perature today or Friday.

sued by the Meteorological

ight to moderate winds, partly

idy not much change in tem-

up to 6 p.m. tomorrow)

Service of Canada)

Protection To Waterfront-

To provide the Prince Rupert water ch-needed fire protection, Sub-Port o. ion engineers have recently completed co of a modern, efficient fire barge. Design bert Beerling, S.P.E. assistant Fire Marshal, me SP 1777," as it is called, was commissioned and

Bulletins

REBELS TO GIVE UP commander in Greece, Lt. Ronald Scobie, yesterday E.L.A.S. forces that unthey ceased fighting by av. the British and Greek the rebellion. Some obvers in Athens believe that e leftist elements are just

VETERANS APPOINTED

TTAWA—Veterans Minister Mackenzie announced yesday that two veterans of this r have been appointed astant directors of re-estabament credits and chief of e disability training and acement branch. The new sistant director is Lieut, Col. H. Hogan of Prince Edward and while Major E. A. Dunof Toronto is the disabiltraining chief. Major Dunserved in Tunisia and later st his eyesight in a training cident in England.

CHURCHILL CRITICIZED MONTREAL - The Polishmadian Labor Council of ontreal has passed a resotion criticizing Prime Miner Churchill's recent stateent of the Russo - Polish The body said the settlement of the dish border difficulties "is ot in accord with either the tlantic Charter or the priniples of the freedoms which onstitute the cardinal ideol-

UPERFORTS

gical aims of this war."

Mukden is Latest Industrial Target—Tokyo Claims Prisoner of War Killed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (P)

Tokyo meantime anhave been killed in the B-29 h prisoners of war were and Robert McWhirk. 159 were wounded en a number of bombs were oped on a prisoner of war amp in central Siam.

Complete details, however, were not made available for publication until now. Built at a cost of approxi-

put into operation on August 6.

mately \$12,500, the barge is THENS- The British over- vivid example of army ingenu_ ity. Eight months ago, it was a useless hulk condemned to the ned a warning to the left salvage yards. Today, minor repairs and alterations, together with the installation of twin screw engines have converted it into a sturdy scow means at their disposal to capable of a maximum speed of 10 knots. Four pumps, feeding through the base of the hull now force a potential 3300 galout ready to give up their lons of water per minute to a nozzle pressure of 115 pounds, well over the ordinary requirements of any fire barge. Adroute to this port, will boost that capacity another 1200 gallons and make the BSP 1777 one of Coldwellthe most powerful units of its

A 25-foot steel tower, erected houses two fixed at the bow, houses two fixed monitors, devices which control the directional flow of water. In addition, a pair of portable S Recce monitors are handled from the deck, allowing for a quick concentration of pressure wherever and whenever it is needed. More than 2500 feet of hose, wound on huge deck reels, can operate up to nineteen streams simultaneously but, notwithstanding this fact, adequate ceptance of a C.C.F. amendment deck space always remains clear of impediment to provide for complete freedom of action-a bility of an immediate general elvital asset to marine fire fight. ing operations.

Combination fog nozzles and a foam generator set are carried the common war effort. The final for protection against oil and gas fires. These instruments! provide what amounts to blanket of carbon dioxide which excludes all oxygen and quickly fort." smothers flames of this type. Numerous extension ladders and a welder-burning unit (for cutting through steel to below deck conflagrations), are other pieces of fire fighting apparatus to be found aboard the barge.

The BSP 1777 is a completely self-sufficient unit. A generator, fixed in the hull, maintains an elaborate electrical circuit and produces enough power to merican superfortresses have operate two 250 and two 150gain struck at Japanese indus- watt searchlights, as well as a hal targets. This time six B-29's ship-to-shore radio. A crack, the city of Mukden in Man- six-man army squad is stationed and quartered aboard at all times. Trained by Mr. Beerling, unces that Allied prisoners of this crew is led by Pfc. Oran Hackett and consists of Ptes. Joe on Japanese targets. The Landovek, Ralph Zuhlsdroff, my radio said today that 56 Leslie Johnson, Donald Brown

Local Temperature

Maximum Minimum



Include . . .

