

# Japanese Hesitate To Make Direct Assault; Heavy Day by Duel

### Enemy Aircraft Pounding Away at Java, Amboina and New Guinea—Salween River in New Guinea Finally Crossed.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 5: (CP)—Japanese siege armies still hesitated today to gamble on a direct assault against Singapore. Meanwhile there were flaming artillery duels across Johore Strait. At the same time Japanese aircraft—large flying boats—were attacking anew the big Netherlands naval base at Soerabaja on Java Island and Port Moresby on the Australian-owned island of New Guinea for the second time in three days. Amboina base was also still the scene of sharp fighting. Port Moresby is only three hundred miles from Australian mainland.

British headquarters said that Singapore defence guns had silenced Japanese batteries and raked a Japanese transport across from the beleaguered island while overhead Royal Air Force fighters battled attacking Japanese aircraft. While no actual invasion attempt on Singapore island had yet been made today, battalions of crack Japanese troops were observed to be moving down through Malay for what appeared likely would be a full-dress attack upon the stronghold. This was while heavy artillery exchanges were in progress across Johore Strait, the British big guns dealing out in full measure of return for what they received.

## NEARING TOBRUK

British Forces, However, Are Still on Offensive in Interior of Libya.

CAIRO, Feb. 5: (CP)—Dispatches from the North African front today said it was believed German spearheads had advanced to within fifty miles of Tobruk, eighty miles west of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier. The line of action is still 150 miles west of Egypt. British forces are on the offensive in the interior.

## SOLDIERS' COURSES

Local Teachers Hear of Educational Work, Sponsored by Canadian Legion.

Before proceeding to the regular business of the meeting the Prince Rupert Teachers' Association last evening heard with much interest an outline of the work of the Educational Services of the Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services by E. Crute, regional director for the province of British Columbia.

The scope of the courses offered was indicated when Mr. Crute said they embraced subjects from elementary mathematics, typing and shorthand to senior matriculation and university graduation standards. They served a real purpose for the men serving, men and officers of all ranks of the naval, military and air forces and more recently of the women's auxiliary corps. A specialized course was that offered as a pre-enlistment course for the recruits of the air force.

Large classes were in attendance at Nanaimo, Vancouver, Victoria, Bella Bella, Queen Charlotte Island and Seal Cove. In the exchange of views that followed, W. W. C. O'Neill of the Booth Memorial High Schools told of the courses already offered under the Dominion provincial scheme. These included technical course and mathematics. They would be available for enlisted men too. The services of the local teachers had been previously offered for personal instruction where desired.

Mr. Crute said he was glad to have the information and would get in touch with the educational officers of the various service units in the area and advise them of the courses and assistance that the men may have. Following this discussion, the meeting went on to routine business and then to the consideration of various resolutions for the Easter convention. These had been prepared by a group of the male teachers and were presented to the meeting for endorsement. A lively interest was shown by all present. T. L. Davies was in the chair.

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Tomorrow's Tides	
High	4:29 a.m. 20.6 ft.
	16:41 p.m. 18.8 ft.
Low	10:47 a.m. 5.9 ft.
	23:00 p.m. 5.1 ft.

# Russian Liberation Near

## TRAFFIC TO SEAL COVE

### Local Engineer Engaged to Make Survey With a View to Taking Care of Increased Requirements.

City Commissioner D. J. Matheson announced this morning that D. McN. Lowe, local civil engineer, had been engaged to make a complete survey of the Seal Cove road situation, congestion and danger of which has been the subject of complaint recently, with a view to determining the best means of handling greatly increased traffic in that area. Mr. Lowe will investigate all possible routes and will also furnish estimates of cost.

## INDIA IS DISCUSSED

### Is Becoming Strong Enough To Demand Home Rule—Question Of Remaining in Empire

Predicting that India, despite its many internal influences and cleavages, would get Dominion status because it was becoming strong enough to assert its own rights and would remain a part of the British Empire if a policy of humanism was adopted in regard to it by Britain, A. H. Wharton, Vancouver, who for years was a resident of the country, spoke before a dinner gathering of the Women's Canadian Club last night on the subject of "Will India Remain in the British Empire After the War?"

