

Saturday, March 25		
High	1:51	23.0 feet
	14:10	22.9 feet
	8:09	1.9 feet
	20:25	2.0 feet

## Japs Are Opposed In India

### Allied Forces Move To Cut Off Advance Being Made By Nips On Imphal

Threat is Minimized Unless Enemy Should Gather Much Heavier Forces Than He Now Has.

NEW DELHI, March 24 (CP) — Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied commander-in-chief, announced today that Allied troops had attacked a Japanese column advancing from the south on the important road junction of Imphal in India's Manipur Valley and drove the enemy from three positions covering the road. Advice last night said the Japanese forces were within 30 miles of Imphal to the south, having advanced 60 miles into India.

The enemy, driving in from Burma, were already threatening the key road centre with other forces. Allied headquarters announced Thursday. Headquarters, however, minimized the Japanese threat to Imphal, saying that a breakthrough was unlikely unless the enemy gathers stronger forces.

### CHILLIWACK SCHOOL FIRE INCENDIARY

CHILLIWACK, March 24 — Five separate fires which broke out simultaneously in the Chilliwack junior high school last night are being investigated by police today. Definitely incendiary origin the fires burned for three hours before being put out by the Chilliwack fire department. Investigation revealed that fire hoses inside the school had been cut and hacked to render them useless.

### ATTACKS KEPT UP

American Bombers Drive Into Germany for Third Straight Day.

LONDON, March 24 (CP)—American heavy bombers drove into Germany for the third straight day today, pounding western German targets following Royal Air Force night blows at French objectives.

Royal Canadian Air Force bombers took a prominent part in the night attacks. All Canadian planes returned safely.

Many factories in Brunswick and Muenster were left in flaming ruins as a result of yesterday's American raids in which six bombers were lost.

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R. W. Calderwood has been in charge of the campaign for this drive.

All the villages and districts in the area have contributed magnificently to the campaign.

President A. S. Nickerson was in the chair at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club. Winner of the luncheon raffle of a war savings certificate for the Queen's Fund was J. J. Little. Guests were Capt. Edward Levien of Victoria, F. H. Betail of Vancouver and Corps. Andrew Gardiner and Wilson Trumppour of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Leading Aircraftman Harold Leverett is home on furlough from his station at Grande Prairie, Alberta, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leverett.

### IDEAS ARE PAID FOR

TransCanada Air Lines Has Plans for Rewarding Employees

WINNIPEG, March 24 — To provide added incentive to employees, individually and collectively, to submit suggestions for the advancement of both management and workers, TransCanada Air Lines has instituted a suggestion and award plan by which employees are being paid for acceptable ideas. Improved efficiency in all phases of T.C.A. operations, improved working conditions and betterment for individual workers are the objectives.

The awards range from \$5 up to 10 per cent of the estimated net savings to the company resulting from the adoption of suggestions within a year and are payable, for the duration of the war, in government war bonds, savings certificates and stamps. All employees of the air lines are eligible excepting department heads, supervisors, engineering personnel and employees of the equivalent rank of foreman and chief mechanic. Suggestions are handled by local employee co-operative committees and the suggestion committee at Winnipeg.

In announcing the plan, W. F. English, assistant vice-president of T.C.A., said: "Never were new ideas needed more than they are right now. Our company is into the war with every ounce of strength we can muster and initiative displayed today has a greater value than ever it had before."

Three employees in the Winnipeg shops have already received \$324 for ideas, two men in the revenue accounting office collected \$200 and a passenger agent was awarded \$10.

Harry Waiberg found that by drying thin rubber sheets and separators used in aircraft batteries he could reclaim what had previously been condemned and replaced. He was awarded \$153 for his idea.

Loretta Havorka won \$5 for suggesting that wooden blocks be used instead of tape when engine parts needed to be masked for spray-painting.

William Westwood and "Bud" Allen of the revenue accounting department were awarded \$100 each for an idea for staggering monthly ticket reports.

John Esveld, agent in charge at Winnipeg, thought up a rubber stamp to remind passenger agents to endorse excess baggage on flight coupons. It was worth \$10.

### Campaign For Red Cross In Smithers Good

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### More Japanese Ships Are Sunk

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 24 (CP)—Allied bombers destroyed two small Japanese freighters, seven coastal vessels and 23 barges off Wewak, enemy base on northeastern New Guinea coast, headquarters reported today.

