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FRANCE IS SHORT ON FOOD NOW

tilk is Skimmed, Except for Babies -Little Tobacco and None for Women- Clothing Is Hard To Get

or of a Canadian Press series by the Free French Labor and Inmmissioner on condi in Nazi-ruled France before his escape to Britain.) By ANDRE DIETHELM

little to eat in France. The daily quest for food is a terrible prolem. One can buy, easily enough, the pound of fats and the halfkilo of sugar to which the ration nonth But there is little meat.

In the suburbs of, large cities, weeks clapse without the butchers receiving any supplies. Potatoes have practically disappeared. At irregular intervals and with good deal of trouble, one can manage to obtain two pounds of them. Only skim-milk is sold, except for infants. Coffee is a black brew from which even roast barley has cannot be found anywhere. Months ago, wine also disappeared, and knz queues were formed in front of shops on the chance there still

are snapped up as soon as they it will be passed. arrive by other German commislons enjoying absolute priority.

Means Empty Purse Prices of almost all foodstuffs

have been greatly increased whereas the wages of workmen and civil servants alike, in order to maintain some strange semblance of currency stability, have only been increased by 10 per cent. This means an empty purse and an emply stomach for wives and mothers when, after endless waiting, they go home to find hungry chil-

There is no coal for domestic use At rare intervals, one gets about 55 lbs. of low-grade coal. lated. If you exceed your quota contributions. more than once, your gas may be fraction of former quantities. Elec- whole. tric heating is forbidden and also, in apartment blocks.

cars are to be seen and those that objective. are gone from Paris and there are 000. but few buses left. The number of and scats have to be booked weeks Canadians Flew

There is practically no tobacco. Men are allowed only two packs of clgarets - provided the dealer ed has received his supplies. Wo-

men are not permitted to smoke. A clothing card has been issued. suit of clothes is to turn in two Ireland. used but still wearable suits to the Winer Help Organization.

INVASION

Twenty-five Thousand Japanese Are Reported Landed at Fuchow in Fukien Province

CHUNGKING, May 22: (CP) -On the critical China front missionaries left Kinhwa today as Japan's furious offensive drew near to that strategic city which is the provisional capital of Chekiang Province and the rail gateway to central China.

CHUNGKING, May 22-The Japanese have effected a landing of 25,000 troops at the port of Fu- rally early today and his physichow in Fukien Province. They were brought by twenty-five transports which approached from the direction of Formosa. This would appear to be part of the Japanese' fifty Russian patriots have been movement to bottle up the interior executed by the German occuof China from various directions pational forces. card entitles one person every and thus knock China out of the

To the south, however, the Chinese claim some measure of suc cess in fighting off the enemy.

been eliminated. Cocoa and tea President of Mexico Would Go To War With Axis Without Further Delay

MEXICO CITY, May 22- President Ccamancho of Mexico will The small quantities of fresh present to Parliament within regetables and fruit which reach few days a statement demanding the markets, having escaped the a declaration of war by Mexico astematic requisitions of German upon Germany. Chances are said suthorities in the production areas to be 95 out of one hundred that

GOES OVER

Seems To Be Showing Way Pretty Well In Red Cross Campaign

As far as Prince Rupert is concerned, the Red Cross campaign | night, said the tide of the war is now well over the top with \$10.-; is turning. Every hammer blow 250 announced this morning as in United States and British having been received while quite, shops brought the successful a number of further contributions | end that much nearer. are still expected from those who have not yet been contacted or for Gas consumption has been regu- other reasons have not made their

cut off. The use of electricity has drive appears to be considerably year, it is reported that 2700 perbeen restricted and authorized better than the average for the consumption limited to a mere province and the country as a

According to reports last night of course, all central heating in- the national campaign was apstallations and hot water supplies proaching the half-way mark of the \$9,000,000 drive. British Col-There is no more petrol. Few umbia was at 47 percent of the bomber has been brought down

appear belong to a small number, Vancouver has put up \$201,of doctors who receive a little more, 180.70 out of the objective of \$424,than one gallon a month. Taxis 000 and Victoria \$73,833.23 of \$97,-

Great Distance

with whom they must be register- Thousands of Miles Covered To Reach Far East-Wing Commander Plant in Charge

points but with them one can buy mander John Plant was in charge ments in the use of tommy guns only linen and linen is almost un- of the Royal Canadian Air Force and machine guns and in guerilla obtainable. Wool and cotton stocks squadron of flying boats which warfare tactics so as to enable do not make available normal sup- have arrived in the Far East. The them to work with the armed (plies of warm clothing. For in- planes flew thousands of miles forces should the need arise. stance, the only way to obtain a from their starting point in North

MAYBE TIRED OF SEA WAR

MADRID. May 21: (P)_Spain's grey seal has taken over the ally a private army of her own. system of family food ration cards, Thames River—and that's more Nineteen of her 24 sons are ad-Will have to be changed says the than the Germans can do. The big opted. She has five sons in the newspaper Hoja del Lunes, charg- fellow swam up the river from the Red Army and the foster children that 2.000,000 forged cards are sea and suns himself daily on the include Red Army commanders,

BULLETINS

RAISING NORMANDIE WASHINGTON - The Department of the Navy has given orders to raise and repair the great French liner Normandie which burned at New York February 9, turning over and sinking. Work of raising the vessel will take a year, it is expected.

