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NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1943

# Are Retreating On Aleutians

# RATION TU COMMENCE ON MAY 26

Details of Coupon Plan Soon Effective Are Explained

OTTAWA, May 19 (P) - The effective date for the new meat ration plan in Canada will be midnight, May 26, it is announced by officials of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Each individual will be entitled to spend two coupons weekly for meat which for rationing purposes is divided into four groups.

PASSED IN

Types in Group A are valued at one-half pound per coupon, Group FIRST AID B three-quarters of a pound, Group FIRST AID C one pound and Group D 11/4

of the chart.

The board said that coupons are not required for such meats as oxtail, liver, heart, tongue, kidneys, weiners, balogna and other smoked sausages and cooked meat loaves.

After midnight May 26 meat may be purchased only with the surrender of the brown Spart "A" coupons. The first pair of coupons becomes valid on May 27 with another pair valid each succeeding Thursday. Coupons becoming good before the 15th of the month expire at the end of the month, and coupons becoming good on or after the 15th, expire at the end of the following month.

# FREIGHTER LAUNCHED

Memiskman Park Takes to Water -Mrs. Parent Sponsor

this afternoon with fitting but Smith. E. Dale, E. Caldwell, A. G. Parent, wife of a welder. bitt. Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral blessed the ship. After the cere- Drummond, E. Roberts. mony the manager of the yard, on behalf of the builders, presenof the occasion.

of completion will proceed.

Axis Lost 324,000 Men in Tunisian Campaign

NORTH AFRICA, May 19 (Cana- Post Of Engineer dian Press)—The total German and Italian losses in the Tunisian campaign from the time of the smashing of the Mareth line to end of Axis resisteance in North Africa were 324,000 men. This figure includes an estimated 30,000 killed, 27,000 seriously wounded, and 267,-600 captured.

## Police Court Fines Higher

the month of April last year. From the beginning of this year press of Prince Rupert.

## entenarian's eral To Be reld in Interior

The remains of Mrs. Agnes Mc-Dames, centenarian Indian woman, who died at the ends of the week at Port Edward, were forwarded on last evening's train to the famlily home at Skeena Crossing where the funeral will take place. Requiem mass was celebrated at the Church of the Annunciation here yesterday morning by Rev. Father W. F. Lantagne.

Newspapers will soon carry copies | Crew Members of Prince Rupert and Prince George Successful

> VANCOUVER, May 19 (Passed by Press Censor)-First Aid classes at sea have just been completed by crew members of the Canadian National liners Prince George and Prince Rupert under the coaching of Jack Cook, inspector of first aid and accident prevention, Canadian National Railways, Western Region, Winnipeg, who devotes several months each year travelling throughout the west giving instruction to workers in all departments of the National system.

The classes, of an annual nature. have lasted six weeks during which time the "teacher" was aboard ship giving lectures to groups of men desiring to gain or improve knowledge in the principles of First Aid On completion of the recent courses 33 certificates, three vouchers and one label were presented

to men qualifying, as follows:

Certificates-R. Robinson, A. Jackson, C. Longmuir, N. Harron, J. Whitfield, J. Van Der Werff, S. AT A WEST COAST CANADIAN Larcombe, J. Dundas, J. Short, R. PORT. May 19-Another ten thou- White, S. MacLean, C. Davies, I. sand ton freighter to be built at Villeneuve, P. Merrick, A. Monk, W. this port was successfully launched | Cachette, R. Saltaire, M. Copiah, A simple ceremonies befitting the oc- Freckleton, A. Pappas, W. Huggins, casion. First of the "Park" series, T. Penny, J. Hay, A. Janis, A. Chipthe vessel was christened "Nemi- perfield, W. Thomson, M. Hutchiskan Park." The sponsor was Mrs. son, J. MacNiel, J. English, M. Dre-

> Vouchers - A. Campbell and A Label-A. Judd.

In token of their appreciation ted Mrs. Parent with a handsome for his untiring efforts to improve inscribed silver tray as a memento them in this humanitarian work, members of both crews presented The "Nemiskan Park" took Mr. Cook with gifts, a pen and pensmoothly to her natural element cil set from those on Prince Rupert and was soon picked up by tugboats and a solid leather writing case and moved into berth where work from those serving on Prince George.

