a view to interfering with communications to Singapore from a distance of about sixty miles north. An official statement last night said the situation was "extremely critical." Word of a counter-action 64 miles above the straits this morning in which empire troops waited in ambush and mowed the Japanese down with heavy barrages of machine gun and light artillery fire gave some encouragement today. The United States War Department reports a renewed heavy attack by the enemy 400,000 strong on General Douglas McArthur's forces on the Philippines.

MORE ATLANTIC SINKINGS

NEW YORK-Two more ships have been attacked by Axis submarines off the Atlantic coast of the United States, it was revealed today. At least four of the six ships attacked have been sunk and the dead are estimated at least seventy-five. The latest victims are the American ship City of Atlanta, lost off the Carolina coast on Monday, and a Latvian steamer which was abandoned by its crew.

RAID BREMEN AND EMDEN

LONDON-British bombers carried out a raid in force on Bremen and Emden overnight. Points in Holland and Boulogne were also bombed. Six British planes were lost. The enemy attack on Britain was light, one enemy machine being brought down. The Royal Air Force also carried out raids on Sicily and other bases in southern Italy for ten hours, the dual purpose being to protect Malta and hamper Axis reinforcements going to North Africa. There were direct hits on enemy runways, buildings and supply depots.

BATTLING IN LIBYA

Renewed Activity by Axis Forces-Penetrate Ten Miles Into **British Positions**

CAIRO, Jan. 22: (P) - Three strong Axis columns, including the bulk of the tanks remaining to General Erwin Rommel, yesterday made a reconnaissance in force to a depth of about ten miles in British positions below Mersa Brega, village on the Gulf of Sirte between Agedabia and El Agheila. The British command said that bad visibility aided the Axis troops which forced British light forces to withdraw.

A high command communique issued in Rome said that a decisive battle was raging in Libya between Axis and British forces near the Cirenaica-Tripolitania frontier. It had been actuated by motorized forces of General Rom-

NAZIS ARE RETREATING

Still in Reverse West of Moscow-Claim Some Success Around Sebastopal and Leningrad.

MOSCOW, Jan. 22: (P)-Russian troops slashed at the rearguard of retreating German armies seven miles west of Mozhaisk today while dispatches from the southwestern front (either Crimea or Ukraine) reported Soviet artillery had crushed a series of violent German counter-attacks.

The Germans claimed, however, that Crimean armies had beaten off Russian attempts to break encirclement of Sebastapol and repeated Soviet efforts to break out of Leningrad had been frustrated.

Native Missing From Hazelton

Still No Trace of Jacob Roberson, Missing Trapper

since November 18. When he left he said he would be back in ten days but did not return. William Smart, Johnny More and Fred Anderson went to search for him but without success. Another search party went out over the trapline and found one marten but not the man. Now, John Smith of Hazelton is offering a reward to any person finding Roberson's

Conscription Pebiscite Coming Jacob Roberson of Hazelton, a native of Hazelton, is still missing on his trapline after being away

Federal Government Is Asking Free Hand For Mobilizing Manpower

Speech From Throne Requests Release From Commitments—Date of Referendum and Details of War Effort to Be Made Known Later.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22: (CP)—Canadians will be asked by means of a plebiscite to release the government "from any obligations arising out of any past commitments restricting methods of raising of men for mliitary service," it was revealed in the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament today. The speech, read by the governor-general, the Earl of Athlone, gave no details as to the date of ment of the Canadian army over-

means the government proposes armed forces and for production. to adopt to effect as complete as possible mobilization of material resources and manpower of the country in direct furtherance of total national effort," the speech stated, promising there

the plebiscite or other plans for seas and warned members that an all-out war effort but the de- they would be asked to vote aptails were promised, for a later propriations for war purposes on an unprecedented scale for expan-"You will be advised of the sion and maintenance of the

> GAME WARDEN VISITOR HERE

Inspector Thomas Van Dyk, chief game warden for northern way." Mr. Kenney said there not a village in northern Bri-Columbia which could not stage nublic demonstrations here British Columbia with headquart-



Sergeant Pilot Victor Dell

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dell of this city have received word and are receiving congratulations on the fact that their son, Victor Dell, received his wings in the Royal Canadian Air Force at Dauphin, Manitoba, last Friday. His rank is that of sergeant pilot. He enlisted on April 1 and has since been receiving training in flying schools on the prairies. Born in Victoria, Sergeant Pilot Dell has lived practically all his life in Prince Rupert, receiving his education here.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE Maximum

Minimum

CONTINENT

This is British Army's Main Task, House of Commons in London Is Told Today.

LONDON, Jan. 22: (P-The army's main task is to organize a continental offensive, Secretary of Air Sir Archibald Sinclair told the House of Commons today in opening a debate on the adequacy of air and field defence against invasion of the British Isles.

Saying that the new airdrome defence regiment of the Royal none, Sir Archibald added that the army's chief job was to organize "the greatest possible striking force for offensive operations on the continent."

Vancouver Island Man Is Car Victim 138 men leaving with the Hong

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 22: John R. Browning of Sayward, Vancouver Island, died in hospital minister announced. here during the night as a result of injuries sustained yesterday when a car in which he was ridling turned over into a ditch near famous Carthagenian generals. 47 Pitt Meadows.

SPEAKS OF HONG KONG

Minister of National Defence Makes Some Disclosures in Parliament.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22:-Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national de-Air Force would be second to fence, spoke of Hong Kong before parliament yesterday. He disclosed that the Canadian force for Hong Kong left Canada without 212 motor vehicles and items of mechanical equipment which were required for its use in action. These were to have gone on later but they failed to reach Hong Kong in time for the fight.

Col. Ralston also revealed that Kong force had less than sixteen weeks, the minimum period of training required.

Inquiries were being made, the

THEY MOVED FAST

Barca, the family name of three meant lightning.

Supert Visitor

OF SCRAP

Kenney, Liberal Member for eena, Urges Government to Assist Collection of Iron and Rubber.

French Women Demonstrate At Food Shortage would be substantial increases in

v a few tons of iron and a yesterday. Similar conditions ex-Columbia which could not stage public demonstrations here ist throughout the country. volve expansion of the establish- day night's train.