

## KISKA RECAPTURED FROM JAPS

## Invasion of Italy

Planning Process Being Continued by Allies—Naval and Air Pounding

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 21 (CP)—Allied warships shelled the coast of the Italian boot before dawn yesterday, setting big fires on the coast, and Allied bombers pounded the Kingdom of Italy in a pre-invasion campaign to weaken its defences. It was the first time in forty-eight hours that naval gunners turned their guns on Gioia Tauro which lies twenty miles northeast of Messina.

A bulletin from headquarters said that British warships, joined by the coast, sank seven Axis shipping craft off Scalea in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Reports said that Italian troops expected invasion of the mainland within the next few days somewhere south of Naples, the west coast of the peninsula.

## Charged Under the Excise Act

George F. Taylor and James McCormick, charged under the excise act with being in possession of a still, were sentenced yesterday by Magistrate J. W. O. Fulton, McCormick to a fine of \$100 or spend three months in jail.

## CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

Bristol now has 21 war-time nurseries affiliated to the National Society of Children's Nurseries.

## IS KILLED OVERSEAS

Sergeant Pilot Patrick O'Brien Loses Life

A telegram received yesterday by Mrs. J. L. Bethurem of Terrace announced the death of her son, Sergeant Pilot Patrick Vernon O'Brien, R.C.A.F. overseas, on August 17.

Sergeant O'Brien, 20, was born and raised at Usk, and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at Vancouver as a wireless air gunner, two and a half years ago. Following his training at several training centres across the country, he was posted to ferry command, where he served three weeks.

He was then transferred overseas where he took a course in torpedo bombing and before being posted to North Africa where he saw action during the defeat of the Axis forces.

Last week Mrs. Buchanan had a letter from her son saying that he expected to be coming home soon on furlough.

Sergeant O'Brien was the step-son of J. L. Bethurem, Terrace merchant.

## Retire To Salamaua

Japs Fall Back To Tighten Defence Lines at New Georgia Air Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, Aug. 21 (CP)—The Japanese are in full flight from mountain ridge defences before Salamaua, New Georgia, and are falling back on the inner defences of the air base, Allied headquarters announced today.

The Japanese, with supplies low and air support virtually wiped out, suddenly surrendered positions from which they have long held off the Australians and Americans.

## TURKISH MONETARY UNIT

The monetary unit of Turkey is the piaster, with an average value of 80 cents.

## Former Premier of Australian State Is Dead

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 21 (CP)—Sir William Irvine, former Premier of the State of Victoria, died yesterday. He was 85 years of age.

## Bulletins

HOARE SEES FRANCO MADRID—Sir Samuel Hoare, British ambassador to Spain, called on General Franco yesterday. Complete neutrality on the part of Spain is being demanded.

RAISING RENT VANCOUVER—Judge Bruce Boyd ruled yesterday that rents cannot be increased by a landlord on the promise of making repairs. The improvement must first be made.

FORMER MAYOR DIES NEW WESTMINSTER—Former Mayor T. S. Annandale of New Westminster died here yesterday.

FORESHORE PHOTOGRAPHY VANCOUVER—Taking of photographs of any foreshore on the British Columbia coast is forbidden on the grounds of security. Use of cameras on beaches is being discouraged.

## Pay Visit To Prince Rupert

OTTAWA, Aug. 21 (CP)—The Governor-General the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice will leave Ottawa on August 29 to visit western Canada and Alaska, it was announced today. They are expected to arrive in Edmonton on September 2 and spend two days there, then visit army units at Prince George, Terrace, and Prince Rupert.

SUN'S DIAMETER The sun has a diameter of 864,100 miles.

## Russ Push Widening

Are Advancing Deep Into Ukraine—Start Action on Finnish Front

LONDON, Aug. 21 (CP)—The Russians smashed deep into the Ukraine to capture Lebedin, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, and the high water mark of last winter's offensive, the Moscow radio announced last night.

Definite progress is being made although difficult-going terrain was reported to be slowing up the Red Army yesterday as dispatches said that Russian troops on the central front were encountering "considerable difficulties and enormous strain" while battling their way through forests, swamps and numerous small rivers to Bryansk on the Kharkov front in the Ukraine.

The Russian troops were said to be encountering stiff resistance in attempts to overcome German defences based on hills forming a natural line around the city of Kharkov.

The British Broadcasting Corporation quoted a Berlin broadcast as saying that the Russians are attacking furiously at six widely separated points between Leningrad and Murmansk which, if true, indicates that the Russians are opening an offensive on the long-stalemated Finnish front.

## Claim Clash At Boulogne

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (CP)—The Berlin radio broadcast a wholly unconfirmed statement last night that "six British warships this afternoon approached Boulogne, France, and put up a defence smoke screen" but were driven off after a sharp exchange with German shore and naval batteries.

