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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1943

(Half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise.)

Tonight's Dim-out

7:21 p.m. to 8:29 a.m.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Russians

Are Sweeping

Forward

120 WERE POISONED

Incident at Port Edward at First of The Week

the cause.

ed. Thirty were unable to go to severely ill. Eight men were handled in the hospital at Port Edward and ten were brought here.

There were the usual poisoning symptons-vomiting, diorrhea, pains in the legs and prostration follow-

PULPWOOD TOSTATES

Canada Agrees to Make Heavy Exports to Other Side

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 17 (CP)—Canada has agreed to exert every possible effort to expert 1,550,000 cords of pulpwood to the United States this year from territory east of the Cas-

cades in British Columbia. An agreement also provides that Canadian mills will ship to the United States 1,170,000 tons of pulp in 1943.

Export of pulp logs from British Columbia will be arranged in volume sufficient to maintain mill operations at the same percentage of production capacity on both sides of the border and will give Canadian and American operators a similar number of days' supply.

New Deal With Air Force For City Land Up

of city lands in various parts of ing. covering all such deals.

these are all deferred now pend- not have the funds. the reaching of a uniform

Paint Curbs To Assist Drivers

Steps Being Considered by City Council to Make Bridges Safer During Dim-outs

The city is considering a proposal to paint the curbs of Hays facilitate driving in the dim-out. As aluminum paint is now practically impossible to obtain, the suggestion has been made that the curbs might be painted traffic yellow at three-foot gaps. The A.R.P. will be consulted in connection with the matter.

SOUTH AFRICAN LOSSES

oners, 4,137 wounded.

HIS BODY IS FOUND

Infected Food Believed Cause of Remains of Second Kwinitsa Slide Victim Recovered - Search Continues for Third

Infected ham cor potato salad, The body of Andrew Kirkup of probably the former, was the cause Walberg, Saskatchewan, missing of the poisoning of some 120 men at | since Last Friday morning when a contracting camp at Port Edward a snow slide destroyed the highat the end of the week. An investi- way construction camp of the Tomgation has since been made by Dr. linson Co. near Kwinitsa on the R. J. MacDonald, provincial health | Skeena River, was dug out of the officer, who stated last night that debris at 3:35 Tuesday afternoon laboratory tests were being made to and arrived in Prince Rupert durdefinitely establish just what was ing the night. Search is being continued for a supposed third victim In all some 120 men were affect- of the avalanche, George Balderchak of Egerton, Alberta, of whom work on Monday. One was quite nothing has been seen since the

> The scope of the inquest on Reginald McClellan of Walberg, Saskatchewan, who died of injuries sustained in the slide, has now been extended to take in the case of Kirkup. The coroner's jury viewed the body of Kirkup at noon today and then adjourned until this evening when the taking of evidence will proceed.

Kirkup's body was found not far from the point where McClellan was found badly injured.

The inquest is being held before Coroner Dr. R. J. MacDonald and the jury consists of George J. Dawes (foreman), Stephen Azburia, J. R. Slaggard, L. M. Asemissen, L. R. Gentry and R. J. Mutch,

T. W. Brown is appearing at the inquest as counsel with a watching brief for the Tomlinson Construction Co. whose camp superintendent, Claude Johnson, is also attending.

Booster Pump Being Held Up

It is Now Said That Federal Government Will Not Assist in Installation

Some question has now arisen as to whether there is to be federal assistance in connection with the installation of a booster pump to increase the city's water supply and, in view of this, the whole project is now at a standstill. It had been proposed that the city engineer should prepare the site for the On recommendation of the fi- pump and arrange for power connance committee, the city council nection but, in view of recent dehas decided to rescind all arrange- velopments, this will not be done ments made by the previous city for the time being. The whole administration with the Royal Can- matter is expected to be before the adian Air Force for sale or lease council again at next week's meet-

the city. The idea is to arrive at | The city has already taken steps a standard basis of agreement to obtain the material for the booster pump but the council took A number of separate deals for the stand that before any work the acquisition by the Royal Can- was started the government should adian Air Force are pending but put up the money as the city did

Traffic Bylaw In Conference Stage

Military Authorities to be Called in By Committee of Council

Final preliminary phase of conference on the new street traffic bylaw of this city will be an early Creek and Morse Creek bridges to facilitate driving in the dim-out forces after which the bylaw will come before the council for appro-val and enactment. It had been Poll Taxes To proposed to have representatives of contractors and possibly other in- Be Effective terests attend the committee conference but it was decided against this as it was felt the discussion would only become unwieldy and be

of no real purpose. Ald. McKay thought that suffici-CAPETOWN, Feb. 17 (P) — Gen. ent notice should be given car ownhas announced total South ers of changes that were to be contractors with a view to reach- have abandoned three air Mr. Justice Richards is to be ac-African war casualties were 1,115 made under the bylaw such as the ling arrangements for the payment the killed again the line arrangements for the payment to fields. killed, 2,237 missing, 12,748 pris- prohibition of night parking on the poll tax direct from the streets.

