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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1942

## Local Temperature

Maximum ..... 56  
Minimum ..... 49

## Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)  
High 1:47 a.m. 20.8 feet  
14:25 p.m. 19.8 feet  
Low 8:18 a.m. 2.7 feet  
20:26 p.m. 5.7 feet

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## Today's War Summary

(By Canadian Press)

### British Aircraft Carrier Sunk . . .

LONDON—The aircraft carrier Eagle has been sunk in the Mediterranean but a large part of the 22,600 ton warship's crew has been saved the Admiralty announced today. At Berlin the German news agency said that since last night Axis air and submarine forces had been engaged in a new battle with a British convoy in the western Mediterranean.

### German Industrial Centre Bombed . . .

LONDON — The German industrial and rail centre of Mainz was heavily attacked last night by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. in a raid which was "particularly successful" and left fires still raging this morning, the Air Ministry announced. Sixteen bombers are missing indicating a strong force approximating 400 aircraft participated.

### U.S. Navy Shells Kiska . . .

WASHINGTON—United States naval units, apparently surprising Japanese forces in the Aleutians did considerable damage to the garrison at Kiska as well as sinking several ships and silencing Jap shore batteries.

### 'Operations Satisfactory,' Solomons . . .

WASHINGTON — The Battle of the Solomons proceeds with American marines engaged in hand-to-hand fighting. Japanese counter-attacks have not slowed up the offensive action of the Allies. Senator Walsh of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee stated "that operations to date have been satisfactory." Meanwhile Japanese efforts to reinforce their embattled armies, have been blasted by vigilant air and sea activity. Jap air and debarkation bases are being bombed daily by American bombers.

### Martial Law Probable In India . . .

BOMBAY — British authorities called increasing numbers of troops into action today to cope with the spreading violence and it became a question of how long martial law could be forestalled in turbulent India. Worst trouble spot was New Delhi where official statement described the situation as ugly and said that the mob had burned and virtually destroyed the town hall and troops fired on civilian crowds yesterday. There was no accurate count of cost in lives since Sunday when India's aspirations for independence suddenly erupted. Casualty lists in Bombay alone reached at least thirty-one dead and more than 250 wounded.

## CANADIAN MANPOWER TO BE MOBILIZED; EVERYONE IN HIS WARTIME PLACE

Series of Orders-in-Council Within Next Thirty Days To Implement New National Plan

(By G. A. Hunter)

By means of a series of orders-in-council to be promulgated by the government at Ottawa in the course of the next thirty days steps will be taken towards effecting a nation-wide plan whereby every employable person in Canada will be placed in that position, whether civilian or military, in which he can make his or her greatest contribution towards a maximum war effort. Such is the word I bring home from Ottawa where I was one of some 150 newspapermen from all parts of Canada to whom the new manpower utilization program was explained by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, and Elliott Little, director of selective service for Canada. The new orders putting the plan into effect will be made public by stages in the course of the very near future. The newspapermen, representatives of the country — geographically, racially and politically — appeared agreed with the minister and the director, that it was high time, in view of the rapidly developing critical situation in the war, that Canada should marshal her manpower to fit into the best possible adjustment with the requirements of the armed services and the war industries.

The government intends to proceed with its program along the lines of the following general principles, details of which will be announced as the orders are enacted: Maintenance of a current enumeration and classification of the population to determine the available supply of labor and the uses to which it can best be put.

