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INCOUVER, Dec. 15 (P)-The charge of Pacific Com ment in the reinforcement vesterday. General Pearkes of for recruits to the Reserve in British Columbia. He that the recent withdrawal Pacific Coast dethe shoulders of the

some of its troops rement units.

## SPUTE TO SETTLED

ooks Like Regina and Ottawa III Get Together On \$17,000, Seed Debt 'Issue

RGINA. Dec. 15 (P)—The dis e between Saskatchewan and federal government over \$17.000,000 seed grain debt arred by the province in 1938 be settled after all. Acting mier C. M. Fines said in a o address that recent proals by Finance Minister Ilsare entirely unacceptable but said they provide a basis which the province can neate further with the domm government.

he dominion government dends that Saskatchewan make cash payment immediately undertake to pay the full ount in five equal annual in-

1.600 GO ACTIVE

ANCOUVER - A total of 00 men have gone active in e Pacific Command since ovember 1, army officials realed yesterday. Of these, 154 were Home Defence men he volunteered for general tvice and the remainder were ade up of 485 civilian enlist-

SNOWSTORM IS OVER TORONTO—Southern Ontario

lies and towns are working to et back to normal following e record breaking snowfall. lear skies give no hint of hat happened only a few ours before but highways and reets are still loaded with low. Twenty-one Ontario redents died as a result of the

MAYORS DEFEATED

VANCOUVER - Highlight of Ivic elections in British Colmbia yesterday was the detat in Victoria of Mayor Anrew McGavin after eight ears in office. Former Ald.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1944

# Question To Fore Again



HERE IS AN ALLIED PRELUDE TO THE FALL OF A GERMAN TOWN-Heavy tanks of an American armored column are shown laying down a barrage outside a German town to prepare for the advance of infantry forces.

Western Front-

Americans Advance Another Mile in Conquest of Cologne

SEVENTH INVADES GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 15 (CP)—The American Seventh Army invaded Germany today, driving across the northeast tip of Alsace into the Bavarian Palatinate less than seven miles from Karlsruhe and 35 miles from Mannheim and Ludwigshaven, all great industrial cities of the Rhineland.

PARIS, Dec. 15 (P)-The southern wing of the American First Army, seeking conquest of the Cologne Plain, advanced another mile yesterday and overran a fourth hamlet near the upper

The American Ninth Army, to the north, captured Vichofen two miles south of Julich.

The American Third Army battered through 500 more yards of pillboxes in Endorf, strength- received more than 500 votes. ening the wedge in the Siegfried Line at embattled Saarlauten. where the Canadian First and British Second Armies are pois-

plunged through another section well. of the Maginot Line northwest of Bitche to Kappelenhof.

The French First Army progresses slowly against tough resistance north of Colmar in the Vosges foothills.

P. E. George was elected, the vote being 4337 to 3381. In Prince George Mayor A. M. Patterson, after 18 years in office, lost out to Jack Nicholson 298 to 291.

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### BRETT, McKAY, HILLS, SINCLAIR ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL AS MOVING CITIZENS POLL NEAR RECORD VOTE

By Substantial Margin By Ratepayers

Prince Rupert's 1125 voters who went to the polls yesterday elected W. H. Brett, Robert McKay, G. E. fended the use of the flying is customary to put a mark after Hills and Alexander Sinclair to serve on the City Council for two-year terms and the ratepayers turned "thumbs down" on the Bus Purchase By-law laid before them by the 1944 city council. Also elected were Dr. R. G. Large, Mrs. Emily Rothwell and Angus McDonald to WEATHER FOR

serve as school trustees. The vote was the second largest in the history of the city, being only 43 ballots short of the record of 1168 votes set

So even was the voting in favor of seven of the nine candidates for Aldermen it was not extent idle. until the final ballot was countdifference of only one vote between Alderman Alex Sinclair, couver. who was returned to office, and Clifford G. Ham makes a recount of their votes more than likely. Seven of the candidates

In the school board voting, Dr. R. G. Large took the lead A lull continued in the north early in the ballot count and finished 132 votes ahead of the second candidate, Mrs. Emily Rothwell. Angus McDonald was The American Seventh Army only five votes behind Mrs. Roth-

The standings:

Ratepayers who voted on the bus purchase by-law turned it down by a 180-vote majority with 781 votes cast. Indicating disfavor with the prospect of civic ownership of the bus system were 462 voters while 282 sup-

yesterday 75 were rejected.

WOULD REMOVE COMMISSION QUEBEC CITY - A Quebec City attorney has filed a writ of Quo Warranto in the Supreme Court, asking that J. E. LaForce of Montreal be re-

Bus Purchase By-law Turned Down

Civic Election—

in civic elections in 1929.

Aldermen Elected

Interniell Laceton	
W. H. Brett	591
Robert McKay	547
G. E. Hills	532
A. Sinclair	528
Other Candidates	
C. G. Ham	. 527
T. B. Black	. 518
Norman Bellis	502
JH. Mair	. 272
H. A. PONDER	. 80
* School Trustees Elected	
Dr. R. G. Large	
Emily Rothwell	. 51'
Angus McDonald	. 513
Other Candidates	
A. D. Ritchie	. 504
John Mulroney	. 44
G. D. Wood	. 37

ported the by-law.

