LIBRARY

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Northern Armies Driving

(Pacific Standard Time)

Ilies Are Smashing Toward Berlin

rt Before Red A. Final Battle On For Danzig and Gdynia - Advance On Vienna

ed the Baltic port of Gdynia.

CAPTURE ANNOUNCED SCOW, March 28 (CP) — Premier Joseph late today, announced that Red forces had

COW, March 28 (CP)—German defence lines Russian fleet. orted falling apart before the Red Army. At er end of the eastern front the Russians apbe fighting the final battles for the Baltic Mayor Of Danzig and Gdynia. Danzig and Gdynia.

fall of Danzig will be more than a military triumph for it was Danzig and

Envoy-

weden

Shrouds Real Purpose to Stockholm

HOLM, March 28 (P)ing Nazi trade negoti-Stockholm today alwedish sources say he ng to negotiate so far is concerned.

arl Schmurre. Arriving edish capital by plane up at the airiield by legation car instead of usual airline bus into

shrouds the purpose or ut the Stockholm corfor the London Daily | ment.

the Polish corridor that Hitler used as his excuse to begin Gergeneration. At the other end of the eastern front, Red Army MUICEE many's second aggression in a forces are pounding down the road to Vienna, 61 miles away.

POWER BILL GOES THRU

Vote Is Denied to Hindus-Prorogation of Legislature Expected Today

VICTORIA, March 28 1-The power bill, providing for the taking over by the government n yesterday, Schnurre of hydro-electric utilities, passed committee this morning after a long debate. None of the C.C.F amendments were accepted and all government amendments were passed. The bill was reported complete with amend-

The coalition government, by a vote of 22 to 18, defeated an chnurre. Young says amendment to the Municipal in trade negotiator is Elections Act sponsored by W. W. capital to be in posses- Centre) which would have given OF DOCTOR? plan to appear for peace the franchise to Hindus.

milar to the unsuc- It is expected the session will ss overture to Britain. prorogue today.

S FOR COMMUNITY MOVING IRE FILM LIBRARY LAID

t in this city joining city," Mr. Chatwin explained. \$5,000 bail. film libraries which rary would be at least \$200.

person and organiza- the films to the users. Mr. Chatwin had out- G. D. Bryant, president of the scheme now function- Kinsmen's Club, suggested that everal other cities of the film library should be tied? 5000 population in the in the public library. B. Thorsteinsson was "If we are going to raise \$200

of Monday's meeting. to start a film library I suggest ee-man committee con- that we raise \$1,000 and put the Dr. R. G. Knipe, chair- public library on its feet at the Cheeseman and Rev. same time," he declared.

al plan is the establish- ed the idea of connecting the a local film council film library with the city lib-Ill control the setting rary because it tended to "inperation of a film lib- tegrate" community educational

and recreational services. lan outlined by Mr. Dr. Roger Knipe introduced called for a local lib- motion that the meeting go on ight or ten films. The record as favoring the establishould be purchased by ment of a film council and a cil and would be avail- film library. showings in schools, The committee of three will lons, service clubs and contact other organizations in

ups which desired their the city with a view to arranging a meeting to create a film films would be freely council. d with other cities hav-Present at Monday's meeting libraries and conse- were Mayor H. M. Daggett, B. there would be avail- B. Thorsteinsson, G. D. Bryant, ut 120 films through | Mrs. M. Roper, S. A. Cheeseman, circuit. A feature of Miss A. E. Mercer, Rev. J. A. Mr. Chatwin explained, Donnell, C. G. Ham, Edward it would eliminate the Wahl, Dr. R. G. Knipe, Miss A. booking films long McDonald, Miss B. W. Snider, is now the case. A. S. Nickerson, Rev. E. W. which you now get from Scott, Rev. A. F. MacSween and er or Toronto must be T. H. Wilford. immediately after one owings because they are or long periods ahead.

R-34 MADE HISTORY The British dirigible R-34, e circuit of film lib- which landed in New York July would not be in such 6, 1919, was the first craft of its emand because they kind to cross the Atlantic.

REDS GET PATTLESHIP

Famous Royal Sovereign Is Turned Over by Britain to

MOSCOW, March 28 ()-The Russians reveal that they have received from the United King-First Great War—the Royal Sov- troops fighting on both sides of ereign. Although built in 1915, Germany, has gone enrough its BUILDING NEW the 29,000-ton warsnip has eight thirty-sixth sleepless night. Roy-14-inch guns, the biggest in the al Air Force mosquito bompers

Aachen Is

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY, March 28 (CP) - Franz Oppenhof, aged 41, burgomaster of Aachen and first mayor appointed by the Allied military government in a major German city, was assassinated late Friday night, it was announced today.

Oppenhof was shot through the temple as he stood on the back porch of his home on the outskirts of Aachen. The motive has not yet been

established. A blue network correspondent said "the exact identity of the assassins is not known yet but it is believed at headquarters here that the killers were Nazi super-terrorists sent from deep within unconquered Germany."