In expressing his thanks, Mr. Cook praised the seafarers for the great interest shown in the worthwhile cause of fitting themselves to be useful to others, if and when emergencies called for trained assistance.

# Applications For

Names of Six Men Submitted to City-Further Bids Being Sought

of city engineer here succeeding F. Raising Prices mitted to the city by the Institute of Professional Engineers. The call for applications for the position will be drawn to the attention of these men, it was decided by the city council Monday night. Adver-

been collected in fines while up to will be joint consideration by the ceiling price is five cents a pound Svalbard, 11,000, 19.5 and 17, lists of foods banned for consump- game). the same date last year the total committees concerned of the fill- for potatoes other than those cer- Booth. ing of the position.

# Bulletins

GERMANY'S DISASTER

LONDON - Germany appears to be faced with the greatest industrial disaster of the war as a result of enormous floods in the Ruhr and Eder River valleys following the destruction of great powerdams by bombers of the Royal Air Force. Millions of gallons of water is on the rampage and thousands have been rendered homeless. Large munition plants have been put out of commission.

RUSSIANS GAINING MOSCOW-Fifty German defence positions have been knocked out by Russian artillery on the Leningrad front. Forces of either side are gathering for what appears to be a great tank batble on the central front west of Moscow. There has been a quietening down in the Caucasus area where the Red Army is attempt-

Nazis. AXIS SHIPS SUNK LONDON - British submarines have destroyed an Axis destroyer and five cargo ships in the

Mediterranean.

ing to take the Black Sea naval

base of Novorosissk from the

MORE RECRUITS NEEDED OTTAWA-Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, told Parliament Tuesday that it looked like 1943 would be a year of action and that Canadians would be in the thick of it. He estimated Canada would need 177,000 more recruits - 100,000. for the army, 24,000 for the navy and 53,000 for the air force. The minister spoke highly of the reserve army and the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

TALKS SATISFACTORY WASHINGTON - President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a statement, said that talks between himself and Prime Minister Winston Churchill were proceeding very satisfactorily but were not yet finished. Mr. Churchill had luncheon on Tuesday with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and later escorted them to the White House where they had a conversation of an hour with President Roosevelt.

NAZIS OVER LONDON LONDON-London was visited for the third successive night by German raiders. There were two alarms during the night. Again casualties and damage were

VICTIMS NUMBER 268 MELBOURNE—The latest estimate of the death list in the torpedoeing of the Australian hospital ship Centaur is 268 persons. Prime Minister John Curtin described the sinking of the Centaur as an act of wanton deliberation which would stir the Allies to a more acute realization of the nature of the enemy they were fighting. The act would also shock all civilized people in the world.

# The names of some six men who might be available for the position Are Fined For

Chinese in Vancouver Sold at Prices Above the Ceiling

VANCOUVER, May -9 - Seven There were 93 cases in the city tisements for the position have al- Vancouver Chinese, operators of Alken, 16,000, 19.5 and 17, Booth. bined railway and traffic bridge Police court during the month of ready been placed in Winnipeg, vegetable businesses, were assessed Viking I., 12,500, 19.2 and 17, could easily cut off communication April, with \$1383.75 collected in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and fines and costs totalling \$667.50 for Storage. fines, as compared with \$1134 for Victoria papers and applications selling potatoes at a price above Tramp, 20,000, 19.4 and 17, At- south but with all points east as will also be called for through the that set by the Wartime Prices and lin. Trade Board. They sold potatoes Selma H., 16,000, 19.6 and 17, until the end of April, \$3396 has When applications are in, there three pounds for 25 cents when the Whiz. tified for seed.

### MANY PRISONERS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA-The count of Axis prisoners following the completion of the successful Allied campaign in North Africa has been completed. Well over 200,-000 Axis prisoners were taken during the campaign.

FLEET AIR ARM OTTAWA - The Royal Canadian Navy may soon have a fleet air arm for the protection of convoys to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where the Royal Navy takes over.

### TO CALL MINERS

OTTAWA-New selective service regulations are announced whereby men who are experienced in coal mining will have to leave their present jobs and return to the mines if required. Registration of coal miners with present employers will have to be made by May 25. There will be postponement of military call-up for coal miners until February, 1944.