### SITUATION UNCHANGED

Air Blows Directed Today at Padua and Florence.

NAPLES, March 24 (CP)—Heavy fighting continues in Cassino with no material change in the situation.

Two new bomber blows were struck with attacks on Padua and Florence in Northern Italy.

New Zealand troops are still beating savagely against German lines inside the town.

### Succumbed At Port Edward

Los Angeles Man, in Service of American Transport, Dies in His Sleep

The sudden victim of heart disease, Frank Moore, aged 56, died in his sleep yesterday morning at an American Transport Service staff rooming house at Port Edward. An inquiry by Coroner M. M. Stephens established the fact that death had been due to natural causes.

When deceased's alarm clock sounded and he failed to respond, his roommate, James Russell, proceeded to arouse him but found that he was dead. He had, evidently, passed away only a short time previous.

Moore was employed as a warehouseman and had been at Port Edward only about a week. He came from Los Angeles where a wife and children survive and to which city the remains will be forwarded.

Moore had, apparently, been in good health and spirits. He had been happy at having received a promotion and had attended the show the night before.

### LOCAL BOY IS KILLED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wearmouth today received the sad intelligence that their son, Jack, who went overseas recently, had died of wounds in Italy. The parents will have the sympathy of their many friends.

### Evaded Taxes; Heavily Fined

VANCOUVER, March 24 (CP)—E. L. Irvine, proprietor of Cross and Company, soft drink company, was fined \$31,442 when convicted in a justice court Thursday of evading sales and excise taxes. The amount included a \$100 fine and a penalty of \$31,442, double the amount of the taxes evaded.

### WILL LAND IN EUROPE

Prime Minister Tells United States Paratroopers of Prospective Action.

LONDON, March 24 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today visited United States paratroopers in England and told them they "soon will have the opportunity" of landing in occupied Europe.

The Prime Minister said that the Allies were about to strike a blow that would be greater than any so far in the war. Mr. Churchill admitted that Allied losses in Italy had been heavy.

### Now On Eve Of Triumph

States President Reiterates That Barbarians Will Be Punished.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 24 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt said today that the Allies were "on the very eve of triumph over Nazi barbarism." Leaders of the enemy and those who had assisted them would be brought to trial and punished. No leaders in barbarism could be allowed to go unpunished. President Roosevelt included specifically among these the persons who had been responsible for the sending of Jews, loyal Frenchmen and others to their deaths.

### PROTESTS STATE AMONG NATIVES

WHITEHORSE, March 24 — Catholic missions in the Yukon and Prince Rupert district are protesting to Ottawa against conditions among the Indians in northern British Columbia.

Bishop J. L. Coudert, co-adjutor for Prince Rupert, says that ten natives have died recently of sickness and starvation. When he brought their condition to the attention of an administrator of the Indian Department, he was told that there was no money available for the relief of Indians.

Bishop Coudert said that he was told that government funds had all been earmarked for war purposes.

### Westminster Wins Opener

Defeated Flin Flon Seven to One In Western Senior Hockey Semi-final.

SASKATOON, March 24 (CP)—New Westminster defeated Flin Flon here last night in the first game of the Western Canada senior amateur hockey semi-finals.

### Break-Through By Russians

### WINTER BACK IN INTERIOR

Several Inches of Snow in Smithers Yesterday—Still Coming Down

SMITHERS, March 24—After a week or so of spring-like weather which practically cleared all the snow from the country side the residents of Bulkley Valley awoke yesterday morning to find that winter had returned and that the ground was again covered with several inches of snow and it was still coming down.

The past winter has been one of the most congenial ever experienced throughout this part with no extremes of temperature and no bad storms. Only on a few occasions did the thermometer get below the zero mark and zero weather in this part of the country during the winter months is not at all disagreeable.

Farmers who were beginning to make preparations for their spring work will be set back a little by the return of winter but ordinarily there is little work that can be done on the land before the middle of April at least.

### Japs Occupy Positions On Bougainville

LONDON, March 25 — The Berlin raid said yesterday that Japanese forces had re-occupied three American positions on Bougainville Island.

BEFORE PIGEONS — Crows were employed in ancient times as letter carriers.

