



L. RALSTON VISITS CANADIAN TROOPS IN ITALY—During his brief but discerning visit ong Canadian troops in Italy, Former Defence Minister Ralston saw fighting soldiers from e highest rank to the lowest. Above, Col. Ralston is seen with one of the several groups of diers he found time to speak to during his visit. Canadian soldiers, he found are extremely terested in Canada's future, and in the part she is destined to play in coming world affairs. lower picture, Col. Ralston enjoys an informal chat with Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, General ficer Commanding-in-Chief the British Eighth 8th Army, somewhere on the shores of the

Sinking In St. Lawrence heident Is Mystery; Followed Explosions

took place not far from here.

known to have left the

LONDON, Nov. 3 (P)-British

troops and Yugo Slav partizans

YugoSlav Dalmatian coast, in-

cluding the major harbors of

Split, Metkovis and Ragusa, a

German communique announ-

To the south on the Balkan

Meanwhile the German radio

said that the Russians' light-

ning Hungarian offensive had

cracked German defences at

200 Kunszentmikos, 28 miles south

100 of the outskirts of the capital

Hungarian city of Budapest.

cumulative total \$661,097,750.

Peninsula patrols are pushing

100 north from Salonika, Greece

ced yesterday.

emy columns.

MATANE, Quebec, Nov. 3 (CP)-A British mer-the British Columbia Lower nt ship was sent to the bottom of the St. Law- Mainland last May were lifted ce river last night, eight miles off shore. The at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. the sinking is unknown but 17 survivors, British Columbia Electric to Matane early today, report that the ship that the restrictions imposed be- ASKS FOR after two or three explosions. The fate the remaining 45 members of the 62-man crew is yet known. They are still missing today.

RINCE RUPERT ACHES 80 PER INT OF QUOTA

to \$33,100 brought the cam- were caused by a boiler blowing to \$580,000. Com- up or enemy torpedo. he loan total to date was

staff of Swift Can-8. M. Yateve Preston

kley Valley Branch 0. 63, Canadian Legion vid Disher (Pacific)

hern B.C. Power Co. Beaudin (Terrace) n Brillon (Queen Char-

die P. Dumas zniak Maksym er H. North . Benhoff

s. Helen P. Willford orge Philippson ow Bus Line s. N. E. Watson s. Lois E. Vaughan

ited Brotherhood of arpenters and Joiner A. Rose M. Winslow s. Edna K. Kilgore

linister Howe t Chicago Meet

CHICAGO, Nov. 3—Hon. C. D HALF WAY MARK owe, Canadian minister of mutions and supply, addressed IS NOW PASSED le international conference on Ost-war aviation here yester of an international authority international flying.

Local Temperature

VANCOUVER HAS BLESSED RAIN

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3 (P --Power restrictions imposed on Huerte, southeast of Aachen.

cause of power shortage due to low rainfall and light snow in Statement the mountains last winter could Statement The sinking of the freighter be lifted because of an improvement in the water situation following recent rains. These re-The seventeen survivors reachstrictions had imposed a partiau ed Matane after being for six dimout here. hours adrift in the only life-

Blackout regulations are still in effect and may be enforced at a moment's notice.

All the ship's officers are It is still contrary to regulaamong those unaccounted for. tions to leave lights burning un-Survivors said they could not determine whether the explo-

sions, about ten minutes apart, DOCK LEADS COMPETITION Nazis Are

Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard employees are still responding well in the Seventh ing the government should Victory Loan campaign. The to- make a complete statement on tal amount subscribed up to the situation to the Canadian November 1 was \$141,050. This people immediately. was 88 per cent of the objective. The following 13 departhave cleared 100 miles of the ments have exceeded quota:

Yard Labour, 234 per cent. Foundry and Pattern Shop,

176 per cent. Blacksmiths, 163 per cent. Pipefitters, 132 per cent. Dockmen, 131 per cent. Steel Checkers, 118 per cent. Composition Layers, 111 per

50 second largest seaport, approxi-50 mately 190 miles northwest of cent. Mott Electric and Chinese 50 Athens, following its capture on Laborers, each 110 per cent. Wednesday. The advancing Al-Welders, 107 per cent. 100 lies ambushed withdrawing en-

Slabmen and Painters, each 106 per cent. Stores, 103 per cent.

Four other divisions have reached 90 per cent or more, threehave between 80 and 90 per cent of their quota and three more have over 70 per cent of their quota.

The Stores Department has the fine record that every memof their employees and over 100 ple to elect their representa-

per cent of quota. In the latest returns for the Devenish Cup, the trophy open OTTAWA, Nov. 3 (P)—Canada's to the 13 divisions of the West-He advocated the setting Seventh Victory Loan has passed ern Region of the Canadian Seventh Victory Loan has passed ern Region of the Prince the half way mark toward the National Railways, the Prince minimum objective of \$1,300,- Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard 000,000, headquarters announced still leads, followed closely by High yesterday. Purchases on Wednes- the Port Arthur Division which day were \$85,284,250, making the in turn is one point ahead of Low the Smithers Division.