## SABOTAGE, FASCISM

### Minister of Finance Has Something to Say About Those Who Refuse to Buy Victory Bonds.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5:—Those who talk about refusing to buy Victory Bonds as a protest against the plebiscite on conscription are guilty of "sabotage and fascism," declared Hon. J. L. Isley, minister of finance, last night. The plebiscite was the "natural, honorable and efficient" course, declared Mr. Isley, who predicted an overwhelming vote in favor of releasing the government from its commitments against conscription for overseas service.

## All Occupied Soviet Territory Will Soon Be Back in Red Fold

### Nazis Can Never Recapture Initiative, Declares President Kalinin—Plan for German Spring Offensive Crippled.

MOSCOW, Feb. 5: (CP)—President Kalinin of Russia proclaimed today that "the hour is near when all the occupied portions of the Soviet Republic will return to the family" of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Kalinin declared that Red Armies are now approaching the borders of White Russia, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. "The Germans will never recapture from the Red Army the initiative which has been gained," Kalinin said, adding that Soviet troops had thrown the invaders back 175 miles in some sectors. Front line dispatches said that Russia's winter campaign was designed to cripple the Germans and break their spring offensive campaign which was getting under way. This campaign was pressing steadily forward. A new break-through by the Russians on the Kharkov front was reported today while the Red Army was also continuing to plow through towards Smolensk with six more communities captured since yesterday—all this in spite of fierce Nazi resistance in the vain effort to stop the advance of the Soviet forces.

## Is Full Colonel

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5: (CP)—Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston of Prince Rupert has been promoted to colonel, Pacific command, in a list of promotions which was made public here today.

## LEAFLETS ON FRANCE

### Royal Air Force Planes Used to Inform French of Plans to Help Them Throw Off Nazi Yoke.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5: (CP)—The Royal Air Force is strewing occupied France with millions of pamphlets proclaiming the gigantic scope of United States war plans, it was disclosed today, with the dispersal particularly intense in Brittany Peninsula and north-west France which first saw American soldiers twenty-five years ago and would be one of the most likely theatres of action whenever the united nations open a major invasion campaign. In addition to pointing out the great war effort of the United States, the leaflets suggested, on behalf of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, that, when the proper time came, arms would be put in the hands of those French who wished to take part in the fight to throw off the Nazi aggressors.

## MESSAGES FROM SPY

### New York Court Hears From Confessed Girl Agent How Confederates Reported Ship Movements.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5:—An 18-year-old German-born girl, who has already confessed her own guilt, yesterday told the court in the trial of six men and women charged with espionage of how the impending departure of ships from New York harbor had been reported to the Nazi authorities. Kurt Ludwig, the alleged head of the spy ring, simply wrote the information in invisible ink on the backs of envelopes addressed to Lisbon and Madrid.

## GREAT JAP SPY RING

### No Less Than 150,000 Nipponese Are Connected With It, Declares Dies Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5:—The Dies committee on anti-American activities has gathered a mass of evidence against Japanese agents in the United States, it is announced. There are 150,000 Japanese nationals connected with a vast spy ring in this country, it is declared.

## LOOKS FOR TWO ROADS

### Alaska Governor Emphasizes Need for Highway Construction to Alaska Immediately.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5: (CP)—Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska told the congressional road committee yesterday that he expects two or more highways from the United States to Alaska will be constructed to meet the demand for land transportation of supplies and war munitions. The governor, supporting a bill to authorize construction of a \$50,000,000 highway, said that immediate action is necessary and delay of a few weeks now might delay construction for a year.

## WELCOME GENERAL

### McNaughton Arrives in Ottawa—Will Not Become Involved in Controversy.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5:—Lieut. General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian Corps in Britain, arrived in Ottawa last night, being met by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and military leaders. General McNaughton's visit will not be long, it is now said, and he does not intend to become involved in any of the controversial issues of the day.

## JAPS SAY LONG WAR

### People of Nippon Warned of Severe Restrictions—Conflict May Last Ten or Twenty Years.

TOKYO, Feb. 5:—An official spokesman warned the Japanese people today that they might expect a long war with severe economic restrictions. The conflict might last ten or twenty years.