CRACK NAZI TROOPS IN RETREAT ACROSS FROZEN RUSSIA



Although suicide garrisons are being left behind by the Germans as they retreat swiftly on the entire Russian front, their resistance does not last long in face of relentless Russian attacks. Even the crack Nazi troops are on the run now as shown in picture.

BULLETINS : More Axis

GANDHI IS WEAKER

NEW DELHI-Mahatma Gandhi, in the eighth day of his scheduled three weeks fast, is Axis supply ships have been & growing constantly weaker and sunk in the Mediterranean there is anxiety among his fol- + and seven others damaged. lowers that death may claim the frail politician. Gandhi began his + + + + + + + + + + protest against refusal of the viceroy to give him unconditional release.

TO FLY RED FLAGS

CANBERRA - Premier John Curtin has called upon all Australians to celebrate the twentyfifth anniversary next week of the founding of the Red Army of Russia. He suggests that Soviet Union flags be flown throughout Australia.

SUGAR FOR CANNING

OTTAWA-New Canadian ration books will include cards for sugar to be used in canning.

UPRISING IN HOLLAND

LONDON-Reports are received here that a general uprising in Holland against Nazi rule is imminent.

MERRITT FOR SENATE OTTAWA—The name of Lieut.

Col. Ceeil Merritt, V.C., hero of Dieppe and now a prisoner of war, is mentioned for the Sen-

PROHIBIT BUILDING

OTTAWA - Prohibition of all new construction by individuals or companies in Canada may be ordered. It might be a temporary move or for the duration.

WITHDRAW GAS MASKS OTTAWA - Col. R. J. Manion approves the suggestion that gas masks be withdrawn from issuance in British Columbia and stored in safe places. There has been lack of interest on the part of the public in equipping themselves with gas masks.

The city is to tighten up on poll of the larger employers such as + in the south but driving in + conditions in Prince Rupert ar payrolls.

LONDON, Feb. 17-Six more +

Opening of 1943 Halibut Season Has Been Officially Announced

VICTORIA, Feb. 17 (P)-The International Fisheries Commission announces that the 1943 halibut fishing regulations permit halibut fishing on April 16.

Incinerator For Garbage Planned

City and Military Authorities Would Share in its Operation Under Plan

The utilities committee of the city council is going further into the question of establishing a garbage incine ator which would be jointly operated by the city and the armed forces—the former paying one-third of the cost of fuel and the latter two - thirds. The city would supply one man to operate the incinerator, this man being already on duty at the garbage dump on the highway near the city limits. The initial cost of the incinerator would be borne by the military authorities.

The incinerator, it is thought would be beneficial from a healtn standpoint generally and would tend to abate the rat nuisance.

Situation In Tunisia

+ today. The German drive + in local living conditions.

ST. NAZAIRE HIT LONDON-St. Nazaire, another

Nazi submarine base in France, suffered its worst bombing of the war in daylight yesterday. Six of the Allied bombers were lost. Lcrient was attacked again last night with loss of two bombers-one of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

WOULD OUST HITLER LONDON-Adolf Hitler and his generals are reported to have had a bitter quarrel. The Fuehrer stormed and ranted when it was suggested that he give up supreme command of the German Army.

IN SOUTH PACIFIC AUSTRALIAN HEADQUART-ERS IN AUSTRALIA - Allied planes attacked Lae and Salamaua in New Guinea and met with pretically no resistance from the Japanese. Timor was also attacked.

LONDON - There are unconfirmed reports that Marshal Rommel, suffering from serious wounds, has been flown from North Africa to Berlin.

CASE OF WORKERS

Allied Trades Council Preparing Brief For Submission to Richards Commission

Prince Rupert, representing the various trades employed at the the supply of manpower. Prince Rupert dry dock, are busy conditions in Pacific Coast ship- not yet been finally arranged. yards. A committee is to be named representing the Allied Trades + Trades Council to present the brief Baby Clinics In + to the royal commissioner. An all * ALLIED HEADQUARTERS * around increase in the basic wage Last End Draw in NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 17— * rate in the local yard, where 50c + There is not much change in + per hour is being paid, will be the Tunisian battle situation + sought as well as an improvement | Many Children

+ which gave them a twenty- + A spokesman for the local Allied mile advance against the Trades Council says that it is the Americans has halted but is desire to make conditions here as * expected to be resumed again. * conducive as possible to a maxi-

+ + + + Board.

