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

7:37 p.m. to 8:11 a.m.

FIVE CENTS

Becoming More Desperate

FINDING OF BODY MYSTERY

How Did Life-Jacketed Remains of Calgary Man Get on West Coast Of Queen Charlottes?

Mystery attaches itself to the to the northwest of the Queen Charlottes of the body in a life jacket of a man believed to have been David Alexander Robinson of 1919 Third Street, East Calgary. The finding of the body was reported to the provincial police here by a man named Nesbitt and the police boat P. M. L. 15, with Constable Fred Brooksbank in charge, was dispatched to bring it in. The boat is expected back in Prince Rupert. How the body chanced to get there is so far entirely unexplained.

A message from the police boat to divisional headquarters here suggested that identity must have been established by papers found in the clothing. A military discharge certificate showed Robinson as being 46 years of age and born in Manitoba. He was a member of the Canadian Legion at Cal gary having served from 1914 to 1918 in the Thirty-First Battalion and being discharged in May 1919. Robinson had been employed by the Premier Gold Mining Co. and last fall by the Ryan Construction Co. on United States Engineering Department projects at Prince

The police have no reports of missing boats or men in the area where the body was found.

OPERATIONS IN CANNING

Packers to Operate Sunnyside and Claxton Salmon Plants and Port Edward Oil and Meal Factory

ager, G. M. Ferguson, comptroller, construction work. The train was and Dr. C. R. Elsey, processing travelling about seventeen miles manager of British Columbia Pack- per hour. ers Limited, have been in Prince Rupert for four days inspecting | Lee Rossi, trainman, from a disthe company's plants and property | tance of about 800 or 900 feet, could leaving tonight for the south. kept sounding the air warning operate Claxton and Sunnyside heard. At a distance of about 175 Canneries and the meal and oil feet he perceived that they were plant at Port Edward. The herring operating a drill and, as they season to date has been a failure seemed to pay no attention, conin the northern area, the first in cluded that they had not heard. It of closing of fishing is fast ap- valve to apply the brakes. However, of closing of fishing is fast approaching. It is possible, it seems, the men were struck. The men IN SCHOOLS for bait this year.

The officials intend to spend some time at their Namu plant on their return trip to Vancouver. It is confirmed that B.C. Packers had arranged to lease part of the Port Edward plant machine shop and housing facilities to Nelson Brothers Fisheries Limited un-Packers' Port Edward property.

URGE OF THE RAND

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 25 (P) -Business men of the Rand have urged that every effort be made by the Union's director-general of supplies to import raw materials and enable the Union to produce as many manufactured commodities as possible.

BUDGET ON TUESDAY

OTTAWA-Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley will present the budget next Tuesday. Increased income taxes are a foregone conclusion.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT

Evidence at Coroner's Jury Tells How Two Men Were Fatally Struck by Train

Hendrickus Van Gendt and John Tapio, rock drillers for the Tomlinson Construction Co. on the building of the Skeena River Highway, came to their deaths near Skeena on the Canadian National Railways by accident as a result of finding on the beach at lonely being struck by an extra train on Henslung Bay on Langara Island Friday afternoon last, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury last night at the conclusion of an inquest into the double fatality. Van Gendt was killed instantly at 4:10 that afternoon. Tapio died at 1:25 the next morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Lacerated brain and fracture of the skull were given as the cause of Van Ghent's death. Tapio's death was directly due to suffocation as a result of lung puncture from a fractured clavicle.

rider recommending that the Tomlinson Construction Co. in future operations take definite precaution to protect its workmen while working in dangerous situations.

The jury, which took an even hour to reach its verdict, consisted of John E. Davey, foreman, J. H. Mair, R. A. McLeod, Carl Zarelli, George W. King and Samuel Wik-

Coroner Dr. R. J. McDonald presided over the inquest and the examination of witnesses was conducted by Sergeant O. L. Hall, provincial police.

