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Local Temperature
Maximum 53
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# The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Local Tides
Saturday, April 29
High ..... 5:45 17.0 feet
19:24 16.0 feet
Low ..... 12:30 6.0 feet

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# WAR NEWS

GREAT AIR ASSAULT CONTINUES

LONDON — The Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force hammered Friedrichshafen ad rail targets in France and Germany with probably 3500 tons of bombs last night, climaxing the daylight pounding of Europe. Germany's whole radio network fell silent as new Allied bombers swarmed out today. In April 15 the pre-invasion air offensive has hurled 65,000 tons of explosives on Europe.

BRITISH DRIVE JAPS BACK

KANDY, Ceylon—Tank supported British forces, driving from the Allied base, have driven the Japanese from several points in northern India, Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced today. A Tokyo broadcast received in New York said a Japanese offensive had begun at Kohima, the Indian base. There was no confirmation of this from the Allies. A late report from Kandy said, however, that a major battle for Kohima was expected hourly.

# Invasion Hour Appears Near

## ...WAY ...DING ...MARK

MONTREAL, April 28— The ... dollar mark has been ... employees of the Canadian National Railways and ... throughout Canada, ... to the first Victory ... compiled at headquarters here and announced by ... vice-president, who ... of the campaign for ... system.

"Preliminary reports from all ... system indicate that ... here are more ... than in the opening ... last Victory Loan," ... said, "and we anticipate the men and women of ... R. will succeed in ... determination to surpass ... subscription of $8,... which they established ..."

... in all branches of ... activities and in ... of the line, as well, Trans-Canada Air Lines ... Railways Munitions ... a ready response on ... of their fellow em... Mr. Grant said, and it ... certain that the volume ... individual subscribers will ... very satisfactory in...

BURMESE CITIES

... are only two large ... in Burma—Rangoon with ... people and Mandalay ...

IT HIGHER THAN EVER!

5th Loan Record $900,150

QUOTA $750,000

Total to Date $159,900

## TransCanada Air Lines Are Going Strong

WINNIPEG, April 28—At the end of the third day of the Sixth Victory Loan campaign, 1276 TransCanada Air Lines employees had subscribed $123,680, P. W. Baldwin, auditor, who is chairman of the T.C.A. committee, announced today.

Fourteen stations and departments went over their objectives on the first day of the campaign and eight others have since gone over the top.

The first were Gander (Newfoundland), Sydney (Stephenville, Armstrong, London and Windsor stations), Lethbridge station, operations and pilots, Ottawa, Windsor and Calgary traffic offices, Montreal pilots and Winnipeg stores.

## Draftees Are Not Coerced

OTTAWA, April 28 (CP)—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, said in Parliament yesterday that no coercion would be used to get drafted men to become general service soldiers but he added that he saw no reason why endeavours should not be made to persuade them to volunteer for overseas.

## Victory Loan Subscribers

Local Victory Loan subscriptions up to and including yesterday totalled $159,900 as compared with $262,350 in the first four days in the Fifth Loan last October. Yesterday's subscriptions amounted to $30,450.

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| Alfred Dahlberg | $ 200 |
| Pacific Stevedoring & Contracting Co. Ltd. | 1,000 |
| Rupert Motors Ltd. | 2,000 |
| Lindsay's Cartage & Storage Ltd. | 2,000 |
| Alleyn Donald Ritchie | 100 |
| Alex. Kingerski | 50 |
| Charles Auld | 100 |
| Mrs. Lily Mary Willington | 100 |
| Mrs. Lily Mary Willington | 100 |
| Mrs. Lily Mary Willington | 100 |
| William J. Mulroney | 300 |
| W. K. Spencer | 1,000 |
| Mrs. Doris Teng | 50 |
| Earl Eadie | 1,000 |
| William Shriaber | 500 |
| Bernardiuo Perotti | 50 |
| Thomas Wilfrid Brown | 500 |
| Terminal Investment Syndicate Ltd. | 1,000 |
| Mrs. Suzanne C. Lee | 100 |
| Alfred Chow | 500 |
| Lee Yee Kum | 200 |
| J. Lowe | 100 |
| Ling Bo Shong | 100 |
| Wong Look | 100 |
| Wong Yue Dun | 500 |
| Palmer Enger | 200 |
| City of Prince Rupert | 30,000 |
| Capitol Theatre | 4,000 |
| Miss Betty Bremner | 50 |
| Mrs. E. H. Moorehouse | 50 |
| Armand Lund | 50 |
| Mrs. Burdett Rogna | 50 |

