Minimum

SEA FIGHT GOING UN IN SOUTH PACIFIC BAD DEAL FOR CITY

Battle is Not of Major Scale, Secretary of Navy Says in Statement Today

Conflict Off Solomon Islands is but "Process of Feeling Out"-Japan Puts on Exaggerated Claims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (CP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox describes a sea battle in progress off the Solomon Islands today as a "process of feeling out on both sides" but said there is "no really pitched battle as vet." Col. Knox told a press conference that "nobody knows what the immediate future holds but any assumption in a navy communique last

+ LONDON, Feb. 3 (P) - Four +

♣ German bombers, flying so low ♣

+ that one scraped the roof tops +

raided an inland southeast *

+ England town today, flatten- +

+ ing many buildings and caus-

+ ing numerous casualties.

PAINT NOT

SUCCESSFUL

Explanation Made Why It Did Not

Function on Residential Lights

Under Dim-Out

There has been some curiosity as

to why the paint which had been

applied on street lights in the resi-

dential areas to reduce the illum-

ination in compliance with dim-out

regulations failed to remain on the

Civilian Protection Committee.

was that the heat of the lamps

caused it to blister and fall off.

This is not the case with the stand-

ard lamps down town which do not

heat up as much as the old kind of

street lamps on the poles.

THIS CITY

Would Increase Municipal

Force

suggested that another constable

total strength of thirteen instead

patrol.

city council.

the lamps.

hight that there is a major battle under way is incorrect." It was stated yesterday that Tokyo claims - Southeast Coast f two battleships and three cruisers being sunk were "grossly a Town Bombed exaggerated."

AID TO RUSSIA

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J. S. Black	5.00
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C. M. R. Donovan	5:00
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N. Magega	5.00
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John Plese	5.00
M. C. Freeman	5.00
L. Lorang	5.00
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Concert Party (Spl.	
Events Comm	210.7

h their receipt books without delay street traffic. This would make REVIVE ABBEY CHOIR

Events Comm.)

Anonymous"

.56 donations under \$5

Vm. Neubauer

Anonymous"

LONDON, Feb. 3 (P)-Westminster force. There would be added cost

Hockey Scores

Boston 5, Chicago 3.

BULLETINS : Launching of

SENATOR DIES

OTTAWA-Senator Louis Cote, Progressive Conservative member of the upper house for Ottawa, collapsed and died in the Union Station here last night while awaiting a train. He was 52 years of age and a native of Ottawa. Death was due to a heart attack.

APPEAL DISMISSED

LONDON - The Privy Council yesterday dismissed an appeal of the Province of Alberta against a Supreme Court of Canada de- + same yard. cision holding Alberta's Debt Adjustment Act was ultra vires of the Alberta Legislature.

PRISONERS IN AFRICA CAPETOWN - Premier Jan Smuts says that more than 68,-000 Axis prisoners are being kept in South Africa.

LEGISLATURE OPENS VICTORIA-The Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the Legislature yesterday, announced that a loan would be fleated to carry on a program of public works and plans for electric power for rural areas.

JAPS IN ALEUTIANS WASHINGTON - Light Japanese air forces attacked American bases in the Aleutians but did no damage. It was the first such attack since August.

NEW YORK — The New York HIGHWAY Times says that the German Army has suffered more than 8,000,000 casualties, four million being killed, captured or permanently out of action.

lamps. Explanation is made by J. J. thern British Columbia Power Co. CANADIANS who is also chairman of the local The reason the infrared paint was not successful on these lamps

Another Detachment of Officers And N. C. O.'s Arrives in That War Zone

NORTH AFRICA ALLIED HEAD-In order to reduce the illumina-QUARTERS, Feb. 3 (P)— A second MANY SUBS tion of these lamps in the residential section, it has been decided to detachment of officers and noncommissioned officers of the Canause tin hoods which will fit on to dian Army in Great Britain arrived BEING SUNK recently in North Africa to go into the front lines with British units of the British First Army for battle experience.

The new arrivals included representatives from the infantry, artillery and armored regiments as well as machine gunners and services. uneventful voyage.

Commissioner of Provincial Police Trying to Get The police committee of the city Lumber to Put council is considering a suggestion from T. W. S. Parsons, commissioner of British Columbia, through Up Building

Ernest Gammon, local inspector, that a gaoler be appointed at the Being unable to purchase 5.00 city jail here. It has also been material in the regular market, the Total at noon this date ...\$8,391.39 | suggested that another constant per Chamber of Commerce is get- On Canned Milk Collectors are being asked to turn more attention might be paid to ting in touch with local construction concerns regarding the possibility of obtaining lumber for the of the present eleven on the city erection of a store house for salvage materials on a site at the Abbey is to have boy choristers to the city including \$1,748 salary corner of Third Avenue and Sev-

Junior Chamber.