Out of the 1910 ballots cast

man commission. The attor- Canadian structure than it held ney, Fernand Choquette, said that legally the commission October when Premier Duples- Minister Howe, extended at the the then newly-elected pre-

### V-BOMBS ARE OVER

Britain Is Pounded for Thirtieth Night in a Row

LONDON, Dec. 15 (P)—German V-bombs for the thirtieth night it to me declaring it spoiled southern England. Damage and lot." casualties have been reported.

# DEVICE USED

PENIS Dec. 15 O-The Germans are disclosed to have thrown a new device into the mans another day yesterday to wa r- mysterious silvery balls patch up their battered railway network in the west. The Allied which float in the air. Allied SON WITNESSED air forces were held to large pilots reported the objects inair forces were held to large pilots reported the objects individually and in clusters. The purpose of the floats was not MOTHER'S DEATH Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod immediately evident. It is posed that results were clear. A and child, of Alfred Street, left sible they represent a new antilast night on a trip to Van- aircraft defence instrument or

## WARNEWS

The East Front

BOMBING BAD

bombing weather gave the Ger-

MOSCOW-Soviet columns continue to roll ahead in the mountains of Hungary. Now Red forces are within two miles of the iron and coal centre of Szendro, ninety-five miles northeast of the capital city of Budapest. As for the Hungarian capital itself, Russian forces are inching forward towards the city, and Soviet artillery is battering the enemy fortress system in and around the city.

Tokyo Is Bombed Again

PEARL HARBOR—The Japanese capital has been slapped in the face again. The Japanese radio admits that again B-29 fortresses have attacked the city, but adds that only four of the huge planes were spotted overhead. The attack is said to have been carried out at 3:30 this morning, Japanese time. A single B-29 is said to have dropped bombs about two-andone-half hours later. Other superfortresses have been reported over Osaka and Kobe on the east coast of Honshu Isah, that is the main island of the Japanese homeland.

### LABOR STRIVING FOR HIGH PLACE IN POST-WAR ERA IN DOMINION

Compulsory Collective Bargaining Big Gain of 1944 in Trend Toward Recognition; Strikes Drop 82 Per Cent

By JACK WILLIAMS (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP) — Organized labor in forts to solidify the position of its unions and the formulation of post-war programs, moved to con-

solidate its wartime gain

before the war. In this effort the unions kept must be made up of three prominently before them an insis appointed Mr. LaForce to annual convention of the Trades take sole control. The previous and Labor Congress, for labor board was asked to resign by to share with government and management the responsibility of meeting post-war problems.

Throughout the movement Some of labor's wartime gains came effective early in the year. While this is a purely wartime measure, action by a majority of members, as it was until last vitation from Reconstruction the provinces in making it applicable to all occupations under their jurisdiction has been taken by labor as an indication principles of the code will out-

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## CASUALTIES IN GREECE TOTAL 460

LONDON, Dec. 15 (P) - Addressing the House of Commons yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill announced that British forces have suffered about 460 casualties since the landing in Greece.

#### Rejected Ballot Supported All Nine Candidates

of one voter at Thursday's elections caused a ripple of mirth among scrutineers and candidates' representatives assembled in the polling station when the Drive Halts ballots were being counted last night. The voter had placed an "X" after the name of each of the nine candidates on the aldermanic ballot slip, causing it to be rejected.

"However, it was not quite as | foolish as it seemed," Return-Officer H. D. Thain commented later. "If the voter had brought in a row last night pounded would have given him a new bal-

Mr. Thain said that in cases The German radio has de- where a voter spoils a ballot a strictly military all the names so his voting intentions will not be revealed, then take it to the returning officer and get a new one.

"It could be that he loved them all and couldn't bear to vote against any of them," Mr. Thain commented. "But in doing so he didn't vote for any of

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15 (P)-An inquest into the death Wednesday night of a man and a woman at Yale, described by police as murder and suicide, was adjurned until Saturday after it was learned that the woman's 13-year-old son had witnessed the shooting.

The bodies of Mrs. Margaret Leighton and Clarence Kokulniak, both middle aged, were found in the woman's home, and police believe the man shot the woman to death, then ended his own life by suicide.

The woman's son, Francis Leighton, witnessed the shooting, police said. Her husband also lives at Yale.

Police declined to comment on the motive.

#### SHIPS IN TROUBLE

VANCOUVER-Weather ex-

perts fail to see any week-end lifting of dense fog which is blanketing the city for the fifth successive day. The steamer Lady Cynthia was towed back to port after grounding near Pender Harbor. The Lady Cecilia rammed the fish packer Great Northern outside the harbor. A small United States freighter is under Lions' Gate Bridge.

