Charlottes and North

and cool with occasional

past: Light to moderate winds.

ight snow, becoming fair and

cool tonight. Saturday: Light to

moderate winds, fair and cool.

1.0 feet

Russian Ally Driving Towards Panic-Stricken Vienna DRIVING ALLES

Budapest in Flames as Reds Head for Austria

MOSCOW, Dec. 29 (CP)-News from two areas highlights the situation in Hungary today. The Rusians besieging the capital of Budapest, have driven loser to the heart of the burning city while other Russian columns are racing through the Danube Valley toward the Austrian border, now less than

sixty miles away. According to latest reports, the Soviet forces War Production are now only ninety-two miles from Vienna. This city is said Must Keep

Minister of Munitions Howe

of all war construction caused

less than in 1943 and one mil-

lion a day more than in 1942.

Since the start of the war, Mr.

mitments of more than \$10,225,

lar victory bond for every man

FINED \$25 FOR

THEFT OF BOAT

John Adkins, 22, a fisherman,

30 days in jail by Stipendary

Magistrate Andrew Thompson

nesday of the theft of a row-

BRACKEN SEES

FIGHTING MEN

His Visit Overseas

Conservative-Progressive

Leader Tells Objects of

Bracken has arrived in London

before he returns home. Mr.

Bracken flew to Scotland, ar-

ments for mutually advanta-

geous agreements between the

Dominion and the United King-

dom on post-war reconstruc-

a drop in expenditures.

that Canadian w

Makes Some Interesting

Revelations

pects of Russian occupation. The Russians have cracked three inner defence rings of the encircled Nazi garrison at Buda-

The Russians are fighting in the heart of Budapest, the German High Command announced today as house-to-house battle raged in the Hungarian capital.

Minister Howe announced Confidence Is Need Of Canada Says Drew

during the next TORONTO, Dec. 29 (P-On-, Mr. Howe retario's Progressive-Conservative ewed the activities of the Dopremier-Colonel George Drewwar industries during the past year and he said that immediate prospect last night. He said that confidibstantial over-all cutence in the future is Canada's that some types of ammunition son. He added: "We have heard PUNISHMENT be stepped up in production. in these war years of frozen prices, of frozen wages, of frozen OF GERMANY cabinet member said that production continued rents. But this must never bethroughout mproved manufacturing come a land of frozen opportunmethods and virtual completion ity."

tions and Supply Department Mergin O During the year the Munispent nearly eight million dollars a day for shells, ships, guns, vehicles, planes and co-operative other war supplies. That was about one million dollars a day

Joint Operation of Prince Rupert and Vancouver Is Being Considered

Howe said, the Munitions De-VANCOUVER, Dec. 29 (P) partment alone has made com-Members of the United Fishermen's Co-operative Association That is almost the are meeting here today and toequivalent of one thousand-dolmorrow to consider proposed joint operation between the woman and child in the coun-Prince Rupert Co-operative and the organization here, the matter of a co-operative store, cold storage plant and the problem of fishermen's moorage in Vancouver harbor.

was fined \$25 with an option of TAVE I ANGED when he was found guilty Wed-I ANE LUNUEK

boat belonging to the Cassiar WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (P) Packing Co. The theft took place John M. Hightower, Associated on November 8. The boat was Press staff writer, reports that sold to a man at Butedale. Adkins told the court that he had i military strategists now are found the boat adrift and had | tentatively adding three to six e months to the estimate of date been unable to locate the owners. for victory in Europe. There is still hope in high places that Allied armies will be able to turn the American reverse on the western front into an early and decisive victory but at the moment it is a waning hope although the battle is still fluid. It is believed that at least part of the German success was due to over-optimism of the Allied LONDON, Dec. 29 (P) - John | High Command.

the leader of Canada's Progressive - Conservative party NELSON HIGH thopes to see Canadian fighting WINS TROPHY

men on all the European fronts VANCOUVER, Dec. 29 (P-Nelson High School Cadet Corps at duced 150 vessels for it during week-end. riving yesterday, in his first trip Nelson has won the Earl Grey 1944, the United Kingdom since Trophy awarded cadets for 1929. He said that he is anxious achieving highest general effito see Canadians at first hand ciency in Canada. It is the fourth and learn the best methods of year in succession that British ending the war quickly. He said | Columbia cadets have won the that he also wants to discuss trophy. Last year the Seaforth with British authorities what the Highlander Cadets of Vancouver chances are of making arrange- won it.