BARRYMORE ILL

HOLLYWOOD - John Barrymore, noted gereen actor, is seriously ill after a long draining operation to prevent pneumonia. He was showing a tendency to cians felt quite hopeful.

RUSSIANS EXECUTED MINSK - One hundred and

TOMMY FARR BEATEN BRIGHTON, England-Tommy Farr, former noted Welsh boxer. was defeated in an election for a seat on the town council.

MOTORISTS OFFENDERS VANCOUVER- Motorists were the worst offenders in the test blackout on Wednesday night. Outdoor and neon signs were also seen. As for the automobile headlights, observation plane pilots reported they could be seen from long distance. Few Vancouver people actually had up their blackout equipment. W.C. Mainwaring, A.R.P. chairman, pointed out that this should be up in readiness as it might be necessary to have blackouts for several days at any time now.

AXIS CLAIMS

ROME-The sinking of a United States battleship of the Maryland class off the coast of Brazil is reported by the Italians. (The claim is not confirmed in Allied quarters).

QUEEN WILHELMA

LONDON- Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, in a broadcast last

DIED OF STARVATION CHUNGKING- While Chinese authorities report there will be Prince Rupert's showing in this a big crop in central China this sons died of starvation in Shanghai in April alone.

> ALLIES ON LIBYA FRONT CAIRO-There is patrol activity over the whole of the Libyan front. One enemy dive during an attack on Cairo.

ALLIED SHIP SUNK BOSTON - A small Allied freighter was sunk off the New England coast May 17 by an enemy submarine which torpedoed her twice. One member of the crew was killed, 29 others being successfully landed.

WAR TRAINEE POLICE

LONDON, May 21: (P) -- Some provincial police forces are being! It contains a certain number of LONDON, May 22-Wing Com-trained at local military establish-

MOTHER OF TROOPS

MOSCOW, May 21: (P) Sixtyyear old Ilena Plughina, wife of LONDON, May 21: (P) - An old a locomotive engineer, has virtuengineers and doctors.

TRAINS TO FREE HOMELAND



Private Gregorio Mante, one of the Filipino soldiers training in the U. S. for the restoration of his homeland, is practising the correct method of throwing the hand grenade. Notice the look of determination on his face.

Enemy Lands

AUGUSTA, Maine, May 22: 4, + - France H. Farnum, state + + director of civilian detence, + * said today that "accurate in- * + formation is in possession of + + the police and army authori- + + ties to show that foreign + * agents have recently landed * + on the coast of Maine."

More Recruits For Canadian Army In North

Latest regruits for the Canadian Army from Frince Rupert area have included Alexander Craig of Ocean Falls, Frederick W. Semenoff of Prince Ruper, and Frederick Whiffin of Smithers. Craig and Semenoff have already reported at Vancouver and Whiffin will be reporting later.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

VANCOUVER Bralorne

Cariboo Quartz .

Hedley Mascot

Pend Oreille

Pioneer

Premier

Privateer	.31
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	.73
Oils	
Calmont	.12
C. & E.	.95
Home	2.36
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattle	.70
Central Pat.	.88
Cons. Smelters	37.50
Hardrock	.44
Little Long Lac	1.03
McLeod Cockshutt	1.36
Madsen Red Lake	.44
McKenzie Red Lake	.64
Moneta	.23
Pickle Crow	1.70

Preston East Dome 1.95

Sherritt Gordon

San Antonio

RED ARMY

+ London Military Experts See Possibility of Nazi Flanking Movement-Russians, However, Continue Offensive

NEW TRICK FOILED

hurled strong tank forces into counter-attacks in the raging Kharkov battle, this time employing tricky new tactics of new mechanized thrusts have been repulsed, Red Star army newspaper said today. The year and the relation of the opposing forces is quite differcorded German broadcast said that the Russians had broken through the "main German fighting line" over an eight-mile front southeast of Lake Ilmen after heavy artillery prepara-

LONDON, May 22-British military quarters are advised that Timoshenko's army, are having further successes in the Kharkov .23½ that the enemy have been stopped projects.

1.23 in the south. In the far north there has been a surprise attack by the Russians in which three thousand Finns and Germans were killed.

