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Liberty Ship Sinks Off Alaska

WAR NEWS

KEEP UP AIR OFFENSIVE

N—Two thousand Allied heavy bombers and fighters amm in the Ruhr Valley on Saturday as the con- mbing of Nazi-occupied Europe kept up. Objectives n France were also hit.

WIDESPREAD BOMBING

S—Night flying British bombers joined with United light air forces in widespread attacks from Italy, rom Genoa to Bucharest. Forty-three enemy aircraft roved as against a loss of seventeen Allied machines.

AN OMINOUS CALM

W—Soviet bombers found targets Saturday on shale plants in Estonia. In the land fighting there was an alm remindful of the prelude to the last great Rus- sive.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS OFF

W — It is officially announced here that Finland, months of negotiation, has broken off peace nego- th Russia on April 19 by finally rejecting Soviet ar- ms as being incompatible with Finland's independ-

REDICTS GERMAN COLLAPSE

N—President Edouard Benes of CzechoSlovakia pre- at Germany would collapse within three months ccessful Allied invasion of western Europe.

RMANY "CALM AND PREPARED"

N—The German propaganda minister said today that s of Holland is realy for coming events. Germany is prepared."

HEAVY FIGHTING AT ANZIO

S—Some of the heaviest fighting in weeks is report- he Anzio beachhead. Americans attacked the enemy rs.

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Quota by Noon on Day of Victory Loan

the navy record al- ng established na- H.M.C.S. Chatham the top on the first e Sixth Victory Loan y, having subscribed to noon today on tive of $43,000. The ment to this effect dly made on behalf mander Charles M. al officer in charge Rupert.

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es were remanded by W. D. Vance in city t Saturday.

er Alfred John Cie- ged with the theft of the person of Alex in the York Hotel, nded for eight days or plea was taken.

le, charged with driv- common danger, was until Tuesday.

Years For of Wife

WESTMINSTER, April bert Poynter was sen- five years' imprison- manslaughter in con- ith the axe killing of whom he claimed had aithful.

wa Wins orial Cup

WA, April 24— Oshawa defeated Trail Smoke 1 to 4 Saturday night the Memorial Cup em- of Dominion junior hampionship.

OR COMBINATION cloth is woven from five colored threads.

NEW SHIP LAUNCHED

Dry Dock Thrown Open to Public for First Time in Years for Victory Loan Inauguration Event

For the first time in years, the gates of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock were thrown open to the public this afternoon for the occasion at 3:30 of the launching of the new ten-thousand ton freighter Fort Aspin as an event marking the inauguration of the Sixth Victory Loan campaign. Weather being auspicious and other conditions favorable, there was a large general turn-out to join with shipyard workers themselves to witness at close range the sliding down the ways of a fine new flag-bedecked ship into her natural element.

Official guests were on the launching stand for the ceremonies which were in charge of Bernard Allen, manager of the yard. Rev. G. L. Douglas, naval padre, blessed the ship which was formally given its name by Mrs. Neil MacDonald, wife of one of the riggers, who, in the traditional custom, smashed a bottle of British Columbia wine against the bow as the hull started its journey down the ways. The Dry Dock Male Choir at this point started the singing of the naval hymn. The program also included selections by H.M.C.S. Chatham band. Mayor H. M. Daggett was on hand to introduce Lieut. Col. J. H. Bricker, officer commanding a local regiment, who has seen overseas service in this war, and Harold Ponder, veteran of the last war and officer in the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment, who made brief addresses appropriate to the occasion.

Further incidents in connection with the launching included the making of presentations to the sponsor, Mrs. MacDonald—a silver serving dish from the dry dock management and a wrist watch from the riggers' union.

Following the launch, the Fort Aspin was picked up by tugs and moved into the finishing berth.

BACK TO VANCOUVER

Jack Sargent left last week for Vancouver where, after being an invalid for a number of years at Hazelton, he proposes to resume his law practice.

Bulletins

"CORVETTE 225" OVER TOP

OTTAWA — The Canadian Sixth Victory Loan campaign aimed at $1,200,000,000 opened today. The Royal Canadian Navy had the honor of reporting the first units to go over the top. "Corvette 225," featured in the motion picture of the same name, put to sea with a total of $8,100 worth of bonds purchased on an objective of $3,500.

