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# Crash, Fire, 29 Are Dead

## SHIP STOOD TEST WELL

Tanker Which Fell Apart At Kaiser Yard.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Feb. 19-()—The tanker Quebec, sister ship of the Schenectady, which broke in two last month, passed extreme structural tests with flying colors. The tests indicated that there was nothing at fault with the welding method employed by Henry Kaiser's Swan Island Shipyard.

## AMENDMENT BY CARDIN

Thinks Government is Moving Too Fast in National Mobilization

OTTAWA, Feb. 19 (P)-Hon. P. J. Cardin, Liberal member for Richelieu-Verscheres and former minister of transport, moved in the House of Commons yesterday an amendment to the Speech from the shortages in vital industries, that its application of the National Re- points, unable to stem the tide. sources Mobilization Act until such time as a complete investigation could be made of the means by with sixty more villages having which Canadians could best contri- been liberated by the invaders. The bute to winning the war without destroying social, economic and national life.

The House will vote on the amendment later.

## Too Many Farm Boys Called Up

So Says Minister of Agriculture in British Columbia Legislature have also been taken.

VICTORIA, Feb. 19-Hon. Dr. K to keep their troops fighting. C. McDonald, minister of agriculture, said yesterday that too many farmers were being called up for service in the Army. Farmers were refusing to plant crops because they did not know whether or not their sons would be called up A their sons would be called up. A volunteer farm workers' corps is to be discussed by farmers with Dr. McDonald.

## No Date Yet For Bringing In of Budget

inquiry by Gordon Graydon, act- ness and other professional men. ing House leader of the Progressive-Conservative party, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, said yesterday that he could not yet give a definite date for the bring- For Trolleys ing down of his budget.

## AIR WAR ON JAPS

Allied Offensive in Southern Pacific Area Becoming More Intense

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS SOUTH PACIFIC, Feb. 19 — The motorwomen. Allied air attack on Japanese bases ther stepped up. Airdromes and says of his new pupils: Solomons have been heavily hit. ity." There have also been attacks on Portuguese Timor and off New

#### WELDED SHIPS LIGHTER

have to overlap.

## REDS ON ADVANCE

Nothing Wrong With Sister Ship of Nazis Unable to Stem Tide Against Them at Any Point Along Long Front

> SMASHING ON MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (CP) — The hard-hitting Red Army, smashing defences in Orel Province, has captured Alegosch, only thirty miles east of Orel on the railway from Yelets, and several other unidentified towns have been taken by highly mobile Soviet troops operating ten miles behind the unbroken front line in this sector, the Russians announced. Taganrog's life-line was severed northwest of Rostov with the capture of Matveen-Kurgan, 25 miles north of the Sea of Azov port on the railroad to Gorlovka, and in the western Caucasus the Red Army continued to drive the Germans toward Taman Peninsula where escape across Kerch Strait into Crimea might be attempted by the Germans.

MOSCOW, Feb. 19-The Russian Throne regretting, in view of labor forces continue to advance all along the front with the Germans, the government had not withheld in spite of stiff resistance at some

> Last night the Red Army was reported only thirty miles from Orel Reds are also driving west of Kharkov and are only 218 miles from

The last railway line for Nazi escape to the Black Sea has been cut and a large number of Gernans are believed trapped.

Today's communique said new gains had been made by the Russians on both ends of the southern battle lines. To the north ten more towns have been captured. West of Rostov further populated places

The Nazis are trying desperately

C. C. F. Member Sees Trouble if Selective Services Only Partially Applied

VICTORIA, Feb. 19—Colin Cameron, C.C.F. member for Comox, told the Legislature yesterday that, if one class of worker was to be frozen to his job, all should be. There would be trouble if miners were held to their jobs at set wages and the same did not apply OTTAWA, Feb. 19—Answering an to such as lawyers, doctors, busi-

## Women Drivers In Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19 (P)-For the first time in the history of Balti- Royalist Plot more's trolley car lines, women are both back and front-seat drivers. And as front-seat drivers, they're good.

The Baltimore Transit Company, faced with an ever-growing short-IN age of manpower, recently hired 10

Edgar Woolford, supervisor of in the South Pacific has been fur- the transit company's instructors,

shipping of the enemy are the "They responded to training T principal targets. Madang and Ine with all the confidence attributed on New Guinea and Guen on the to men, and none of the temer-

STILL TOGETHER

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 19 (F) Philemon, Desmond and Peter Fol-Warwickshire Regiment.

R.A.F. GROUND FORCES IN ACTION IN DESERT



Here are two R.A.F. Bren gunners on duty in desert action in North Africa. Their duty was to cover advancing riflemen in the R.A.F. regiment's first action. This regiment went into action for the first time when it helped British land forces to capture Daba and Fuka airfields, advanced base of Rommel's air force. The regiment rounded up 200 prisoners, most of them Germans.