> Local Temperature Maximum

Minimum



MOPPING UP OPERATIONS TAKE PLACE AT BELFORT-Led by a French patriot, a num ber of German soldiers carrying their own wounded, are marched to a prisoner collection point in Belfort, France, as mopping up operations continue in that strategic city. It was near Belfor that the French First Army made the sensational breakthrough to the Rhine river, turning the southern flank of the German line.

over an Ontario radio network OVER \$2,300 TAKEN IN SERIES OF THEFTS

Noted Canadiens Take Part in Radio Debate-Woodside and Coldwell

noted Canadians took part last West alone netted the thieves night in the radio broadcast- \$1,700. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, port from Canadian headquar-America's Town Meeting of the proprietors of the Royal Lunch ters on the Italian front gives Air. The speakers on the pro- cafe, were victimized while their the question of whether all Ger- working hours of 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Nazi crimes and atrocities. The affirmative was taken by Willson Woodside of Toronto, rear door of their home, the british Eighth Army, estinoted radio commentator, and thieves proceeded to ransack Major Erwin Lessner of New the residence in thorough style. mates the Canadians have York. The negative was taken by Bureau drawers were pulled out knocked out more than 4800 en-M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, and and their contents strewn over emy troops since opening their Dorothy Thompson, the famous the floor. In one bedroom a bed drive in the Po valley and have American liberal columnist.

Mr. Woodside contended that the German people were all in it together during the years of Nazi victories and, now that they are Smith said. losing, they are still in it to-

mer German labor movement, by W. J. Scott, store proprietor down. the Catholic Centre Party and Wednesday morning. the Protestant Confessional groups. The C.C.F. leader suggested swift and certain punishment of Nazi war criminals and the disarmament, military occupation and supervision of German heavy industry for some time in order to forestall rearmament.

KEEP PACE

Canadian Plants Produced 150 Fighting Vessels During Year 1944

Angus Macdonald, minister of the holiday was responsible for the navy, announced today that the theft. Canadian shipyards, keeping The home of Mr. and Mrs. E ranging from lightest | Since last September there has fighting frigates, corvettes and been a series of unsolved robalgerines to auxiliaries such as beries, on of which involved wooden scows and representing \$11,000, and another \$3,000.

nineteen types. The vessels were produced in three areas described as west coast, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

SMALL PROPORTION There are less than 34,000

whites in the Belgian Congo.

Various Premises in City Entered During Past Week

homes and one business place of more than \$2,300 in cash during the past week in a series of depredations that has baffled city police.

Robbery of the home of Fran-MONTREAL, Dec. 29 (P)- Two cis Smith, 1001, Third Avenue gram from Montreal discussed home was vacant during their mans should be punished for Tuesday. A scene of havoc greet- theatre. Lieut.-General Charles

Having apparently opened the adian corps fighting alongside was overturned.

"It must have been someone who knows us, or at least was acquainted with our habits," Mr. ported inching forward toward

Careful thieves entered through the front door of the Mr. Coldwell, on the other Kaien Hardware and took \$450 ley where American troops of hand, pointed out the anti-Nazi in cash from a safe in the of- the Allied Fifth Army had been efforts of such groups as the for- fice. The theft was discovered forced back from Barga has died caused.

