Daily Edition:

Better War News . . . It is gratifying to tell the news today that the big German counter-offensive on the Meuse River sector of the western front has not only been stayed but it is being driven back. As has been suggested by General Eisenhower, the big gamble may become the greatest military disaster for the Nazis. Of course, it is a little early to count too much upon that. Yet it has its possibilities. One can remember the great final push on which Hindenburg gambled in 1918, seemed likely to inflict a final and decisive defeat upon the Allies and then, finally, suffered the culminating collapse which soon brought World War No. 1 to a close.

Even here in Prince Rupert we have followed the news of the war on the western front with feelings of tenseness and suspense for, in its bearing on the whole war picture, conceivably, it had the possibilities of making its ramifications eventually felt here. It is, therefore, a definite relief to us now that things are going better.

Meanwhile the vicious Nazi counteroffensive in Europe has punctured a lot of wishful hopes that we had been regaling ourselves with.

If we are to smash our enemies as we must or perish, then all such easy hopes must be completely abandoned. We must replace them with the determination to see this war through to a complete finish.

This very probably means another year of fighting at least, if not in Europe, then certainly in the Pacific and, after that, not years but decades of the most careful supervision.

The last time we guit too soon. When the shooting stopped, we thought we had also won the peace.

Later we realized that we had not, and the whole miserable business, with its tragte loss of blood and treasure, had to be started all over again.

Now we must solemnly swear that this time the job will be finally and completely finished.

Victory will be speeded, lives will be saved, if, as it should, the new Nazi offensive results in re-dedication by all of us to the task of achieving peace.

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Fisheries Returning Here . . .

It is a hopeful sign to see at least one fishing industry establishing in the announcement TO HIS SHIP area as disclosed in the announcement of the B.C. Packers that it has a clam cannery in readiness for operation at Port Edward and that the plant will go into production in mid-January. Since war began we have become too accus- four invasion operations in Sictomed to seeing the fisheries moving ily, Italy and Southern France away and it has caused us some con- including Salerno, Anzio, Marcern. Now the very natural fact that termaster Howard Frizzell leaves clams are available hereabouts in great- tonight on the Prince George er quantity than around Vancouver has for Vancouver enroute back to caused a plant to be closed there and Norfolk, Virginia, to rejoin his one opened here to take its place. Pos- the United States Navy. sibly, the same thing may happen in connection with other phases of the industry - if not immediately at least after the war is over and things become stabilized here in the matter of sites and other essential factors.

Incidentally, it is a promising sign and that, on at least one ac- the expansion of the smoking of the vital importance of the that a major fish producing concern like B.C. Packers should be extending its plant and fish processing and handling facilities here. It has done that on quite a large scale here during the past year.

C.N.R.'s Big War Job . . .

The annual review of R. C. Vaughan, president of the Canadian National Railways, shows another fine year's work particularly on behalf of Canada's war effort by the Dominion's national railway system. That this has been done with a minimum of added equipment is the notable feature. It speaks well for the management and the esprit de corps of the system staff. Here in Prince Rupert, important as this line may be, we have a glimpse of the operation as a railway but it is only a glimpse. One has to travel the system from coast to coast to fully appreciate the magnitude of the organization and the volume of the traffic in both freight and passenger departments.

Mr. Vaughan's report gives some interesting figures on the shipbuilding angle of the Canadian National war effort at Prince Rupert-four minesweepers and eleven cargo vessels built as well as a great volume of repair work running into thousands of ships large and small.

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PIONEER OF NORTH DIES

J. M. McCormick Well Known In Hazelton, Portland Canal and Bulkley Valley

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Mr. McCormick was well known to the pioneers of Hazelton' where he lived in the days prior to the last war and where he was one of the best known and most popular citizens, having taken a very active part in the sports of accountant by occupation and was one of the first to enlist for service in the Great War. He

About two years ago Mr. Mc-Cormicb returned to Smithers and followed his occupation as accountant for firms in Smithers and at Telkwa. He was of a very quiet and retiring personality but had many friends throughout the

Deceased leaves a sister who resides in Detroit. Mich., but has no immediate relatives in west-

Funeral will be held from St Joseph's Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member, and interment will take place in the Canadian Legion cemetery at Smithers.

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GOING BACK VESSELS BUILT HERE Continued from Page 1

Wearing the decorations of

veteran of three years of war

campaigning in the Mediterran-

seilles and Toulon, Chief Quar-

bombing by the enemy.

he confided.

be back in the old home town. fair share of the traffic.

problems of reconstruction and for active service on the war re-establishment. Research has fronts, many of whom have been been made and plans prepared decorated for gallantry, many for our post-war program and of whom have sacrificed their the railway is actively co-operat- lives. We are proud of the acing with industry in working out tivities of our personnel on the ean theatre in the course of which his ship participated in early to go into details, but I tory Loan, Canadian National might mention, as an example, employees broke all their records that we have in mind new types by subscribing \$13,733,550, the of passenger equipment. The largest contribution by any group trend after the war will be to- of employees in Canada. In the ward what we call "closed ac- seven loans, subscriptions by our commodation" in sleeping cars, employees aggregated \$49,785,250. to such types as roomettes and With the company purchases of double bedrooms. Hundreds of bonds, which are still being held thousands of travellers have, by the system, the grand total through the war, learned, for is \$140,342,150. Canadian Na-Howard is not very talkative the first time, the comfort and tional men and women are blood about his experiences as far as convenience of travel by night, donors, active members of the newspaper publication is con- and we shall be prepared to many groups organized for the cerned but it was possible for meet their requirements. We welfare of troops and their fama Daily News reporter to learn plan new types of coaches and ilies, and generous supporters of that he had seen plenty of ac- improved dining facilities for all the public appeals. tion in these major operations travellers. Taking into account "Above all, they are conscious casion, his ship narrowly es- habit, we have in mind enlarged job they have on hand as transcaped destruction from air facilities for smokers. The rail portation workers. They are ways are alive to the fact that demonstrating in their daily The well known pioneer boy, competition with other forms of round the loyal desire to do it son of Mr. and Mrs. George transport will be accentuated to the utmost of their ability Frizzell, with whom he has been after the war and they may be and to .co-operate with others. spending the Christmas season, depended on to keep abreast of It is this esprit de corps that has

company and its staff have been of peace."

equal to all their obligations. We are proud of the 20,000 men and women, wno have enlisted blueprint for peace. It is too home front. In the Seventh Vic-

expressed his great happiness at the times and provide the ser- enabled the Canadian National having had the opportunity to vice that will insure them their Railways to acquit itself with honor. It is this spirit that will "There is no city in all the world "Much has been demanded of carry the system through the I would rather be and I intend the Canadian National system last phases of the war to victo get back as often as I can," throughout the year, but the tory and to the responsibilities

1944 - 1945

As the sands of time run their course they see 1944 depart—and usher in 1945 On the stroke of midnigh New Year's Eve our wishes will join yours for a future of happiness and security in a world at peace.

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THIRD AVENUE

SMITHERS, Dec. 28-Northern British Columbia lost another of its old timers when J. M. Mc-Christmas Eve.

the town at that time. He was an served in France and retired with the rank of captain. After the war he was employed as accountant at the Premier Mine for

ern Canada.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

N THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN VOLLAUG, DECEASED, INTESTATE.