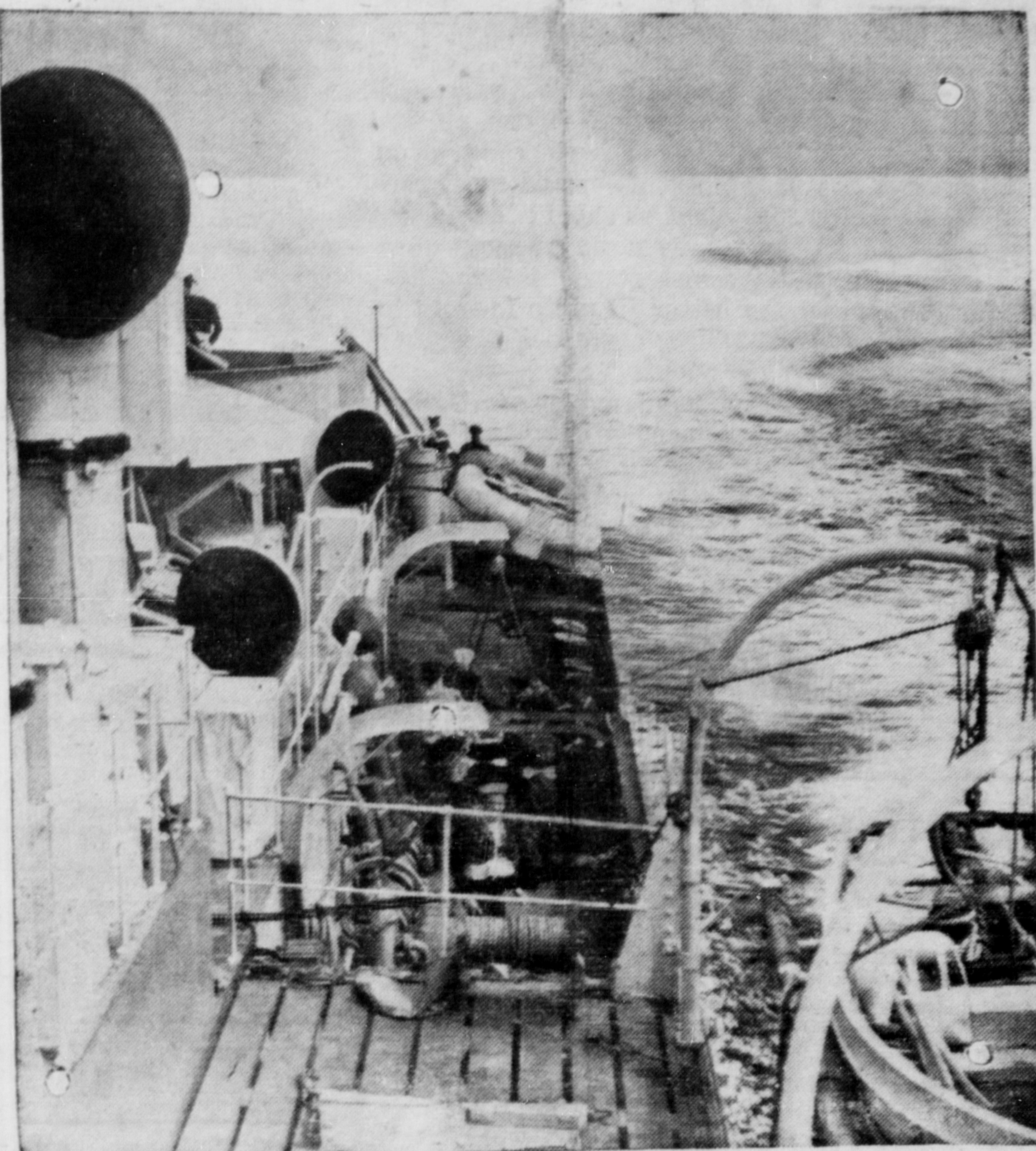
Maintenance of a current estimate of the known and anticipated labor requirements of the armed services, the war industries and civilian industries.

Direction of the supply of labor in such a way as to meet the requirements with minimum dislocation.

Centralization of the recruiting.

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HERE'S A CANNED MESSAGE THAT REACHED ITS DESTINATION



Closing in on her victim, the corvette shown in this photograph dropped her depth charges at well-spaced intervals (described in the navy as a "depth charge pattern"). From beneath the surface came a shattering, powerful explosion and minutes later the tell-tale oil slick spread slowly across the water. In the background is the huge geyser thrown up by the depth charge explosion. (R.C.N. Photo)

## Who Hit This Nazi Sub? Who Cares! As Long As Someone Got Him

From the Ports of Little Ships Canada's Fighting Seamen Sail Out to Hunt Down the Foe

By LIEUT. E. H. BARTLETT, R.C.N.V.R.

The Ports of the Little Ships are busy.

They are the ports from which sail the Hunters of the Atlantic—the destroyers and corvettes, trawlers and sloops, the little ships which spend their days and their nights in ceaseless forays against the submarines with which Hitler is trying to cut the ocean life-line between the new world and the old.

Canada has her Ports of Little Ships. So have America and England and Ireland, Scotland, Newfoundland and Iceland. One day, perhaps, their full story may be written, a story of the transformation of the ports into miniature naval bases. And, in the telling of that story will be told, too, the story of the little ships themselves. Some of their stories can be told now, although all the details cannot be printed. Some stories can be told as they were told to this writer one night in the Crow's Nest, in one of the Ports of the Little Ships.