Method of entry is unknown, but it is believed that a pass key must have been used for there was no sign of violence. Outer doors of the safe were unlocked and the lock on the small inner door was knocked off. After opening two drawer. and extracting \$450, the thieves neatly piled a bundle of check worth about \$600 and returned them to the safe, Mr. Scott said Valuable bonds and war savings

certificates were untouched. About \$200 was taken from the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eadie in the Killas an Christopher block. Mr. Eadie proprietor of the Central Lunch cafe. He believes that someon OTTAWA, Dec. 29 (?) - Hon. who knew his movements over

pace with wartime growth of Pettenuzzo, 717 Seventh Avenue the Royal Canadian Navy, pro- east, was also entered at the

> LIQUOR RATION UNCHANGED VANCOUVER - The British Columbia liquor ration will be unchanged in January — 26 ounces of spirits or three dozen beer or one gallon of domestic or two bottles of imported wine.

Headway BA

Have Knocked Out 4800 Enemy Troops in Po Valley

ROME, Dec. 29 (P)-A late refor the first time details of the KEEPINGUP current Canadian drive in that ed them as they returned home. Foulkes, commander of the Cancleared 145 square miles since December 1.

Today the Canadians were re-Alfonsine, nine miles northeast of Ravenna.

Fighting in the Serchio Val-

MINISTER'S APPEAL

OTTAWA-Minister of Munitions Howe appealed today for a speeding up of military tire production in view of pressing war needs. Several hundred workers are required at Toronto and Kitchener plants, he

OPENING NEW RAILWAY PENTICTON-The final spike in the new railway line from Penticton to Osoyoos, south of here, was driven yesterday afternoon and the occasion is being suitably celebrated.

ASKS FOR "NO STRIKES" TORONTO-Percy Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, today, in a New Year message, appealed to all workers to adhere to the "No strike or stoppage" policy in wartime production.

SENTENCED TO DEATH LONDON-Eight members of the French Gestapo, sentenced to death by a Paris court, were executed Wednesday, the Paris radio said. The best known was Pierre Bony, former police inspector of Surete General, the French Scotland Yard.

Settlement Seen-

Situation In Greece Better

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (9)-British troops are continuing their campaign to clear the Greek capito of Athens of left wing E.L.A.S. troops. This morning the Tommies opened a three-pronged drive against the left wingers in the eastern suburbs of the city, jumping off after a prolonged artillery barrage in the second phase of operations designed to clear the embattled Greek city.

Meantine, observers in London and Washington are optimistic over the prospects for a settlement of the Greek question. American support is believed to be firmly behind Prime Minister Churchill in his efforts to set up a regency for Greece to replace King George.

C.C.F. Session In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29 (P)-Leaders of the C.C.F. party will open ineial problems, including provfinance and administration, socialization of industry and full re-clection plans. The meeting will be attended by national leader M. J. Coldwell and several C.C.F. Members of parliament.

Royal Air Force Pounds Away at Reich-V-Bombs in England

LONDON, Dec. 29 (P) British night-shift bombers were out again last night. A large Royal Air Force bomber fleet attacked the rail yards at Bonn and Muenchen - Gladbach in the Rhineland. These assaults followed daylight attacks by more than 3000 Allied Britain-based warplanes.

Once again, German V-bombs crashed down onto southern England during the night. Some damage and casualties were

Exchanging Air Blows In Pacific

SAIPAN, Dec. 29 (P)-Iwo island in the Volcanic group has again been attacked by Allied bombers. Japanese airmen have also been busy and have struck with their second raid in three NO MORE TRIPS days on the Allied-held Marianas islands of Saipan and Tinian.

Hockey Scores

National Boston 2, Chicago 1. Montreal 9, Detroit 1. American Providence 6, Indianapolis 0.

BIG ALLIED CONVOY TOKYO-A large Allied convoy is reported heading toward Luzon Island in the thirty transports and some 20 est shelter shortage developed tempt. cruisers and destroyers.

will ever assemble again.

of Parliament expires in April.

