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Tonight's Dim-out

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

10:03 p.m. to 5:11 a.m.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Churchill Is Back In Washington

British Premier In Session Again With President Roosevelt

Conference Comes Incidental to Victory in Tunisia and German Jitters in Europe—Meeting Suggested by U.S. Executive

WASHINGTON, May 12 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington Tuesday night against a background of Allied victory in Tunisia and German jitters over invasion for more war talks with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Churchill was accompanied by a staff of military and naval experts. It is the fifth Churchill-Roosevelt parley within 21 months.

NAZIS ARE READY FOR SURRENDER

Completely Cut Off On Cap Bon—French Take Unconditional Bag

VON ARMIN CAPTURED
LONDON, May 12.—The capture of Colonel General von Armin, German commander-in-chief in North Africa, on Cap Bon Peninsula was reported tonight.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 12.—Armored columns of the British First Army, moving rapidly along coastal roads on both sides of Cap Bon, found many German-set fires and indications are that the Germans are preparing for wholesale surrender. The e are estimated to be from 10,000 to 100,000 Axis soldiers remaining in that area under constant air, land and sea attack and with no hope of evacuation.

Advancing from the Hamman Lif area on the north side of the Cap Bon neck, the First Army crossed the base of the peninsula to the outskirts of Hammet on the south side and took Soliman, Grombella and Mensel Bon Sella in the centre, a communique announced.

British naval forces continue scouring nearby waters, mopping up small parties attempting disorganized escape.

Yesterday for the first time in this war German troops surrendered unconditionally to French forces this occurring on the south of Cap Bon, the French then moving on to the sea.

RUSSIANS' INITIATIVE

War In That Area Said To Be Decisive Stage With Soviet Attacking Everywhere

MOSCOW, May 12.—The Red Army continues its attacks against the Nazis in the Caucasus in two directions—on Novorossisk and towards the Sea of Azov. With the Russians holding the initiative everywhere, there is increased activity in the Leningrad area, west of Moscow and in the Ukraine.

Newspaper Izvestia says the Russo-German war has reached the "decisive stage."

Fifty-six German planes have been brought down in the Kuban area in twenty-four hours.

BOYS WIN QUIZ

King Edward School boys won the Fourth Victory Loan radio quiz over girls last night. Score was 255 to 230.

BY ANOTHER NAME

The mountain goat is not a goat, but a hare.

SHIP WAS NOT SAFE FOR TRIP

Court of Investigation Makes Its Finding in Case of Freighter Northholm

OTTAWA, May 12.—The steamship Northholm, wrecked January 16 with loss of 15 lives, was "not in fit condition to proceed on the contemplated voyage" when it left Port Alice for Vancouver, it was found by a court of investigation which issued its report yesterday.

The court attributed the ship's condition to the way cargo was loaded and said this was "at least a contributing factor to the disaster that followed."

The court was also of the opinion that, when the Northholm left Port Alice with practically 440 tons of freight below and more than 35 tons of rayon pulp on deck, she did not have sufficient margin of stability and, during the passage to Cape Scott, the condition was aggravated due to water finding its way through more hatch coverings, saturating deck cargo and percolating into the hold. This resulted in increasing a list which eventually caused the vessel to founder. The court decreed a practice apparently followed for many years of not properly battening down the hatches.

Jurors Sleep In American Cots

Accommodation Has to Be Improved in View of Lack of Hotel Facilities

Members of the jury in the murder trial at the session of the Supreme Court Assizes now proceeding here were accommodated at the Eagles' Hall last night, cots loaned by the United States Army being used.

No hotel space being available, witnesses brought from Atlin were put in the bunkhouses of the B.C. Bridge and Dredging Co.

WILL SEND RUSSIA AID

Agreement Being Negotiated Between Canada, Britain and United States

OTTAWA, May 12.—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced yesterday in parliament that an agreement was being negotiated by Canada with the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States for the sending of substantial war supplies to Russia.

Study of the cost of living index in view of conditions actually existing here was suggested.

Ways and means of holding social affairs to raise funds will be gone into. Bruce Mickleburgh is being invited to speak at the next meeting.

GARDENS FOR DEAD
Ancient Incas of Peru honored their dead with terrace gardens rather than with decorative tombs.

Greatest Blow at U-Boats

LONDON, May 12.—The British Navy has scored its greatest success of the war against the German undersea fleet. It was announced tonight that four enemy submarines had been destroyed and six probably destroyed in a fight between U-boats and a westbound Atlantic convoy.

