Sicily Is Near Complete

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vwhere Russians Now Have Seized Offensive Against Germans

NAZI PLANS BROKEN MOSCOW, July 24 (CP) re than 4,500 Germans died day on the approaches to el where the Russians, closa pincers about the key se, continued to throw back zi counter-attacks and adnced two to four miles, front e dispatches said today. A viet Army newspaper said at the battle not only had shed Adolf Hitler's plan a new general offensive on eastern front but was caushim to lose the battle for ily. The newspaper said t Hitler had been unable to ease forces to combat the ied invasion of Sicily beise he was so heavily enred on the Russian front.

OSCOW, July 24-The Russ have advanced 31/2 to 5 Berlin radio has comnews of the loss of Orel. orther advances have been on the Belgorod sector. e Reds have also improved positions in the Kuban la of the Black Sea and he Donets and have gained ositions around Krasno-

entire Nazi campaign for

rope was being broken down

cause of the Russian offen-

renewed an offensive nity of Leningrad. the Sea of Azov Russian s have been general.

AIR CREW SNEEDED

of Recruits Causes Conrn, Minister for Air States

ITAWA, July 24 (P)—Hon. G. Power, minister of national w recruits now coming or Power said it was hopat co-operation of employ. and patriotism of young now civilians would inse the flow of recruits.

OMEN TO ET MORE

Pay in Forces to be Ineased to Eighty Percent Of That of Men

ay of women in the forces up defences. or women is 66 2-3 percent of the latest raids.

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on at Court ouse Repaired

vation Following Dynamiting Last Year About Finished

NCOUVER, July 24 - Re-

CANADIANS L. JNCH THEIR DAWN INVASION OF SICILY



Carrying their rifles and equipment, Canadian troops jump from landing craft and wade waist-deep through the sea to launch their dawn assault against the island of Sicily. A picture of the landing is shown at top. Destroyers laying smoke screens to shield the in-(Canadian Army Photos). vaders are pictured below.

* ARE SLAIN

BY GUNMAN

Ogden, Utah, Killer Takes Lives

of Five Persons Including

District Judge

-A gunman here killed five

judge who had granted his

wife a divorce. The gunman

Sheriff John Watson said the

Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Stauffer's

The sheriff said that Cox

evidently had gone out to kill

any peace officer or judge he

Mrs. Cox recently obtained a

divorce in Trueman's court.

Baseball Scores

International League

Newark 0, Syracuse 3.

Montreal 3, Buffalo 5.

Hollywood 2, Seattle 0.

Boston 0, Chicago 5.

Toronto 4, Rochester 2.

Baltimore 0-1, Jersey City 4-6.

Coast League

San Diego 3, San Francisco 13.

Sacramento 1-4, Los Angeles

Oakland 3-4, Portland 2-5.

National League

Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 3.

American League

Cleveland 1, Philadelphia 0.

Brocklyn 2, Cincinnati 0.

New York 0, St. Louis 1.

Chicago 7-5, Boston 8-1.

St. Louis 0, New York 1.

Toledo 3, Milwaukee 4.

Louisville 5, St. Paul 2.

Detroit 12, Washington 6.

American Association

Columbus 4, Kansas City 5.

Indianapolis 9, Minneapolis

R. A. F. BURMA

NEW DELHI-The Royal Air

Force has damaged more

than 100 Japanese warcraft in

Burma as well as motorve-

hicles. All bombing planes re-

turned safely.

was arrested early today.

The dead are:

Sam Nelson.

Mrs. Janes Stauffer.

Mrs. Betty Brooks.

man.

mother.

REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE

Charge Made Against Vatican by Italy, Hungary and Rumania

NEW YORK, July 24 (CP)-A British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast, quoting the Swedish newspaper Nya Bagliot Allehanda, said that Italy. Hungary and Rumania recently asked the Vatican to mediate for a separate peace but that the Vatican refused to negotiate. The broadcast said the report was not yet confirmed in London.

CANADIANS HIT KISKA

Dominion Airmen Participate in wages. Smashing Raid on Japanese Aleutians Base

OTTAWA, July 24 (P)-Canadian airmen stationed in the Aleutians participated in an air attack Thursday on Japanese Rations List at Kiska, the Royal. Canadian Air Force announced on Saturday. At Washington the United States Navy said that heavy _ Announcement is expected TAWA, July 24 (P)-Hon. J. air raids preceded and follow- within a few days of the reminister of national ed bombardment of enemy poannounced in the itions on Thursday. The raids tions list owing to the improve-

ing increased to eighty The newly completed runway rank. The present rate of Japanese on Kiska were targets PENSIONS

of men.
The Royal Canadian Air Force INCREASE increase will be retroac- pilots flew Hawk fighters which supported the bombers.