The first witness was C. C. King, conductor, who told of the composition of the train which had three cars in front of the engine and four behind. Two brakemen were at the front end of the train keeping a look-out and sounding an air whistle. They had an unobstructed view of the track ahead. They had control of air brakes and signal appliances to the engine. The air whistle was penetrating although not as loud as the ordinary engine whistle but should be fully audible to people for a good distance ahead. The point of the accident was Mile 80.5 west of Pacific. The train blew its whistle repeatedly in passing along this part of the line J. M. Buchanan, general man- where men were engaged on road

Men Struck

on the Skeena River, and are see two men working in a cut. He They report it is their intention to whistle which he assumed the men many years and the regular date was then he pulled the emergency there will only be herring taken were working on the outside of the

> man, gave evidence corroborative From Inspector C. R. Stonehouse of that of Rossi. The heads of the

construction of the latters' can- the train was brought to a stop. cases were made. nery on a site adjacent to B.C. The train had been stopped in the The sanitary inspector was parfastest way possible. At the rate ticularly critical of conditions at the train was travelling it would Seal Cove School for which, howtake two or three hundred feet to ever, the board could not be held stop. The engineer was of the op- responsible. inion that, wherever possible, the The report was referred to the engine should be on the front of attention of the various school a train. Men would have a bet- committees concerned. ter chance of hearing the engine

whistle than the air whistle. Capt. Norman P. Gateson expressed doubt if the men could have heard the train owing to the noise of their drill. Witness was on board the train and aided in pick ing up the two men.

Capt. Harold Young, an Army doctor, found the one man dead

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Retreat of Axis Forces Through Kasserine Pass Is Being Kept Up Today

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 25 (CP)—Combining a three-pronged attack in the north with armored car advances by the British Eighth Army into the outpost area of. the Mareth Line to the south, General Sir Harold Alexander had the enemy in trouble on two fronts today. As British and American troops swarmed into Kasserine Pass near the Algerian border for mopping up operations, strong Royal Air Force and American air squadrons spread their assault through the pass and deep in the enemy's rear, blasting airdromes, roads, railways and strafing troops, vehicles and outposts.

As Rommel retreated he was again leaving Italian infantry behind as a rearguard as he did in Fount and hundreds of crack Italian troops were taken prisoner.

Triple Burial Here of Victims of Indersation from the Prime Minis Highway Construction Accidents

A triple funeral service took place from the chapel of the B.C. Balberchak, third victim of the 800,000 which opens March 1. slide which recently demolished a men on the road work.

bathhouse which was among the years of the war. he was born.

forty-seven years of age and had civilian war victims in Britain,

John Tapio was a Finn, came worth. here from Geraldton, Ontario, and was thirty-six years of age.

Cyril G. Bailey, another train- Board Receives Lengthy Report

two men were bowed over their A lengthy report from the sani- "Bearing this thought in mind, drill and witness said it was pos- tary inspector C. R. Stonehouse, the people of Canada will, I am sible they had never heard or seen dealing with conditions at the var- confident, give a generous response ious schools was received at the to this appeal of the Canadian Red Edward A. Nix, engineer, felt the meeting of the board of school Cross for the funds so urgently air go on the locomotive and put trustees last night. Recommendat- needed on its vitally essential til July 1 during the period of the brake in emergency position as ions for improvement in certain work."

SERVICE MEN HOME

OTTAWA-A group of service men from Britain, including senior officers, returned home from Britain yesterday. They include Brigadier J. P. M. Archam bault and Col. Arthur H. Fraser, D.S.O., who led the Royal Regiment at Dieppe.

KING BACKS

RED CROSS

ter of Canada for National Appeal

OTTAWA, Feb. 25- The Cana Undertakers to Fairview for the dian government has declared that victims of recent accidents on road | March will be recognized as "Red construction work on the lower Cross month" throughout the Skeena River. They were Hendrikus Dominion, Prime- Minister Mac-Van Gendt and John Tapio, who Kenzie King announced in a statelost their lives when struck by a ment supporting the Canadian Red train near Skeena, and George Cross national campaign for \$10,-