* Prince Rupert

AT A WEST COAST CANA- + + DIAN PORT, Feb. 3 (P)-The + + Canadian corvette Prince Ru- + + pert was launched today. It + was sponsored by Mrs. V. G. Allen whose name was drawn + * from women employees of the * shipyard for the honor. Mrs. + 🕯 recently from Hecate, Alberta. 💠 + She is a burner-improver in +

JUNCTURE HARASSED

Allied Forces Continuing To Head heard. Off Axis Movements in Tunisia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 3 (P-Allied combat forces are reported today to be holding newly captured positions in the Sened area west of veloped, might seriously harm the Tunisian coastal junction of Axis

BUILDING

Fort Norman-Notikewin Road in Connection With Oil Pipe Lines

Fort Norman oil fields with the Al- taining more than one such suite. Island, one of the big Japanese day night.

for United States forces in Alaska.

ing Up With Replacements

LONDON, Feb. 3 (P-Rt. Hon. A. The Canadians had a safe and v. Alexander, First Lord of the Adneventful voyage.

V. Alexander, First Lord of the Adneventful voyage.

R.C.M.P. To Do mons today that there had been "periods of most heartening suc- Lxaminations cess" in the fight against Axis submarines but, because of the difficulty of confirming hits, it was impossible to say whether they were being sunk faster than they were being replaced.

No Restrictions

This Commodity Is Now Moving Freely Again in Ordinary Way

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board has notified the city that regain. The choir, disbanded during for the gaolor. The appointment enth Street which has been grant- strictions on the sale of canned he bombings of London, is to be of a gaolor would relieve the ed by the city. This was one matter milk have been lifted and the proeconstituted and the choir boys police officers generally from in- that was taken up last night at the duct can now be sold under the orbe chosen from London County side duty and make more adequate meeting of the executive of the dinary conditions of supply and de-A report from the police com- There will be a general meeting communication with the price in relief allowances. The provincial and Frederick Streets, including cedar and 3,818 hemlock. mittee on the matter is expected of the Junior Chamber next Tues- board emphasizing the necessity of government stands eighty percent widening of the road and making Ties amounted to 1,980 pieces, all at next Monday's meeting of the day night in the Canadian Legion keeping canned milk available to of the cost of relief and the city a new grade. A city manhole will jackpine, while 142 cords of misthe public.

Council Feels Too Little is Believed Received From Wartime Housing

The city council, at its meeting Monday night, gave considerable thought to possible means of improving the deal under which many city properties were turned over to Wartime Housing, for its industrial housing program. It was felt sibly little can be done about rectifying the deal but the council is disposal which is now very unsat-+ the plant. Her husband oper- isfactory and a menace to public health. The feeling was that Wartime Housing would do nothing better in this regard than it had HIT ACAIN to.

Members of the council were generally dissatisfied with the terms under which Wartime Housing had acquired lots from the city and built houses for local war workers. Such terms as "having been sold down the river" were

Clauses of the agreement between the city and Wartime Housing which are taken as unfavorable to the United States are:

"The municipality agrees to furnish to the living accommodation and to the tenants all such facili-Maknassy where their wedge, if de- ties, privileges and services of the municipility as are furnished or made available to other properties or property owners and tenants in the municipality including without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing fire protection, police protection and schools.

"The company agrees to pay to the municipality during the term RABAUL IS dered and privileges and facilities made available the sum of \$24 in respect of each house containing ASSAILED two bedrooms or in respect of each OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (P) Construction suite of two bedrooms in any house Allied Planes Pounding at Possible tion of a new highway from Noti- containing any more than one kewin to Fort Norman in the such suite and the sum of \$30 in Northwest Territories is being rush- respect of each house containing ed to completion to facilitate the more than two bedrooms or in removement of supplies for the con- spect of each suite or more than struction of a pipeline linking the two bedrooms in any house con- QUARTERS, Feb. 3 -New Britain

aska Highway, it was learned Tues- "The company further agrees to bases from which the enemy could pay the municipality each year the be loosing its latest offensive in sidestepping the issue, Mayor W. M. The new pipeline will make oil sum of \$1 in respect of each such the Solomons, has been raided by reserves at Fort Norman available house in consideration of the mu- Allied planes, General Douglas nicipality supplying the necessary MacArthur's headquarters announstreet lighting.