All Belgium Is Liberated

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1944

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HUNGARYCAPITALNEARFALL

Cleared Of Big Aerial Battle Germans--

Nazis Abandon Meijel-Allied Drive Toward Heart of Germany

PARIS, Nov. 3 (CP)-Reuters dispatch says all German resistance at Zeebrugge ceased today. The dispatch says the Schelde pocket has been cleared and all Belgium has been liberated.

There are indications that the Germans may be pulling back from the German stronghold at Meijel on the eastern fringe of the Allied salient in Holland. British troops have probed into the outskirts of the German bastion and found them silent as a ghost town. This suggests the Nazis may have withdrawn to the Meuse river eight miles away.

Meantime, Allied sources in Paris are speculating that American troops may have opened a big-scale drive toward the very heart of Germany. American units are fighting for the fortified German village

John Bracken-

Wants Reinforcement Facts-Further Resignations?

OTTAWA, Nov. 3 (P) - The national leader of the Progressive-Conservative party - John Bracken-has called on Colonel Ralston or Prime Minister King to tell the people of Canada the facts about the reinforcement situation. "The people of Canada," he declared, "are deepl concerned and desire to be told the truth, be it good or bad, in the frankest possible terms."

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, joined Mr. Bracken in declar-

So far there has been no statement from Col. Ralston and whether he intends make comment is not known.

tawa regarding the possibility of further resignations from the federal cabinet following the announcement that General McNaughton had succeeded Co J. L. Ralston as defence min ister. This speculation centred around reports that several ministers supported Col. Ralston on the reinforcement ques tion — that the Home Defence Army should be sent overesasincluding Finance Minister Ilsley, State Secretary McLarty, Labor Minister Mitchell, Revenue Minister Gibson and Resources Minister Crerar.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister King has said that he will attempt to avoid calling an election in wartime if that can be done without denying the peoevery five years.

> **Tides** (Pacific Standard Time)

> > 22:20

3.0 feet

Saturday, November 4 19.9 feet 3:50 21.0 feet 15:35 7.6 feet 9:40

Schelde Is WAR NEWS

LONDON - The big aerial battle over the Rhineland of Germany yesterday was a record breaking encounter. American airmen destroyed 208 enemy planes. The Americans lost 41 bombers and 28 fighters. The Air Ministry estimates that British, Canadian and American bombers showered 100,000 tons of bombs on Germany during October, almost twice the tonnage of any previous month.

Snow on Eastern Front

MOSCOW-Cold weather and heavy snow is general all along the eastern front from the Ukraine northward. The fight is slowed down.

Driving Into Reich

LONDON - The United States First Army has advanced another two miles southeast of Aachen and is 10 miles inside the Reich, 28 miles from Cologne.

Nazi Destroyers Sunk

LONDON-Two British destroyers have sunk three German destroyers in the upper Adriatic Sea.

Rangoon is Attacked

NEW DELHI - United States superfortresses, based in India, have attacked railway yards in Rangoon, Burma.

Canadians Congratulated

LONDON-The British Admiralty has congratulated two Canadian frigates for sinking a German submarine. One is the St. John, commanded by Lieut. Commander William Stacey of Vancouver. The other is the Swansea, commanded by Lieut. Commander Clarence King of Oliver. Coincidentally at Ottawa Minister of the Navy Macdonald announced the frigates had collaborated in sinking the submarine.

Premier Hart Speaks-

ACCUSES OTTAWA OF TRYING TO GET FINANCIAL CONTROL

Churchill and Eden to Paris

ranged later."

OVER LUNGLING

But Situation at Kweilin is Still Serious

deeper into the defences Kweilin. Fierce fighting con-

However, Chinese forces have retaken the town of Lungling in Yunan province. The town is situated on the Burma Road.

Chungking also announces that a Japanese destroyer has been sunk and an enemy trans- WORKING OF port severely damaged in two separate Allied attacks on an enemy convoy in the south There is speculation in Ot- China Sea east of Hainan.

"Well, not yet."

RESULTS

ister Winston Churchill and tralize control of taxation and fire of Allied air might. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden public expenditures. Declaring have accepted an invitation of that he would co-operate in General Charles de Gaulle to any dominion-provincial convisit Paris "at a date to be ar- ference, Mr. Hart said the province should reserve at least the YUGOSLAVIA and corporation taxes it surrenders under any arrangement with the dominion govern-

> Mr. Hart declared that bureauhave been dug cing of the nation as a whole."

> > British Columbia paid \$156,000,- Air Force Beaufighters finished enemy fighters were destroyed. 000 in income and corporation the job. taxes but only \$12,500,000 was returned to the provincial government under the wartime taxation agreement.