### Meeting Place of Nations

First, perhaps, the Crow's Nest should be introduced.

Officially it is listed as the "Seagoing Officer's Club" in the port where it is the main centre of relaxation for those officers whose little ships visit this port.

It is far from Canada, this port, although it is now a Canadian naval base. Ships of the navies of Britain, Free France, Poland and Norway use it, for the war at sea has proven that the phrase "United Nations" is a fact and not merely a fanciful joining of words. To provide a common meeting place for these officers of the United Nations a senior Canadian officer started the Sea-Going Officers' Club.

It is not, to put it mildly, exactly pretentious. It is the top floor of a warehouse building, reached by three steep flights of wooden stairs which climb the outside walls of the warehouse itself. The use of the top floor was donated by the warehouse owner. A friend of his added a settee, another friend gave

another presented the club with a kitchen table. There is a fireplace with a wooden settle around it, and a "juke box" which grinds out the tunes of the day at five cents per tune. For entertainment there is the inevitable dart board and, for the devotees, a chess board with an excellent set of men. A small bar and an equally small kitchen (the cook specializes in fried sausages and eggs) complete the furnishings. As was said before, as a club it is not exactly pretentious. But it has atmosphere — the atmosphere of the Little Ships. Boat lanterns give it illumination. The crests of the Little Ships, painted on plaques around its walls, provide its decoration. And the sea-going officers are unwittingly writing its history as, relaxed, off-duty, they tell of the waging of the war at sea.

### "It's All Luck"

They don't tell their own tales, for that is not the way of the Silent Service. But, in telling of the exploits of some of their numbers, the story gradually unfolds.

"It's a lot of luck, you know," said one of the officers. "Some ships go out time after time, and never get a chance to go after a sub. They might feel upset about it, but after all, as long as they are getting the merchant ships through, they are still doing their job. Other ships walk into a spot of glory right away. It's all luck."

There was the luck which befell a Canadian corvette. She was, and is, commanded by a lieutenant in the volunteer reserve, and her crew is almost completely drawn from the ranks of that body. In action with a submarine, however, they handled their craft and their weapons like veterans of the permanent fighting force.

They were returning from a patrol when they ran into a submarine attack upon a convoy. More, they ran into a surfaced submarine waiting to launch her torpedoes into the merchantman. The corvette attacked, swiftly and competently.

### They Don't Like Corvettes

A submarine on the surface has a very healthy turn of speed. The Nazi commander, with a corvette bearing down on him, used his speed and fled. Merchantmen, yes. Armed corvette, no thank you. The chase lasted more than an

hour, with the corvette gradually losing the distance between them. The corvette's forward gun was in action whenever it could be brought to bear, which was not very often in the moderately rough sea which was running. A submarine is a small target in the best conditions and as the action was in the middle of a dark night it is not surprising no hits were registered.

The corvette captain was not perturbed about the fact; his joy was that he had the submarine where he wanted her . . . under attack.

Four torpedoes, from the sub's stern tubes, were launched at his ship. One passed within 15 feet, its white wake bubbling impotently. Then, to avoid being rammed, the submarine crash-dived.

### Oil Slick Tells Story

Close on her dive the corvette dropped a full pattern of depth charges. Their explosions shook the corvette. Then, from beneath the surface, came a powerful shattering explosion which was certainly not caused by any one depth charge or any combination of them. There was no further sign of the submarine, her fate remained a mystery of the sea and the darkness of the night. Hours later when day had come, a patrolling aircraft reported a huge slick of oil and bits of wreckage.

The corvette feels she has a submarine to her credit, but the proof is not quite conclusive enough for the powers that be.

"It's hard," an officer broke in, after the telling of this tale, "to decide sometimes who really makes the kill. Now take the case of . . ."

His story was of two R.N. corvettes who joined forces to wipe out a sub.

The first corvette had a full load of depth charges and was just itching to use them. Unfortunately, her submarine detecting device had, as the teller of the tale phrased it, "developed a pain in its tummy" and was not operating. While she was mournfully returning to base to effect repairs, she got a signal from a sister ship to come along and help.