NEW ONTARIO MINISTER TORONTO-Hon. Harry Nixon

is the new Premier of Ontario in succession to Hon. Gordon Conant. A new attorney general and minister of public works have been appointed.

NEW RESERVE DUTIES OTTAWA — Canada's reserve army may be given extended duties on coastal areas in the way of infantry and anti-aircraft

REJECT ROML PLAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives yesterday rejected the Roml tax collection plan 202 to 194.

BOMBING OF ROME

LONDON-Under Secretary for Air Harold Balfour said yesterday that Rome would be bombed if it should prove "helpful and convenient."

ABERHART IN HOSPITAL VANCOUVER — The condition of Premier William Aberhart of Alberta, in hospital here, is described as being "very good."

RAID ON BURMA

NEW DELHI — British troops made a successful raid on the jetty at the Japanese occupied port of Maungdaw in western Burma Sunday night inflicting casualties in fierce fighting, it was announced yesterday.

VICTORY LOAN TOTAL OTTAWA-Victory Loan subscriptions up to last night reached \$1,268,428,950 of which British Columbia's share was \$138,445,-

### HALIBUT SALES

American Thor, 40,000, 17.1 and 16, Stor-Fremont, 22,000, 18.4 and 16,

Booth. Hazel H., 22,000, 18 and 16, Paci-

Onah, 11,000, 18.4 and 16, Royal. Pearl, 6,500, 18.5 and 16, Whiz. Reliance I., 17,000, 18.2 and 16,

### Canadian

R. W., 11,500, 19.3 and 17, Whiz.

## WILL FIGHT IN PACIFIC

Britain to Stand Side by Side With United States Against Japan-Churchill

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19 (CP) - Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking before the United States Congress today, gave a pledge that Great Britain will wage war against the Japanese in the Facific "side by side with you while there is breath in our bodies and blood flows in our veins."

The British Prime Minister said: "I regard the bringing of immediate and effective aid to China as one of the most urgent of our common tasks."

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada, members of the United States cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were among distinguished people in attendance in the Chamber as Mr. Churchill addressed Congress.

# Subscriptions

Miss Lucie and Master James Evans David Reid Keith I. Blenkarn Lloyd Stokes (Penticton) Dante D'Alvise Robert Myrovitch Newson A. S. Pett C. Bracken Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wells (Port Simpson)

Robert Smith Chas. Bruce Vanalstine (Evelyn) Harry J. Kelly (Smithers) Ray T. Oulton Ethel F. Wilson (Burns Lake) Lloyd Stokes (Vanderhoof)

## VANDERHOOF WANTS ROAD

Mrs. A. Dingwel.

Advantage of Route Starting At Quesnel and Eliminating Prince George Seen

connecting the .B.C. highway sys- ing office the prospective soldier tem with the Alaska Highway, the merely fills out an offer of service up ships in the harbor and cover-Public Works should not overlook to make a soldier, he is despatched the advantages of the Quesnel- to Vancouver where he is medical-Vanderhoof-Fort St. John-Manson ly examined and attested. Creek route is the contention of a memorandum issued by the Vanderhoof and District Board of are examined by the same panel the west coast of Sardinia the night Trade.

Press reports indicate that survey parties are to be sent out to barrassment of re-classification af- town and port areas and one large determine the most suitable connection with the Alaska Highway and that they are all to start at Prince George. The contention of the memorandum is that at least one of these surveys should start at Quesnel.

The fact that the Quesnel-Vanderhoof route is longer is misleading, the paper states, because there are actually 45 miles more of finished toad on this route than on way of Summit Lake and Pine Pass. The fact that it is now in existence requires little new in construction and presents few engineering difficulties is also in its favor.

The use of this road would eliminate the problem presented at Prince George, where well placed enemy action directed at the comnot only with Vancouver and the well, the memorandum states.

tion by dogs and other pets in Bri-

## City Engineer Good Finishes His Work Today

Starting on a two weeks' leave of absence today which will bring him up to the date of effectiveness of his resignation at the end of the month, City Engineer F. N Good today completes his active service with the city of Prince Rupert. Henry Arney, foreman, will carry on in charge of the city public works department pending the appointment of a new city

engineer.

Heavy Attacks Against Enemy Continuing

Force bombers, returning again to of the campaign for this island in their air offensive, attacked tar- the Aleutians and Knox reported gets in southern Germany while to a press conference that, despite fighters swept through northern stubborn resistance, so far casual-France and Belgium, it, was an- ties have been much lighter than nounced yesterday.