STORE IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR

Greatest Battle Being Fought



ALLIED STRONGPOINTS TESTED UNDER DIRECT FIRE-Armed heavily enough to handle anything that can be thrown against it is this American spearhead strongpoint set up in a street of Schalfenberg, Germany. This photograph was made under direct fire of the Nazis. The big gun here is a 57 mm anti-tank gun. It is supported by a bazooka, and a machine gun.

ditional equipment, already en-

But no Change Should be Made Now Says C.C.F. Leader

OTTAWA, Dec. 21 (P - C.C.F. leader M. J. Coldwell, speaking last night, told the Canadian people that the government's acto a confidence motion on conscription "prevented the possi-

Mr. Coldwell said such a move would have seriously disrupted amended motion supported by the Commons read: "That this House will aid the government in maintaining a vigorous war ef-

The C.C.F. leader said that an election now would place a government in power which would have post-war problems to solve while at the same time it had been elected on a war issue.

He said later: "Certainly the masses of our people are not working and sacrificing and dying to restore discredited monarchies to their thrones, or reactionary rulers to their pre-war power. Nor are Canadians fighting to bring back again to office those who could find neither money nor work to

relieve the stress of the 1930.'s" He added: "This has become, quite clearly, in the minds of millions, a people's struggle to bring about a new era of brotherhood and security for all the peoples of the world. We must keep it so in spite of efforts on the part of reactionary forces."

FRENCH CANUCKS PROVING LOYAL

QUEBEC CITY, Dec. 21 (P)-Rumors flew around Quebec City last night to the effect that members of the Fusiliers St. Laurent, a Home Defence Army DARTIZANS unit, had gone on strike. However, the officer commanding TAKE TOWN Military District Number 5— TAKE TOWN Brigadier Edmond Blais—said it was all a mistake.

not a word of truth in it," and na river town of Zvornik, about he added: "all the men of the 80 miles southwest of Belgrade. Fusiliers are away on Christmas Capture of the city was accomleave. I haven't two men in the plished after several days of bitcamp. Rumors like this are ter fighting. childish. I want to say that the men of the Fusiliers are backing me up one hundred percent.

The morale is splendid." Earlier non - official reports Pas. There is zero tempera. said the men had refused to ture here. volunteer for overseas service and that for the last five days they had refused to drill and had remained in the camp, reporting only for meals and parades. However, Brigadier Blais said that the men are volunteering for overseas service in large numbers.

Big British Liner to Be Refitted As "Floating Night Club"

a British liner into a "floating a Vancouver paper."

manager of the Prince Rupert larger class. on the east coast.

ager, is understood to be in At present the local yard has Montreal where he went after one 10,000_ton frieghter under COR DEEDS attending a conference of the construction and another fitting Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship out. Extent of the contracts for Repairing Association at Ottawa. the building of that type of ship He is not expected to return here is not known.

until after the new year. No official word has been re- is remaining in the east," Mr. ceived at the local dry dock yet Frew commented. "The first I week ago." concerning the letting of a con- learned of the new business was

night club" to be used as an en- According to the London destertainment centre for British patch the conversion job will tified craft not equipped with troops fighting in the far east. involve "many thousands "We haven't heard a thing dollars." All three ships are well ported aground in Union Bay. No it is not known at the moment about it," J. A. Frew, assistant known British liners of the injuries to crew members were

yard said when asked to com- Each is to be equipped with patch from London that one of and floor show. Decision to conthree liners would be converted struct the "night clubs" is the treatment. here, one in Victoria, and one result of mounting criticism that British soldiers fighting the Bernard Allen, dry dock man Japanese are being neglected.

NEWS WAR

Reply Is Awaited

ATHENS-Lieut. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece announced progress today in clearing insurgent forces from Athens and Piraeus. A communique issued three hours after the deadline given leftist troops made no mention of the warning, but said that further prisoners and weapons had been captured. A reply was awaited from the Greek king in London whether he would reject or accept a suggestion that the country's leadership be turned over to Archbishop Kamaskinos as regent.

Sharp Action Near Faenza

ROME—There was sharp action on the Faenza sector tonight during which Canadian troops took 40 prisoners. Other Eighth Army troops crossed the Lamone River at two points near Ronco, occupied the town of Formellino and joined other units north of Faenza in seizing San Silvestro ad San Pietro Laguna.

