(Pacific Standard Time)

Thursday, December 21, 1944

and cool today and Thursday.

18.9 feet

18.7 feet 8.2 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

new actions are being planned in the Pacific war. commander-in-chief of the new Pacific fleetmiral Sir Bruce Fraser-has been conferring with miral Nimitz at the latter's headquarters.

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atest V.C. Vinner Is eturning

army-Private Ernest Smith-will be home lictoria Cross. The

the capture of Cesena and the British planes were missing. vance on the Ronco River. tank with a blast from his cruisers.

Smith was, unwounded in the FLYING FORTS tion, although he had been FLYING FORTS Smith was, unwounded in the unded twice before during his

He has served five years over-as and was given the V.C. by GERMAN LINES e King at a private investure Buckingham Palace Monday.

ahony—is now in New West- pean war. he V.C. last May at the Melfa iver in Italy.

POST-WAR BUILDING

in the last few months and he has had frequent brain storms. BEFORE HOUSE Pairing Association conference ust completed at Ottawa.. Re-

Local Temperature

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 20 (CP)—Indications are In the Philippines, meantime, the Allies are ad-

vancing without ground opposition on the island of Mindoro. ming Home-And today's Allied communique says thirteen Japanese planes have been destroyed in an attack on Allied positions on the

> To the southwest, Allied troops have captured the Japanese base of Valencia on Leyte Island.

REMNANT OF NAZI FLEET

Was Target of Royal Air Force Heavy Bombers at Baltic Port Of Gdynia

LONDON, Dec. 20 (P)—German warships, sheltered in the Baltic port of Gdynia, north of Danzig. were attacked Monday night by mith won the V.C. for al. some 500 Royal Air Force bombst single-handedly holding a ers while other British heavies al Italian bridgehead against struck at Nurnberg and Mun tanks, . self-propelled ster. One enemy plane was dess and infantry on October troyed in night operations which at the Savio River. Army of- included attacks on airdromes als said his action was vital behind the German lines. Five

The British planes made a owing "utter contempt" for round trip flight of 1600 miles in enemy, the dark, short and the attack on the greater part of f_possessed soldier stood at a what remains of the Nazi surface age of thirty feet from the fleet - the pocket battleships emy and knocked out a Pan- Lutzwow and Scheer and four

thteen-month service in Italy BOMB BACK OF d Sicily.

LNDON, Dec. 20 (P) - Three mith, an unemployed day flying fortresses spread nearly before the war, is the 1000 tons of explosives on Gerthth Canadian to win the man supply lines immediately ctoria Cross in this war and behind counter-attacking Gerfirst private. His fellow man troops yesterday in the first wnsman-Major John Keefer mission of its kind in the Euro-

HESS HURT IN BRAINSTORM

Hitler's Deputy Broke His Leg When He Jumped Over Bannister While Mentally Deranged

LONDON, Dec. 20 ()-Rudolph Hess, Adolf Hitler's deputy, who has been a prisoner in Britain Norman Yarrow of Victoria said since 1941, broke his leg when he nan interview that the question jumped over a bannister during EDEN DEFENDS of building replacements for pri- a "brain storm," it was disclosed ate British Columbia steamship yesterday. His mental and ner- GREEK ACTION ompanies and for foreign buy- vous condition has deteriorated

NORBURY, Eng., ()- The Brisults of the conference could not tish Legion is bound it's going to e divulged for security reasons. have an Armistice celebration. A branch in this Surrey town has booked a hall for one night each months in readiness for a victory



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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1944

emy Advance Revealed

rive in the city Friday morn-

ing on the Prince George to

spend Christmas with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. George

Frizzell, Summit Avenue. One

of Prince Rupert's best known

pioneer boys, Howard's visit

will be looked forward to by

Leftists Establish Themselves

In Captured Jail in Athens

began to fortify the prison.

his numerous friends.