"In consideration of the payments to be made by the company under these provisions the municipality agrees that it will not levy or assessed any taxes, assessments, United States rates or municipal or school First Lord of Admiralty Not Sure, charges of any kind or nature on LOV't Must Get However, If Sinkings Are Keep- the tenants or occupiers of said living accommodation or the owners of the said lands."

Investigations to Le Taken Charge

The city council has adopted a recommendation from its police committee that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be asked to take over the work of investigations improvements Un under national selective service. This work had previously been done Leventh Avenue by the city police when really it was a federal job.

Increased

Effective as from February 1, make extensive improvements to mand. The council had been in there is a twenty percent increase Eleventh Avenue between Conrad 174,678 board feet including 179,860 the remaining twenty percent.

Russian Forces, After Their Biggest Victory, May Now Go Elsewhere

Are Congratulated by Premier Stalin - More Than Half Million of Cream of Axis Soldiery Slain

MOSCOW, Feb. 3 (CP)-Premier Joseph Stalin conthat remuneration for the city was gratulated the Red Army today for the liquidation of inadequate to services given. Pos- the last of Adolf Hitler's troops at Stalingrad and Soviet shock troops, flushed with this greatest victory of Allen came to the west coast resolved to see that something is the war over Germany, plunged ahead on all fronts. The done in the matter of sewerage Soviet Information bureau announced late yesterday

Big Assault on Important Germany

City with Block-Busters and

Incendiaries

COLOGNE, Feb. 3 (CP) — A

heavy force of Royal Air Force

bombers last night attacked Col-

ogne, dropping one hundred two-

ton block-busters on an average

less and scattered thousands of

incendiaries in the exploding

ruins. At least one Canadian

squadron took part in the raid

and Royal Canadian Air Force

members said the defences were

more active than in any of the

raids on Cologne last year includ-

ing the 1000-plane blasting last

May. Five bombers are missing,

indicating that a force of one

Base of Newest Jap Offensive

In South Pacific

AUSTRALIAN ALLIED HEAD-

Deal For Lands

further leasing of city property to

the United States Engineering De-

night. Mayor W. M. Watts advised

Will Be Widened and New Grade

Set Up Between Conrad and

Frederick Streets

The Royal Canadian Engineers

and the United States Engineering

Department have been granted

permission by the city council to

isting covering such leases.

ced today.

hundred planes took part.

that the 162-day siege of Stalingrad was ended with more than 500,000 of the cream of Axis soldiery reported slain or captured since the Russian winter offensive was launched November 19. Stasoned Red Army divisions are now free to reinforce the offensives from the north Caucasus to Kurak concentrating on Kharkov and Rostov.

of one every twelve seconds or

City Council Joins in Demand For Improvement in Service at Prince Rupert

The city council is protesting to the Postmaster General at the inadequacy of the present postal service in Prince Rupert and is insisting that something be done as soon as possible to rectify the situation. A motion along this line was passed at Monday night's meeting of the council. The mover was Ald. H. M. Daggett and the seconder Ald. George Hills. Speeding up of the opening of the new Post Office to be established in the east end of the city and the institution of a street delivery system are being

Ald. J. S. Black suggested that the council would be told nothing could be done about the street delivery system until there was an improvement in streets and sidewalks. Such a reply would only be Watts commented.

Considerable casualties were caused at Rabaul in the fourth UNCHANGED straight pre-dawn raiding.

Announcement is Made by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister Of Labor

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (P)-Cost of living bonuses paid Canadian workers under the wartime stabilization policy will remain unchanged for the three-month period starting Until a satisfactory basis has February 15, Hon. Humphrey Mitbeen negotiated, there will be no chell, minister of labor, announces.

partment, it was decided by the city council at its meeting Monday the council that there was no in-formation as to any agreement ex-

Spruce Was Principal Variety Last Month With Hemlock Second

The total sawlog scale for Prince Rupert district in January amounting to 8,092,288 board feet was di-

vided into species as foll	ows:
	Board feet
Spruce	5,044,510
Hemlock	1,782,312
Cedar	861,027
Douglas Fir	166,183
Jackpin	160,403
Balsam	31,280
Miscellaneous	46,008
Poles and piling am	ounted to
174 678 board feet includ	ing 179.860

be duly protected during the work. cellaneous wood was scaled.