Allied aircraft damaged five ships of an enemy convoy. Two retary Knox said, had the full supsupply ships of the convoy of eight port of warships standing off to merchantmen, and three escort sea and planes operating from vessels were left sinking, and were bases to the eastward whenever 50 seen to be abandoned by their weather permits. 100 crews, the same announcement 50 said.

# 50 NEW PLAN

Streamlines Induction and Standardizes Medical Categorys

A new system of induction of both volunteers for the active Army and HARD men drafted under the National Resources Mobilization Act has been adopted by the Canadian Army and is expected to eliminate much of the confusion formerly connected with recruiting, both the standpoint of the recruit and of the Army.

Under the new scheme local recruiting boards and medical boards are done away with and the work formerly done by them is now cen-VANDERHOOF, May 19-That in tred at an Army Reception Centre their intention to construct a road at Vancouver. At his local recruit-B itish Columbia Department of form and, if he is considered likely

At the Army Reception Centre, men from all parts of the province of doctors and it is expected that this feature will eliminate the emtests are standardized. A sort of assembly line method is used. The recruit passes before a series of specdifferent part of him. The thing is TAKES OVER done quickly and thoroughly.

A feature of this examination is POST HERE what is called the "M" test, which is like an intelligence test except that it is calculated to reveal, T. W. Speers Succeeding N. S. through quick reaction tests, the the shortest which runs from speed and quality of the recruit's Prince George to Dawson Creek by mental functions so that he can be placed in whatever department of chief clerk in the office of W. T. the service he will be best adjusted Moodie, general superintendent, to and thus not be a misfit.

Following the successful completion of these tests, the recruit is atis assigned to a suitable unit.

### Baseball Scores

National League Boston 4: Pittsburgh 0. St. Louis 7; Brooklyn 1. Cincinnati 3; New York 1

Potatoes have been placed on the Philadelphia 5; Chicago 4; (night

American League All games postponed.

# MOPPING UP ON ATTUID.

First Phase of American Campaign On Aleutian Island Is Climaxed

CLOSING PINCERS

WASHINGTON D. C., May 19 (Canadian Press) American pincers have closed a trap around Japanese positions on Attu Island and at least part of the enemy troops are in retreat toward a last ditch stand, the United States Navy reported today. There are no signs of the Japanese attempting to bring up reinforcements.

WASHINGTON D.C., May 19 (Canadian Press)—Capturing a ridge in the Aleutians, United States troops advanced north and south across the eastern neck of the island and were brought very close together if not actually joined by the victory, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced.

The operation against the ridge LONDON, May 19 (P)-Royal Air apparently climaxed the first phase enpected.

Army troops on the Island, Sec-

Capture of the important height. while its signifiance awaits further military developments to be fully measurable, may have brought the Attu campaign to a point where little remains to be done than mopping up.

The landings were made at Holtz Bay and Massacre Bay on the east coast of the island.

Greatest Bombing Raids Yet Are

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, May 19 (Canadian Press)— Planes of the Allied air force made the heaviest raid yet on the Italian Island of Pantelleria, only 4 miles from Cap Bon in Tunisia, it was announced officially today.

At the same time flying fortresses smashed at the important Sicilian base of Trapani, blowing ing the docks and railway years with bomb bursts.

Carrying on an unrelenting attack on Italy's Mediterranean islands, the Royal Air Force bombed the airfield and port of Alghero on before last, an announcement said.

Bomb bursts were seen in the ter they are in the service for the fire in the centre of town appeared to be spreading beyond control returning pilots said.

Stewart as Chief Clerk

T. W. Speers, formerly assistant British Columbia district, Canadian National Railways, Vancouver, has been promoted to chief clerk to G. tested and on the basis of them he A. Glay, superintendant, Prince Rupert, and has arrived to take over his new duties. He succeeds Norman S. Stewart at Prince Rupert, the latter having been transferred to Calgary as chief clerk to the superintendent there.

Mr. Speers has long experience (ten with the railway's operating department, joining the service 26 years ago at Winnipeg. He has been in Vancouver for the past 13 years. and is a member of the Vancouver Junior Board of Trade.