NOT BUYING FISH—

## Halibut Is 'Hot Cargo'

**Dealers at Ketchikan Refuse to Touch 20,000 Pound Catch**

**KETCHIKAN, April 28 — A 20,000 pound halibut catch, the first to arrive here since the season opened April 16, remained aboard the fishing boat Rainier today labelled "hot cargo" by the buyers who declined to handle the fish because of the ceiling price dispute between the Office of Production Administration on the one hand and the boat owners and fishermen on the other.**

**Capt. Lars Larsen said he had understood that other boats from here had started fishing.**

## GUIDES ARE REORGANIZED

**Two Companies to be Formed With Brownie Packs as Well With One Hundred Girls as Members**

As a result of the visit here during the past week of the provincial commissioner, Miss Doris Illingworth, and the head of training for the province, Miss Margaret Hanna, the Prince Rupert Girl Guides' Association has taken a new lease on life and two Girl Guide companies and two Brownie packs are expected to be in operation soon with total membership of upwards of one hundred girls.

Mrs. J. B. Gibson has assumed the presidency of the local Association. Under the reorganization there will be First and Second Guide companies formed. Miss Honora Silversides and Mrs. H. D. Thain will act as captains. First and Second Brownie Packs will be under Miss Lawrie and Mrs. T. Speers as Brown Owls.

Former patrol leaders of the Girl Guides will be used as junior lieutenants and patrol leaders. Such girls are Dorothy Kergin, Ruth Walton, Audrey Hunter, Vina Levine, Nan Kennedy and Betty Pullen. Peggy Pullen, Barbara Flaten and Monica Holtby have been enrolled.

The Salvation Army pack of Brownies, under Captain Bowering, will continue.

Miss Illingworth and Miss Hanna have been very interesting visitors. They come from Edinburgh, Scotland, and have travelled around the world on two occasions. Having been engaged in Church of England missionary van work in Canada since 1935, they were caught in Canada at the outbreak of war and unable to return to the Old Country as they had anticipated. In the summers now they devote themselves to the van work in the Kootenay district west from Nelson and in the winters they carry on their Girl Guide organizational work.

## CHENGHSIEN OCCUPIED

CHUNGKING, April 28 (CP) — The Chinese announced today that the Japanese had occupied Chenghsieng junction in a new offensive in northern Honan Province. Fourteen crack Japanese divisions from Manchuria have been brought to Honan Province in the new offensive to capture this Chinese bread basket.

PASS THE FUDGE, PLEASE, SOLDIER— Even battle-hardened members of a U.S. army special weapons unit take time out for making fudge in Bougainville. The boys are Pte. L. G. Taber, Indianapolis, Ind., left, and Pte. C. E. Setzer, Newton, N.C. The latter is melting butter for the fudge.

## Naval Ship Explosion; 15 Perish

PORTSMOUTH, Virginia, April 28 (CP)—Fifteen workmen were suffocated and at least twenty others were overcome by smoke last night when fire broke out in the hold of a naval ship undergoing repairs at Norfolk Navy Yard. The fire followed a heavy explosion.

## RAILWAY TO ALASKA IS INEVITABLE

A railway from Alaska and the Yukon is inevitable, writes W. P. Hinton, former vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in a letter to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Mr. Hinton declares the cost of such a railway would be less than that of a highway, and the railway, he believes, would be much preferable.