Three thousand Nazis are also reported to have been killed in the Smolensk area of the central front.

ACCORD ON MARTINIQUE

Military Problems About Settled -Economic Matters May Take Time Longer

tary of State Cordell Hull said last Storage. night that he expected military problems between United States! Strafen, 14,000, 13.5c and 11c, and Martinque would be settled Storage. within a week, Economic problems will, however, take longer.

JAPANESE CRUISER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE OF ALLIES IN PACIFIC

Two Merchant Ships Also Sent To Bottom And Fourteen Enemy Planes Knocked Out In New Guinea and Timor

MELBOURNE, May 22: (CP)—Allied submarines were officially credited today with sinking of a 7,000-ton Japanese cruiser and two merchant ships totalling 15,000 tons in the Battle of the South Pacific while United Nations planes knocked out fourteen more Japanese planes in attacks on enemy bases in New Guinea and Timor. Al-

headquarters identified the with six eight-inch guns and nor- ADVOCATE mal crew of 604.

UTILIZING

Japs Prevented Grain Shipments Being Made From Prince Rupert

keeping grain shipments out of essary" and had been brought sioners told the House of Com- truth about it.

ed much grain would be moved betrayal of our country and the out of Prince Rupert to Japan world at large." because of the port's location but the Japanese wanted deckloads of to make the best use of ship ac- BANKER IS to make the best use of ship accomodation.

As lumber was not always available at Prince Rupert, Japanese ships went to Vancouver.

Press)—Germans once more have DOMINICAN

Sunk by Enemy Action

newspaper reported that "the Dominican ship, a 900-tonner, couver. He will leave Smithers enemy is making a furious ef- second of the country's vessels to early in June to take up his new fort to take the initiative out be lost by enemy action, has been duties. of our hands but this is not last storpedoed, it is announced. Some | Since coming to Smithers Mr. of those on board were rescued Dando has become one of its leadbut several were drowned. The ing citizens and has taken an acent." At London a Reuters' re- Dominican Republic is officially tive part in every institution that at war with Germany.

Australia Calls Up Older Men To

CANBERRA, May 22—Australian player to replace him. area in spite of danger of being men between the ages of forty-five Mrs. Dando also has made many 7.10 outflanked by the Nazis from the and fifty-five are being called up friends in Smithers and will be 1.15 | south. Red Star, however, reports to work on military construction missed in a number of societies.

Baseball Scores

American League Philadelphia 11, Detroit 3. Washington 5, St. Louis 2. New York 1, Chicago 0. Boston 8, Cleveland 3. National League

Cincinnatti 2, Philadelphia 3. Pittsburgh at Boston, Chicago at New York and St. Louis at International Red Cross Repre-Brooklyn, postponed.

HALIBUT SALES

American California, 18,500, 14c and 11c.

Canadian

North Forland, 4,000, 13.3c and

Duke of Bedford Calls War "Disastrous and Unnecessary"

OF PEACE

LONDON, May 22-The Duke of Bedford, pacifist and advocate of peace with Germany, made his maiden speech in the House of OTTAWA, May 22: (P)-The Jap- Lords yesterday. He declared the anese were an important factor in war to be "disastrous and unnec-Prince Rupert from reaching an- about by unresponsible politicians. ticipated volume, D. A. McGibbon The people would not have conof the Board of Grain Commis- sented to it if they had known the

mons committee on agriculture. Lord Cranborne, in reply, declared a negotiated peace with Ger-Originally it had been expect- many would be "an unpardonable

A. N. Dando Moved From Smithers To Vancouver-Frank Dobson To Smithers

SMITHERS, May 22-A. N. Dando, manager of the Royal Bank at Smithers for the past several screened attack. However, the Second Vessel of Small Republic is years, has received notice that he has been appointed manager of the bank's branch at Hastings NEW YORK, May 22-Another Street East and Nanaimo in Van-

> worked for the betterment of the town and district and he will be greatly missed in many organizations. At the present time he is President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross Society and the Smithers' Curling Club. He is Erect Buildings an active member of the Smithers' Brass Band and that institution will now have to find a good bass

Frank W. Dobson of the branch

of the Royal Bank at Hastings and Homer Street in Vancouver is expected to arrive in Smithers shortly to take over the managership of this branch.

INSPECT

sentative to Visit Hong Kong

BUENOS AIRES, May 22- The Argentine Foreign Office announces that Japan has agreed that an international Red Cross officer WASHINGTON, May 22-Secre- | Electra, 45,000, 12.5c and 11c, should visit Hong Kong and inspect conditions among British and Canadian prisoners of war there. Japan has refused, however, to permit a Red Cross ship from delivering supplies for these prisoners at Hong Kong.