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(Half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise.)
9:12 p.m. to 6:12 a.m.

Japs Are Massed In South Pacific

PR. RUPERT LOAN QUOTA

Three Quarters of a Million Dollars Set—Committees Are Named

The quota for Prince Rupert in the forthcoming Fourth Victory Loan has been set at \$750,000, it was announced today. In the last loan the quota was \$530,000 with subscriptions eventually reaching an aggregate of \$795,000.

Lieut. Col. J. W. Nicholls is chairman of the northern divisional committee with vice-chairmen in the persons of Mayor A. M. Patterson of Prince George, F. M. Dockrill of Telkwa and John Thompson of Stewart. Other members of the divisional committee are:

T. Alan Chandler, G. Johnston, Hon. H. G. Perry, A. S. Vaughan, E. T. Kenney, M.L.A., J. M. Graham, President Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Smithers, and John E. Paschall, President of Railroad Conductors, Prince George.

Mayor W. M. Watts is chairman of Prince Rupert unit and W. R. McAfee, vice-chairman with other committees as follows:

Chairman payroll section—W. D. Lamole.
Chairman general sales section—L. Col. J. W. Nicholls.
Public relations committee—Capt. G. W. Cripps, O.B.E., chairman, G. A. Hunter, Bruce Stevens, Sgt. T. Ainsley.

Chairman special names section—J. J. Little.
Citizens committee—Mayor W. M. Watts, chairman, Ald. Thomas E. Elliott, President Prince Rupert Labor Council, Ald. W. H. Brett, Ald. Nora E. Arnold, Ald. George E. Hills, Ald. T. Soenson, Ald. H. Daggitt, Ald. J. S. Black, Ald. R. McKay, Dr. W. B. Bamford, President Prince Rupert branch Canadian Legion, R. M. Winslow, President Chamber of Commerce, Robert Parker, President, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Scott, President Gyro Club, George Mitchell, President Rotary Club, Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, Bishop of Caledonia, Rt. Rev. E. M. Bunoz, O.M.I., Roman Catholic Bishop of Prince Rupert, Rev. Magnus B. Anderson, Rev. A. F. MacSween, Rev. J. A. Donnell, Rev. C. A. Wright, Adjutant Brunston, Rev. R. Amundsen, Leader Percy C. Miller, Mrs. G. E. Moore, Regent, Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., Arnold Flaten, manager Royal Bank of Canada, G. R. Hopkins, manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, G. R. S. Blackaby, manager Bank of Montreal, J. Deane, chairman School Board, Miss Eleanor Moxley, commandant, Canadian Red Cross Corps, Jarvis H. McLeod, Collector of customs, Norman A. Watt, government Agent, J. Wert, local chairman Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, N. A. Bolli, local chairman B. of L. F. & E., S. Painter, local chairman Union of Railway Clerks and other employees, D. J. Gunn, local chairman Railway Maintenance of Way Employees, P. Bond, representative Railway Machinists, D. Creed, Railway Clerks and Classified Labor, J. A. Teng, representative Boilermakers, J. Paul, representative Carmen, D. Creed, Railway Clerks and Classified Labor, Lew Shong Din, Chinese Patriotic Association, Col. D. B. Martin, D.S.O., M. C., commander, Prince Rupert defences, Commander D. C. Wallace, R.C.N.R., naval officer commanding, Prince Rupert, Group Captain R. C. Gordon, R.C.A.F., Col. Wm. Koenig, Transportation Corps, U. S. port commander.

SUCCUMBED TO ATTACK

Mrs. Stella Donney, Who Conducted Rooming and Boarding House on Fraser Street, Passes

Mrs. Stella Donney, who came here from Victoria two years ago and has been operating the old Gurvich place on Fraser Street as a rooming and boarding house, died there at 8 o'clock this morning. She had seemed in normal health last evening but, during the night, suffered a heart attack to which she succumbed.

Mrs. Donney, who was a widow and fifty-seven years of age, had been in Fairbanks as a young woman, later moving to Victoria. The remains will be forwarded to Victoria.

THAMES IS ATTACKED

Two Towns Bombed—London Has Alarms But No Planes Come Over

LONDON, April 15 (CP)—German planes bombed two towns in the Thames estuary last night and caused an alarm in London. No planes, however, came over the capital.