## Government In Exile Repudiated By Churchill

British Prime Minister Calls For Early Conference With United States and Russia—Sees Hardest Phase of European War Coming Up

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—During a debate on the Polish situation in the British House of Commons this morning, Prime Minister Churchill appealed directly to President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin to come to Britain for a meeting at the earliest

In Greece-

# The apparent overzealousness one voter at Thursday's eltions caused a ripple of mirth Greek Rebe

However, British Authorities Have Said That Most Serious Phase Is Over

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (CP)-Civil war in Greece continues today, and Premier George Papandreaou has issued a call for more volunteers for the regular Greek army.

The drive of leftist rebels in Greece appeared yesterday to have halted. British leaders said that the most dangerous phase of the twelvecivilians are still banned from | had already been killed. the streets.

British defensive positions with artillery and rifle fire today.

Unofficial reports persisted that word was awaited from King George of Greece on a proposal that the Archbishop of Athens become temporary regent. The Archbishop is believed ready to attempt the formation of a government acceptable to all parties pending a plebiscite to decide whether Greece is to remain a monarchy or become a republic. In Athens there was no indication that the King would agree to the plan. The King is in London.

As the situation now stands, the British and Greek regulars hold approximately five the Greek capital and about twenty-five per cent of Athens' port facilities.

Rumor has it, meantime, that a new government may be formed by General Nicholas Plastiras, who led the Greek Revolution in 1922. The General conferred for hours yesterday with the Premier.

#### MUCH SHIPPING IS SALVAGED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (P)—Officials vessels sunk by Germans, are operating again after British salvors lifted them from the bottom of the sea.

#### possible moment. Earlier in his address, the Prime Minister virtually tossed overboard the London Polish government and demanded

bluntly that Poland accept Russia's western border demands in return for territorial comat Germany's expense. His words apparently were a stern rejection of the present cabinet of the Polish government in London.

Mr. Churchill, who sided with Russia in the Polish dispute, and criticized American failure to be precise, referred to conditions if the great powers disagree. He mentioned "how much failure on the part of the three greatest powers to work together would damage all our hopes for the future structure of world government." A quarrel among these powers would fatally rupture world organization.

As for the battle with Germany, Mr. Churchill warned day turmoil has apparently quite bluntly that "the largest passed. Heavy firing which and fiercest battles fought in shook Athens earlier this week this war" will occupy the spring had given way to sporadic and summer and he reported machine gun bursts. However, six to seven million Germans

## AATH AUTEFOR

Labor-Progressive and Social Credit Views On Matter in Direct Variance

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (P)—The Labor - Progressive member of Parliament for Montreal-Cartier. Fred Rose, believes the Canadian government's duty is to tell the British government that Canadians will not tolerate British actions in Greece or condone Canadian participation in them. Addressing a Labor Progressive meeting in Montreal, Mr. Rose said that a free election should be held without delay in Greece in order to avoid bitterness in the future. square miles in the centre of Mr. Rose declared that the Greeks now are subjected to Imperialism and that the imposition of British will on Greece is not "in the spirit of what we are fighting for."

The stand taken by Mr. Rose is very different to that of Solon E. Low, president of the Social Credit Association of Canada. Mr. Low said yesterday he supports Prime Minister Churchill's policy of intervening in Greece against forces endeavoring to unseat the government of Premier George Papan-

A Peace River district airdisclosed yesterday that 2,500,000 man previously reported misstons of merchant shipping, all ing, is now for official purposes presumed dead, according to a late R.C.A.F. casualty list. He is Pilot Officer Francis Robert Symons, whose father, R. D. Symons, lives at Fort St. John.

## Canada, its membership soaring to new heights, this year turned to the post-war period and, through ef-

Address of Outstanding Interest at Rotary Club War Experiences

there became apparent a deter- received formal recognition dur- future of Prince Rupert as a through the mountains is a cific arena at the close of hosmination to gain for labor a ing the year. The federal labor military port of embarkation major bottleneck on this con- tilities with Germany but he moved from office as a one- more important place in the code, which introduces compul- was expressed by Col. J. H. tinent." sory collective bargaining, be- Mellom, Allied Port Command- Col. Mellom assumed com- ties here would be abandoned. er, who was guest speaker at mand here a month ago. He the weekly Rotary luncheon was formerly port commander meeting Thursday.

have been made for this port of embarkation on the Pacific but it seems unlikely to me that coast. the its facilities will be crippled by The veteran soldier, who durremoval of the staff during the ing his 43 years in the army war. As a transportation officer has risen from a cavalry troop-I had an interest in the inception | er to Colonel in the Water Div-

of Prince Rupert as a military ision of the Transportation port. It was chosen because it Corps, said that there was a was the coast terminus of a rail- possibility that Atlantic ports Moderate optimism for the way line. Railway transport may be used to supply the Pa-

at San Francisco which he des-"I do not know what plans cribed as the main military port

thought it unlikely that facili-

The frantic movement of ships required to rehabilitate devastated defences at Pearl Harbor after the start of the war with Japan was outlined by the speaker.

"We loaded ships with mixed cargoes of munitions, gasoline, and troops at city docks and (Continued on Page 5)