NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

# tre Working on New Guinea

## LWAYS' BIG TASK

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anadian Railway situa-Railway Engineering addressing the annual the development of the the story of these raile vital and continuing of the railroads to the well being and war serbeen thoroughly demon-

is a tremendous task

being tackled with vigor, all our resources are not yet All non-essentials and tering influences must go se, that the essential nature he ranways in the war services give as reasonable priorities cotaining necessary supplies

other Attack Successfully Staged Against Enemy Invasion Fleet by Allied Bombers.

RRA. March 19:-Anothby United Nations bombin the Japanese invasion fleet Australia yesterday reis reported, in the sinkof one heavy Japanese cruiser vessels off Rabaul, New Twenty - three enemy ve been so far sunk or

President of Prince Rupert Association at Annual decting Last Night.

C. C. Mills was elected president Prince Rupert Liberal Asat the annual meeting ht. The full slate of ofor the ensuing year is as

ry President - Rt. Hon. yon Mackenzie King. M.L.A., and Olof Hanson, SUBS SINK

ent C. C. Mills. ice-President — Donald

Vice-President - R. F y-R. E. Mortimer. er-J. J. Judge.

ve-Harry Menzie, W. O. tobert Gordon, J. A. Lind-

ing elected secretary, R. E. bank who, on account of of other duties, tendered signation after years of ser-

BUT IT'S LONG WAY THERE CAPE TOWN, March 19: (P)--dewspapers tell of record rman's paradise."

## CAMPAIGN IN BURMA

ackled With Vigor But Battle For Prome Road, North Of Rangoon, Seems To Burst Momentarily Into Fury

> MANDALAY, March 19: (9-A big battle for the Prome Road -key to Burmese oil fieldsseemed ready today to burst momentarily as Japanese troops streamed up the Irrawaddy Valley for an assault on new British defence positions.

> Unofficial London advices said the British had withdrawn from Tharrawaddy, sixty miles north of Rangoon and almost half the way to Prome.

> British pilots and American volunteers possibly destroyed twenty-five enemy planes in attacks on Japanese-held airdromes in southern Burma yesterday, it is reported.

## all of us," Major Bond RED DRIVE CONTINUES

the board. We expect, of Soviet Guerillas Claim to Have Taken Six Thousand Square Miles of Leningrad.

MOSCOW, March 19: 9-Soviet manpower. So far as the guerilla forces reported Aday to tay employees of Canada are Pravda that they had wrested we are getting splen- back control of some six thousand and hearty response and we square miles behind the German ward with one accord lines at Leningrad and were so to our part and win the war." strong the Germans could not come into the area. Although the newspaper did not further identify the area, the Baltic state of Estonia lies just west of the Leningrad front.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver.	
Grandview	14
Bralorne	7.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.10
Hedley Mascot	25
Pend Oreille	1.25
Pioneer	1.50
Premier	39
Privateer	30
Reno	20
Sheep Creek	72
Oil.	
C. & E.	15
Home	2.30
Royal Canadian	03
Toronto.	
Beattie	
Central Patricia	
Consolidated Smelters	37.75
Hardrock	
Kerr Addison	
Little Long Lac	
McLeod Cockshutt	
Madsen Red Lake	
Moneta	
McKenzie Red Lake	
Pickle Crow	
Preston East Dome	
San Antonio	1.5
Sherritt Gordon	70
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Two More Vessels Torpedoed by Axis U-boats Off Atlantic Coast.

ex McRae, Peter Gamula, submarines have sunk two more tion, some of the oolachans are on, John Currie and Mike ships off the Atlantic coast. Eleven are dead and five missing.

# ank who, on account of Kimberley Wins

of haarder, stumnose and berley Dynamiters defeated Royal the Cons The Who have Canadian Navy 5 to 2 last night some of the fish, the local party tion here. the Cape Town Esplanade in the first game of senior ama- also took some interesting moving teur hockey championships.

THEY JUST KEEP ROLLING ALONG



Motorcyclists of the Soviet Red Army are shown leading a column of armored cars on the far-flung front where the Red Army set the Nazi war machine in reverse and has kept it operating that way through the winter. The armored cars are painted white to blend in with the snow-covered terrain.

## WAR NEWS

ITALIAN SHIPS BOMBED

CAIRO-The Royal Air Force today announced that torpedocarrying planes had staged a successful attack in the central Mediterranean Tuesday night, setting one merchant ship afire and scring a hit on a larger vessel.

