## WAR NEWS

TISH TAKE HALFAYA

CAIRCA & rces today took Halfaya Pass, final remainance in the Libya-Egyptian frontier region. arrison of an estimated 5,500 men. The ase British forces for action far to the ere slow progress continues to be ulf of Cirte and on the desert to the south in spite of attack by the enemy.

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE—As final Lence lines are organized for Singapore about 100 miles up Malay Peninsula, fierce fighting is reported today with the British resistance definitely stiffening. The fighting Major General Gordon Bennett, commander-in-chief, of the Australian forces, which have entered the battle there, says: "Hang on we must. Hang on we will." There are indications that the Japanese are now trying to drive across Burmese frontier from Thailand. In the Netherlands East Indies three bases have been struck at by the enemy without serious damage.

AFRICAN PORT RAIDED

MADRID-A Free French destroyer is reported to have entered the Spanish port of Santa Isabel on the west coast of Africa and seized three Axis merchant ships. (At London Free French headquarters declared news that a Free French destroyer had been responsible for the coup was without foundation. In Berlin the Germans claimed a British destroyer had made the seizure.)

CHURCHILL

After Historic Trip To United

States and Canada

LONDON, Jan. 17:-Prime Min-

ister Winston Churchill returned

to England today from his historic

trip to the United States and

Canada. He made the Atlantic

crossing from Bermuda in fifteen

hours on a flying boat. He was

accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook

and heads of naval, military and

air force mission. Reports are still

prevalent of imminent changes in

the cabinet to be made by the

executive.

muda to Plymouth.

HALFAYA IS

5,500 Soldiers Surrender.

fell to Imperial siege forces this

morning with unconditional sur-

Apoplexy, It Is Officially

Announced in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 17: (P)-Field Mar-

\$2000 INSURANCE

THEY MUST SWIM

hard-pressed garrison.

## DISASTER TO REICH BACK HOME

osition of Nazi Forces In Russia Prime Minister In England Again Even More Critical-Fall Of Kharkov Believed Imminent

COUNTER ATTACK FAILS

LONDON, Jan. 17: -Bitter but fruitless . German counterattacks on the central front, paced by picked divisions from 100,000 man army marshalled t the tip of Mozhaisw salient, were indicated by the Soviet information bureau today. All eforts to check the Russian dvance were made at tremenlous cost and all were repulsed, the Bureau disclosed.

MOSCOW, Jan. 17:-Chancellor olf Hitler appears to be faced day with the loss of Kharkov eat industrial centre in Donets sin and fourth largest city of ussia, which has been encircled the onrushing Red Army unter-offensive and recapture of hich is expected any day now is would be a major disaster for Nazi invaders whose position Crimea is also becoming worse. Reinforcements, it is reported, being rushed up from Gerany as the Reich armies, now initely on the defensive, enavour to protect their positions

In addition to Kharkov, Mozisk, on the central front west of loscow, and Tagenrog, in the ukraine, are under heavy Soviet

# PROMOTION

Isher Goes To Appeal Court— Ellis To Supreme Court

OTTAWA, Jan. 17:-Mr. Justice J. Fisher of the Supreme Court Egyptian - Libyan desert frontier, British Columbia has been proloted to the Appeal Court of Brish Columbia. Judge J. N. Ellis of e County Court in Vancouver es to the Supreme Court while ruce Boyd becomes County Court

## Recruits From Interior South Axis forces three hundred miles further west.

Farlane Back From Trip As HAD BAD

Major Parkes, area recruiting ficer, and Sergeant C. B. McFarne returned to the city on hursday night's train from a reruiting tour through the in- Nazi Field Marshal Succumbs to erior as far as Burns Lake in the ourse of which they signed up ome twenty recruits. A party of ese recruits consisting of I. Pen-Ington, E. E. Moore, H. M. An- shal Walter von Reichenau has erson, A. V. Shaw, R. H. Jewell, died of apoplexy, the Nazi author-E. Shaw and F. Allam arrived ities announced today. the same train from the inerior and sailed last night on the rincess Adelaide for Vancouver.

SCOTS WHA HAE!

English garrison by four dar-& Scotsmen.

SOUTH WALES, N.Y. South Wales is the name of a own in New York State.

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# of Singapore

BRITISH WAR CHIEFS STUDY PLANS IN WASHINGTON



Three top-ranking chiefs of Britain's armed forces study maps of war areas as they follow progress of the world war at the British embassy in Washington, D.C. Left to right, Field-Marshal Sir John Dill; Admiral of the Fleet, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Sir Dudley Pound, and Air-Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal.