A Navy communique said Allied airmen heavily bombed and strafed enemy coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas. Numerous explosion was observed.

down by anti-aircraft fire but the crew was rescued.

to one of the lions at the | Col. William C. Koenig, who ance of Vancouver Court has been stationed here for se which was dynamited some time as port commander for ear ago is nearly finished, the United States Army, left the arrival of some cement Thursday evening for New York ng the completion of the where he has been transferred for reassignment.

* Premier Tojo

* TOKYO, July 24-Premier * * Tojo has called elder * + statesmen and military + + leaders into extraordinary + * session on account of the * + "critical war situation." + + Further United States raids + on Tokyo from bases in + China are expected.

Bolters-up Ask Wage Increase

More Money Being Sought By Employees of Vancouver Shipyards

VANCOUVER, July 24-Bolters-up in Vancouver shipyards seeking an increase in

Coffee Being Removed From

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24 moval of coffee from the ra-Commons Saturday are evidently intended to soften ment in the Atlantic situation.

Federal Government Decides On Old Age Basis of \$25 Rather Than \$20

OTTAWA, July 24 (P) - Hon. fires were started and one large J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, told the House of Commons One American plane was shot Saturday that the government has decided it should make legal provision for increasing the maximum old age pension from \$20 to \$25 per month.

Halibut Sales

American Chelan, 33,000, 171/2 and 16, Pacific.

Off Bougainville

sender Sunk by Allied Planes

troyers was damaged.

Appropriations Bill For War Is Passed By Senate

OTTAWA, July 24- The war appropriations bill of \$3,890,-000,000 was passed by the Senate yesterday.

BRINGS IN ESTIMATES

Finance Minister Ilsley Presents Supplementaries to Sum of \$43,633,933

OTTAWA, July 24 (P- Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, tabled in the House of Commons yesterday supplementary estimates of \$43,633,933 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1944, bringing to \$654,514,427 the total estimated expenditures for non-war purposes in the current fiscal year.

Premier Hart To OGDEN, Utah, July 24 (CP) Pay Visit To persons including a district Peace Country

VICTORIA, July 24-Premier John Hart is about to make a gunman was Austin Cox of trip into the Peace River district. He will leave Monday for Dawson Creek to study prob-District Judge Lewis True- lems there and elsewhere.

BURNING TIME

The Anglo-Saxons in ancient times measured time by burning a graduated candle.

Mrs. E. C. Brown of Nelson who has been visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, is making good recovery at the Prince Ruper General Hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

JAPSHAVE NAVY LOSS

Nine Thousand Ton Seaplane

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SUUTH PACIFIC, July 24 -The Japanese have suffered another naval loss in the sinking by Amed planes of a 9,000on seaplane tender off Bougainville in the Solomons. One out of four accompanying des-

There have been further Alhed air raids on Madang, New Guinea, and elsewhere.

MOSCOW-In a special order of the day, Premier Joseph Stalin today congratulated his army on the complete liquidation of the German summer offensive. Seventy thousand Germans have been killed since July 5 with 3,000 tanks destroyed and 1,400 Nazi planes shot down.

Bulletins

CORDWOOD FOR VANCOUVER KAMLOOPS—There is plenty of cordwood available at Kamloops and it is expected some of it will be shipped to Vancouver to relieve the shortage of fuel that is expected this winter.

WOMEN IN SHIPYARDS VANCOUVER- Women employed in shipyards here now number 1100 and it is expected this number will be increased to 3000.

BOMBING BELGIUM

LONDON - The Royal Air Force resumed its raids on western Europe yesterday with low level bombing attacks on two power stations in Belgium.

INDIAN PRIVILEGES

OTTAWA-Hon, T. A. Crerar. minister of mines and natural resources, said yesterday that the franchise and other privileges would probably be given to natives who were called up for military service.

TO INVESTIGATE GRAFT VANCOUVER- Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, said yesterday that charges of "graft and corruption" in Vancouver war industries as charged by Harold Winch, C.C.F. provincial leader, would be investigated.