The Prime Minister's announceroad camp near Kwinitsa. Rev. C. ment is as follows: "I am deeply A. Wright, pastor of First Baptist gratified to learn that on March Church, officiated and acting pall- first the Canadian Red Cross Sobearers were associates of the dead ciety is launching an appeal to the people of Canada for ten million The body of Balberchak was dollars to enable it to continue in found at the end of last week un- its beneficent work in the relief of derneath the floor of the camp human suffering in this critical

buildings which had been carried | "I am pleased to know that over away by the avalanche. He had, half of this amount will be used to apparently sought shelter behind keep up the work of packing pristine building and was caught be- oner of war food parcels which the neath it. His death was attributed Canadian Red Cross is now producto suffocation. Balberchak came ing at the rate of one hundred TROUBLE from Edgerton. Alberta, and was thousand a week, of which the Sofrom Edgerton, Alberta, and was thousand a week, of which the So-44 years of age. He is believed to ciety itself donates the cost of have had a wife and family in thirty thousand a week, and that Patriotic Parachutists Run Foul of CzechoSlovakia in which country the remainder of the sum raised will be expended, partly upon hos-Van Gendt was a Dutchman pital supplies and upon forces and served in the Canadian Scottish in partly for aid in disasters and em- ish radio has reported that "a

> may be called upon to pass through the greatest ordeal in our country's history.'

Reconsidering Its Estimates

The board of school trustees has had its estimates for the year 1943 returned to it by the civic finance committee which desires a further finance committee also questions the school board. At last night's terday. . meeting of the school board the estimates were referred back to the various committees of the boards concerned.

MUST STAY IN CUSTODY

No Release for Gandhi, Prime Minister Says

LONDON, Feb. 25-Prime Miniser Winston Churchill gave assurince yesterday that Mohandas K. Gandhi would be kept in confinement. To release him would be to discriminate against others.

Foreigin Secretary Anthony Eden today promised the House of Commons an early statement on the circumstances of Gandhi's fast.

BUILDING CANNERY

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Putting in New Plant at Port Edward

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. announce the building of a threeline cannery in Port Edward Harber to replace the former Prince Rupert plant on the Ocean Dock which was taken over last spring by government authorities. The local manager, H. F. Robins, advices construction will commence immediately and will be com-

pleted for the 1943 salmon pack. Machinery and equipment from the former Prince Rupert plant will be used. Herring canning equipment will also be installed to take care of next season's operations.

A large storage will be erected paralleling the present Port Edward railway siding. Part of the warehouse space will be leased to British Columbia Packers Ltd. for this season.

H. F. Robins continues as manager here for Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. William Fraser is coming north from Vancouver to be come accountant in succession to D. C. Stevenson who has joined the office staff of Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Nazis Authorities In Occupied Country

LONDON, Feb. 25 (P)-The Dan

this war. His home was in Vancou- ergencies and for blood donor ser- number of parachutists" had been vice and other aims of similar dropped in Denmark but gave no indication of the nationality or "In this, the fourth year of the whether they had been captured. war, it is particularly important | Twenty-seven persons, the radio that we give the utmost measure reported, had been sentenced for of our aid to the Canadian Red helping the parachutists, indicat-Cross Society. As I remarked at the ing that they had landed some beginning of the year, 'As the time ago. The radio said that some areas of conflict close in, the fight- Danish residents had sheltered the ing will increase in intensity and parachutists, provided facilities for ferocity. The coming year will see erecting radio transmitters and all our armed forces in action. We supplied money and information. Reports indicated that the parachutists were Danish agents working against the Axis.

PNEUMONIA

This is Clearing but Premier Still Has Temperature

LONDON, Feb. 25 — It was revealed yesterday that Prime Min- For Portsmouth ister Winston Churchill, who was at first suffering from catarrh, actually had pneumonia. The

illness being lengthy.