HANSON IS ALARMED

Conservative Leader Worried Over Situation as Regards Canadian RED DRIVE Reinforcements Overseas

OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (P)-Hon. R. B. Hanson expressed concern in the House of Commons yesterday over einforcements for troops now overseas. He said it was his conviction that, if the Canadian Army is vances by the Russians over a engaged in any large scale action twenty-mile front in the region of with casualties even half of what recaptured Rostov. The Red Army they were at Dieppe, the ration of is now approaching Taganrog. The reinforcements would be exhausted Soviet offensive also continued in a month.

Mr. Hanson asked the government for complete details of the manpower situation.

Chairman of Board of Works Has No Delusions About Extent of Program Needed to Meet Requirements

Ald. Robert McKay has no delusions as to what this city needs in grad. the way of public works. The chairman of the board of works says hat it would take a staff of sixteen engineers working on surveys for three months to make a rough estimate of the work needed to be done. And the cost of at least three major projects which are spring. urgently needed - street widening and resurfacing, section 1 sewer and new water main from Woodworth Lake to Acropolis Hillwould be in excess of a million dollars in all, Ald. McKay has al- To Try Out Old

ready stated. Meanwhile, Ald. McKay sees a Pumping Plant quick deterioration in sight for city streets under the weight of the heavy traffic which they are now carrying. "The streets are not half as bad now as they will be in thirty days," Ald. McKay declares.

EAST IS CROWDED

Head of Local Fisheries Concern Returns from Two Months' Business Trip to Eastern 'Canada and United States

Overcrowded conditions in the United States was noticed by Col J. Burma Bombing United States was noticed by Col. J. W. Nicholls, general manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., Is Carried On who returned to the city this morning after a two months' business trip. There is little change in the general situation in the East, Col. Nicholls says, with all activities, of course, centred on the war.

Speaking of the fisheries business for the coming season, Col. Nicholls | thousand pounds of bombs were The Allied Trades Council of said that the handling and move- dropped yesterday into a Japanese ment of fish would depend upon air base in Burma. Points in the

The head of the local fishing preparing a brief for submission concern said it was expected a fin-to Mr. Justice S. E. Richards of al decision as to regulations gov- Wartime Housing preparing a brief for submission concern said it was expected a fin-Manitoba who is coming here next erning the halibut fisheries this Wednesday in his capacity as a season would be made early next Royal Commission investigating month. The question of layovers has

The well babies' clinics being held each Wednesday afternoon at St. Peter's Hall at Seal Cove are turning out to be veritable baby shows tax collections here by contacting + The Axis forces are withdrawn + mum war effort. Present working with turn-outs each week of up- felt by the city council, might prewards of twenty-five children of judice negotiations for an agreepre-school age, accompanied by ment on more satisfactory terms. their mothers. The clinics, directed companied to Prince Rupert by R. by Dr. R. J. MacDonald, assisted by adequate the present terms were, · Currie, secretary of the War Labor the nurses of the public health unit not even meeting school costs to are filling a useful function.

NAZIS KEPT ON RUN BY

Huns Are Falling Back on Dneiper -Berlin Admits "Unprecedented Defeat"

MOSCOW, Feb. 17 (P)—A Russian communique reports sweeping adwest of Kharkov, Voroshilovgrad and Kursk.

The Russian troops, in storming into Kharkov Tuesday, wrested from the Germans their greatest fortified base in southern Russia and imperilled all Nazi troops east of the Dneiper River. Kharkov was probably more valuable to the Germans than any other Russian city they had taken.

Berlin admitted that a "defeat unprecedented in this war" had been suffered.

In eighty-nine days the Red Army has advanced no less than three hundred miles west from Stalin-

In Washington President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the capture by the Russians of Kharkov was a "grand" victory. Loss of Kharkov and Rostov, the President believed, would make very difficult a new offensive by the Nazis in the

Throughout the Donets area the German forces are in "confused undisciplined retreat."

Might be Useful in Augmenting Faltering Water Supply

On recommendation of the utilities committee of the city council, it has been decided to give the old steam pumping plant at Shawatlans Lake, which has not been used for eight years, a try-out with a view to ascertaining if it may not be useful in augmenting the city water supply.

The Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. has offered to provide an engineer for the plant during the try-out.

Royal Air Force Dropping Heavy Loads of Explosives Into Objectives There

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 — Several Akyab area were also attacked.

City Council Declines to Accept Check as it Might Prejudice New Negotiations

The city has declined to accept a check for \$4,498.43 from Wartime Housing on the ground that it has been paid on the basis of terms which are not satisfactory to the city for the taking over of city property for building sites. Acceptance of the check, it was

Ald. McKay mentioned how insay nothing of other city services.