North Coast and Queen Char-

lottes = Moderate winds, cloudy

and cool, occasional light rain

or snow flurries. Friday: Mod-

winds, generally fair and

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

German Defenders Having Bad Time in Hungarian Capital

NAZIS FALLING BACK LONDO N, Dec. 28 (CP) -TransOcean Agency aid toda w that the Nazi garson at Budapest has withdrawn to an "inner defence ing." Neanwhile the Mosow radio said that the Germans are employing ten thousand workers to fortify the Austrian frontier against Rusian forces now driving across Hungary - Other strong Soviet forces have by-passed Budapest and are only 55 miles from the Austrian border.

MOSCO W. Dec. 28 (P) - The ttle for the Hungarian capital (Budape st continues today with e Germans losing heavily in oth men and materials.

The Russians have driven cross the eastern branch of the Danube in a bold crossing north of the city and have driven a vedge in to German and Hungarian forces holding out in the incient capital.

Red Array troops are cleaning block after block of the city and part of the enemy garrison as been chased into a wooded a north of the city while anther force is entrapped inside Budapest\_

### Government Takes Montgomery-Ward

CHICA GO. Dec. 28 (P)-Major General Joseph Byron was designated by the War Department today to seize properties of Mont gomery- Ward and in seven cities under presidential order in a showdow in on the company's refusal to comply with War Labor Board directives.

In Jap Waters-

# U.S. Ships

SAIPAN, Dec. 28 (P)-Penetrating far into Japanese home waters. American warships have for the third time this month steamed to within 750 miles of the Japanese home islands. Before, the battlewa gons of the American Pacific Fleet bombarded two islands in the Volcano group.

At almost the same time, a Japanese naval task force was being frustrated in an attempt to hamper Allied ground action in the Philippines. The Japanese ships shelled Mindora Island but suffered the loss of three desand damage to one battleship and one cruiser. Landtelling blows.

ped their bombs in the centre of "King's College," west coast offi- National Steamships continues the industrial section of the capi- cers' training ship, Chief Wardell to be an important factor in the hit a target. One superfortress tivities and will be a valuable was lost in the assault. Great addition to the Chatham base. fires sprang up in the city and the smoke could be seen rising high in to the air as the bombers Former Steamship turned homewards.

American superfortresses had made a Christmas Day attack on Tokyo, Yokohama and Shidzuoko Island of Japan. American and air forces combined bombardment of Bonnin Islands, 750 miles from Japan. The attack lasted for two-anda-half hours.

### Hockey Scores

National Toronto 8, New York 2. American Cleveland 5, Hershy 0.

CH URCHILL RETURNING ATHENS — Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden are on their way to Britain hopeful that will be able to persuade King George of Greece to accept a regency. It is reported that Premier Papandreau has resig med.

# Eisenhower Hitting Back Strongly



FRENCH SOLDIER TAKING A PRIZE NEAR BELFORT-A French soldier makes a cautious approach to a German officer, who lies in a ditch wounded after French machine-gun fire wrecked his car (background) near Belfort, France, where the French First Army made the sensational breakthrough to the Rhine. There were three dead Germans in the car.

Shipyard, a subsidiary of the

Canadian National, carried on

its program efficiently during

the year, says the annual re-

port of R. C. Vaughan, presi-

Canadian National Railways.

To date, it has constructed

four minesweepers and eleven

ten-thousand-ton freighters.

20,000-ton floating dry dock

has handled 815 ships and re-

2,280 floating craft of all sizes.

vasion of Europe.

First Concern

Is Winning War

company's own shops have con-

tinued the manufacture of naval

gun barrels, field artillery car-

"The first concern of the Can-

ramifications, is the winning of

the war. At the same time, we

are giving close attention to the

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riages and naval mountings.