CANADIANS LAND SAFELY

OTTAWA-The Department of National Defence announced today the safe arrival in Great Britain of a further contingent of members of the Canadian armed forces. At the same time the office of the South African representative in Canada announced the safe arrival in South Africa of a ship carrying ten Canadian nurses.

## ALLIES TO **OOLACHAN** CO-OPERATI

esting Trip to Unique Spot on Naas River.

returned home yesterday morning known yesterday. aboard Dr. Large's power cruiser Soogwillis.

The party, which left here on Sunday, reached Fishery Bay during the height of the run and found some twenty-five boats of native people-men, women and children-there engaged in their unique method of netting enormous quantities of the peculiar + + + + + + 'Candle fish." The fish, after being caught, are placed in pits for + C a week or so preparatory to being & Special Help boiled in sort of Dutch ovens for the rendering and refining of the grease which is preserved for later . NEW YORK, March 19: - Axis use. In addition to the oil reducsmoked and dried. Others are sold on the fresh fish markets. The fishing and processing of the oolachans keeps the natives from Kincolith, Greenville and Aiyansh at Fishery Bay busy usually for

the better part of two months. To Two, Hockey Bay on the Naas River, there is a smaller gathering of Port Simpson and all consideration for the chair in the absence of Pres-Indians at Red Bluff also fishing + Prince Rupert in connection + ident G. L. Rorie.

pictures.

and Soviet Ambassador in

Conference.

A visit to the native colachan LONDON, March 19: - Prime Mr. Casey agreed to withdraw the fishery near the mouth of the Minister Winston Churchill and motion and bring the matter up Naas River provised highly inter- the Soviet ambassador, Ivan Mai- as a notice of motion. esting for a party consisting of sky, have been in conference re-W. J. Scott and O. C. Young who States and Russia, it became

NEWS POSTERS OUT

JOHANNESBURG, March 19: -For wartime economy in paper newspapers of this South African city have discontinued use of contents bills on streets and highroads of the Rand.

# For ARP Here

# Heavy Bombing Blows Dealt By Either Side In South Pacific; Allied Stroke at Nippon Navy

## CASEY IN CABINET

Unprecedented Appointment Announced By Churchill Today

LONDON, March 19: -Great Britain broke precedent today by choosing Rt. Hon. Richard G. Cascy, Australian minister to the United States, as minister of state to represent the war cabinet in the Middle East.

Announcement that for the first time in history a Dominion statesman had become a member of the Imperial government and had been trusted with a vital post was made by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the Heuse of Commons and won a prompt welcome from mem-

# COALITION

Prince Rupert Liberal Association + + + + Has Issue of Endorsation Brought Before It.

The issue was raised at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert 1. Liberal Association last night as to whether or not it should endorse the coalition government at + BERNE, Switzerland, March Victoria.

George B. Casey felt that extra- | + ler has called nearly all senior + ordinary conditions warranted ex- + officers who resigned or were + tracrdinary action and that now + removed last winter to map a + was no time for party politics. He | \* gigantic offensive expected to \* moved that the coalition govern- be launched soon on the Rusment be endorsed.

the motion was out of order. A + National Zeitung reported to- + matter of such importance should \* day. come up in the form or notice of motion. In any case the principle + + + + + + + + of coalition had been already endorsed by the British Columbia Liberal Association. As far as he (Pattullo) was concerned, if the motion was passed, he would be Local Party Returns From Inter- Prime Minister Winston Churchill out of the association although he would continue, of course, to fight for Prince Rupert.

After considerable discussion,

be kept active as such.

Col. Frederick W. Adams Interesting Speaker at Luncheon of Prince Rupert Gyro

Co-operation of the English-+ Prince Rupert, told the an- + cheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro forthwith and that, where a med-• informed him that represen- • liers, a past president of the Ed- that, under existing financial con-

\* \* day from Fishery Bay.

Germans Said to Be Leading Invaders Towards Port Moresby-Darwin and Solomon Islands Are Attacked Again.

MELBOURNE, March 19: (CP) - As if bent on Is blasting their way into a forward foothold for a lunge into Australia despite the wrecking of one invasion fleet by Allied bombers, the Japanese hurled heavy bombers today against Port Moresby, New Guinea, but expert anti-aircraft fire parried the stroke and neither damage nor casualties resulted. The Port

Moresby correspondent of the Sydney Sun, however, reported a considerable force of Japanese is advancing overland toward Port Moresby from Lae. Reports reaching here from Port Moresby said that German missionaries and Nazified native pupils were guiding the Japanese in their drive from the north coast.