Germans Withdrawing "According to Plan"

General Patton's Third Army Pushes Tweney Miles In Six Days - Attacking On Thirty - Five - Mile Front CHASING ENEMY BACK

PARIS, Dec. 29 (CP) — American armored blows on the nose of the Nazi offensive have beaten the Germans' most advanced columns back more than ten miles and chased them across the narrow Lesse and Somme Rivers into Rochefort. The withdrawal is developing into a rout. Field dispatches reporting developments up to Thursday morning said the Nazis escape gap was cut less than seventeen miles north of Bastogne. The Germans' December offensive was definitely kicked into reverse by American forces which slammed into all three sides of the extended bulge with the Third Army advancing twenty miles into the German flank in six days. Celles, where the Nazi offensive was stopped, is now one of the most ghastly scenes of carnage in the war. There the German pocket was wiped out, 1200 prisoners were taken and 63 enemy tanks, 49 guns and 167 military vehicles littered the terrain. British forces are said to have fought with the Americans at Celles.

PARIS, Dec. 29 (CP)—The news from the westa four day conference in Winni- ern front continues to be encouraging today. The peg today to discuss inter-prov- Germans, for the second consecutive day, have made no claims of advances in their salient into Belgium and late dispatches tell of General Patton's Third Army forces driving the Nazis back at least twenty

Murder Seen By Police, in

Case of 25-year-old Jennie

Conroy of West Vancouver

Police are endeavoring to dis-

cover the motive for the mur-

der of 25-year-old Jennie Con-

roy of West Vancouver whose

battered body was found by

the roadside in West Vancou-

Police ruled out the possi-

bility that Miss Conroy had

been struck by a car and then

All evidence pointed to mur-

der. No weapon was found

but the police suspect an axe

or similar cudgel was used to

The body was found on a

Marks on the roadside indi-

lonely wood lot near a ceme-

cated the body had been drag-

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29 (P)

ged fifty feet.

in any locality.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 (P)—The big political decision of 1945

Parliament stands adjourned until January 31 and in politi-

Latest war developments make it clear that there is little

will be taken shortly if it has not already been taken. The

decision will determine when the general election is to be held.

cal circles opinion is about evenly divided as to whether it

prospect of the European war being ended before the term

inflict fatal head wounds.

dragged back off the road.

ver today.

the south. These dispatches, of course, cover only up to Wednesday, as a result of the Allied policy of releasing news of events about forty-eight hours after they take place. As a result, it is expected next reports to place the Patton men even deeper into the German salient.

The Germans say they are withdrawing according to plan. They are destroying arms and VANCOUVER, Dec. 29 (CP)equipment as they go.

It is now disclosed that the Third Army went into action three days after the Von Rundstedt push began. Now the Third Army is attacking on a thirty-five-mile front in the south. The Germans are withdrawing from their main spearhead as well as on the flanks.

Other Allied forces have regained a mile or more of territory on the northern flank of the German-held area. More than 1200 Nazis have been taken prisoner in the vicinity of the town of Celles.

One More Nazi Effort Expected

The belief is that the Germans will make at least one more major effort to break out of the salient before starting general withdrawal in Belgium. This was expressed in more cautious military circles here today. The idea was entertained despite late reports of German withdrawal of armor May Be Banned in Emergency from areas at the southwestern of Acute Shortage of Shelter corner of penetration and successes of American Third Army The Vancouver Province said in elements moving from the south.

a newspage story today that all One observer said he believed non-essential travel into or out it is quite possible the Germans of Vancouver or any other zone still have some divisions standwhere housing accommodation ing by near the base of the is exhausted is authorized in Ot- salient. These would be thrown tawa's emergency shelter regu- into action if the German comlations. Such extreme action mander discovered a likely spot Philippines. It consists of would be taken only if the grav- for a near breakthrough at-

be releasing in the course of a few days one of their "World in Action" series films entitled "Men and Ships." Part of this picture was taken at the St. Margaret's Sea Training School at Hubbards, Nova Scotia. Taking part in the film are a number of British Columbia boys in-

LOCAL BOY IN TRAINING FILM The National Film Board will

cluding William Sheddon of Prince Rupert.