## Three Cases In County Court

Two Elections For Speedy Trial And One For Jury

With Judge E. D. Woodburn of Prince George presiding, a session of County Court opened yesterday morning. Three cases came up for election, two of which elected for speedy trial, and will be decided before Judge Woodburn tomorrow. The third elected to have a jury trial and is being held over until the fall sitting of the Assize Court.

Herbert Walker Mortimer, against a native woman, was set for this morning. He is represented by T. W. Brown as counsel and Sergeant Hall of the B.C. Police is prosecuting.

Joseph Theriault, charged with an indecent act, will also take speedy trial.

Charles McKay, native, charged with breaking and entering, elected to have a jury trial and will appear before the Assize Court in September.

## CONTEST STANDING

May McElwain, Dry Dock 46,600  
Olga Sather, Sons of Norway 45,500  
Theilda McEwan, Gyro Club 34,600  
Lillian Wallace, Retail Merchants 20,500  
Margaret Davidson, Moose 16,000

▲ Dry Dock Parade on Sunday August 22, 1 p.m.

FALLS MILE HIGH Angel Falls, in Venezuela drops about a mile, the greatest drop in the world.

## Japanese Withdraw From Last Segment of Soil On North American Continent

## UNITY FOR SO. AFRICA

Hopes Minority Will Accept Election as War and Post-War Policy Mandate

CAPETOWN, Aug. 21 (CP)—Following the general election Prime Minister J. C. Smuts in a message to the nation expressed the hope that the minority would accept the decision of the election as final and cease contentious opposition to the war policy.

"The mandate the government received applies not only to war but to post-war reconstruction," the prime minister stated. "South African people are turning away from barren squabbles, mostly racial and historical, and moving towards national union which will unite the diverse racial stock. The people have recoiled from the Nazi doctrine of racialism and are turning to the purer Christian and human outlook of their traditions. The 'cleansing thunderstorm' which has swept over the country has rendered great morale as well as political service."

The South African naval force celebrated its first birthday during the past week. The force now numbering 3,000 officers and other ranks has greatly extended its operations during the past year. Recruits are training in the Atlantic, the idea being that after being trained there they should be able to sail anywhere in the world with equanimity.

## Many Decorations

One out of every 66 South Africans serving outside the country had earned an award for gallantry or distinguished service by the end of May, 1943. The total includes 571 awards to infantry, 309 to the air force, 153 to the tank corps, eight to women's auxiliary services and five to chaplains.

Italian prisoners of war working for private employers will in future be allowed to leave their working premises only when in possession of a special pass. This is one of several new regulations restricting movements of Italian prisoners in South Africa following complaints that prisoners had been seen at dances, cinemas and other public places.

India-Africa Policy A reciprocity act amendment bill designed as a reply to the South African "pegging" act restricting the purchase of land in Natal by Indians was passed in the assembly at Delhi on June 3, 1943. Sir Raza Ali, former agent-general in South Africa, asked the Indian government to abandon its defensive attitude and adopt the principle of blow for blow.

Dr. N. B. Khare, government member in charge of Indians overseas, said, "As a medical man I know when and how to use the knife against countries who ill-treat Indian nationals. If certain countries need a deeper incision than others I will not hesitate to make one." No official figures exist of the number of South Africans living in India who would suffer the disabilities of the reciprocity bill but it is estimated to be a hundred.

In South Africa strict censorship requirements are being imposed on travellers to all destinations outside the Union and southwest Africa. Included in the list of articles which may not be taken out of the Union without first having been passed

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE JOINTLY BY PREMIER KING AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT—DETAILS OF EVACUATION NOT CERTAIN

QUEBEC, Aug. 21 (CP)—A joint Canadian-American force has recaptured the Aleutian Island of Kiska, the last segment of North American soil occupied by the Japanese, it was announced today in a statement issued by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada and President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States.

A communique issued at the same time by the United States Navy indicated that the island was taken without fighting, the Japanese having slipped away before the landings which started August 15. "There were indications of recent hasty evacuation of the Japanese garrison," the naval communique reported. "Presumably heavy bombardments by our ships and planes that have been carried on for some time and danger to their supply lines by our capture of Attu made enemy positions on Kiska untenable. It is not known how the Japanese got away but it is possible that enemy surface ships were able to reach Kiska under cover of heavy fog that has been prevalent."

The size and make-up of the Canadian force was not made known but President Roosevelt said he was gratified that American troops worked side by side with splendidly trained and equipped Canadians.

Premier King said the Canadian troops were drawn from the Pacific Command and included a large proportion of soldiers who had been called for service under the National Resources Mobilization Act.

## Doctors Fight Scrub Typhus

Specific Yet to be Found For Disease Causing Many Casualties in New Guinea

MELBOURNE, Aug. 21 (CP)—Early in the New Guinea campaign scrub typhus began to take toll of the troops. It is a Rickettsial disease. The organisms are borne by a larval mite which must have an animal reservoir to live on.

