attleships Escape

Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the ing bottled up for months at Brest, and sleetstorm and, after a naval raits of Dover, were seen heading ships were heavily escorted with the battle 42 British planes At least one of the battleships were bombed. The British suffered

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 Izxestia 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 Marshal 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.

gainst Odds-

SINGAPORE HOLDS ON BITTERLY

panese Onslaught Is Murderous -Situation Like Dunkerque-Battle of Burma Next.

ONDON, Feb. 13:-Singapore is I holding out today in the face what appear to be hopeless ds against the British garrison lowing rejecting by General A. Percival of a Japanese demand unconditional surrender.

he enemy is drawing its lines ser around the city. The deiders are counter - attacking perately, holding a line from self-destroyed naval base on th of the island.

he Japanese claimed today be in control of the urban area ities with bungling. the city and of the main for-

he enemy are acknowledged have complete mastery of the and London admitted that the of the fortress could only be matter of days at the most. telay after relay of Japanese 🕈

mble another Dunkerque.

Battle of Burma

line, as the immediate goal. • ing. attempt is made to belittle the of Martaban, 80 miles from agoon in a direct line and 140 enemy was turned back in in action in the endeavour to m the Japanese drive.

With the conquest of the rich and of Java undoubtedly an item on the Japanese prom and the enemy drive in that ction already under way, the ch are getting ready for a last ch stand.

there has been a lull in fighton the Philippines, giving Gen-Douglas McArthur a chance terday. brace his American and Filiforces on Batan Peninsula undoubtedly coming. Gasmata, on the south of Aus- ese.

SESSION IS PROROGUED

wa to Strengthen Defences Without Delay.

WICTORIA, Feb. 13:-The ses- nel. sion of the British Columbia legislature was prorogued at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant Governor W. C. Woodward.

The final act was the passage of a resolution urging upon the federal government the immediate need of strongly increasing defences of this coast in view of the war situation. The resolution was moved by Premier John Hart and seconded by Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader.

Speakers on the resolution mentioned the lack of appreciation by Ottawa of the danger of this coast, north to a village on the a danger which was stressed by Herbert Gargrave, C.C.F., Mackenzie, who charged military author-

ates McDaniels. Associated + Scharnhorst and cruiser Prinz + to Heligoland. ess correspondent, sent his last & Eugen from Brest yesterday, patch before leaving Singapore. + together with the situation + was observing the fierce bat- + which has arisen at Singa- + Prince Kupert from a hill and wrote dramat- + pore, was voiced in demands + of the valor of the defend- + in parliament for explana- + tions which may cause new t * difficulties for the Churchill * Meanwhile, a full-scale battle in + government. An organized + Score ma appears to have begun with + revolt in demand for a com-+ agoon, the capital and termin- + pletely reconstructed govern- + of the Burma Road, China's + ment appears to be develop- +

by railway. At two points Canada Dependent her attempts to cross the Sol- Upon Herself For Her Own Defence Grandview

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13: - With Western Canada facing direct attack both by sea and air, the Dominion has no one to look to but herself for her defence, Squadron Leader Ernest McNabb, noted Canadian flying ace of this war, told a Victory Loan rally here yes-

ainst new attacks in force which tralia—mandated New Britain—i reported occupied by the Japan-

CANADA'S SECOND VICTORY LOAN

COMING EVENTS FRIDAY, 6:45 P.M.—Rev. J. H. Myrwang, 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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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 two words mean? 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 they would soon be most familiar. powerful battleships and the heavy cruiser, the bulk of bidden!" Germany's remaining heavy warships, were making a

sensational escape from a oneyear-old dry dock internment at s + + + + + * B.C. Legislature Appeals to Otta- Brest. After the engagement, one & of the most spectacular battles of . Churchill the war, the great vessels, hidden . Churchill by mist during a rain and sleetstorm, fled up the English Chan-

Everything from minesweepers * to great coastal guns took part in * LONDON, Feb. 13: - Prime * the engagement which began on & Minister Winston Churchill & Thursday when the 26,000 - ton * will deliver a radio address * boten" if the enemy were here. Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and + to the Empire on Sunday. The + the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eu- * time is expected to be 1 p.m. * gen slipped from Brest and were + Pacific daylight saving time. + CALLS FOR met by British naval vessels and & aircraft. Royal Air Force planes, * * * * * * * * * destroyers and motor torpedo boats . attacked the enemy ships which were accompanied by destroyers, PARADE TO E-boats and heavy fighter aircraft escort. On account of poor visibility the final result of the terrific duel and the extent of damage done was not immediatemuniques expressed the belief that all three main targets had been hit along with one destroyer. At + least eighteen Nazi aircraft fight-

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

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

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SO THAT'S IT

the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. has resigned.