His claim is supported by the results of a railway survey by U.S. Army engineers from Prince George to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The engineers found between Prince George and Watson Lake a route which did not deviate more than 10 miles from a straight line, says the Post-Intelligencer. Maximum grades north and southbound were not more than 1.5 percent and curvature seldom exceeded 8 degrees.

Had not the Japs been expelled so easily from the Aleutians, it adds, it is likely that railroad would be under construction now.

Mr. Hinton claims that charges for one trainload of 2000 tons from Prince George via Dease Lake and Whitehorse to Fairbanks, a distance of 1510 miles, would be 3 cents a ton mile, or $90,600. Equivalent charges on 400 five-ton trucks would be $350,000.

He estimates the cost of such a railway at 85 millions. Army engineers placed the cost at $100,000,000.

## Bulletins

**COL. KNOX DIES**

**WASHINGTON — Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the United States Navy, died at his home here this morning as a result of a heart attack which began while he was in New Hampshire on Sunday. Col. Knox, an outstanding figure in the Roosevelt administration for years and a former Republican, was 70 years old.**

**PAY SEAMEN BONUS**

**OTTAWA—Payment of a 10 per cent war service bonus to merchant seamen who sign an agreement to serve on foreign-going ships of Canadian registry for a period of two years or the duration of the war has been provided in an order-in-council, it was announced on Thursday. The bonus will be payable annually, and will apply to any person engaged in any capacity on board a foreign-going Canadian ship, or on the strength of a manning pool.**

**HOUSING FOR FORCES**

**OTTAWA—Defence Minister Col. J. L. Ralston, speaking in the House of Commons today said that the government is taking action to provide housing for families of members of the armed forces throughout the country.**

**LOAN TOTAL TO DATE**

**OTTAWA— Thursday's Victory Loan purchases totalled $65,138,600, bringing the loan total for four days to $271,380,000.**

**AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING**

**NAPLES— Allied Headquarters said that aggressive patrolling was carried out today along the whole Italian front.**

**RUSS FRONT QUIET**

**LONDON, April 28 (CP) — Moscow sources say that the lull on the Russian front is continuing, but the Germans say that the Red Army is attacking in Rumania and the Carpathian foothills.**

**UPHOLD ANTI-STRIKE LAW**

**LONDON — The House of Commons by a vote of 31 to 23 defeated a move to eliminate anti-strike legislation.**

## OUTLAWING OF RAFFLES

**Prince Rupert Ministerial Association Would Have No Exceptions Whatever**

The Prince Rupert Ministerial Association, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution the effect of which would be to delete a sub-section of the Criminal Code of Canada which permits the holding of raffles at bazaars held for charitable or religious objects. The Association feels that raffles and drawings of all kinds should be completely outlawed.

The resolution of the Ministerial Association, which was unanimously adopted and ordered forwarded to the proper authorities, is as folllows:

"WHEREAS, Section 236 of the Criminal Code of Canada expressly forbids, under severe penalties, the use of lotteries, sweepstakes, raffles and other similar methods of raising money, with certain exceptions, one of which, (Subsection 6, paragraph B) permits raffles for prizes of small value at any bazaar held for any charitable or religious object, etc. etc.:

"and, WHEREAS, the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association has already gone on record as follows: "We regret that money is raised by raffles, lotteries, sweepstakes and other games of chance; we recognize that the end in view is often praiseworthy that the intention of the sponsors is to do good, and that the method is easy and often apparently effective, but in our opinion the use of these methods is contrary to the spirit of the law, is anti-social in its implications, and dries up the source of free giving";

"and, WHEREAS, it is incongruous, unjust and confusing that this so-called privilege, which is made illegal to others as being unmoral and anti-social, should be granted to the institution whose duty it is to give leadership in moral and social matters:

"THEREFORE we, the members of the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association, respectfully request that steps be taken to delete Subsection 6, paragraph B, from Section 236 of the Criminal Code of Canada, and invite all interested groups and persons to support this appeal."