GENERAL IS YOUNG MAN

Brigadier Guy Simmonds Taking Over Command of Canadian Division Overseas

OTTAWA, April 15 (CP)—The appointment of Brigadier Guy Granville Simmonds, aged 39, of Kingston, Ontario, as general officer commanding a Canadian Army division overseas with promotion to the rank of major-general was announced by Department of National Defence headquarters Wednesday night.

General Simmonds succeeds Major General J. H. Roberts who has been appointed to command all Canadian Army reinforcement units in Great Britain.

Charter Suspended And Not Cancelled

Explanation Made in Connection With Boilermakers' Union at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, April 15 — The charter of the Vancouver Boilermakers' Union has been suspended and not cancelled by the Canadian Congress of Labor, it is announced.

Commandos vs. Victoria Army

OTTAWA, April 15 (CP)—Ottawa Commandos qualified Wednesday night to meet Victoria Army in the Allan Cup finals by defeating Ottawa Royal Canadian Air Force 4 to 1 to win the eastern senior hockey championship.

TWO HILLS ARE TAKEN

British Forces Continue Advance in Tunisia—Heavy Enemy Artillery Causes Some Delay

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 15 (CP)—British and French infantry successfully stormed two important hills on the south and western fronts of the constricted Axis Tunisian line yesterday and, capturing six hundred prisoners, increased the total Allied bag since the opening of the Mareth offensive to more than thirty thousand.

Attacking Djebel Sefsof, the French rounded up four hundred Germans and took possession of a mountain position which has been the western anchorage of Marshal Erwin Rommel's new Enfidaville defence line. Djebel Sefsof lies thirty miles due west of Enfidaville, fifty miles southwest of Tunis and seven miles northeast of the village of Bir Kararhoun.

Field dispatches said that further advance by the British Eighth Army in the Enfidaville sector was halted by heavy artillery commanding the coast road to Tunis. The British First Army captured the mountain top of Djebel, eight miles above Medjez-el-Bab and some thirty miles west of Tunis.

GOOD GOING

LONDON, April 15 (CP)—An airgraph letter written in Canada on a Tuesday was delivered at its destination in London on the following Thursday.

SOVIET NAVY BUSY

During the first 13 months in the war the Soviet Navy sunk 771 enemy ships and damaged 216-2,000,000 tons.

STUTTGART HEAVY HIT

Important German Industrial City Target of Bombing—23 Planes Lost

LONDON, April 15 (CP)—The Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force struck heavily during the night at Stuttgart, German armament and engineering centre, in a highly concentrated attack which cost twenty-three bombers, ten of them Canadian.

Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters here said the target was clearly identified. Many Canadians were also in the Royal Air Force squadrons that flew four hundred miles across Nazi-held Europe to blast the important city.

At least three German night fighters were shot down, two by Royal Canadian Air Force bombers.

Victory Loan Message Read

Gyro Club Discusses Playgrounds And Decides to Ask Military To Repair Ball Park

A message from G. W. Spinney, chairman of the national war savings committee in Ottawa, supporting the forthcoming Fourth Victory Loan, was read at yesterday's regular monthly business luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club. In order to meet the objective on this occasion it would be necessary, the letter said, for bond purchases by the people of Canada to be increased by twenty-five per cent. Principal arguments in favor of the buying of Victory bonds were given as winning the war, helping to prevent inflation and saving for personal security in the future.

The club discussed the playground situation and it was decided to take up with the military authorities the repairing of the Gyro Ball Park at the corner of Sixth Avenue and McBride Street.

L. C. Griffiths was elected as a new member of the club. Guests at the luncheon were E. T. Applewhite and Walter Smith, Capt. J. W. Kilpatrick, a member of the club on active service, was welcomed.

Commandos Win Eastern Title

Ottawa Commandos, Eastern Canadian amateur hockey champions, Wednesday night defeated Ottawa Royal Canadian Air Force 4 to 1 and won the Eastern crown. They will now meet the Western champions, Victoria Army, in the finals at Winnipeg for the Allan Cup. A wealth of ex-professional material is sprinkled among the Commando ranks, all wearing the khaki of the Canadian Army. Front row, left to right—Private "Sugar Jim" Henry, Sapper Joe Cooper, Corporal Kenny Reardon, Second Lieutenant J. P. McCaffrey (manager), Alex Smith

(coach), Corporal Neil Colville, Corporal Kenny Kilrea, Sapper Louis St. Denis, Middle row—Private Jack McGill, Private Mac Colville, Sergeant Walt Murray, Corporal Syd Fenn, Lieutenant Gordie Bruce, Private Eddie Slowinski, Corporal "Bingo" Kampman. Back row—Joe Tremblay (trainer), Sapper Alex Shibley, Lieutenant Gordie Poirier, Private Al Barnes, Sapper Jake Brunning, Private Johnny Inglis, "Whitey" Shore (assistant trainer).