RECOGNIZES LABOR BOARD

NEW YORK-John L. Lewis has decided to recognize the authority of the United States war labor board and has agreed to appear before the board to discuss a contract for coal miners to provide for \$1.25 portal to portal pay and a forty-eight hour week.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MARK -POWER REDUCED TO ENEMY AIR NOTHING CATANIA ABOUT TO FALL

AXIS PRISONERS NOW REACHING OVER

British and Canadians

OTTAWA, July 24 (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, in a war review in the House of Commons today, said the fall of Catania "may be expected at any time."

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AF-RICA, July 24 (CP)—American forces have captured the western Sicilian port of Marsala, Allied headquarters announced today. Many American units are believed swinging eastward to join the British and Canadian troops in a knock-out blow at Axis de-

fenders clinging to the isolated |. northeast corner. An Allied communique said that a rapidly diminishing portion of the island is all that remains to the Axis.

Americans Are Swinging

Eastward To Join With

South of Catania the Germans + Offensives are still fiercely resisting the British Eighth Army although Allied warships, drawn up along the coast, poured a destructive naval bombardment into the enemy's shore positions.

It is disclosed officially that the Allies have taken sixty thousand prisoners and are expected to round up at least fifty + ily increasing. thousand more. The prisoners are said to average about three per cent German.

The Algiers radio says that MURDER IN American forces have taken more than forty thousand prisoners at Palermo alone. The entire Italian Fiftieth Division was said to have surrendered. The Canadian First Division, under Major Guy Simonds, was reported making progress against tank troops of a Ger-

man armored division. All airdromes in Sicily have now been either captured or neutralized. Enemy air power is

virtually nil. Allied planes kept all enemy reinforcements under smashing

assault Friday. An Italian communique, broad-

cast by Rome, said that Allied planes smashed at Bologna in north central Italy, causing casualties and damage.

CRETE IS ATTACKED

Widespread Raids Made by Royal Air Force on Nazi-Occupied Greek Island

CAIRO, July 24 (P)-Royal Air Force bombers made widespread attacks on Crete in daylight Friday. Ammunition dumps were blown up and tented camps, gun positions and wireless and power stations were shot up. Seventeen Allied planes are listed as missing.

the three principal towns of General Giraud Crete were attacked and air cields were also among the ob- Back In Africa jectives.

First announcement of the attack on Crete was made from Berlin.

Restaurant Help Shortage Is To Be Investigated

VICTORIA, July 24-The pro- General Henri Giraud, chairvincial Department of Labor, on man of the French committee request of the federal govern- for national liberation, has rement, is to make an investiga- turned to North Africa from his tion of the restaurant help trip to the United States, Canshortage in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, July 24 (P)-City police have launched an investigation into the slaying of Mrs. Viola Albertha Morrison, aged 40, Vancouver widow, whose

Body of Woman With Bullet

Wounds Found in Room-

ing House

* ISTANBUL, July 24 (P) - +

* There is a growing convic- *

+ tion here that the Allies +

rare about to strike in the

+ eastern Mediterranean to +

* link up with the Soviet of- *

🕈 fensive in Russia. Balkan 🗣

+ unrest appears to be stead- +

body was found late Friday in a room in a Columbia Street rooming house with bullet wounds in head and side. Discovery of the body on a bed covered by a comforter was made by the rooming house proprietor who called the police. One son, Harold, is with the

Royal Canadian Air Force on the prairies and another, Donald, is in Vancouver. The latter told the police that his mother had not returned home Thursday night. Gunshot wounds included one into the forehead indicating fir-

ing at close range and another below the left arm believed to have been made by a bullet on outward course. No weapon was found and it is believed to have been a case of murder.

Dr. Kenneth D. Panton, police surgeon, believes that death had occurred nine hours before the body was found.

Has Received Assurance of Allied Support for French Army of 350,000 Men

ALGIERS, July 24 - Stating that he had received assurances in Washington and London of Allied assistance that would permit a French colonial army of 350,000 men being maintained to fight against the Axis, ada and Great Britain.

PLANES HOVER OVER TARGET

A dramatic picture made from a high-flying Allied plane, showing a B-24 Liberator bomber poised over bombed, smoking Messina, Sicilian terminus of the important Reggio-Messina ferry line, during the latest of the series of raids on that city. The results and effects of bomb bursts among naval barracks and oil tanks can be seen clearly.