But Germans Played Carols To Canadians at Front

PARIS, Dec. 28 (CP)-Here's an interesting sidelight on the fighting on the western front in Europe. Canadian Press war correspondent Doug Amaron reports that the German troops facing the Canadians in the north asked for a Christmas replied with withering mortar Built Here

The enemy request was broadcast over a public address sysstem from German positions and this was followed with a recording of "Silent Night." At another point along the front, the Germans played carols, and a western Canada highland unit was serenaded with a gutteral version of "O Cana-

### Physical Training Instructor Is Here

Chief Petty Officer James Wardell of Toronto has arrived in Prince Rupert to take up the based Allied bombers struck the duties of physical training instructor at H.M.C.S. Chatham. Mean while, American pilots C.P.O. Wardell has spent nine of anese capital have reported good on sea duty in the Atlantic for ada, Bermuda, the British West With thoroughness and nine months previous to his Indies, British Guinea and Britprecision, the huge B-29's drop- drafting here. Former P.T.I. at ish Honduras, the Canadian

### Inspector Passes

VICTORIA, Dec. 28 (P) - John Thomas Edmond, aged 64, former steamship inspector of Victoria, died Saturday and buried yesterday. He came to Canada from his native England formerly in the Alaska service, in 1912 and for some years was the Prince Henry and the Prince chief engineer of vessels trading David, are doing duty as comon the west coast of Mexico. He bined operations cruisers, and was superintendent of North the Prince Robert is an anti-Vancouver city ferries from 1918 aircraft cruiser. All three were to 1925 and steamship inspector given important tasks in the inhere until his retirement last

NEW ROAD TO CHINA

CHUNGKING - General Wedemeir announces that the new land supply route from India to China is almost clear.

FIELD MARSHAL SUICIDE LONDON-The former field marshal in command of the western front for the Germans has committed suicide in despondency.

## NEW FISHING INDUSTRY COMES HERE; B.C. PACKERS START CLAM CANNERY

The greater abundance of clams in the coastal area contiguous to Prince Rupert than on the Lower Mainland around Vancouver has caused the B.C. Packers to close down the Clover Leaf clam cannery at Vancouver and transfer the clam canning operations to Port Edward, industrial suburb of Prince

Rupert. Using premises obtained in the lower portion of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. salmon and LONDON, Dec. 28 (9)- Berlin herring cannery at Port Edward, said yesterday that Manchester the B.C. Packers has now com- was struck by V-1 bombs indicatpleted installation of machinery ing either Nazi pick-a-back and has the plant ready to run. planes were making daring It is expected that the supply sweeps toward northern England of the clams will be organized or an improved type of V-1 had Many Ships Handled at Local and packing of the clams started longer range. Censorship has not Dry Dock, Says C.N.R. Report by mid-January. It will be the permitted British correspondents first time in fifteen years that to comment. There has been MONTREAL, Dec. 28 — The clams have been canned at or some damage but no casualties. Prince Rupert Dry Dock and

near Prince Rupert. One of the principal areas of clam supply for the Port Ed ward plant will be large beds near Kitkatla, a distance twenty or so miles down the dent and managing director, coast. The company will, however, send its packers to other clam digging point where the volume of supply justifies. Clams will also be brought to Port Ed-Since the outbreak of war, the ward from as far down the coast as Namu, some 200 miles distant. Formerly clam meat was pairs have been effected on taken by B.C. Packers from the north coast to the Vancouver Rounding out a quarter of a plant but the nectar could not Who yes terday attacked the Jap- his 31 years in the navy and was century of service between Can- be moved such a great distance

Port Edward was that this nectar might be available. The entire operation from the tal where no massile could fail to has directed various athletic ac- war. It was assigned specific raw clam to the finished and trusted with the operation, in at Port Edward. The clams, on delivery from the packer, are many parts of the world, of ships put through the steam box cooktaken over or seized by the Caner for twenty minutes. The shells adian government. Its freightare thus opened and the dropers ply the Seven Seas in the service of the United Nations. ping nectar is caught under the cooker. Thence the clams, shells One of the West Indies liners, now open, go on to the shucker the Lady Nelson, is now Canwhere shell is removed. The ada's senior hospital ship. Anmeat is then washed, some going other, the Lady Rodney, is an army transport. Two ships on whole to the canning lines and some minced. By this time the nectar has been boiled to be poured into the cans with the meat and thus provide the vacuum on sealing. The next step is, of course, through the

retorts for the final cooking. The canned clam product will be turned out in gallon cans and National Railways Munitions Limited, a subsidiary, and the pound talls minced or whole.

will employ ten or fifteen men and about twenty women. Operations at Port Edward will be directed from the company's Prince Rupert headquarters where Douglas Soutar is at present manager in charge. adian National system, in all its

Local Temperature

Maximum Minimum

ATHENS, Dec. 28 -British Prime Minister Churchill yesterday narrowly missed death from an assassin's bullet as he bassy in Athens. The bullet cut the air close to the Prime Minstood outside the British emister, Foreign Secretary An-Reginal Leeper and struck a young woman several hundred Falls Back young woman several hundred yards beyond. The young woman may die.