## MOTHER AND CHILDREN HOMELESS

Mrs. S. G. Rife, wife of an Air Force corporal, and her two children are homeless today and four other Air Force people are minus a quantity of their effects as a result of a fire which completely gutted a small apartment house at 2160 Seal Cove Circle at 6 o'clock last night. The Rifes were occupants of a basement suite.

The four occupants of the two suites above, one on the ground floor and the one in the attic, were away at the time. All Air Force wives, they had temporarily followed their husbands to out-of-town postings, and had left part of their belongings in their apartments. They were Mrs. Norman Coute, and Mrs. Scales, who shared the attic apartment, and Mrs. Hugh Hughes and Mrs. Simpson, who lived together on the ground floor.

The house was owned by Mrs. W. F. Eve, now in Victoria, and the furniture was the property of W. Bergy, city rest room attendant, who formerly lived there.

## German Bombers Claimed By Berlin to Have Made Attack On Allied Fleet

**Rotterdam and Amsterdam to be Flooded as Protection of Second Front Opening Expected Within Two Weeks.**

LONDON, April 28 (CP)—Masses of Allied invasion vessels, assembling in western England harbors, were attacked by German bombers Thursday night. Berlin dispatches via Stockholm claimed this today. Nazis and neutrals said the invasion might be less than two weeks away. Berlin dispatches to Stockholm said that great quantities of Allied shipping were gathered in Channel ports of southeastern as well as western England. German authorities in the Netherlands were reported to be preparing to blast dykes and flood a huge area including Rotterdam and Asterdam.

Severe regulations went into effect at midnight forbidding any civilian to leave this island for any reason short of urgent national business.

**CHATHAM AWAY OVER QUOTA IN VICTORY LOAN**

H.M.C.S. Chatham, in the Sixth Victory Loan campaign, had met with such a fine response that it was up to 143 per cent on objective, it was announced this morning by Commander Charles M. Cree, naval officer in charge. Subscriptions are still coming in from the naval personnel.

## Rockslide Holds Up Local Trains

A rockslide just east of Giscome on the line in the district east of Prince George has interfered with traffic on the Canadian National Railways and the train, due at 10:45 last night did not get in. It and the train, due here at 10:45 tonight from the East, are now expected in about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The slide, caused by spring thaws, came down over the track Wednesday night and was expected to be cleared by noon today.

Wednesday night's train from here for the East was held at Prince George.

**THIRD 'DROME TAKEN**

**ALLIED HEADUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA—United States army troops captured a third Hollandia airdrome while Australian forces took the town of Alexishafen, 400 miles to the southeast, and a short distance from Madang which the Aussies took yesterday.**

Col. J. W. Nicholls left last night for Vancouver where he will attend the wedding of his daughter, Patricia.

## BOOM FOR ST. LOUIS

**Browns in Undisputed Possession of American League Lead—Cards Doing Well in National**

ST. LOUIS, April 28 (CP)— Still unbeaten this season, the surprising St. Louis Browns scored another handy victory yesterday by winning five to one from Cleveland Indians. The margin for the Browns in league leadership, despite the youngness of the season, now stands at three-and-a-half games with the Philadelphia Athletics, who were idle yesterday, in runner-up spot.

In the National League, St. Louis was likewise successful yesterday when the Cardinals scored a close victory over the Cincinnati Reds. The New York Giants, although idle, held a precarious lead over the Cardinals to stay in first place.

Yesterday's Big League scores:

**National League**

Boston 2, Brooklyn 0.
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2.
New York at Philadelphia, postponed.

**American League**

St. Louis 5, Cleveland 1.
Detroit 2, Chicago 0.
Philadelphia at New York, postponed.
Boston at Washington, postponed.

**Mass Meeting**

ALL MEMBERS OF MACHINISTS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1, AND BOILERMAKERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 4, PRINCE RUPERT

**Malcolm McLeod**

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

President of Shipyard General Workers, Federation of B.C.

All members are requested to attend this meeting to meet your President and to get information of importance to your welfare.

Time: Sunday, April 30th, 11 a.m.

Place: Oddfellows' Hall

Meeting to be over not later than 12:30 p.m.