War News

GERMANS EVACUATING

BERNE — Reports here state that the Germans have commenced evacuating Tunisia by large transport plane, leaving the Italians to carry on the brunt of the fighting against the steadily advancing British forces.

ADMISSION BY ROME

ROME — The Rome radio said last night that the British Eighth Army in Tunisia had shown itself to be "the finest fighting force in the world."

PANISH SHIP SUNK?

NEW YORK — A Spanish ship named as the Monte Alegra was reported to have been sunk in the Atlantic Ocean by a German U-boat. There is no ship of such name listed in the register.

CHANN'L COAST ATTACKED

LONDON — Prages in Belgium and enemy shipping off the French coast were reported attacked by the Royal Air Force in daylight raids, yesterday.

RUSSIANS HOLD FIRM

LONDON — German troops made another attempt to crack Russian positions near the Donets River south of Kharkov Wednesday but were driven back by a Red Army bayonet charge. Moscow announced another German attack on the Volkhov front southeast of Leningrad was repulsed. Soviet forces made a small advance in the western Caucasus, north of Novorossisk. There were no essential changes in the long front.

MILNE BAY IS RAIDED

One Third of Attacking Japanese Is Brought Down

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 15 — Seventy-five to one hundred Japanese planes raided Milne Bay on New Guinea yesterday. Three Allied vessels were damaged. The enemy lost thirty of their aircraft.

Great Combat Fleet Is Being Maintained North of New Guinea

General Douglas MacArthur Issues Third Warning in Three Days—Enemy Loses Many Planes in Attack on Milne Bay

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 15 (CP)—A great Japanese combat fleet is constantly being maintained in the Truk area "within less than three days' sailing distance of New Guinea," a spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander-in-chief in the South Pacific, said today in the third such warning in three days.

The statement on behalf of General MacArthur followed an announcement that the Japanese had lost thirty of more than eighty planes they sent against Milne Bay, New Guinea, Wednesday. The Japanese hit three small Allied ships, one of which was beached.

Free Shows For Forces

TORONTO, April 15 (CP)—Famous Players Canadian Corporation announced yesterday that free Sunday entertainment will be provided for members of the armed forces in the company's theatres at Prince Rupert, Halifax, Toronto, Edmonton and Victoria, starting April 25. The announcement said that a request to provide entertainment came from Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence.

HERRING RELEASED

Fifty Thousand Cases of British Columbia Product May Be Consumed at Home

OTTAWA, April 15 (CP)—More than fifty thousand cases of Grade A British Columbia herring will be released for Canadian consumption soon, the foods administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced last night.

It was originally intended that the entire 1943 British Columbia pack of salmon and herring would go to Britain but adjustments resulted in herring packed in tall tins not being required for export.

Women of Bella Bella Raise Big Red Cross Sum

The Bella Bella branch of the Native Sisterhood of British Columbia has raised the very substantial sum of \$640 for the Red Cross, the sum having already been forwarded to headquarters in Vancouver.

All the Sisterhood branches in the various villages of this district have been active recently in the raising of funds for the Red Cross.

Canadian Press Annual Meeting

Arthur R. Ford of London, Ontario, Re-elected President

TORONTO, April 15—Arthur R. Ford of the London Free Press was elected president of the Canadian Press at the annual meeting yesterday. M. E. Nichols of the Vancouver Province and K. C. Drury of the Victoria Times were elected to the board of directors.

PIONEER IS DEAD

A. T. Harrer of Smithers Passes Away at Age of 75

SMITHERS, April 15 — Another one of the old timers of this district passed away in the Smithers Hospital on Monday afternoon in the person of Archibald T. Harrer.

Mr. Harrer was a native of Pennsylvania and, in company with his nephews, Frank Messner and DeWitt Messner, he came to Smithers many years ago and they established themselves in the sawmill business near town, building a number of buildings in Smithers, some of which are still owned by the late Mr. Harrer. They also interested themselves in the mining business and have held a number of properties in the Babine Mountain Range east of Smithers where they have carried out development work every year up to the present time.

Mr. Harrer has been in poor health for the past year or so and his death was not unexpected. He was about 75 years of age. As the Messners are now back in the Eastern States he has no relatives in this part of the country at the present time.



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