Despite this sign of disapproval, the prime minister seems der to the country. The warring factions have agreed upon a regency as the first step in restoring peace, and one account has it that Premier Geomu has offered to resign if that would aid in the establishing of a regency.

Incidentally, the British Prime Minister has announced that he, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin will talk over the Greek situation at a meeting to take place soon.

### MANCHESTER V-BOMBED

Either Pick-a-Back Tactics Being Followed or Range Has Been Extended

# BOMBING

Allied Planes Maintain Strong Support to Troop-Resisting Nazi Counter-Offensive

LONDON, Dec. 28 (P)-Canadian, British and American heavy bombers flew from British bases yesterday to pound again at German positions in the sector of the Nazi offensive into Belgium. Aided by favorable weather, Allied planes based in Belgium, Holland and France in deciding to can the clams at joined in the attacks.

Canadian Halifaxes gave close support to Allied troops facing the German thrust towards Meuse River. Targets were Nazi concentrations in St. Vith. Several Canadian crews claimed the targets were wiped out and no enemy fighters were en-

countered. For several straight days weather was good for Allied bombers. Hundreds of United States bombers and fighters were out to attack enemy rail ways and transport centres near the fighting front on Monday and Tuesday following up Sunday's great aerial attack o seven thousand planes, as grea as ever made in the war.

Meanwhile the Royal Air Force delivered a bombing attack on robot bomb bases of the Nazis in western Europe.

### The clam canning operation Alderman, Trustee Are Sworn In

Alderman Robert McKay and school trustee Dr. R. G. Large have been sworn in as members of city council and the school board respectively. Other new members are expected to be sworn in at intervals this week.

Brazil has 21,242 miles of rail-

# Bullet Near Germans Retreating; Burn Hit Premier Equipment In Falling Back; Making Progress in Athens—Regency Agreement — Meeting Planned While Americans Relieved

Battle of Italy-

May Lose Barga—Canadians Are Holding On

ROME, Dec. 28 (P) - For the to have made headway in his | second day running, Allied headattempt to bring peace and or- quarters in Italy admits Fifth Army withdrawals in the face of strong German attacks. The Nazis are counter-assaulting a six-mile front along both sides of the Serchio river and this attack has enveloped the town of Barga, about 15 miles north of the city of Lucca. Barga had been in Allied hands for a month.

The news from the Canadian sector is better. There the Canadians have cleared the Germans from the east bank of the Senio

ALLIED BOMBERS OUT LONDON-British Lancaster and Halifax bombers pounda railway centre twelve miles from Cologne last night and United States superfortresses were out over eleven railway targets in Germany back of

Berlin Admits Grim Counter-Attacks Being Made - Strange Type of Patrol Action

### ENEMY'S VICTORY BID SAGGING

PARIS, Dec. 28 (CP)—Field reports today indicated that the Germans' whole southern flank for thirty-five miles back to the German border was sagging under infantry and armored attack menacing the Nazi bulge into Belgium. Americans had crossed the Sure River at four places by Wednesday dawn and were holding a narrow but firm relief corridor to the garrison of Bastogne. The Germans struck across the Meuse River in northwest Holland but all attacks were beaten off. Allied forces north and south of the Nazi salient in Belgium were within twenty miles of a junction which would cut off the enemy head. There were clear indications that the bold German bid for a great December victory had butted into serious trouble. The Nazis had been held for more than 48 hours up to Wednesday dawn without significant gain. There were reports which might indicate that Nazi advance formations were abandoning equipment and retreating over the hills back into the centre of the breakthrough

PARIS, Dec. 28 (CP) - News from the western front is definitely better today. Allied Supreme Commander, General Dwight Eisenhower, has begun hitting back at Von Rundstedt's force, with trip-hammer blows which are growing rapidly into the form of the western front lines today. la stunning punch. A late bulletin this morning tells of

bourg resuming their advance against the German salient northwest and west of Echter-

nach. This dispatch says the Yanks have crossed the Sure River at four places. ·To the north, a dispatch from

the Stavelot sector of Belgium tells us that the Germans virtually have made no progress in any sector in the past twentyfour hours. There are indications says this report, that the Nazi advance units are abandoning their equipment and retreating. Allied pilets say they have seen the Germans setting fire to their tanks and other equipment in the Celles area. Celles is the highwater mark of the enemy penetration. Previous dispatches told of Germans abandoning their equipment because of lack of gasoline.

