

# Three Way Squeeze Upon Tripoli

## CAMPAIGN FOR HELP TO RUSSIA

Meeting Held Last Night—Committees Named For Drive About To Be Held

Organization of the Canadian Aid to Russia campaign for the balance of this month in Prince Rupert got under way last night with a well-attended meeting in the city council chamber when representatives of various organizations and personally interested people get together to discuss ways and means and appoint committees. There will be an informal canvass for funds and a number of special events are being planned as means of raising money. The central committee in charge of the campaign consists of Rev. A. F. MacSween, chairman; Bruce Mickleburgh, secretary; G. R. S. Blackaby, treasurer; Ray Allen, Charles Vizer, G. A. Hunter and Mrs. J. A. Teng.

Committees are as follows: Publicity—G. A. Hunter, Bruce Stevens, Dick Halhed, C. H. Insulander and Mrs. James Blakey.

Special Names—R. G. Allen, W. D. Lambie, Harris Chan, Hector Christie and Mrs. J. A. Teng.

Special Events—Charles Vizer, William Lambie, Mrs. Charles Wallace, George Bunka, R. G. Gibson, D. G. Borland and Bruce Stevens.

Women's—Mrs. J. A. Teng, Miss Margaret Lee, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. James Blakey and Mrs. Charles Wallace.

Dry Dock—Charles Vizer, George Bunka, Harry Varner, Fred Boor, J. W. Taylor, Victor Hopwood, S. A. Bird and James Blakey.

Waterfront—William Rothwell.

W. Stefuk was in the chair at the early part of last night's meeting and was replaced by Rev. A. F. MacSween who was elected permanent chairman from the meeting.

Speaker of Evening

The speaker of the evening was F. R. Boor who declared that the liberty of British and Canadian cities had been saved on the frozen fields and in the smoking cities such as Stalingrad. Russia had not been defending Russia alone but all of Canada. The Soviets had paid an appalling price and casualties and sacrifices were enormous. There has been over five million casualties in the Russian forces alone with many times that number among civilian population of Nazi overrun countries. The cruelty practised by Germany in this war had never before been

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## Garbage Service Has Difficulty In Obtaining Help

Following the tightening up of regulations whereby men of the armed forces may no longer carry on part time civilian work, the city is having much difficulty in manning the garbage collection trucks. Indeed there are only three regular men left now and it has become necessary to tie up one of the

One of the difficulties in getting men is that there is no authority to make the wage rate higher.

Feeling that a serious situation might well arise from neglect of the garbage collection service, the council is seeking the co-operation of the Provincial Board of Health in a move to get authorization from the regional war labor board to increase wages.

Meanwhile men are being advertised for through the usual selective service channels.

## HIT AT RUHR

Seventh Raid in Ten Nights—German Bombers Over British Town

LONDON, Jan. 13 (P)—Royal Air Force bombers smashed at the Ruhr again last night, the Air Ministry announces. It was the seventh attack in ten nights and one plane failed to return. A number of persons were reported killed and many injured in a dawn attack today by two German raiders on a town on the south-east English coast.

The town was bombed and machine-gunned.

## RATIONING OF BUTTER

Possibility Suggested That Even Half Pound Weekly May Not Be Maintained

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (P)—Officials said yesterday that they could "only hope—not guarantee" that the present butter ration of half pound per week in Canada will be maintained indefinitely and that food requirements in other lands, particularly of the United Nations, will probably decide whether meat rationing will be applied in Canada.

## Occupied City Property Will Be Checked Up

The city council has decided that a check-up should be made to determine just what city property is now occupied by the government and by contractors engaged in defence projects. The matter was referred to the finance committee at Monday night's council meeting. The authority, if any, on which some of this property has been occupied will also be looked into.

At Monday night's meeting there was some discussion on the subject. Ald. H. M. Daggett felt that there should be a set policy in regard to all such deals. Ald. Robert McKay felt that the Department of National Defence might have a different status than private contractors.

## City Cannot Finance Gov't

Notification to be Made to Ottawa In Connection With Water Supply Extension

As it did with the chlorination proposal a week ago, the city council on Monday night at the suggestion of Ald. J. S. Black and Ald. Thomas Elliott, decided to inform the federal government that it is not in a position to finance for the federal government the \$44,500 job of installing a booster pump, the repairing and raising of Acropolis Hill reservoir, the development of a reserve water supply from Mount Oldfield and the chlorination of the water.

The proposal of the minister of national defence is that the city should carry out the work on completion of which it would be reimbursed to the amount of \$40,000 by the government, the balance to be paid by the city itself.

One of the difficulties in this instance is that authorization of the purchase of material for the work had been made before the new civic administration took over and, when it arrives, somebody will have to pay for it.