### Prime Minister. This may involve the relief from their present portfolios of Anthony Eden, Lord Beaverbrook, Ernest Bevin and Sir Kingsley Wood so they may devote their energies exclusively to functions as members of the war

Mr. Churchill stepped prosically Talk on Throne Speech Continues from a train in London this morn-With Various Matters ing, home from the history-mak-Taken Up. ing visit. He had flown from Ber-

The prime minister and four of VICTORIA, Jan. 17: - C. his chief lieutenants made the Leary, Liberal member for Kaslo- + and has not been heard of + long over-water jump in a four-Slocan, speaking in Throne Speech & since last October when he & engined flying boat of the British debate yesterday, was critical of & was in Yokohama. His wife, & time being wasted in debate in daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. It is expected the prime minis- the legislature. He urged a spe- & S. Fisher, formerly of Prince ter will broadcast a report to the cial war effort. empire soon, possibly tomorrow

Vancouver, called for democrati- + parents. Naturally, there is + zation in the armed forces.

Roderick McDonald, Liberal, & nell. Lillooet, criticized the public utilities commission, saying that it + + had only rendered one decision which had been later reversed by the courts.

## Axis Hold-Out Stronghold Falls to British Forces This Morning— Orange Ladies Bridge, Dance

CAIRO, Jan. 17: (P) — Halfaya Pass, Axis stronghold on the Successful Affair in Metropole Hall Last Night.

A very successful bridge drive render of more than 5,500 of the and dance was held last evening Thus the British army smashed in the Metropole Hall under the the Axis attempt to parallel the auspices of the L.O.B.A.

British hold-out at Tobruk and Prize winners in bridge were: won access to the main coastal ladies' first, Mrs. J. Owens; secroute of supply to advance assault ond, Mrs. A. Dickens; men's first, forces pursuing the main body of J. Krikevsky; second, J. Vidervick. Following the bridge drive, delicious refreshments were served by the committee including Mrs. J. Moller, Mrs. H. Killin, Mrs. V. Menzies, Mrs. Wide, Mrs. A. Murray and Mrs. L. Dodd. Convenor for the affair was Mrs. L. Dodd. HEADACHE The evening concluded at 1 a.m. Moneta ...... fter dancing to Mrs. Black's or- Pickle Crow chestra. James Krikevsky acted Preston East Dome

## University Of B.C. Is Winner

as master of ceremonies.

Takes McGowan Cup for Intercollegiate Debating Last Night.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 17: - The There was insurance of \$2000 covering building and contents of McGowan Cup, for inter-collegiate the 100th anniversary of the adthe residence of Casey Vink on debating, has been won by the Bass Rock, a famous fortress of Eleventh Avenue which was de- University of British Columbia. cotland, was once captured from stroyed by fire Thursday morning. Last night in Vancouver a University of British Columbia team won a unanimous decision over a University of Manitoba team while From now on all recruits for the another British team was winning New Zealand army must learn to over University of Alberta at Edmonton.

# Man In Japan

Irving N. Linnell, who many \* ♣ years ago started his diplo- ♣ \* matic career for the United \* + States in Prince Rupert, had + + his last appointment in Japan + \* Rupert, is now residing at \* Grant McNeill, C.C.F., North & Medina, Washington, with her some anxiety as to Mr. Lin-

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver

Grandview

Bralorne

and a partie and	
Cariboo Quartz	1.70
Hedley Mascot	34
Pend Oreille	1.70
Pioneer	2.00
Premier	58
Privateer	42
Reno	143
Sheep Creek	20
Oils	
Calmont	:17
C. & E.	1.15
Home	2.57
Royal Canadian	04
Toronto	
Beattie	90
Central Patricia	1.19
Consolidated Smelters	38.1/8
Hardrock	50
Kerr Addison	3.95
Little Long Lac	1.30
McLeod Cockshutt	1.53
Madsen Red Lake	48
McKenzie Red Lake	95
Moneta	25

## GOAT'S MILK 'Goat's milk should be pasteur-

San Antonio

ized for the same reason that cow's milk is pasteurized say health authorities.

SALT LAKE PIONEERS

Sherritt Gordon .....

July 24, 1947, will commemorate vent of pioneers into Salt Lake

Minimum Maximum

Seventeen Local Young Men Join Up and Will Be Leaving Next Week-Three for Air Crew.

Air Force recruiting board which fering badly from malaria. completed its sessions here yesterday. They will be leaving next \* \* \* \* \* \* \* Monday by train for Edmonton and Toronto to take up training. Going to Edmonton will be T. + Spain in

W. Collison, R. A. Silversides, J. L. E. Gleeson, H. F. Clarkston, R. F. Clarkston, H. W. D. Worsfold, H. R. Hamilton, K. A. Lundeen, P. Austen, E. L. Crosby, H. R. Crosby, R W. McLarry and R. E. Tobey. Those leaving for Toronto will

be J. A. Leighton, H. C. Hatch, D. A. Gushue and D. W. Burnip. Of the seventeen Collison, Wors- & belligerent Spain's island of wise presumably killed in the fold and Tobey have enlisted for air crew.

ing board also visited Ocean Falls of newspaper indicated that of were members of the ferry comand Powell River, enlisting fourteen men at the former point and ten at the latter.