STUDENTS SUCCEED

Local University Pupils Included In Results Announced Last Night

PASSES WITH HONORS
VANCOUVER, May 12 (Canadian Press)—Albert O'Neill, Prince Rupert, won first class honours in chemistry, arts and science in the 1943 graduating class at the university of British Columbia, it was announced last night.

VANCOUVER, May 12.—University of British Columbia results released last night included the following:

First year with supplementals—William E. Bond (French I), Duncan McRae (Economics I), Class II—Kosta J. Killas, Hugh A. MacKenzie, Passed—Margaret M. Lamb, Agriculture, First Year, Class I—Anne V. Winslow, Applied Science, Second Year, supplementary—Spencer R. Davies (Civil Engineering 30), Fourth Year Electrical Engineering, Class II—Malcolm F. Wilding (Grade list later).

SCHOOL HAS CLOSE CALL

Prompt Action of Boys Saves Destruction of Building From Spontaneous Combustion

Prompt action of two boys—Willard Prince and Dick Ormiston—in turning in an alarm from a nearby fire box probably averted a serious fire at 8:45 last evening in King Edward School on Sixth Avenue East.

Flames were seen by the boys issuing from a second floor classroom. The fire department, arriving quickly in response to the call, made ladder entry into the burning classroom and soon had the fire under control.

The damage was not extensive. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion of oily rags for furniture cleaning being placed in a cupboard.

MARK NOT YET MADE

Prince Rupert Has Yet to Put Up \$150,000 to Go Over Top in Victory Loan

Prince Rupert has reached a cumulative total of \$600,500 in subscriptions to the Fourth Victory Loan campaign, leaving \$149,500 to go in the next four days to achieve the objective of \$750,000. Prince Rupert has never failed yet in such a campaign and it is confidently expected that it will be over the top by the end of the week. Subscriptions yesterday amounted to \$41,750.

Following are listed further recent subscribers:

Lawrence V. Hankinson	\$ 200
Prince Rupert Club	500
at Winslow	250
Leonard Jones	300
Roy Dwell (Shames)	500
Mrs. Florence E. Phillipson	100
Mrs. Christina Yule	50
Stanley Zulawinski (Kwinitsa)	100
Damian Ohrenchuk (Kwinitsa)	100
Robert McLean (Haysport)	100
John McLeod	100
Daniel Drummond (Remo)	100
Charles Rufus Sawyer (Remo)	100
Joseph Hudson (Copper River)	100
William Taylor Morris (Salvus)	100
Gwynn Holtby	100
Miss Monica Holtby	100
Gustav Gunderson	50
Annette's Ladies' Wear	5,000
Jacob Cooper (Metlakatla)	100
John Zogas (Inverness)	400
John Kern Brinker (Haysport)	100
George Somerville (Copper River)	300
Mr. Lewis Henry Scott (Haysport)	50
Richard Moxley Cook (Smithers)	50
Mrs. Fred Rusberg (Evelyn)	50
Smithers Lumber Yard (Smithers)	100
Mrs. Dora Lewis (Chilliwack)	150
Sergt. David Willington (Vanderhoof)	100
Mrs. O. C. Gerhardt (Fort Fraser)	200
Miss Edna A. McLellan	50
Walter Augaitis (Haysport)	100
Peter Yuroczko (Kwinitsa)	500
Charlie Denison (Haysport)	500
Cpl. B. Fugler	500
Mrs. Nellie Beveridge	1,000
Erling Jristind	100

INVASION LOCOMOTIVES

LONDON, May 12.—British railways now are using austerly engines and the country's big locomotive firms are building large numbers of them for the second front. The engines have been specially made to pull all types of rolling stock on any 4-foot 8½-inch gauge.

JURY RETIRES

The jury in the Atlin murder trial retired at 1:05 this afternoon to consider its verdict.

War News

HITLER MOVES WEST

LONDON.—A German broadcast, recorded by Reuters Tuesday night, said that Adolf Hitler, whose headquarters have been described as on the eastern front, is now at an unspecified point in the west. There was no immediate elaboration.

RAIDS OVER ENGLAND

LONDON.—German daylight raids were repeated today on the east coast. In an East Anglian town at least two persons were killed and others were trapped in buildings. Two other places were raided on a light scale.