### RED CROSS SHIPMENT

Excellent Achievement as a Result of Gratifying Response To Appeal of Workers

An appeal for more workers, particularly knitters, having met with a fine response, the latest shipment of goods from the local Red Cross workroom to provincial headquarters, covering the work of less than a month, represents an excellent achievement, according to Mrs. R. M. Winslow, who is in charge of the workroom. Mrs. Winslow adds that a good sewing machine is much needed.

The following goods were included in the last shipment from the workroom:

Hospital Supplies—3 doz. face cloths, 24 property bags, 1 body belt, 1 pair men's pyjamas. Surgical Supplies—2800 compresses, 300 swabs, 160 wipes, 90 masks, 60 med. pads, 10 large pads.

Knitted Goods—8 "V" neck sweaters, 9 sleeveless sweaters, 9 turtle neck sweaters, grey, 4 sweaters, 2 navy, 2 A.F., 2 prs. seamen's stockings, 54 prs. service socks, 5 prs. gloves, 1 scarf, 4 tuck-ins, 1 beanie.

Greek Relief—8 women's slippers, 2 boys' shirts. Donated grade B.—3 women's wool coats. Civilian Clothing, Grade A.—18 baby gowns, 4 baby jackets, 1 baby b. waist, 1 girls' slip, 7 women's bloomers, 10 children's combinations, 37 children's pyjamas, 2 girls' coats, 3 hatchways.

Grade B. — 3 single quilts, 7 crib quilts, 1 large quilt.

GREEKS USED DICE — Dice are said to have been used in Greece about 1244 B.C.

### Red Army Is Now In Sight Of Prut River; Outflanks Nazi Bases

Fighting Has Started Within Kovel in Poland and Black Sea Port of Nikolaev.

LONDON, March 24 (CP)—Russians, within sight of the Prut River, Rumanian boundary, in a major 35 mile break-through in German western Ukraine lines, left bases at Tarnopol and Proskurov by-passed and outflanked. Street fighting is reported in the pre-war Polish rail city of Kovel, 190 miles from

### SERIES ARE EVENED UP

Montreal Wins Over Toronto And Detroit Beats Chicago In Stanley Cup Hockey.

MONTREAL, March 24 (CP) — Montreal Canadiens defeated Toronto Maple Leafs five to one last night in the Stanley Cup hockey final series.

Detroit Red Wings won over Chicago Black Hawks four to one.

Both of the best out of seven semi-final series are now deadlocked at a win apiece.

### Baby Snooks Is "Grandma"

LOS ANGELES, March 24 — Fanny Brice, "Baby Snooks" of the radio, has become a grandmother. Her daughter has given birth to a son.

### Red Cross Donations

Prev'tly acknowledged	\$17,996.09
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson, Ambrose Ave.	5.00
Centennial Rebekah Lodge No. 40	10.00
W. L. Gordon	5.00
E. V. Whiting	5.00
Grotto Cigar Store	5.00
Ross Bros.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kasper	10.00
Pen Sampson	10.00
Sterling Food Market	10.00
W. L. Coates	10.00
W. H. Trotter	10.00
112 Taxi	15.00
Valentin Dairy	20.00
Dr. J. Maguire	25.00
The W. H. Malkin Co. Ltd. employees	17.00
	\$18,158.09

Local Temperature

Maximum	41
Minimum	30



SAPARI IN ITALY—These British Tommies of the Fifth Army heading towards the front lines, hoping to encounter the vaunted Nazi Tiger tanks. They are armed with infantry anti-tank weapon, called the Piat (projector, anti-tank), which fires a 234-pound projectile that is four inches or more in diameter. The guns, operated by one man, can be used to demolish pillboxes.

### Damage Is Formous

Last Reveals Terrible Wrought by Bombing

March 24—Disclosure just been made of the enormous damage which has been done in by Royal Air Force

ancient landmarks of German capital are now but empty shells and have been demolished.

amous Unter der Linden boulevard is a complete

me main office have been virtually and records destroyed.

hundred and seventy-ones have been wiped heavily damaged.

### chie Gets er Term

SMITHERS, March 24—Judge and W. O. Fulton of Smithers were in Smithers the sitting here of the Court.

onscientious objector from who had previously been a sentence of one for failing to answer the County Court. He received a sentence to three with hard labor.

### NTY SEES BATTLE

Tug-of-war in World's About to Get Under

LONDON, March 24—General Montgomery said today the biggest tug-of-war the had seen was about to

how long it would take, he said it might be a it might be longer. "I shall win," the general unless somebody falls