## BULLETINS

**CANADIANS ARRIVE AT A BRITISH PORT**—New thousands of reinforcements for the Canadian Army overseas and for the Royal Canadian Air Force have landed at this British port. It was the second large Canadian contingent in three weeks.

**WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY NORTH AFRICAN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS**—The Christmas Eve assassination of Admiral Darlan, late North African High Commissioner, appears to have been the result of conspiracy reaching in many directions and additional "personages in Algiers have been arrested," a spokesman for General Giraud says.

**APPEAL TO UNION HEAD OTTAWA**—Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, has appealed to Phillip Murray, president of the United Steel Workers of America, to intervene in the steel strike at Sydney and Sault Ste. Marie.

**NOT CALLING YOUTHS OTTAWA**—Eighteen-year-old boys are not to be drafted for military service in the meantime.

## Men and Women Pass First Aid

List of Candidates in Recently Held St. John Ambulance Test

Eight men and fifteen women candidates were successful at recently conducted first aid examinations of the St. John's Ambulance Association. The successful candidates were:

Men—Otis L. Hall, David Robert Barclay, Ralph Thistlewhite, S. J. Hunter, Roderick Smith, P. O'Neill, William Denning and Robert Reid.

Women—Winifred M. Black, Lilian Hill, Doris Eyoilfen, Bertha M. Oland, Beatrice Dawes, Margaret McIntosh, Grace Priest, Jennie Christensen, Freda Handford, Nellie Funnell, Beatrice Harrison, Alice Fuller, Isabel Startup, Marjorie Doll and Pearl Fraser.

## Would Lease Twenty-two Lots of City

Betchel, Pryce and Cunningham, who are engaged in defence project contracting work here, are seeking from the city a lease for the duration of the war and six months after on twenty-two lots in the neighborhood of the Steele Block on Third Avenue of the assessed value of \$21,000, the proposal being to erect thereon offices, warehouses and barracks. The proposed payment would be six percent on the assessed value which would amount to \$1260 per year.

## Military Post Office Here Is Latest Proposal

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as favoring the establishment of a military post office in Prince Rupert as a means of alleviating congestion at the local post office which continues acute. It had been understood recently that such a military post office was proposed to be established on Third Avenue across from the regular post office for the handling of all the mail of the forces. However, it had since been learned that this project had been given up.

## HUNS ARE NOT ABLE TO STAND

Stiffening Resistance of Nazis Fails to Halt Notable Russian Advances

MOSCOW, Jan. 13 (P)—The Germans threw tanks and aircraft into a stiffening stand in the Caucasus today in a desperate attempt to cover forces holding the Maikop oil fields and the Black Sea coast further west but the Russians reported further gains and villages recaptured.

Red Star newspaper said the battle was becoming more violent, particularly along the rail line toward Rostov from recaptured Minaryny Vody.

Battlefront dispatches said the Russians were maintaining pressure along the whole 100-mile front from deep in the Caucasus to the lower Kalmyck Steppe while other forces just to the north bore down on the Nazi Sal River line in preparation for the siege of Salsk, another milestone on the road to Rostov.

Strong German counter-attacks are reported on the Lower Don front as well as in the Caucasus.

The Russians have broken through German siege lines at Stalingrad's western fringe and most of the city has been cleared of Nazis, making even more perilous the predicament of twenty-two Nazi regiments in the area.

## Consider Isolation Hospital Problem

Health Committee of City Council Has This Matter in Hand Now

The health committee of the city question of isolation hospital facilities in Prince Rupert following a report on the subject by Dr. R. J. MacDonald, medical officer. It will be definitely decided who is responsible for the operation of an isolation hospital. The questions of staffing such a hospital and providing a suitable building are other matters that must be considered.

Dr. MacDonald, in his report, points to the situation whereby the city is left without adequate isolation hospital facilities following a ruling some time ago by the hospital board that no communicable diseases can be admitted to the hospital. All the city has in way of an isolation hospital is an old run down building entirely unsuitable and inadequate either for patients or nurses. The report of the medical health officer states that Miss Mabel Faust R. N., lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, is prepared to discuss providing nurses if there is suitable accommodation. Suggestion is made that the railway company, dry dock and contractors might have the cost of isolation hospital facilities.

City council health committee, express the opinion that provision of suitable isolation hospital facilities is of more importance than water chlorination.

## NEW INDUSTRIAL DISEASE

LONDON, Jan. 13 (P)—Two members of the medical staff of Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, have discovered a new industrial disease which has been named Bagassosis, derived from the word bagass, technical term for sugar-cane dust and affecting persons working in sugar-cane dust atmosphere.