BARTER ON

NEW HOMES

Brings New Means for

Solution

essary was to walk down the streets

and investigate hundreds of "Flat

to Let" and "Apartment to Let"

swollen by war activity things are

Now, one householder will ad-

vertise in the newspaper under a

column labelled, "Exchange, Liv-

the ad and the chase is started.

advertiser has to offer.

when the furniture arrives.

Women Exemplary;

Brave Under Fire

and Others in Britain

tion which sent the balloon to the

proper height. This devotion to

each side of them.

different.

## Bulletins

ASK GANDHI'S RELEASE NEW DELHI -- Business, professional and political leaders, meeting here today, asked for the release from custody of Ma-

hatma Gandhi who is on a

hunger strike and whose condi-

tion is becomining serious. TIRPITZ AT SEA LONDON-The great German battleship Tirpitz is reported

taking target practice in the North Sea.

SOCIAL SECURITY OTTAWA - Prime Minister Mackenzie King says the subject of social security after the war will not be discussed in Parliaament until after a special committee has made a report on the subject.

## MAHATMAIS WEAKER NOW

Gandhi Has Stopped Talking Now -American Intervention Rumored

BOMBAY, Feb. 19 — Mahatma Gandhi, continuing his hunger strike, is becoming weaker and has stopped talking.

It is reported that the United States may intervene with a view to having Gandhi released.

# Darlan Killing Seen as Part of

ALGIERS, Feb. 19-It has been suggested that the recent assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan might have been part of a Royalist plot having as its objective the appointment of the Count of Paris to the high commissionership of North Africa.

### Tents Burned In Contract Camp Blaze

The fire department had a call duty and disregard of danger was lis, triplets, lay side by side 18 at 5:30 last night to a construct- brought to the attention of all years ago in three cots in Bir- ion camp on Water Street. The fire Welded ships weigh about 13 per mingham. Today, still dressed ex- destroyed three tents, the men los- officer Commanding Balloon Comcent less than riveted ships, be- actly alike, they sleep side by side ing all their wearing apparel. For mand, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Goscause welded steel plates do not in a barrack room, members of the a time it was quite a spectacular mand, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Gosblaze.

## WOULD HAVE: JAPS WORK

Should be Helping to Win the War, & Frank Putnam Tells Legisla-

nam, Liberal member for Nelson- | # fight over post-war social se- # Creston, speaking in the Legisla- de curity legislation showed disture yesterday, urged that all Jap- | position today to heal the anese should be put to work to + breach in the Churchill coal- \* help win the war. Some people fition government which be- + who did not favor the Japanese & came manifest yesterday when \* working were allowing their judg- | Labor supported some Liberals & ment to be overcome by their pre- \* and mustered 119 votes against . judice, Mr. Putnam felt. It was a mistake to permit them to remain in idleness, he feit.

## NAVY BASE HIT AGAIN

Another Big R. A. F. Attack on Wiihelmshaven-1300 Dead In Lorient.

LONDON, Feb. 19 (P)-The Royal Air Force, accompanied by a number of Roal Canadian Air Force bombers, made a heavy attack on the German navai pase of Wilhelmshaven last night while of her airtinent and shipping off the coast. Spring Moves Problem in Big City missing planes are bombers.

and Belgium since yesterday.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19 (P)-House-The German radio has said that move are getting down to a "bar- bombing of Lorient on Tuesday. ter" basis. Once, all that was nec-

## during February, March or April TRYING FOR placards which dotted the residen-tial areas. But with the population NEW STAND

American Forces Endeavouring to Re-establish Themselves in North Africa-Offensive Broken

ing Quarters," offering his dwell-LONDON, Feb. 19 (9)—The Mor-ccan radio quotes the French WARNING ing as an exchange for something occan radio quotes the French else. Others who are interested see commander-in-chief in North Africa as saying the German Tunisian of- TO JAPS fensive has been broken by British From among the applicants, the advertiser can select the more conartillery and "decisive action of venient spots and look over the American tanks."

premises. Finally the field is nar-The American forces are endearowed down to one or two and the vouring to establish a new defense applicants come to view what the line in the mountains of Algeria following the reverses they have The next step is for the two final suffered at the hands of the Axis barterers to obtain the approval of the landlords, when leases may be

army. They are already said to drawn up. When moving day arbe in stronger positions on the Alrives the only problem left is to gerian-Tunisian frontier. schedule the movers in such a way

Allied headquarters reported tothat both dwellings will be vacant day that, after four hours of battle there was little activity on the The method doesn't offer as com-Tunisian front yesterday. Displete a selection as that enjoyed in former years, but if you have to patches agreed that Marshall Rommel had attained his apparent move, it appears to be the only way objective-a limited attack to disto insure a home for the coming organize American forces.

two flying columns, the Germans advanced sixty miles and captured 4,000 square miles of territory in four days.