Especially good news for Americans is the official report that the American garrison at Bas-Stomach ailment which struck | togne which held out against the worst the Germans could dish out has now been relieved after a week-long siege.

> Commenting on the battle, the German radio asserts that a British division joined with an American division withdrawn from the Aachen front in making what are described as particularly grim counter-attacks in the north but as yet there is no word of such action from Supreme Headquarters.

A late dispatch just in tells of strange action along the Canadian and British sectors of the western front. An Associated Press correspondent says, in his own words, "A strange series of German patrol thrusts - too strong for normal reconnaissance and too wary for fighting patrols has erupted against the British and Canadians.

BARGE TOLMIE WRECKED VICTORIA-The S. F. Tolmie, Victoria barge, ended its career last night almost within sight of the place of launching 24 years ago as the fourmasted barketine was reduced to splintered timbers by a gale, battering waves and jagged rocks of Macaulay Point. Vancouver had a fifty-mile gale last night which rocked buildings and blew down telephone and electric light lines. Delta was without light for

twelve hours.

# Bulletins

AIR TRAINING CEASES OTTAWA - Air Force headquarters announces that the university air training plan will stop at the first of the year. R.C.A.F. officials say the scheme is being discontinued in line with a general reduction in training. Under the plan, men were trained as potential air crew and officer material, a parallel to army officers' training corps at universities. Students could choose between the C.O.T.C., the Air Force squadron or a Naval training division.

### SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATION

REGINA -- Speaking of Saskatchewan, Provincial Labor Minister C. C. Williams announced in Regina yesterday that a seven-member labor relations board will be set up to administer Saskatchewan's trade union act. The act will be proclaimed early in 1945. Mr. Williams said the government has considered the possibility of utilizing the federal Labor Relations Board. But he said this idea was finally abandoned. Another act which will be proclaimed early in 1945 is the vacations with pay ruling. The act has been sent to the Dominion Labor Department to find whether its provisions conflict with the federal wartime wage control order. It provides that employees must be given two weeks annual va-

TEACHERS NOT AFFILIATING REGINA - The Provincial Council of the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation announced yesterday that it has decided to shelve a proposal that the Federation affiliate with organized labor. The council decided to wait until the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor "settle their differences" in Saskatchewan. However, the executive went on record as being "sympathetic toward the labor cause."

cation with pay.

STRIKE IN WINDSOR WINDSOR, Ontario - Five

hundred and fifty employees of the Kelsey Wheel Company in Windsor are still idle today. The strike started two weeks ago and there is little possibility that the United Automobile Workers, a C.I.O. union, and the company will be able to settle their difficulties soon. The workers quit after the union chairman and 12 other workers were discharged. Government conciliation efforts have brought no results as yet.

### DOUGLAS IN STATES OTTAWA - Saskatchewan's

C.C.F. premier, T. C. Douglas, is now recuperating in the United States after a serious him down in Ottawa some weeks ago while he was enroute overseas. Mr. Douglas left Ottawa recently for the United States and will likely return to Saskatchewan in January.

### SEATTLE DESTROYER LAUNCHING

SEATTLE - U.S. S Rowan, 2200-ton destroyer and fourth vessel to honor the name of the late Vice Admiral Stephen Rowan, will be launched tomorrow at the Todd Shipyards here. Rowan distinguished himself in the Civil and Mexican wars and in the acquisition of California.

GOING TO SEATTLE

VANCOUVER - Boeing Aircraft officials say that 24 highly skilled pre-flight men have been chosen from among more than 150 applicants for work in Boeing factories in Seattle and Renton as soon as Selective Service and United States immigration authorities sanction is obtained. No women workers will be sent.

### 8,000 BRITONS KILLED

LONDON - Eight thousand Britons have been killed and 28,000 injured by enemy bombs and robot bombers during the first eleven months of this