Tomorrow Afternoon

ers were known to have been de- parade, in charge of George W. Army and bungling thus eliminstroyed by being shot down. The Cripps, will be the initiatory feat- ated, declared Wendell Willkie in Royal Air Force lost forty-two ure of the Second Victory Loan a Lincoln Day address here. To Know Why planes — twenty bombers, sixteen campaign in Prince Rupert. It will Willkie said he would run again Reports from Rangoon said that take place tomorrow afternoon for president in 1944 if nominated. Heavy fighting had broken out The enemy ships were heading rain or shine, mustering on Mcanes plunged low to dive bomb + LONDON, Feb. 13: (P)_Dis- + west towards the Straits of Dover Bride Street and marching along and machine gun the defenders, as-
may of Britons that the rule
when discovered by the Royal Air Second Avenue to the junction of sting tanks, artillery and ground
of home waters could be so
Force. By the time they were First, Second and Third Avenues, thence along Third Avenue to the first engaged they had, apparentthence along Third Avenue to the he situation is such as to re- the escape of the German ty, negotiated nearly half of the Post Office where a brief inaugurbattleships Gneisenau and seven hundred miles from Brest ation service will be held with Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, officiating.

The composition of the parade will be a detachment of provincial police, mechanized units, mili-Beats Kincolith tary, standard bearers, sea cadets, air raid protection workers, women's service corps, fire department and ambulance auxiliaries. The program at the inaugura-

tion service will include a brief address by Bishop Rix, singing by a massed choir under direction of J. S. Wlson, selections by the Canadian Scottish pipe band, singing of well known hymns and national conscription riots, thirteenanthems, with sea cadets as guards pleaded guilty, one failed to apof the flags, standard bearers will pear and one was still in hoscarry the British, United States, pital. Norwegian and Chinese flags.

IS HANGED

Man Who Strangled His Wife Pays Extreme Penalty.

ell, former aircraftsman of the Royal Canadian Air Force, was hanged at dawn today for the strangulation murder of his wife in the fall of 1940.

Dr. Davidson Welfare Head

Post in Federal Government Service.

George F. Davidson of Victoria were charged with hoarding. was yesterday appointed executive director of the Canadian Welfare! Council in succession to Miss There are no snakes or toads on Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa who sap are needed to make a gallon,

"Strictly Forbidden"

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

"Streng Verboten!" Have you wondered what those

If you were in Germany or if the Nazis were in your country,

It is interesting to think what it would mean in our way of lifeour life of liberty, security an

stop "Streng Verboten" signs be apore newscast referred, however, Back in White coming a reality?

week is the least you can do.

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

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13:-Gen- Pacific situation." ly ascertained, but official com- First Demonstration of Victory eral Douglas McArthur, comman-Loan Campaign Taking Place der-in-chief of the American forces in the Philippines, should be brought home and put in supreme A military and semi-military command of the United States

GET JAPS OUT

that the government get the seized by the Japanese. Japanese out of British Colum- ' bia 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-

ROOSEVELT-KING SPEAK al radio broadcast Sunday night dian troops for Hong Kong. inaugurating the Victory Loan campaign.

TORONTO, Feb. 13:—Bill New- 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 Victoria Man Goes to Important yesterday for receiving deliveries of sugar in excess of the new rationing regulations. Three of the accused received 100 pounds of OTTAWA, Feb. 13: (P) - Dr. sugar and one 50 pounds. They

SAP FOR SYRUP

From 30 to 40 gallons of maple 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 "Streng Verboten: Strictly For- 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 * personal freedom-if "Streng Ver- battle line, while on the central front the Japanese ap-

Are you doing what you can to a.m. Pacific Daylight Time) Singto the situation as being unchang-Buying VICTORY BONDS next ed and earlier in the day Hon. * Francis Forde, army minister of & They too would be "Streng Ver- Australia, received a message from & Lieut. Gen. A. E. Percival, British * commanding officer at Singapore, Russian dispatches asserted tosaying that the defenders were * day that the Soviet winter of- * still putting up "stout resistance & fensive had reached White & against great odds." Even the Russia, ski troops penetrating . Tokyo radio spoke of the firm re- * German lines to strike in the * sistance at Singapore but it was + area which borders Poland. + apparent the net was drawing & Where entry was made was & steadily tighter.

In Australia Prime Minister John & been by advance units oper-Curtin summoned parliament to * ating north and south of * meet a week from today "because + Smolensk. of continued deterioration of the

In the Indies the Netherlands East Indies command reported WATER HOLE 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 Section Two A. R. P. Fire Wardens again in the Paan area, thirty miles from the mouth of the Salween River, where the Japanese are attempting to force a subsi- with H. R. Hill, chief warden, in diary landing in their drive to-charge of Westview ascertained wards Rangoon.

Masbate Island, one of the ar- last with one of the Ontario gaso-OTTAWA-Arthur Slaght, Lib- chipelago lying between Luzon line pumps. eral, Parry Sound, urged in the and Mindanao, the principal is- At 8 p.m. the wardens took House of Commons yesterday lands of the Philippines, has been pump and equipment to a dam at

Chief Justice Lyman Duff Asked to Conduct Inquiry for Government.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13: (P) - Prime There are not any buildings that OTTAWA - Prime Minister King has requested Chief over in Prince Rupert. Mackenzie King, President Justice Lyman P. Duff to act as a Roosevelt, Rt. Hon. Hon. Arthur royal commissioner to conduct an Beven and Sir Walter Citrine inquiry into circumstances surwill be heard in an internation- rounding the departure of Cana-

Kussia Again :

MOSCOW, Feb. 13: (P) - + not specified but it could have *

Have Work-out

Last evening the fire wardens to what extent a water hole would

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

When the pump started the gen-HONG KONG eral 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.

Minister William Lyon Mackenzie the pumps would not throw water

LOCAL TEMPERATURE

Maximum Minimum

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.