Must Break Terror With Ten-Fold Terror States Fuehrer In His Message

London Sees Possibility of Gas Warfare Looming-All Is Not Well in Occupied Europe for Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 25 (CP) - Chancellor Adolf Hitler promised "mobilization of spiritual and material values of Europe" such as never before witnessed for war but hinted the struggle might continue for years and there are still difficulties on the home front. Hitler's proclamation to a Munich meeting of party followers was read for him because he was still "with

German soldiers fighting in the DULLEIMO "We shall not scruple about foreign lives at a time when such

hard sacrifices are exacted from our own lives," Hitler declared but did not amplify the statement. The Fuehrer, at one point in the message, admitted "Germany's

future will be decided on the battlefields of the Soviet." Indicating that all was not well in occupied Europe, Hitler said that the Nazi party must "break

terror with ten-fold terror." Distribution today of gas masks to the people of Berlin indicated that Germany, in her desperation, expected reprisals.

might be preparing to use gas and "Gas can and will be scattered from one end of Germany to the ther if the Nazis start using it.' British government spokesman

Liquor Store Closes Down

The local government vendor's store ran out of liquor reagain yesterday and this time * it will not be opening again + s until the first of next week s * as no fresh supply is expected * & before then. At that time sales & * will be limited to forty per- * i cent of what they were a year * ago. The plan, it is expected, * will be to have a daily ration * and, by the time it has been & reached, the store will be + i closed for the day. This i should eliminate the long late + afternoon line-ups.

Airmen From This Dominion Lead Another Attack Upon Wilhelmshaven

LONDON, Feb. 25 (CP)-Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers attacked the naval base at Wilhelmshaven and other objectives in western Germany last night without the loss of a single plane, it was announced today. The bomber forces were made up mostly of Canadians for whom it was the biggest operation yet.

Ontario Canteen

LONDON, Feb. 25 (P)—A mobile breakdown of various items. The pneumonia is clearing but temper- canteen, donated by the Order of ature is not yet normal. However the Eastern Star, Ontario Chapthe estimated government grant his recovery is progressing rapidly ter, has been turned over to H. M. for teacher's salaries as shown by and he smoked a cigar in bed yes- Dockyard at Portsmouth. Lt. Col. Unwin Simson, administrate secre-It has been suggested that a war tary to the Canadian High Comcouncil should be formed in the missioner, made the presentation rossibility of the Prime Minister's to Rear Admiral M. L. Clarke, admiral superintendent.

ROMMEL'S ARMY CRUMBLING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — General Sir Harold Alexander, British commander of Allied ground forces, swung his British, American and French troops into a fierce counter-offensive in central Tunisia where they are shaking loose the last grip of Marshal Erwin Rommel's crippled columns on strategic Kasserine Pass and menacing two other strong points at Sheitla and Ousseltia to the northeast.

REDS SWEEP AHEAD

MOSCOW-Soviet troops are sweeping along the entire front in the face of increasing enemy counter-attacks and despite deep snows in Orel and Kursk Provinces and thick sticky mud in the Ukraine and North Caucasus, field dispatches said today.

NO CHANGE IN GANDHI

BOMBAY - An official bulletin said today that there was no change in the condition of Mqhandas K. Gandhi now in the sixteenth day of his twenty-one day fast.

NOT MUCH LONGER

LONDON-War Secretary Sir James Grigg said today in the House of Commons that he trusted impatient Canadian soldiers here "will not have to wait much longer for mass attacks upon the enemy." Sir James said the Canadian Army in Britain had been irked by delay in "engaging themselves in bulk against the

MISSING PLANE FOUND

WASHINGTON - The United States Army Air Force announced today that one of two planes missing in the north country since February 5 had been found and said that the pilot and co-pilot had been killed in the crash but two passengers had been rescued.

CHARLOTTETOWN SHAKEN CHARLOTTETOWN-This city was jolted severely last night by an explosion, believed to have been caused by the blowing up of an aircraft which landed in distress near here and blew up.

TURKEY AND WAR

ANKARA-Premier Inonu declared yesterday that the Turkish government would continue to do its utmost to remain neutral but might not be able to stay out of the war. The country would fight, if necessary, to safeguard its rights and privileges.

BIG SUBMARINE ATTACK

OTTAWA-Rear-Admiral V. G. Broduer, Canadian naval attache at Washington, says the Germans may concentrate 500 or 600 submarines off Nova Scotia and Newfoundland this summer. It might be necessary to close the St. Lawrence River.