REBELS TAKE

OVER PRISON



NEW CORPS COMMANDER IN ITALY—This is the first photograph taken of Lieut.-General Charles Foulkes, with troops of his new command, since his elevation to command the First Canadian Corps in Italy. He is seen here chatting with Capt. W. W. Leach, Orangeville, Ont., and Pte. M. B. Pindar, Oshawa, Ont., "somewhere in Italy." General Foulkes is from London, (Canadian Army Overseas Photo). Ont., and Victoria, B.C.

NEWS

On Italian Front

ROME-Polish and Indian forces of the British Eighth Army in Italy have cleared enemy resistance from the area south of the Senio River. This area has been the scene of heavy fighting for several weeks now. The Germans, too, are striking hard. Latest reports tell of the Nazis throwing heavy punches at British lines near Faenza and forcing Tommies to fall back slightly.

Greek War Keeps Up

ATHENS-The Greek capital still rings with the sounds of war. The Left Wing E.L.A.'s forces have set up positions in the city prison which they forced from the British the other day. Incidentally, the civil strife in Greece has made it necessary to evacuate a substantial part of the United Nations relief mission to the country. To date, several members of the relief staff have been wounded in the course of their duty.

On Eastern Front

MOSCOW-The Moscow bulletin this morning tells of an advance all along an eighty_mile front in southern Czecho-Slovakia and northern Hungary. Soviet forces have broken into strong enemy positions within nine miles of the Slovakian communications city of Kassa. Budapest is virtually surround-

Tokyo Hit Again

SAIPAN-Three American superfortresses bombed Tokyo shortly before dawn today.

No Jap Regard

For Human Life

LONDON, Dec. 20 (P-In an-

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20

-It is announced that all Ameri-

can superfortresses which raided

ese home island of Kyushu and

Hankow returned safely from the

twin smash. Ormura, Japan

Shanghai and Nanking in China

were also raided.

Nagoya on the principal Japan-

Japanese, the British War Of-LONDON, Dec. 20 (P)-Stand- fice said yesterday that, in the ing pat on Britain's armed intervention in Greece, Foreign disregarded the cost of human Secretary Anthony Eden today life. Sick prisoners were carried urged a quick re-establishment to work on stretchers. Severe month during the next six of face-to-face contact between beatings were administered to the foreign ministers of Britain, officers and men. There were Russia and the United States. cases of torture and killing. Eden said that the only way All American Planes Greece was in failing to take troops of the other allies along Back Safe to Bases with the Tommies.

Opening the government's defence in the face of bitter Labor-Liberal attacks on the British policy in Greece, the foreign secretary denied the implication that British policy was dictated by sphere of - influence plans, and said that Britain was "seeking nothing for ourselves in Greece-neither strategic advantage nor economic advantage or any advantage of that kind at all."

Churchill Silent On Western Front

war review.

FELTHAM, Middlesex, Eng., (P) pay \$1 court costs for driving never zero weather." black cows in the blackout with-

HOW IT FEELS TO BE HERO

Major John Mahoney V. C. Wishes War Were Over and His Comrades Were Home

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 20 Major John Keefer Mahoney V. C., facing 3500 cheering fellow citizens, told them in an informal address how it feels to come back to one's home town a hero.

"I am not as nervous as I thought I'd be," he told a gathering at a formal reception.

Turning the spotlight from INFANTRYMEN

himself to comrades on the battlefront, Major Mahoney said GAIN GROUND "I only wish this awful war were over and that tribute were being

John McGregor, Lieut. Col. J. R. foothold over Munio Canal be-Bourke and Lieut. Robert Hanna Rivers Saturday while troops on Mrs. Cecil Merritt, wife of Col. gain. Merritt who won the Victoria Cross at Dieppe and is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

FARM TRAINING

nouncing brutal and inhuman HAMILTON, Bermuda, (P) treatment to which thousands of white captives have been sub mitted on forced labor by the urge for speed, the Japanese ern and efficient methods in the when we did that."