Exactly the same disease occurs in Malaya, the N.E.I., coastal areas in Queensland and in Japan where it is called river fever or tsutsugamushi or "insect stinging people sleeping on the ground." Nowhere has a specific been found, beyond the general good nursing.

First reaction by Australian scientists was a search for means of rapid diagnosis. This is highly important in areas such as New Guinea where the patient may be suffering from one of a number of fevers. Heart strain follows if the patient is allowed to walk in the early stages.

Scientists of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne, famous for influenza research, set to work and so far it has cost one life, that of Miss Dora Lush, M.Sc., bacteriologist, who was infected when a syringe slipped while she was inoculating animals.

## Halibut Sales American

Coolidge, 40,000, 17.5 and 16. Booth and Royal.

Bonanza, 45,000, 17.5 and 16. Storage and Atlin.

## Conference Nears End

President Roosevelt to Visit Ottawa and Will Give Radio Address

QUEBEC, Aug. 21 (CP)—Indicating rapid progress in drafting the victory blueprint for Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill journeyed to the Laurentians Friday for fishing. They returned to resume their conferences.

President Roosevelt will be in Ottawa next Wednesday when he will speak from the foot of the Peace Tower to the Canadian and American people by radio at 9 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time). He is not expected to return to Quebec. This development is interpreted as meaning that the conference will end on Tuesday.

## Baseball Scores

American League Washington 10, Chicago 5. Detroit 1, Boston 0.

National League St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 1. Brooklyn 6, Chicago 3.

Coast League San Diego 6, Portland 1. Oakland 10, San Francisco 0.

American Association Milwaukee 10, Toledo 2. Indianapolis 6, Minneapolis 2.

International League Syracuse 1, Montreal 0. Newark 4, Toronto 0.

Buffalo 5-4, Jersey City 0-11. Baltimore 4-7, Rochester 0-3.

## SAW MAYOR AT OTTAWA

Olof Hanson Tells of Visit With Ministers in Regard to Civic Affairs—Flew to Maritimes

Just before leaving Ottawa following adjournment of Parliament, Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena, who arrived in Prince Rupert last night, with Mayor W. M. Watts interviewed various ministers concerned in regard to the civic appeal for federal assistance in connection with restoration of local civic public works and facilities. Mr. Hanson reports that the ministers gave the mayor and himself a cordial hearing and, as a result, there is, no doubt, a better appreciation on the part of the ministers of the situation existing here.

Also shortly before he left the East Mr. Hanson made a trip to the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland by air with a Parliamentary party which inspected Atlantic defences. Mr. Hanson also having matters to take up in connection with International Red Cross. Points visited included St. John's, Newfoundland, Halifax, Sydney, St. John N. B. and Moncton.

During the past week or so since his return West, Mr. Hanson has made visits by easy stages to all the communities of his riding between Endako and Terrace and found everybody busy and doing well. Grain and vegetable crops are looking well but the outstanding feature is the development of the lumber cutting industry during the past year owing to the high prices prevailing for lumber. Portable sawmills have sprung up on many of the farms and the farmers and their families are getting on the lumber as rapidly as the can. Nearly every railway siding west of Burns Lake contains carloads of lumber awaiting shipment.

Roads throughout the interior are in exceptionally good condition, this, of course, being due in a measure to light traffic.

Mr. Hanson found general appreciation all along the line of the inauguration of the new daily mail service on this line of the Canadian National Railways. Everywhere it has been welcomed and has resulted in speeding up and simplifying the handling and delivery of the mail.

In connection with the obtaining of the daily mail service, Mr. Hanson speaks of the co-operation he received from N. B. Walton, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways and former general superintendent here. Mr. Walton retains much personal interest in the situation on this line with which he keeps well in touch.

## An Appeal!

All those willing to assist with concessions at the Civic Centre Carnival are requested to report immediately to G. D. Bryant at the Variety Store, Phone Red 448.

Services of such volunteers are urgently required.

Those not interested in operating concessions can be used as ticket sellers and ticket takers.

## Civic Centre Carnival

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY, AUGUST 23-28

GATES OPEN at 6:30 p.m.

STAGE SHOWS at 7 and 11 p.m.

DANCING 11:30-1:30

Spectacular

## 2 STAGE SHOWS 2

NIGHTLY

Featuring the Beautiful and Talented

Rosemarie Deveson and The Cooper Sisters

## OFFICIAL OPENING AND PARADE

Parade Starts at Court House at 7:00 p.m. Monday Night

## BASEBALL

Acropolis Hill, Sunday, August 22 at 2:30 p.m.

"YANKS" vs. "PRINCE RUPERT"

ADMISSION FREE

Game to be Broadcast over CFPR