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# Today's War Summary

(By Canadian Press)

## Battleships Escape

The German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prinz Eugen, bottled up for months at Brest, escaped yesterday and sailed for the Straits of Dover, where they were heavily escorted by the British. At least one of the battleships was bombed. The British suffered destroyer loss.

## Singapore Still Holding

Singapore defences are still holding out against tremendous odds. The Japanese are still fighting fiercely to further establish themselves across the Salween River in Burma. There is a lull in fighting in the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

## Further Russian Successes

Further successes are claimed by the Russian newspaper Izvestia in the Petrograd and Crimea areas against stiffening Nazi resistance.

## Japanese Suffered Heavily

Washington reveals the smashing success of the United States naval thrust at the Marshall and Gilbert Islands on January 31. The Japanese lost five warships, including a 17,000-ton aircraft carrier, eleven auxiliary vessels, thirty-eight planes and important shore installations were shattered.

# SINGAPORE HOLDS ON BITTERLY

Japanese Onslaught Is Murderous—Situation Like Dunkerque—Battle of Burma Next.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Singapore is still holding out today in the face of what appears to be hopeless odds against the British garrison following rejection by General A. E. Percival of a Japanese demand for unconditional surrender. The enemy is drawing its lines closer around the city. The defenders are counter-attacking desperately, holding a line from the self-destroyed naval base on the north to a village on the south of the island. The Japanese claimed today to be in control of the urban area of the city and of the main fortifications.

The enemy are acknowledged to have complete mastery of the air and London admitted that the fall of the fortress could only be a matter of days at the most. Relay after relay of Japanese planes plunged low to dive bomb and machine gun the defenders, assisting tanks, artillery and ground forces in the murderous assault. The situation is such as to resemble another Dunkerque. Yates McDaniels, Associated Press correspondent, sent his last dispatch before leaving Singapore. He was observing the fierce battle from a hill and wrote dramatically of the valor of the defenders.

**Battle of Burma**—Meanwhile, a full-scale battle in Burma appears to have begun with Rangoon, the capital and terminal of the Burma Road, China's life-line, as the immediate goal. No attempt is made to belittle the loss of Martaban, 80 miles from Rangoon in a direct line and 140 miles by railway. At two points the enemy was turned back in further attempts to cross the Salween River. Chinese troops are now in action in the endeavour to stem the Japanese drive.

With the conquest of the rich island of Java undoubtedly an early item on the Japanese program and the enemy drive in that direction already under way, the Dutch are getting ready for a last ditch stand. There has been a lull in fighting on the Philippines, giving General Douglas MacArthur a chance to brace his American and Filipino forces on Batan Peninsula against new attacks in force which are undoubtedly coming. Gasmata, on the south of Aus-

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# Union Jack Still Waves

## GREAT NAVAL BATTLE IN STRAITS OF DOVER; HUGE ENEMY WARSHIPS ESCAPE

Scharnhorst and Gneisenau as Well as Prinz Eugen Make Gateway From Brest to Heligoland—Many Aircraft Lost in Terrific Duel.

LONDON, Feb. 13: (CP)—The German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prinz Eugen were heavily bombed in Dover Straits Thursday, it was officially announced today. This occurred while the two powerful battleships and the heavy cruiser, the bulk of Germany's remaining heavy warships, were making a sensational escape from a one-year-old dry dock internment at Brest. After the engagement, one of the most spectacular battles of the war, the great vessels, hidden by mist during a rain and sleet-storm, fled up the English Channel.

## Churchill On Sunday

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill will deliver a radio address to the Empire on Sunday. The time is expected to be 1 p.m. Pacific daylight saving time.

## PARADE TO OPEN DRIVE

First Demonstration of Victory Loan Campaign Taking Place Tomorrow Afternoon

A military and semi-military parade, in charge of George W. Cripps, will be the initiatory feature of the Second Victory Loan campaign in Prince Rupert. It will take place tomorrow afternoon rain or shine, mustering on McBride Street and marching along Second Avenue to the junction of First, Second and Third Avenues, thence along Third Avenue to the Post Office where a brief inauguration service will be held with Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, officiating.

## Prince Rupert Beats Kincolth

Score of 41 to 26 in Second of Basketball Games Last Night.

In the second game of the Prince Rupert vs. Kincolth series last night, the local team won handsily by a score of 41 to 26.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Grandview	.15
Bralorne	7.90
Cariboo Quartz	nil
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.50
Pioneer	1.60
Premier	.54
Pivater	.36
Reno	.17
Sheep Creek	.77
Oils	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.00
Home	2.35
Royal Canadian	.05
Toronto	
Beattie	.81
Central Patricia	.97
Consolidated Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	.46
Kerr Addison	3.60
Little Long Lac	1.15
McLeod Cockshtutt	1.43
Madsen Red Lake	.38
McKenzie Red Lake	.35
Moneta	.23 1/2
Pickle Crow	2.15
Preston East Dome	2.70
San Antonio	1.53
Sherritt Gordon	.78

## IS HANGED IN TORONTO

Man Who Strangled His Wife Pays Extreme Penalty.

## Dr. Davidson Welfare Head

Victoria Man Goes to Important Post in Federal Government Service.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13: (CP)—Dr. George F. Davidson of Victoria was yesterday appointed executive director of the Canadian Welfare Council in succession to Miss Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa who has resigned.

## "Strictly Forbidden"

"Streng Verboten" Would Be Familiar Word If Enemy Won War.