## SALTIER THAN SEAS

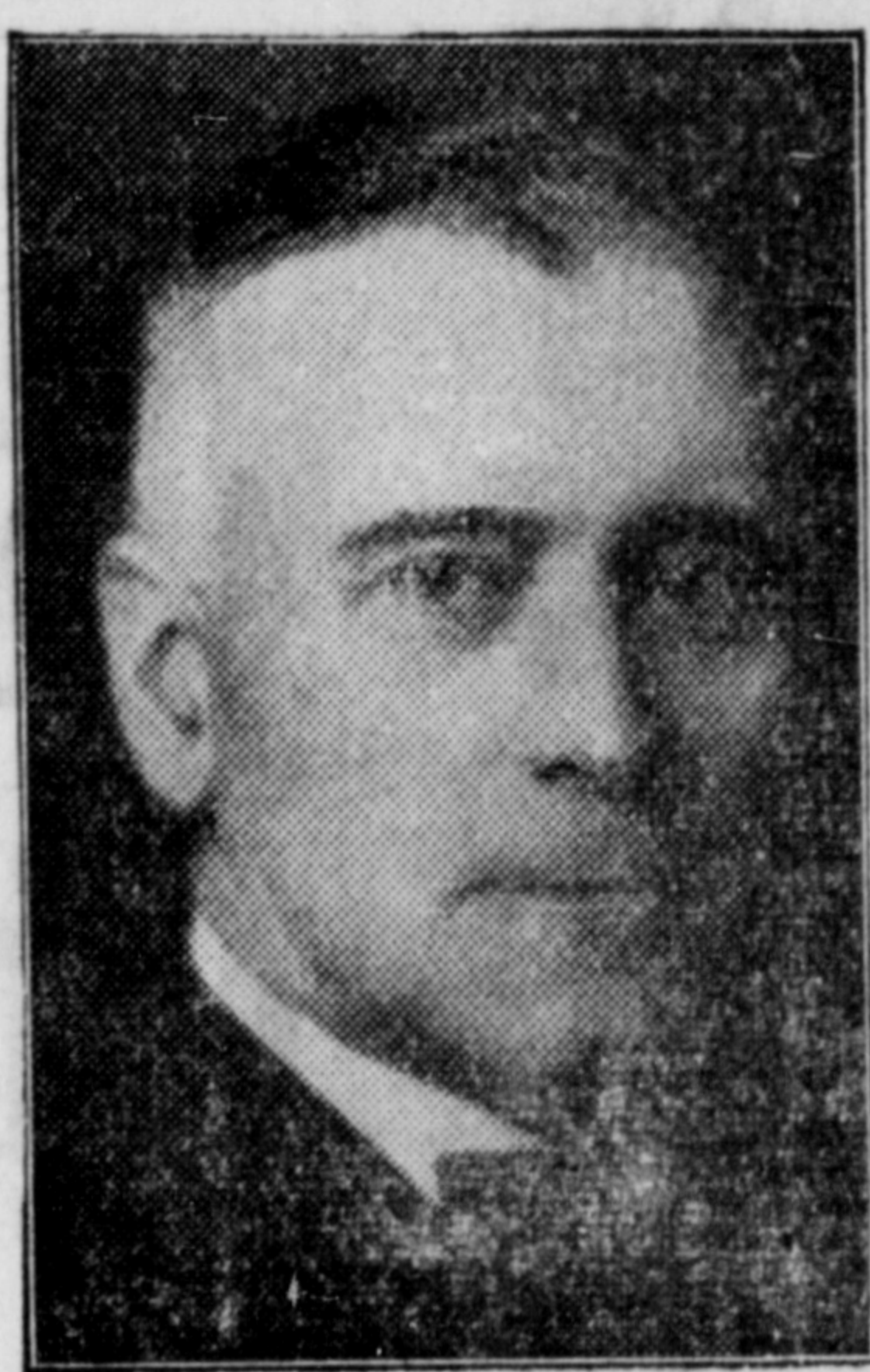
The Great Salt Lake and Dead Sea are the two bodies of water on earth saltier than the oceans.

## WALTON IS PROMOTED

Former Local Railway Official Assumes Added Railway Responsibilities of Importance

MONTREAL, Jan. 13—Norman B. Walton has been promoted executive vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, according to an announcement issued yesterday by R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president of the system. The appointment has been approved by the

## Going Up



N. B. WALTON

board of directors and is effective immediately.

Mr. Walton was vice-president of operation, maintenance and construction prior to this new appointment and he will continue to exercise jurisdiction over this important department, performing such duties as the president may from time to time delegate to him.

The organization under the authority of Mr. Walton includes all forces in Canada and the United States directly concerned with the actual operation of all trains including despatchers, engine crews, trainmen and the thousands of men who control signals and work at terminals and in yards.

Other large bodies of men under Mr. Walton's jurisdiction are those who maintain the right of way, the craftsmen employed in the motive power and car shops and those engaged in construction work. He also has charge of the company's ship-building operations.