NO STRIKE AT YARROWS

VICTORIA— Harry Culhane, president of the Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' Union, announced there would be no sitdown at Yarrows following a union meeting. Union and management will meet tomorrow.

CONSERVATIVE CHAIRMAN

OTTAWA—Hon. C. P. McTague of Toronto has been appointed national chairman for the Progressive Conservative party and Henry Borden, K.C., has been named general adviser.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL DIES

BOSTON — Cardinal O'Connell, aged 84, dean of the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy in the United States, died in Boston Saturday night.

BANDIT IS SLAIN

WINNIPEG — Martin Silver of Montreal was shot and killed by city police after he had wounded the caretaker of a downtown apartment block while shooting his way from an apartment building where he was cornered robbing an apartment.

HALIBUT TIE-UP

SEATTLE—Officials of the Office of Price Administration have arrived in Seattle to confer with United States and Canadian boat owners and fishermen. At the same time the boat owners and fishermen have sent delegates to Washington to discuss the ceiling price dispute. The entire coast fleet is still tied up in port today.

NEW RUSS OFFENSIVE

Both Moscow and Berlin See Portent in Present Lull on Eastern Front.

MOSCOW, April 24 (AP)—As relative calm prevailed along the long Russian front for the second straight day, front dispatches indicated today that the Russians are massing for a new campaign.

In Berlin the Germans felt that the lull meant that the Russians were preparing for a new attack to coincide with invasion from the west.

The word gospel formerly meant good story or glad tidings.

Was Policeman In Early Days

S. C. Hamblin, making his first trip out of Prince Rupert in sixteen years, left Saturday night for Winnipeg to attend the funeral of his brother, Harry Hamblin, a pioneer of Prince Rupert, who passed away suddenly in the Manitoba city Saturday morning.

Nearly thirty years ago, the late Harry Hamblin was a police officer in Prince Rupert He had lived for the past twenty-eight years or so in Winnipeg. His wife died two or three years ago. Deceased of late had been a guard at a Winnipeg munitions factory.

CHINESE IN BAD PLIGHT

Highly Trained Japanese Soldiers in Large Numbers Entering Chengsieng

CHUNGKING, April 24—Sixty thousand crack Manchurian-trained Japanese troops have entered the outskirts of the important North Honan railway junction city of Chengsieng. The Chinese defenders in this area are suffering from lack of air support, the Japanese being unopposed in the skies.

MANY WIRES ARE SENT TO RAILWAYMEN

MONTREAL, April 24—A telegram to 94,000 individuals was sent this morning over the wires, signed by R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, who, on the official opening day of the Sixth Victory Loan campaign, urged all employees throughout Canada to better their previous record subscriptions.

The message read: "In the last Victory Loan campaign employees of the Canadian National system subscribed a larger amount of money than the employees of any other company in the country and we broke all our own previous records for bond purchases. This time we must do even better. The last great battle of the European war is about to begin. We must get into it with all our determination and all our resources. We must back our fighting men with everything we have. I ask all members of the Canadian National family to put victory above all other considerations and to support the new loan to the absolute limit of their financial ability."

The climbing perch from Asia is a fish that can walk on dry land and climb trees.

Sixty Members Of Crew Of Cargo Vessel Believed Perished; Blast Rents Ship In Two

Marine Disaster Occurred off Unimak Pass—Fifteen Survivors Taken to Hospital at Cold Bay

SEATTLE, April 24 (CP) — The Liberty ship John Straud, with explosives from Alaska war theatre, broke its back and sank with a presumed loss of sixty-five of eighty men aboard, the superintendent of the Alaska Steamship Co. announces. The wreck occurred off Sanak Island south of the pass between Unimak Island and the Alaska Peninsula.

There were two explosions after which the ship broke in two, one part going down immediately and the other in about fourteen hours.

The fifteen survivors, after being picked up, were taken to hospital at Cold Bay, Alaska. A search for other possible survivors proved ineffectual although there is still believed to be a possibility that a Soviet ship in the vicinity may have picked some up.

Brought Down By Canadian

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—A Canadian night fighter shot down an enemy plane over England Sunday night. There were light raids over eastern England Saturday night, an enemy plane being also show down at that time.