REGIMENTS HAD FIGHT

Minister of National Defence Makes Statement in Regard to Military Camp Incident

OTTAWA, May 12 (Canadian Press)—Cordial relations between a Quebec and Ontario regiment at Camp Sussex, New Brunswick, suddenly were disrupted late Thursday when two comparatively small groups became engaged in an altercation which led to the death of one man, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, told the House of Commons yesterday.

The minister said the incident lasted about fifteen minutes. The groups involved were from Les Voltigeurs de Quebec and the Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles.

Privates D. M. Bennett of McKellar, Ontario, died in Camp Sussex Hospital Saturday as a result of the fracas.

ORGANIZER OF POLICE

Col. McMullin Was Given Credit For Organizing B. C. Force On Present Basis

VICTORIA, May 12 (Canadian Press)—The late Lieut. Col. J. H. McMullin former commissioner of provincial police, who died suddenly here yesterday at the age of seventy-five years, was credited largely with organizing the British Columbia police on its present basis.

Former government agent at Prince Rupert, Col. McMullin was superintendent of recruiting in Northern British Columbia during the First Great War.

Sports Day At Kitwanga

Boxing Bout Yields Technical Knockout

KITWANGA, May 12.—A sports day was held here recently under the sponsorship of the Kitwanga Field Athletic Club. Highlight of the day was a scheduled ten-round boxing bout between Dicky Morgan and Lenny Bright. The bout ended in the anticlimax of a technical knockout after 38 seconds of the first round when Lenny Bright received the decision over Morgan. In the semi-windup Larry Morgan fought Barney Morgan Jr. in a four-round no-decision battle.

The three-mile race was won by Willie Bryant with William Smith, Kitwanga, second, and Morris Patrick, Smithers, third.

Prizes were awarded to the winners and \$11 was turned over to R. Campbell in aid of the Red Cross.

ATLIN TRIAL—

ACCUSED ADMITS KILLING

But Contentment Is That it Was Case of Manslaughter and Not Murder

The defence in the case at the Supreme Court Assizes of William Murray Scott, charged with the murder of John Cleo at Spruce Creek mining camp in the Atlin district on August 4 last, admits responsibility for the killing but pleads that it was not a matter of murder but manslaughter since Scott had no recollection of any of the events which transpired between the time he drank gin and punch at a birthday party until he came to his senses in jail. He remembered, accused said on taking the stand, nothing whatever of what happened that night at the home of Alfred Vick where he shot and killed Cleo. There was no intention to kill any one, nor was there any object. The case reached the stage of jury deliberation this afternoon.

Scott, giving evidence in his own behalf, said that he lived with his family at McKee Creek south of Atlin where he engaged in trapping and hunting. He had been working at Nolan's camp at Spruce Creek and was about to leave for home at McKee Creek to hunt moose. He had contributed \$2 to a fund to purchase liquor for a birthday party and had been persuaded to go to the party. He had had several drinks of punch and some gin and that was the last he remembered. He had been previously affected in a similar manner by drinking, particularly rum. Once after drinking he had found himself in the mountains and had had to climb a tree to get his bearings.

Accused said he was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He had joined the Navy in the first Great War as a boy of 16 and became a wireless operator. He had served in the Battle of Jutland, three months later his ship, H.M.S. Nottingham, had been torpedoed and sunk. After spending a long time in the water he had been picked up. Later had followed service out of Malta on minesweepers, in the Dardanelles, Adriatic and Black Sea on destroyers and then in Finnish waters.

In 1919 accused said he had come to Canada, working for a while in the East. He had been employed in mines but found that blasting and powder affected him adversely so he had come west and gone trapping so as to have a quiet life. From 1923 to 1936 he had been in the Naas and Uunk River country. Then he went to the Atlin district. Occasionally he went to work in the mines but always with ill effects on nerves and physique. He had been addicted to liquor and for ten years had drunk very heavily, trying of recent years to cut it out.

Under cross-examination by the attorney general and prosecutor, Hon. R. L. Maitland, Scott persisted that he could remember none of the events surrounding the killing.

Mrs. Marina Eastman, who, after attending the dance with her husband, had gone home and retired, told of being awakened early in the morning by two young women who excitedly told of the shooting. Later Scott had appeared on the scene. He was very intoxicated and agitated and talked of committing suicide. He asked the special policeman to give him 15 minutes to do away with himself and thus save the government the expense of a trial.

James Henry Eastman, mining operator, gave evidence similar to that of his wife.

Gordon Allan told of giving acc-

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