The sister ship had a perfectly operating detecting device and had located a sub lying on the bottom. But, unfortunately having had

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## Cities Aflame As Germans Rip Russian Lines

Germans Claim Two Russian Armies "Annihilated"—Huge Masses of German Tanks Press Drive

LONDON, Aug. 12 (CP)—Hitler's field headquarters claimed sweeping new successes in the battles of the Don River and Caucasus today while the Russians announced a new German advance toward Stalingrad on the Volga and declared that whole cities were aflame on the trail of the Nazi invaders. Soviet dispatches said that huge masses of German tanks supported by planes ripped into the Russian lines northeast of Kotelnikovski, 95 miles south of Stalingrad, and broke through the Red Army defences. The newspaper Red Star said that the assault had finally been stopped. German headquarters flashed a series of claims asserting that the bulk of the Russian 62nd army and 1st tank army had been "annihilated" in the Kalach sector fifty miles northwest of Stalingrad with 35,000 Red Army soldiers taken prisoner.

## Teachers Beaten In Polish Camps

Former M.P. of Nazi-Occupied Country Tells of Cruelties of Nazis to Her Sex

LONDON, Aug. 12 (CP)—Mme. Zofia Zaleska, formerly member of the Polish Parliament for Warsaw Central District and now a member of the Polish National Council in London disclosed receipt of information that Polish women of 70 in the Ravenbruck concentration camp at Mecklenburg are periodically confined for 42 days in a dark cell without bedclothes and beaten with metal rods twice a week.

"We are informed that the prisoners must be conscious all the time of punishment by birching," she said. "A wardress holds the prisoner's pulse and if she loses consciousness she is brought round before the punishment is continued." There are 3,000 women in the camp, and many of them are teachers.

## Gen. LaFleche Has Long Record

Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence Deals With Trainee Requests

By JAMES MCCOOK, Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, August 12: (CP)—Twenty-six years ago his comrades thought Leo Richer LaFleche was dead. He was one of those who had fallen in the bloody fighting at Mont Sorel, France, and it was accepted that a man who had suffered so many wounds could not live.

But he did live—to hear the guns rumbling in France in the Second Great War, to preach the creed of Canadian preparedness when such advocacy was unpopular, to be deputy minister of national defence and, later, officer in charge of the call-up of young men for compulsory training under the policy decided by the Dominion government.

Today, Maj.-Gen. L. R. LaFleche, the man they left to die, ignores his wounds and his memories. He has plenty of both. His face is scarred and an arm slow to move. But he smiles like a boy and his lame arm is good enough to present quickly to his visitors two cigarettes—always two for this genial man goes on the assumption that there will be time to smoke two during the conversation, although his decisions are swift and his information precise.

As associate deputy minister of national war services, Gen. LaFleche has been in direct charge of calling up men under the National Resources Mobilization Act. War services boards throughout the country deal with local problems, but in the end the major troubles flutter to the desk of General LaFleche.

"Looking back over two years I can remember lots of problems, but it has not been difficult—no, it has not been difficult," he said. "You see, young Canadians are all right, so it has not been difficult." General LaFleche works on the basic assumption that Canadians liable for compulsory service want to do their part for their country. It is a basic belief, the frame of mind with which he looks on all the numberless problem cases that come before him. It makes him tolerant.

Good Reasons Needed If a young man gives good rea-

## Find Nurse Has Canadian Drawl

South African Publication Reports On Hospital in Charge of Montreal Girl

PRETORIA, Aug. 12 (CP)—In one military hospital Nursing Sister C. Macdonald of Montreal is in charge of a 32-bed ward. An article in "The Women's Auxiliary," published at Johannesburg, describes this military hospital run by women and mentions that Sister Macdonald "speaks with a faint Canadian drawl." She is just one of many Canadian army nurses who have gone to South Africa.

## Baseball Scores

National League  
New York 6, Boston 4.  
St. Louis 7, Chicago 2.  
Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 3.  
American League  
Boston 3, New York 2.  
Detroit 0-3, Cleveland 0-2.  
(First game 14 innings, tie.)  
Washington 3, Philadelphia 1.  
Chicago 2, St. Louis 9.

## HALIBUT SALES

American  
Western—52,000 pounds, 18c and 14c, Storage.

## WHAT—MORE TALCUM?

LONDON, Aug. 12 (CP)—There should be more face powder and talcum powder available in British shops now. For five months after Aug. 1 these powders will be free from control as they are produced in factories in areas where there is not an outstanding demand for war workers.

sons for not being able to report for training immediately, then we must look on his application for postponement as kindly as we can," he said. "Tens of thousands of call-out notices bring to the surface thousands of individual problems. Those in charge of the call-out try to be human. But the man who is just trying to dodge his duty, then we act swiftly and justly."