Mr. Walton, a native of Palmerston, Ontario, began his railway experience in 1900 at Toronto where he joined the Grand Trunk Railway as a clerk and stenographer and in succeeding years moved through various positions which provided him with a wide knowledge of operating and traffic conditions and additional experience gained at the telegraph key. During these years Mr. Walton became associated with the late F. H. McGuigan, then vice-president, and H. H. Brewer, and, when these gentlemen resigned to accept positions with the Great Northern Railway at St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Walton accompanied them.

Mr. Walton became inspector of transportation for the Great Northern and when Messrs. McGuigan and Brewer resigned, he returned to Canada and rejoined the Grand Trunk at Toronto in April 1903, in the office of the claims agent.

## Formerly Here

When Mr. Brewer became general superintendent at Winnipeg for the Grand Trunk Pacific Mr. Walton joined him and in the years that followed advanced to the positions of trainmaster at Wainwright, assistant to the general superintendent at Winnipeg and superintendent at Edmonton.

With the amalgamation which completed the National system, Mr. Walton was appointed assistant general superintendent of the Canadian National Railways at Prince Rupert. In 1924 he was promoted to

## Air Activity Still Dominates Fight In North Africa Areas

British From East, French From South and Americans From West Crowding in Upon Axis

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 13 (CP)—Allied aircraft yesterday destroyed thirty-four Nazi aircraft in the air and on the ground in a raid on Castel Benito air field, ten miles south of Tripoli, it was announced today. Flying fortresses, which led the attack, knocked out twenty planes on the ground and fourteen more during a blazing running battle high in the air, a spokesman said. Despite enemy efforts, all Allied planes returned safely to their base. Air activity dominated day and night warfare as reports from ground fronts indicating only patrolling in northern Tunisia.

Cairo dispatches also emphasized air activity, reporting raids on Axis-held Tripoli and Homs, Crete, Sicily and Lampedusa Island.

Some observers thought developments indicated the Allies are getting ready to apply a three-way squeeze to Tripoli. The British Eighth Army is reported massing tanks and guns for another smash at Marshal Erwin Rommel's army. Fighting French forces, coming up from the depths of Africa, are three hundred miles to the south and Allied bombers, based to the west, are increasing blows at Axis points in Libya.

Fighting French headquarters announced yesterday that General LeClerc's Army of the Chad had captured Murzuk, capital of Fezzan district of southern Libya, and advance units had occupied Sebha, one hundred miles further north.

## Book Campaign Doing Nicely

Already Volumes For Armed Forces Coming in Nicely—Canvass Friday Night

The "Book Blitz" local campaign for the collection of books for the armed forces at home and abroad, is well under way and already a substantial number of books have been received, Chairman Bruce Mickleburgh reports. School children, members of the armed forces and various organizations are co-operating to bring about results which already are very satisfactory.

The week's campaign will reach its climax this Friday night when there will be a house to house canvass. It is hoped by the committee in charge that people will have their books ready for the collectors when they call. Paul Taranger has assumed the responsibility of convener of the canvass. Meanwhile books are being received at the fire hall and several designated stores.

It is hoped to gather at least one thousand books.

## BIG JUPITER

The largest planet, Jupiter, is 86,500 miles in diameter.

general superintendent at Winnipeg.

In March 1930, Mr. Walton became general superintendent of transportation for the western region with headquarters at Winnipeg. In November 1936, he was appointed chief of transportation for the entire system with headquarters at Montreal, on July 20, 1938, Mr. Walton was appointed vice-president in charge of operation including maintenance and construction.

## More Aircraft Carriers Now

LONDON, Jan. 13 (P)— Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared today "although we have had heavy losses in aircraft carriers we have now more than we had at the beginning of the war after replacing our losses."

## City Council Indemnities

Bylaw is Now Being Considered Informally by Mayor and Council

The city council is informally considering the indemnity bylaw for the year and the measure is expected to come formally before the council at an early date. When last the city had a mayor and council, the mayor received \$1500 per year and the aldermen \$300 each.

## Terms Set Down For Buying Lots

Policy for Disposal of Such Property Decided Upon by City Council

The city council has adopted a new policy in regard to disposal of tax sale property whereby one-third down may be paid with balance over two years at five percent interest on deals of over \$100 while under that cash must be paid.

A motion to this effect by Ald. Norah Arnold and Ald. Robert McKay was adopted at Monday night's meeting of the city council.

## Certification Of Librarians

Proposed That it be Given on Basis Of Long Experience Apart from Academic Training

The city council has approved of a proposal of the British Columbia Library Association proposing the enactment of legislation to provide for the certification as qualified librarians of librarians who may not have had special academic training for such work but who, through long years of practical experience, have established their competency.

The matter was brought before the council by Ald. Norah Arnold who moved a resolution for its acceptance. This was seconded by Ald. Thomas Elliott.

## HOCKEY SCORES

Chicago 0, Boston 3.