## British Mistakes

Mr. Wharton referred to instances of British high-handedness in India and declared that the day when the British people could look down on the people of India was most assuredly gone. Reference was made to the mistakes of Dalhousie and Curzon, successive governors-general, in handling India and the efforts, in a measure successful, of Minto in putting things right.

The Gandhi passive resistance campaign and the Round Table Conference in London were dealt with by the speaker in leading up to the forming of the Delhi central government and the establishment of provinces, the provinces being opposed to the federation with which they would not join. Further divisions among the Hindus themselves on one hand and the Mohammedans among themselves on the other had led to more internal difficulties. There had also been labor troubles with the commencement of the present war. The Gandhi party had control of seven of the eleven provincial houses and, when self-government had been denied, the governments of these seven provinces had quit leaving the British governor in authority.

## Japs Leaving For Ontario

### Party of Ninety to Depart From Vancouver Next Monday, It Is Announced.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5:—Ninety Japanese, going voluntarily to Ontario to take up employment there, will leave on Monday next, it is announced. No compulsory movement from coast defence areas has as yet commenced.

## Canada and Soviet Are Exchanging

### Will Become Dominion

LONDON, Feb. 5: (CP)—The Canadian High Commissioner, Vincent Massey, and the Russian ambassador, Ivan Malsky, today signed an agreement for the exchange of consular representatives by Canada and the Soviet Union.

## SAYS MORE SHIPS SUNK

### Germany Makes Claim in Regard to Submarine Activities Off American and Canadian Coasts.

BERLIN, Feb. 5:—The high command claimed today that six more ships of tonnage totalling 47,000, including a 15,000-ton ore ship, had been sunk by Axis submarines off the east coast of Canada and the United States.

the speaker predicted in closing that, if such an attitude were adopted by Britain, India would stay in the Empire.

Miss E. M. Earl, the president, was in the chair at last night's gathering. Rev. J. A. Donnell said Grace. Mrs. T. Dixon sang acceptable vocal solos. Mrs. J. A. Rutherford presided at the piano to accompany "O Canada and 'God Save the King.'"

Mrs. Garbutt of the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House was on hand to thank members of the club for cakes being supplied for Sunday afternoon teas at Hostess House expressing hope that the supply would be kept up.

Miss Earl announced that scraps of wool gathered last fall had now been converted into forty-six blankets for Bundles for Britain and eighteen more were coming.

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## Air Raid Alarm In Indo-China

### Fifteen Minute Alert Is Reported at Hanoi, Principal Port.

BERLIN, Feb. 5:—It was reported here today that there had been a fifteen minute air raid alarm at Hanoi, principal port in French Indo-China.

## TURKEY HAS AXIS SPIES

### Fifteen Have So Far Been Placed Under Arrest in Course of Round-Up.

ANKARA, Feb. 5:—Six more arrests of Axis agents acting as Axis agents have been made in Turkey, making fifteen altogether in the round-up of a recently discovered spy ring.

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## Canadians In Prison At Kowloon

OTTAWA, Feb. 5:—Information has been received here to the effect that Canadian and British prisoners, taken by the Japanese at Hong Kong, are being held in concentration camp at Kowloon and are being treated "reasonably well."

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Grandview	.15
Bralorne	7.90
Cariboo Quartz	1.40
Hedley Mascot	.30
Pend Oreille	1.50
Pioneer	1.85
Premier	58 1/2
Privateer	.38
Reno	.17
Sheep Creek	.76
Oils	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.10
Home	2.65
Royal Canadian	.05
Toronto	
Beattie	.88
Central Patricia	1.09
Consolidated Smelters	38.75
Hardrock	.50
Little Long Lac	1.25
McLeod Cockshutt	1.55
Madsen Red Lake	.43
McKenzie Red Lake	.98
Moneta	.25
Pickle Crow	2.25
Preston East Dome	2.05
San Antonio	1.75
Sherritt Gordon	84 1/2
LOCAL TEMPERATURE	
Maximum	51
Minimum	38