Sir Stafford Cripps Retires-Sir Archibald Kerr His Successor

LONDON, Jan. 17:-Sir Stafford Cripps has been retired at his own request as British ambassador to Russia. His successor is Sir Archibald Kerr, ambassador to China. New ambassador to China is Sir Hall Seymour.

### TOM CAT JINX

most travelled and most ship- this year and ten million next. wrecked cat, is not going back to sea. The Royal Navy has labelled German Minister Oscar a jinx. Shipwrecked three times, Oscar will spend the rest of his days in a sailor's rest home.

### NEUTRAL ROTARY

Despite the war Rotary Clubs are carrying on in Sweden and Switzerland.

### TALL BAMBOOS

Bamboo plants reach a height of 40 feet or more.

## Japanese Are Making Further Headway Now Crossing Muar River

Tokyo Claims to Have Occupied Malacca and Broken Through Australian Defence Lines to Within Fifty Miles of Stronghold.

SINGAPORE, Ja. 17: (CP) - A major battle for Singapore was reported developing today as British headquarters announced that Japanese troops had gained a foothold on the south bank of strategic Muar River, ninety miles north of Johore Strait. A Tokyo broadcast quoted front line dispatches as claiming Japanese forces had completely occupied Malacca,

110 miles northwest of Singapore, and a Domei dispatch claimed a Japanese spearhead had broken ACTRESS IS Japanese spearhead had broken through defences to within fifty miles of the stronghold. Up to early today, the Australians had been reported holding in Malaya.

Far to the north other Japanese invasion columns were reported striking into Burma in an attempt to cut off China's back door route of war supplies.

Dispatches from Batavia said Japanese bombers had renewed attacks on the big East Indies naal and air base at Imboina while in the Philippines a United States Department of War bulletin reported that a heavy Japanese attack was now in progress against the right flank of American and Filipino defenders.

MADRID, Jan. 17: (P)—Three \* Axis merchantmen have been \* \* prevent such incidents.

# MANY SHIPS an explosion. A passing pilot reported a fire on Table Mountain, about forty

United States Wartime Program Has Now Reached Request of President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, (P)-The United States Wartime Commission announced today that it had negotiated contracts for the construction of 632 additional mer- Anxiety Felt Concerning Condition chant vessels bringing the program up to President Franklin D. BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Roosevelt's request for eight mil-Jan. 17: (P)—Oscar, the world's lion deadweight tons of shipping

## Being Interned

Others Are Removed to United States.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17: - The DUTCH INDIES POPULATION German minister to Mexico and where they will be interned.

## VICTIM OF AIR CRASH

Carole Lombard and Twenty-One Others Lose Lives Near Las Vegas, Nevada.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Jan. 17:-Carole Lombard, noted screen actress, and twenty-one others, including her mother and press agent, perished last evening in the crash of a transport plane near here. It was one of the worst disasters in United States aviation history. Miss Lombard was returning to The Royal Air Force is striking Hollywood from a personal ap-Seventeen local young men were hard in Malaya at the Japanese pearance tour in Indiana. On reattested by the Royal Canadian who are also reported to be suf-ceiving word of what had happened, Clark Gable, Miss Lombard's husband, chartered a plane and immediately took off from

Hollywood for Las Vegas. The transport plane left here at \* 7 o'clock last evening after a brief + pause. Not long after spectators saw it crash and burst into flames in nearby hills. There was a tremendous roar and the flames could

be seen for miles. In addition to the fun-loving \* seized by a Free French de- \* wife of Clark Gable, other passenstroyer in a raid on the har- gers on the plane included fifteen + bor of Santa Isabel in non- + United States Army fliers, like-+ Fernando off the west coast + crash of the machine—a Transof Africa, the newspaper Ar- continental and Western Air On its present trip the recruit- riba asserted today. The + Transport plane. The Army fliers \* Spain may have already made \* mand returning to the Pacific the seizure a diplomatic issue to coast for new assignments. They \* and asserted that Spanish \* boarded the plane at Alberquer-\* armed forces hereafter would \* que where four other passengers had been removed to make way for them.

The ill-fated transport actually took off from Las Vegas at 7:07 last night and it was at about 7:30 p.m. that workers at an ad-Jacent mine saw a flare and heard

miles southwest of Las Vegas.

## Former Premier Of France III

of Leon Blum.

VICHY, Jan. 17:- Former Premier Leon Blum is seriously ill with flubitis, a condition tributary to heart trouble. Owing to his age, anxiety is felt.

### SWEDISH TRADE

Sweden's November Imports were 10 percent lower than those for Envoy to Mexico and Forty-Three October, while exports during the same period were five percent lower for the previous month.

forty-three others were loaded on Netherlands Indies has an estia special train here last night mated population of nearly 70,and taken to the United States 000,000 persons, including more than a million Chinese.