May be Employed on Railway Maintenance and Other Jobs Around Toronto

TORONTO, Nov. 3 (P)-Military authorities announced in MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR- Toronto yesterday that army TERS, Nov. 3 (P)—General Doug- selectees will be employed on las MacArthur had a narrow es- railway maintenance and other cape from death. A Japanese civilian work in the Toronto strafing attack Friday, Phili- area. The announcement folppine time, sent a fifty-calibre lowed a report from Ottawa bullet into a wall just one foot that an order-in-council had from General MacArthur's head. been passed opening the way The General noted the bullet- for the return of the called-up hole in the wall and commented, men to civilian employment without their leaving the army.



Col. J. L. Ralston as minister of national defence.

Clean Up On Leyte

Nips Being Strafed As They Endeavor To Evacuate From Lost Island

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR-TERS, Nov. 3 (P-Four Allied port of flight on the west coast planes were claimed destroyed. federal government authorities to larger escape vessels. These

British Troops Are Now Only Through Greece

what stripe of government it are within five miles of the serves under, is constantly seek- YugoSlav border and forty miles CHUNGKING, Nov. 3-Japan- ing to get control of the finan- northwest of captured Kozane.

Allied patrols derailed a sixty-

Bulletins

REPAIRS PROCEEDING VICTORIA—Repair work is now progressing well on the hydrographic survey steamer William J. Stewart, wrecked on Ripple Rock in June, but no date can be set for completion of the work.

SNOW IN WINNIPEG WINNIPEG-Four inches of snow fell overnight in Winnipeg and has dirrupted traffic.

CLOSING CAMPAIGN NEW YORK - President Roosevelt will speak in Boston tomorrow night and Thomas Dewey in Madison Square Garden here. Both presidential candidates will wind up the campaign with radio

speeches Monday night, the

eve of election.

HALIBUT SALES

Canadian

Weather

slightly higher temperature.

Is General

LONDON, Nov. 3 — Russian artillery is now being heard within the Hungarian capital city of Budapest as the Red Army approaches to within a distance of 14 miles. The Hungarian government is preparing to leave the city. Nazi officers are reported to be shooting German soldiers for making unauthorized retreats on the way to Budapest.

Berlin says the Soviet forces may fight their way into Budapest over the week-end.

Panic is general as civilians flee the city by all means possi-The Bucharest radio says full

scale revolution has broken out

in Budapest. Russian troops killed more than 2,000 enemy troops yesterday and knocked out 58 enemy tanks and mobile guns.

OBERSAUSEN WAS TARGET

LONDON, Nov. 3 (P) An all divisions on Leyte Island in the Canadian force of Halifax and central Philippines were this Lancaster bombers hit Oberhaumorning cornering the remain- sen, hitherto least bombed city ing Japanese forces on the in the Rhur. Six Canadian island. The Japanese are being bombers were missing from the pushed toward Ormoc, their last attack but at least three enemy

PENTICTON, Nov. 3 (P)-Pre- of Leyte, and the enemy at The armaments centre, Dusmier John Hart told the Pen- Ormoc has been landing troops seldorf was the principal target ticton Board of Trade that on barges and ferrying them for more than 1,000 British bombing planes which attacked LONDON, Nov. 3-Prime Min- are "constantly seeking" to cen- craft have ben under constant objectives in Germany last night. This followed a great sky battle yesterday over Germany between American and German planes, the enemy losing over 200 machines while 41 American bombers and 28 fighters were

> Royal Air Force and Royal Five Miles Away In Advance Canadian Air Force bombers participated in the raid on Dusseldorf last night, raining ROME, Nov. 3 (P) - British down approximately 4000 tons cracy at Ottawa, no matter troops fighting through Greece of explosives on the German armaments centre.

Twenty-one planes, eight of them Canadian, failed to return from the raid on Dusseldorf and The Premier said that in 1943 coach enemy train and Royal other sorties in which nine

SIAMESE BRIDGE

KANDY, Ceylon, Nov. 3 (P)-Allied heavy bombers have made a 13-hour flight to bomb the important railway bridge at Dara, in Siam, 284 miles north of Bangkok. The assault was carried out just before dusk Wednesday evening. Damage to, the bridge will disrupt Japanese communications between eastern Burma and northern

VANCOUVER, Nov. 3 - Vancouver South yesterday went over the top of its quota in the Seventh Victory Loan campaign. The Vancouver South investments totalled \$1,125,350 or 100.48 percent of quota. It is the third of British Columbia-Yukon units Lorna H., 12,000, Co-op, 181/4c over the top. Others are Ladysmith and Ocean Falls-Rivers

Investments on Thursday by the armed forces and the gen-Moderate to fresh winds de- eral public in British Columbia creasing to light then to moder- totalled \$3,863,350, nearly one ate Saturday. Cloudy to over- million dollars ahead of the amcast intermittent light rain to- ount purchased for the corresday. Overcast Saturday with ponding day in the previous loan. frequent showers. Mild with Public canvass has now reached 73 percent of quota.

VICTORY LOAH TANDING \$725,000 QUOTA \$580,000

Buy one more than before