In addition to raiding Port Moresby, the Japanese attacked Port Darwin again and bombed Tulagi in the Solomon Islands.

Meanwhile in the latest counterstroke against Japanese strength a direct hit was declared te have left a Japanese cruiser plumed with smoke at Rabaul, New Britain, and near misses were

+ 19: (P)—Chancellor Adolf Hit-🕈 sian front, a Berlin dispatch 🕈 T. D. Pattullo contended that + to the Swiss newspaper Basel +

Increased Allowances at Earlier Age Favored by Prince Rupert Liberal Association.

The Prince Rupert Libera! As-A letter from Dr. W. J. Knox, sociation, at its annual meeting Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Large, Dr. and garding greater co-operation be- president of the British Columbia last night, on motion of George Mrs. N. M. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. tween Great Britain, the United Liberal Association, declared that B. Casey, seconded by B. J. Bacon, the association was "strong and went on record as favoring a rehealthy' and he felt that it should vision of the Old Age Pensions Act whereby pensions would commence at the age of 65 with an increase in allowance to \$30 per month each for both husband and wife for the remainder of life.

T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A., supported the move but would have gone further and asked for allowances of \$35 or \$40 per month starting at sixty years of age. Mr. Pattullo reiterated a previously expressed view in favor of universal old age pensions.

Mr. Casey also presented a resspeaking peoples in future world olution calling upon the provincial affairs was the burthen of a talk authorities at Victoria to put the T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A. for + at yesterday's regular week'y lun- Health Insurance Act into effect nual meeting last night of the + Club by Col. Frederick W. Adams ical practitioner refused to co-♣ Prince Rupert Liberal Associ- ♣ of the United States Army. Col. operate, a licence fee of \$500 be • ation that he had been in • Adams' views were listened to with imposed upon such practitioner • contact with Premier John • interest by a good-sized turn-out but there was no seconder and, + Hart just before leaving Vic- + of Gyro members. Major Thomas accordingly, no action was taken. + toria and that Mr. Hart had + G. Brown of the Edmonton Fusi- Mr. Pattullo expressed the opinion Some eight miles below Fishery + tations were being made to + monton Gyro Club, was a guest. ditions, such a move was not prac-

for colachans. | with A.R.P. in view of the | The luncheon fare consisted of half the garment workers in ration to private motorists, 11-12 In addition to bringing home + particularly vulnerable posi- + Naas River colachans provided by Britain in the services or war in- h.p. cars will get five gallons in + Dr. R. G. Large and W. J. Scott dustries the government is con- March, two-and-a-half in April, who had returned earlier in the sidering another cut in clothes- five in May, four in June and four rationing coupons.

# IS HEARD

Former Premier, Now Private Member, Discusses Political Situation and Other Matters.

T. D. Pattullo, former premier of British Columbia and now sitting as private member for Prince sea Rupert in the legislative assembly. spoke on many matters in addressing the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association last night. With some feelclaimed on two other large versels, ing, he expressed his appreciation of the way Prince Rupert had stood by him during the past twenty-six years through which period of time he has continuously + represented this riding at Victoria.

> The former premier discussed events following the provincial election last fall and leading up to the formation of the coalition government and his resignation as premier. He justified his own position in refusing to join with a coalition. He had never received a mandate from the Liberal party to throw the party down. "The troops may have deserted me," he said, "but it can never be said of me that I deserted the troopsnot even to remain in office."

Alluding to the matter of the forthcoming federal manpower plebiscite, Mr. Pattullo expressed his approval of sending men overseas. From the outset, he recalled, he had expressed the belief that it was best to fight, if possible, on the other fellow's ground.

Pleased Over Road. Mr. Pattullo expressed gratification that steps were now being taken to complete the Skeena River highway and connect Prince Rupert up with the rest of the province by road. He was particularly pleased that the plan was to build it on the north side of the Skeena River and thus eliminate ferrying. This road to Prince Rupert Mr. Pattullo recalled, had been recommended by the international defence commission as the first which should be built from a military standpoint. British Columbia should also be connected up with the Alaska high-

The former premier expressed his disappointment at having been unable to complete the oil drilling program in the Peace River and also to bring in the Yukon with British Columbia. As for oil in the Peace River, Mr. Pattullo Liedicted that one of the biggest oil fields in America would eventually be developed there. He feared, however, that it might be handed over to private interests.

One thing he had been able to do for the people of British Columbia was to save them \$2,000,-000 per year on the price of gas, Mr. Pattullo declared.

## SHORT DRIVES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, March 19: (P) - With a recent cut of one-sixth in petrol in July.