Reds Menace Huns

MOSCOW-The Russians have pushed back the Germans on a 125-mile front in southern Slovakia, and have joined battle with the battered Nazi garrisons on the outskirts of the strongholds of Kassa and Rimazombat. The Soviet columns were on three sides of these southeastern Slovakian towns which control highways and railways connecting with direct routes to Bratislava, Vienna and Prague to the west.

British Planes Attack

TOKYO-Planes from a British aircraft carrier have attacked Sabang on Sumatra Island, it is reported here.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (P-YugoSlav Brigadier Blais said: "There's partizans have captured the Dri-

> BELOW ZERO WINNIPEG - The mercury dropped to 30 below at The

SMITH RECEPTION NEW WESTMINSTER-There will be a community reception for Private Ernest Smith, V.C., on December 28. There will also be a reception by the Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver.

Funeral of Charles Wallace On Friday

Funeral services for Charles Wallace, local fisherman who passed away early Wednesday will be held from the Grenville Court chapel of B.C. Undertakers tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Donnell will officiate. Mr. Wallace, who was in poor health for several months prior to his death was a resident of Prince Rupert since 1910. He was owner of the halibut boat Thrasher, but did not follow his usual occupation of fisherman this year. He is survived by his wife and several children.

C.C.F. CANDIDATE Naughton is running.

REDS MAKE BIG GAINS

mile gains were chalked up by Russian forces in CzechoSlovakia in the last 24 hours and 13 towns have been taken by the Soviet columns. Fighting on the other fronts is not mentioned in the Moscow communique.

MORE FOG IN SOUTH

Eight Vessels go Ashore— Traffic Accidents Send People To Hospital

area for 12 days appeared yes-

tract to the local yard to refit when I saw a story about it in fishing vessels which grounded number an estimated five or six near the First Narrows. Two were divisions are armored formatugs and the last was an uniden- tions. radiotelephone which was re- news coming from the front and

ment on a Canadian Press des- its own brewery, bar, orchestra ported on city streets and six terday American forces held persons were sent to hospital for firm against a series of attacks

New Westminster to Set Up \$\$50,000 Scholarship Fund in Honor of Mahoney and Smith

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 21 (P)—A scholarship fund of \$50,000 will be established to commerate the deeds of Major John Mahoney and Private Ernest Smith, New Westminster Victoria Cros winners, representatives of 22 organizations in the heroes' home town decided at a meeting here Tuesday night. A fund of at least \$50,000 would assist in the education of children of enlisted service men and merchant seamen from New Westminster and the Fraser Valley.

tending a great welcome this week to Major Mahoney and Private Ernest Alvia (Smoky) Smith of the British Columbia Seaforth Highlanders, Canada's most recent and eighth Victoria Cross winner, will be home for Christmas, having arrived at Dorval Quebec, by air today. "Smoky" left for Canada soon after reitary award from the King at a private investiture in Buckingham Palace Tuesday. He won the V.C. for almost single-handedly holding a vital Italian bridgehead against German tanks, selfpropelled guns and infantry.

GOOD PROGRESS IN PHILIPPINES

ORMOC, Leyte, Dec. 21-The news from the Philippines continues to be bright. So far no enthe island of Mindoro. Allied re-Leyte is drawing to a close.

where General A. G. L. Mc- but the Canadians have been Perry made the awards. holding their ground.

American Reverses Worst Setback in Two Years of Advance Five Miles and Take War: Huge German Forces MCSCOW, Déc. 21 (P) — Five

THIRTY-FIVE MILES IN BELGIUM

PARIS, Dec. 21 (CP)—The German counteroffensive has driven 35 miles into Belgium beyond Malmedy, cutting the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon road about 75 miles south of Liege, Supreme Headquarters disclosed today. The drive appears directed toward Sedan, scene of the 1940 breakthrough. Field dispatches quoted good authority on the First Army front as saying the German drive was not likely to be checked this week although the northernmost prong was stemmed.