Air War Kept Up

British, Canadian and American Bombers Continue Pounding Of Europe

ASSAULT CONTINUES

LONDON, April 24 (CP) — Waves of Allied bombers thundered across the Channel today to carry the greatest aerial offensive of all time into its eighth consecutive day. American planes based on Britain hit Friedrichshafen and Munich today while planes based on Italy struck Bucharest, Belgrade and Ploesti. Six planes, one of them Canadian, were missing after overnight operations by more than one thousand Royal Canadian Air Rorce and Royal Air Force planes which hit Duesseldorf, Brunswick, Mannheim and Loan in Germany while Italy-based American planes hit aircraft producing towns near Vienna.

LONDON, April 24—The great aerial assault upon Nazi-held western Europe was kept up without respite yesterday by daylight when 2000 British, Canadian and American planes struck at Belgium and northern France, the most important target being the railway centre of Namur.

Saturday night 1000 Royal Air Force planes, including six Canadian squadrons, heavily attacked Brunswick and Dusseldorf, 42 bombers, 9 Canadian, being lost.

ANNETTE BUYS INITIAL BOND

Was Again Opening Purchaser as Drive Here Gets Under Way.

By being the first city purchaser of Victory Bonds at the commencement of the Sixth Victory Loan drive which opened this morning, Mrs. Annette Wood, well known local business woman, proprietor of Annette's Ladies' Wear Company, repeated a leading act of patriotism and sound judgment. Mrs. Wood was also the first purchaser of bonds in the Fifth Victory Loan drive last October.

VALUABLE SIGNATURES

CAPE TOWN, (AP)—An autograph book containing the signatures of every delegate to the first meeting of the League of Nations has been presented to a Cape Town war fund. The book has been flown to New York to be auctioned.

RESCUE IS DRAMATIC

How British Submarine Saved American Airman Shot Down Off Sumatra.

ABOARD AN AMERICAN CARRIER OFF SABANG, SUMATRA, April 24 (AP) — Under smoking guns of Japanese coastal batteries, a British submarine made on of the most dramatic rescues of the war, picking up an American pilot, Lieut. Dale Klahn, who had been shot down in the Allied task force blow against Sebang and Lhonga.

British and American forces and Dutch naval units co-operated in the Allied raid on April 19 against Sumatra.

"Play Man's Part--Join"

Pearkes Makes Plea For — Prostituting

VERNON, April 24 (AP)— Major General Guy R. Pearkes, Pacific Command officer commanding, in an address here, said: "Cease wavering, play a man's part and join the active army."

The mayor of Vernon and president of the Canadian Legion branch described as "prostitution of the Victoria Cross" a recent recruiting trip made by Major Paul Triquet V. C.

Disunity Is All That Can Defeat Allies--Stinson

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24 —The only thing that can beat the Allies in this war would be disunity between the armed forces and the civilians, said Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on Saturday.

Important Landing Made By Allied Forces; Have Made Beach in Hollandia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, April 24—In another important move against the Japanese in the insular war of the South Pacific, Allied invasion forces have gone ashore on Hollandia on the north of New Guinea just inside the Dutch portion of the island. General Douglas MacArthur described the operation as one of the largest sea, land and air actions of the Pacific war. Beachheads have been successfully established and the invaders, following the landing Saturday, were moving inland on jungle trails towards one large air field and two smaller ones about twenty miles in from the shore. The Japanese were caught by surprise and the extent of resistance has not yet been made known although it is expected there will be fierce counter-attacks.

"The Japanese will be surrounded and their ultimate fate is certain," declared General MacArthur. "This reverses Bataan," he said.

In making the landing the Allies by-passed Wewak, New Guinea. It gives the Allies control of five hundred more miles of coastline.

Strong naval and air support was given the landing forces. Carrier-based planes were used.

Ninety-five miles above Wewak another Allied landing is reported to have been made. Wewak itself has been given another heavy aerial pounding.

OLD CANNON BARK OPENS LOAN DRIVE

The Sixth Victory Loan campaign (Army) was officially opened in Prince Rupert today by the firing of the little cannon in front of the sign on the lawn of the Federal Building.

This cannon is one of several of its kind that was used by the army of General James Wolfe when the French Army under General Montcalm was defeated on the Plains of Abraham at Quebec City. A comparison between this relic and the huge guns used today is another of several reasons why wars of today require so much money.

On the sign there will be kept a daily record of the standing of each army unit in the Prince Rupert area and the cannon will be fired again when the army has reached its quota of $94,000.