WITH CANADIAN TROOPS paid to them here tonight—that ON THE ADRIATIC, Dec. 20 (9)they were sitting here on this West Coast and Ontario infantrymen, on the right flank of the Four Victoria Cross winners of Canadians' Naviglio Canal the first Great War-Lieut. Col. brigdehead, gained a narrow Strachan, Lieut. Commander R. tween the Navilio and Senio were on the platform and also the left flank scored a 500-yard

INTERVENTION DEFENDED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (P) - Prime Minister Winston Churchill, de- increase in mortar fire, erupted Scholarships have been estab- fending Britain's armed inter- Wednesday in the Geilenkirchen lished in Bermuda to provide vention in the Belgian disturb- sector of the long-stalled flank training for young men and wo- ance last month, told the House of the western front. The sigmen interested in farming, with of Commons that "we were act- nificance of the stepped-up aca view to introducing more mod- ing under American instructions tivity was not immediately ap-

CANADIAN POLITICAL LEADERS SAY NEWS FREEDOM ESSENTIAL

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 (P) - National leaders of four major political parties in Canada hold the common view that worldwide freedom of exchange of news is essential to the well_ being of mankind. In positive terms the four leaders made known their stand in statements to the Canadian Press released today. The four leaders are Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal; John Bracken, Progressive Conservative; M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F., and John Blackmore, Social

Mackenzie King said that the matter of protecting news freedom by international compact is receiving careful attention from the government and is also under examination by other Allied governments.

A LITTLE FAR-FETCHED, YET INTERESTING

by Mrs. Dorothy Garbutt, for- telephones. blackout on the western front Prince Rupert even if she did al- ed through in 1908. and drew a few far-fetched word Mrs. Garbutt declared that the a visit to town. pictures.

"hump" between the business pleased with the disclosure that the world."

Some exaggerations and inac-section and the Norwegian col- the Prince Rupert Hotel had one creased. curacies notwithstanding, a talk ony and seemed to have been in- bridal suite with a bath and also on Prince Rupert given over the trigued by the use of the words public baths on each floor. "blue," "green," "black" and Another revelation was that the enemy advance in an area some who are inclined to be-

radio from Winnipeg last night "red" in designation of party line everybody in town went down to south of the German town of lieve it may have been a hoax. Minister Churchill, merely tell- mer Y.W.C.A. War Services host- The former local hostess was the fishing boats leave for the continuing in this area and both weeks past could have blown ing the House of Commons yes- ess here, proved of considerable not so accurate in her local his- banks. It was also interesting to the Germans and Americans are the balloon in from a long disterday that a great battle was interest. Mrs. Garbutt had some tory when she told of the town hear how the Indian women understood to have suffered tance out in the Pacific. proceeding, maintained the news pleasant things to say about starting when the railway push- dressed up in full gaze of anyone heavy losses. who wished to see as they ap- Yesterday, a large force of when requested for a general lude to the rain and muskeg here | Listeners were amused when proached port in their boats for Allied heavy bombers came on Mosquitos are providing an

school board had held a special Mrs. Garbutt concluded by de- to spread two thousand tons of pressed American ground troops. "What if it does rain a lot?" meeting to declare a school holi- scribing Kaien Island, so named bombs on enemy positions im- Elsewhere on the front, the -A farm worker was ordered to she remarked. "At least there is day when a horse happened to because the shore lines were mediately behind the enemy American Third Army has pushpass through Prince Rupert. Mrs. white with seagull fertilizer, as front lines. Canadian airmen ed ahead into the Maginot for-Mrs. Garbutt talked of the Rochester was probably not very "the most incredible island in are also taking part in striking tifications capturing forty pill-

Howard Frizzell Due From Overseas Have Broken Across Direct from Italy after having been in service with the United States Navy for the Belgium-Luxembourg waters, Quartermaster First Class Howard Frizzell will ar. Five to Twenty Miles ranean and other European

Hard Fighting Continues With Both Sides Suffering Heavy Casualties—Air Force in Action