PARIS, Dec. 21 (CP)—The Allies are now engaged VANCOUVER, Dec. 21 9-Fog in their greatest battle of the war on the western which hung over the Vancouver front. The Germans are going all out in their attempt terday to have left temporarily to throw the Allies from German soil and one corresafter at least eight boats had pondent refers to the American reverses as the greatgone ashore to add to the long est setback suffered in the last two yars.

and costly list of marine mishaps | Last night it was revealed for that have occurred in local the first time that the Germans "Maybe that is why Mr. Allen waters since the fog blanket first opened their attack last Sunday gripped the coast more than a with no less than fourteen or fifteen divisions. This could Five of the boats were large amount to 200,000 men. Of this

Censorship is still tight on how far the Germans have penetrated the First Army lines. Eight traffic accidents were re- It is known, however, that yes_ around the Belgian town of Stavelot, twenty-two miles southeast of Liege. This marks the northern flank of the German push.

On the southern end of the Allies. line the Germans are reported to have surged ahead and Ger- it was announced that Allied man parachute troops have been counter-measures against the dropped deep in Allied territory. German offensive on the Ameri_ These forces are reported to- can First Army front are al-

sector of the line.

Road to Liege Has Been Cut

The German High Command declared today that German columns had cut the Liege New Westminster has been ex- Gabastogne Highway which runs twelve miles west of Stavelot and taken twenty thousand prisoners in this week's offensive. The miles inside Belgium, has been quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (CP)-A late bulletin says British troops in Greece have cleared the E.L. A.S. forces from one_third of the capital city of Athens. The information is contained in a Reuters dispatch to the B.B.C.

RESTAURANTS TO CLOSE VANCOUVER - Many Vancouver restaurants will close on Christmas Day because the help does not want to work.

the deepest announced by the

On the British-Canadian front day to be giving the Allies plenty ready beginning to take effect although the enemy has made Elsewhere on the long western considerable progress and "must front, French First Army forces be expected to make more." and American Seventh Army This is said by a Twenty-First units have suffered slight set- Army group spokesman. The backs on the extreme southern belief was expressed, however, that the enemy attack was beginning to lose momentum.

> Alarm over the possible return of the Germans was reflected inside Belgium as far as Brussels. Some Brussels residents have already started packing their belongings for flight although the Germans are still more than 75 miles away.

The British Second and Canpenetration to Stavelot, twenty adian First Army fronts remain

ceiving the Empire's highest military award from the King at a CONTEST GIVEN PRIZES BY MINISTER

Six Prince Rupert boys and Harvey, you have not only helpare even happier because they self by helping others." were rewarded for it.

News' first route carriers' con- most new subscribers but also test which began last Septem- because he served his old subber and closed yesterday with scribers with a faithfulness that the presentation of awards by elicited a minimum of com-Hon. H. G. Perry, provincial plaints. The tabulation system Minister of Education and presi- awarded him 2,860 points. dent of the Daily News.

ports say also that the battle for scribers, was awarded first prize ognition for it. —a brand new bicycle.

theatre tickets as were all the of \$10. Stuart had scored 2,140 Daily News carriers.

still the centre of the fierce to be delivered at homes along score of 1,295 points.

I "In doing such a good job, \$2.50.

three girls-route carriers for ed your customers and us, you the Daily News- are happy to- have also helped yourself," Mr. day in the knowledge that they Perry told the happy youth. "It have done "a good job." They is good training to advance your.

Harvey won the contest not They are winners of the Daily only because he enlisted the

There was an atmosphere of Happiest of all is 13-year-old ease as Mr. Perry presented the emy ground opposition has been | Harvey Weiss who, through his awards. The boys and girls had offered invading Allied troops on outstanding efforts in serving his worked well and they felt no customers and enlisting new sub- embarrassment at accepting rec-

"You are a big lad, and you The other eight received prizes have done a big job," the Minranging from \$10 to \$2.50. In ister of Education told 14-yearaddition, each was given a old Stuart Craig as he present-Christmas present of a book of ed him with the second prize

Their paper bags filled with Billy Sunberg received third ROME, Dec. 21 (P)—Faenza is copies of the day's edition, soon prize of \$5 for running up a

fighting now raging on the Ital- their routes, the nine eager For having no subscription ian front. Today's Allied com- youngsters trouped gaily into the arrears among their customers, OWEN SOUND-The C.C.F. munique says the Germans have editorial offices at 4 o'clock. Harold Eidsvick, Allan Forman, have decided to contest Grey been swinging hard at Canadian There, in the presence of Man- Valerie Craig, Everett Johansen, North federal by - election positions northeast of the city aging Editor G. A. Hunter, Mr. Jean McGuire and Gudrun Braun each received a prize of