"Streng Verboten!" Have you wondered what those two words mean? If you were in Germany or if the Nazis were in your country, they would soon be most familiar.

It is interesting to think what it would mean in our way of life—our life of liberty, security and personal freedom—if "Streng Verboten" were to greet us at every turn. Are you doing what you can to stop "Streng Verboten" signs becoming a reality? Buy VICTORY BONDS next week is the least you can do. They too would be "Streng Verboten" if the enemy were here.

## CALLS FOR MCARTHUR

Willkie Would Bring Home Philippine's Commander to End Bungling.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the American forces in the Philippines, should be brought home and put in supreme command of the United States Army and bungling thus eliminated, declared Wendell Willkie in a Lincoln Day address here. Willkie said he would run again for president in 1944 if nominated.

## BULLETINS

**GET JAPS OUT**  
OTTAWA—Arthur Slaght, Liberal, Parry Sound, urged in the House of Commons yesterday that the government get the Japanese out of British Columbia as quickly as possible. He suggested that Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver East, be made an adviser to Premier King on labor matters.

**MONTREAL TRIALS**  
MONTREAL—Of eighteen men arrested in Wednesday's anti-conscription riots, thirteen pleaded guilty, one failed to appear and one was still in hospital.

**ROOSEVELT-KING SPEAK**  
OTTAWA—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, President Roosevelt, Rt. Hon. Hon. Arthur Beven and Sir Walter Citrine will be heard in an international radio broadcast Sunday night inaugurating the Victory Loan campaign.

## FINED FOR HOARDING

People Who Bought 100 and 50 Pounds of Sugar Fined in Toronto.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Four Toronto persons, two women and two men, were fined \$5 with option of five days' imprisonment yesterday for receiving deliveries of sugar in excess of the new rationing regulations. Three of the accused received 100 pounds of sugar and one 50 pounds. They were charged with hoarding.

**SAP FOR SYRUP**  
From 30 to 40 gallons of maple sap are needed to make a gallon of maple syrup.

## Japanese Invaders Drawing Closer To Singapore's Centre

Emergency Session of Australian Parliament Is Being Called—Netherlands Will Fight to Finish—More Activity in Burma.

The Union Jack waved over Singapore city today but Japanese shock forces, alternating between inching crawls and suicidal rushes, had reached suburban Tanglin, little more than two miles from the heart of the city. That was the position on the southern part of a 14-mile battle line, while on the central front the Japanese appeared to have seized most of the water supplies. A 10:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time) Singapore newscast referred, however, to the situation as being unchanged and earlier in the day Hon. Francis Forde, army minister of Australia, received a message from Lieut. Gen. A. E. Percival, British commanding officer at Singapore, saying that the defenders were still putting up "stout resistance against great odds." Even the Tokyo radio spoke of the firm resistance at Singapore but it was apparent the net was drawing steadily tighter.

In Australia Prime Minister John Curtin summoned parliament to meet a week from today "because of continued deterioration of the Pacific situation." In the Indies the Netherlands East Indies command reported slackening of the Japanese drive aimed at Java while Batavia dispatches said the Netherlands would never abandon the islands without a fight even if the British decided to pull out to Australia. Reports from Rangoon said that heavy fighting had broken out again in the Paan area, thirty miles from the mouth of the Salween River, where the Japanese are attempting to force a subsidiary landing in their drive towards Rangoon. Masbate Island, one of the archipelago lying between Luzon and Mindanao, the principal islands of the Philippines, has been seized by the Japanese.

## WATER HOLE TRIED OUT

Section Two A. R. P. Fire Wardens Have Work-out

Last evening the fire wardens with H. R. Hill, chief warden, in charge of Westview ascertained to what extent a water hole would last with one of the Ontario gas-line pumps. At 8 p.m. the wardens took pump and equipment to a dam at a natural drain at the end of Water Street. It was satisfactory inasmuch as they got an idea of the amount of water these pumps throw. When the pump started the general idea was that the amount of water in the hole would last for hours—but in 30 minutes the water was down four inches and in forty minutes down another three inches. To have pumped as low as suction pipe would take it would possibly have lasted one and one-quarter hours. There are not any buildings that the pumps would not throw water over in Prince Rupert.

## TO PROBE HONG KONG

Chief Justice Lyman Duff Asked to Conduct Inquiry for Government.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King has requested Chief Justice Lyman P. Duff to act as a royal commissioner to conduct an inquiry into circumstances surrounding the departure of Canadian troops for Hong Kong.

## PROCLAMATION

The Commissioner of the City of Prince Rupert, acting in accordance with the wishes of the Hon. Mr. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, does hereby request that all citizens and merchants in the City of Prince Rupert display the Union Jack and decorate their buildings and homes during Canada's Second Victory Loan. Also that they support this worthy cause to their fullest extent.

(Signed) D. J. MATHESON, City Commissioner, City of Prince Rupert.

**CANADA'S SECOND VICTORY LOAN**

**COMING EVENTS**

FRIDAY, 6:45 P.M.—Rev. J. H. Myrswang, CFPR.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.—Military Parade, route Second and Third Avenues.

3:15 p.m.—Inauguration Services at Dug-Out, Federal Building.

7:00 p.m.—Variety Programme, CFPR, Prizes and Playlet.

SUNDAY—Victory Loan Sunday Services at Churches.

9:00 p.m.—All-Military Variety Programme, Capitol Theatre.

MONDAY, 6:45 p.m.—Mrs. J. A. Teng, CFPR.

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