A German broadcast heard in London said the British First Army was moving up to threaten the north wing of the Axis forces and the Eighth Army, which moved in Great Job Being Done by W.A.A.F.'s from Libya, was prodding main Need Children fortifications of the Mareth Line beyond Medinine in southern Tu-LONDON, Feb. 19 (P)—When two nisia.

W.A.A.F.'s (Women's Auxiliary Air The British Eighth Army con-Force), one 22 and the other 18, tinues its advance inside Tunisia. Using two divisions of tanks and were operating the winch for reg-

#### ulating the height of a balloon during a recent night raid on London, two bombs fell almost together to land about 25 yards on But they carried out the opera-

Prime Minister Churchill Still Confined To Bed With Severe Attack

ranks in a special order by the Air passages, it was announced today. one-fifth.

### Breach To \* Be Healed In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 19 (P)-All VICTORIA, Feb. 19-Frank Put- + factions in Great Britain's + the cabinet in the House of Commons. The inclination is \* to regard the dispute over the \* + Beveridge report as an issue having no effect on national \* unity in the prosecution of the

# SABOTAGE

No Evidence of it in Dawson Creek Fire-General O'Connor Speaks

OTTAWA. Feb. 19 (P) Brigadier craft at acked rail lines on the con- General James O'Connor, officer commanding, northwest service A total of seven planes are missing command, United States Army, said " bing Canadian. Four of the yesterday that there was no evidence of sabotage in connection with The Royal Air Force has also the recent fire and explosion at made attacks on occupied France Dawson Creek when seven persons were killed and 160 injured. The statement of General O'Connor folnolders in Montreal with a yen to 1300 persons were killed in the lowed a conference with J. G. Turgeon, M. P. for Cariboo which riding includes the Peace River dist-General O'Connor said in a CONVOYIS broadcast that the Alaska Highway

may be the "new northwest passage" linking America and Asia. The highway with air fields is the route highway with air fields is the route to the allies in Russia and China and "it is the sword pointed at our enemies in Japan," he asserted.

Imperial Spokesman Sees Attempt Of Americans to Launch Mortal Blow From

Alaska

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (CP) - A Tokyo radio broadcast a warning to the Japanese people by a high Imperial headquarters official that the United States is planning a "mortal attack upon NOT WANTED cial that the United States is the mainland of Japan" and it would come from the north. The official said Alaska is to be the "headquarters for attacks against Japan."

The spokesman described how the Americans were establishing communications between Alaska and China for the offensive against Japan.

bombinsg of Japanese positions on the Aleutian Islands.

# To Boost Race

Families of at Least Three and Four Needed in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 19 (P)-Mrs. E. M. Hubback, principal of Morley College for working men and women, said in a lecture that families of three or four children instead of the present average of under two LONDON Feb. 19 (P-Prime Min- producing only 80 daughters to be cently in cutting the tape which ister Winston Churchill, confined the mothers of the next generation opened the new Alaska Highway. to bed with a cold, has acute she added, and the population is The other blade will be presented catarrh of the upper respiratory under-reproducing by as much as to President Franklin D. Roosevelt

# Holocaust In Seattle

Flaming Bomber Plunged Into Packing Plant-Crew and Workers Ded

SEATTLE, Feb. 19 — Twentynine persons are listed as dead or missing and believed dead after a United States Army bomber -a four-motored Boeing machine - took fire in the air and crashed in flames on the roof of a Seattle packing plant.

Eleven of the dead were members of the bomber's crew on a test flight. One was Edmund Allen, nationally known test

One employee of the Frye & Co. packing plant was identified among the bodies recovered. Sixteen other employees are missing and are believed to have been burned to death.

The twenty-ninth victim was a fireman who was overcome by fumes and died today.

The aircraft company said the cause of the crash was a fire in the engine in the course of a test flight.

Damage to the packing plant is estimated at \$250,000 and thee normal meat supply of Seattle has been considerably affected by the fire.

The catastrophe occurred at

So British Destroyers Sink One German e-Boat and Damage Another

London, Feb. 19 (P)-British destroyers, escorting a convoy in the North Sea, sank one German e-boat and damaged another motor torpedo vessel early esterday, the Admiralty announces.

The destroyers Garth and Montrose were the British vessels principally engaged.

The e-boats attacked the convoy and the British ships attacked

Prince Rupert People Show Little Interest in Equipping Themselves With Respirators

Of four thousand respirators which have been made available to the public of Prince Rupert by the civilian protection authorities either by purchases or without charge There have been constant) to those who are unable to pay for them, only three hundred have been taken up. In view of a general lack of interest on the part of the public in equipping themselves with respirators, the proposal to withdraw them for storage is being considered by the A. R. P. auth-

## Presentation to Prime Minister

Mr. King Gets One Blade of Alaska Scissors-Other to President Roosevelt

OTTAWA, Feb. 19-Presentation are necessary to avoid race suicide. was made yesterday of one blade Every hundred British mothers are of the scissors that was used reof the United States.