PARIS, Dec. 20 (CP)—American troops have recaptured the German town of Monschau and in fierce fighting have checked the initial impetus of the powerful German counter-offensive. The front was still unstabilized tonight.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (CP) — The Allied censorship blackout of action along the western front has been lifted slightly to reveal that German tanks and infantry columns have broken across the Belgian and Lux-ATHENS, Dec. 20 10- Leftist embourg borders at four places and driven five to

forces have established them- twenty miles into American lines. German infantry pushed Wedselves firmly in the Averoff Prison which, with a strong attack, nesday behind swift Nazi ar- For Soldiersthey forced the British to aban- mored columns advancing more don yesterday, allowing the quis- than twelve miles into Belgium ling Former Premier Hallis to but American tanks and troops escape in so doing. The British were holding firm in some sec_ staged a counter-attack and suc- tors of the enemy breakthrough cessfully rescued policemen, staff | channel. One front line disof British soldiers and some poli- patch said the American First tical prisoners. The lelftists then Army's situation was officially

termed "definitely better" last Aircraft today dropped leaf- night with hardening of Amerilets containing a warning from can flanks north and south of Lieut. General Ronald Scobie, the four-pronged German coungeneral officer commanding in ter-attack. Supreme Headquarters having Greece, to civilians in and

around Athens and Piraeus that disclosed that the Germans had rebel guns still firing after 9 smashed five to 28 miles ahead o'clock tomorrow will be at- by Monday noon in four columns tacked "with all arms at my dis_ driving into Belgium and Lux, embourg, on Wednesday the German armored columns struck deeper into Belgium which would put them even more than 28 miles into that country. The deepest disclosed penetration was at Stavelot, only 22 miles from said, are being taken to make Liege. Precise details were withheld. The German cloumns were obviously in quest of American supplies but were meeting with little success.

One American First Army officer said the enemy had drained troops from other sectors for a bold move and, if the counter_offensive, were crushed, "the war can be won right here."

American anti-aircraft gunners claimed more than 200 planes were destroyed in three

A dispatch from the British Canadian front said that sudden burst of enemy patrolling, accompanied by a violent

Earlier, a dispatch from Paris ing their ground on the flanks of the enemy counter-offensive. A German dispatch to a Swis

newspaper meantime says the German High Command has increased the strength of its of. fensive in a gigantic effort to throw the Allies out of Germany

The German High Command declared today that more than ten thousand prisoners taken in the German counteroffensive on the western front and said that spearheads were still advancing. A Berlin communique said that 200 American Mystery Balloon tanks were destroyed or capand 124 planes shot The communique said American pressure Aachen and Saar areas has de-

One dispatch says the Americans have succeeded in halting was intended. Indeed, there are the docks each morning to see Monshau but hard fighting is Prevailing winds for several

> the run to an emergency call aerial umbrella for the hardback at the enemy. Canadian boxes and fortified houses.

Prime Minister Churchill Tells of Steps to Make Life More Pleasant For Soldiers

LONDON, Dec. 20 (CF)-Christmas present to the men serving in India and Burma was promised today by Prime Minister Winston Charchill who said beer and cigarette rations will be increased soon and they may have a chance shortly to meet some women from home.

Steps, the Prime Minister life more enjoyable for the men, many of whom have been away from home for more than three years.

British House in Debane Today n Government's Foreign Policy

LONDON, Dec. 20 (P)—A debate n British foreign policy has just opened in the British House of Commons. The Laborites were challenged by the Prime Minister to offer a vote of censure.

The Prime Minister has told the House that, although the three great powers are in agreement about generals aims, complete agreement on every aspect of those matters is another ques-Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood,

leader of the Labor opposition,

told the House of Commons today that there is great perturbation in the minds of millions in this country and the Allies as to the situation in Greece. Greenwood said this is not the occasion for a vote of censure and there is no challenge to the government. He added "the Prime Minister has not handled this situation in the way it should be handled."

Speculation On

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 20 (P) There is still much speculation about the Japanese marked paper balloon which was found in the mountains near here. No determination has been made of the use for which it