Victoria Physician Is Placed OALF MALADALIALOL Under Arrest Following Pneumonia Death

VICTORIA, March 28 (P-Dr. William Stewart of Victoria was

ovincial centres in a Cost of setting up such a lib- The arrest followed within a few hours a coroner's verdict miles after 6 a.m. on Thursday. Tovide an easy access Organizations represented on that, "though culpable neglitional and instructive the film council would have use gence, Dr. William Stewart did laid by a group of of the films and the council kill and slay" Dinsdale.

win, regional super- the use of projection machines. ducted a post-mortem examina- French minister to Eire, said the National Film Mr. Chatwin said that YMCA tion, testified that pneumonia Eire earnestly hopes France will ne Council Chamber War Services Supervisor Don was the final cause of death, rapidly recover and be ready Forward had agreed that the He said that burns on Dinsdale's quickly to take a foremost place representatives YMCA film depot would look body caused through electrical in the rebuilding of Europe on a committee of three after the servicing of films and treatment administered by Ste- those Christian principles withe a meeting of every projectors and the despatch of wart had a bearing on the out which peace and progress man's death.

For Berlin

Blockbusters Showered on Nazi Capital for 36th Night-U-boat Base Visited

LONDON, March 28 (P)—Berlin, days. dom a British battleship of the the objective of millions of Ailied showered their blockbusters of

new 11-ton townbuster bombs. begun last year.

IN FEW DAYS

OTTAWA, March 28—Dr. J. H. Ahead So Rapidly Enemy Senate, expressed the opinion Senate, expressed the opinion Jesterday that German capitulation might come within a few lation might come within a few lays. Completely Confused

MASSETT WHARF

MASSETT, March 28 -- Conthe German city curing the struction work on a new whar at Massett to replace the old Rain kept American pompers jetty has been started by the at their English bases ouring the | Campbell Construction comday but the British bomber com- pany, of Vancouver. Costing mand staged one raid against \$60,000, the wharf is being built German u-boat pens near Brem- in addition to the new fisheren. The pens were hit with the men's floats on which work was

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minister.

of Hachiro Arita, former foreign

HITLER, HIMMLER AND MUSSOLINI MAY SEEK REFUGE WITH JAPS

MOSCOW, March 28 (CP)—A dispatch from Moscow reports that the Japanese are expecting a visit almost any day now from Adolf Hitler, Heinrich Himmler and Benito Mussolini. The Japanese, however, are reported not any too keen about saving the three arch war criminals from the hangman's noose.

RHINE ISLAND

OTTAWA, March 28 - The Canadian Scottish regiment of Victoria, taking part with the Toky radio by adeast says this Canadian Third Division in the a new organization has been invasion of Germany, landed on formed in Japan known as "The an island in the Rhine river Association of Twenty Years where they found no Germans | War." It is under the leadership to oppose them.

Queen Charlotte Sound, Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait, West arrested last night on a charge Coast Queen Charlottes-southof manslaughter in connection easterly winds 25 to 30 miles per with the death last Thursday hour expected over open water of Edmund Dinsdale, City Hall after 12 p.m. increasing to southwork of a plan which would be owned by a member employee. He was released on easterly gales 35 to 40 miles per hour after midnight. Winds expected to veer to southwest 30

READY FOR NEW START DUBLIN (P) - Premier de Valno met with Leonard would arrange for bookings and Dr. John Moore, who con- era, receiving Jean Reviere, new were impossible.

Harris of Sarnia, Ont., now London district representative *********** of the Department of Veterans

Wal Mews Illamshis

Germans to Leave Italy Chairman Thorsteinsson favor-

ROME-General Mark Clark, Allied commander in Italy, declared today that a German retreat northwards was inevitable sooner or later and ordered patriots to stand by to strike at a moment's notice to hamper withdrawal.

Berlin and Hanover Today

LONDON-A fleet of approximately 950 heavy bombers and 350 fighters in escort attacked Berlin and Hanover today. Berlin had undergone its thirty-sixth consecutive raid Tuesday night. Armament plants in Berlin and Hanover were the targets for today's raids.

On Eastern Front

MANILA - The war against Japan moves ahead with a new invasion in the Philippines. This time it is relentlessly Cebu, one of the two large islands still held by the Japanese in the Philippine chain. General MacArthur's troops are moving towards Cebu city, which is burning from Japanese demolitions. Japanese broadcasts continue to speak of ground operations in the Ryukyu islands. No Allied source has mentioned a landing in the islands. Other Tokyo broadcasts tell of a B-29 attack on southern Japan.

BOMB KILLS VERNON BOY

Bulletins

VERNON - Fourteen-yearold Tony Shechuk died yesterday from injuries suffered Saturday when a 3-inch mortar bomb he found near an army range exploded. His companion, Silver Keryluke, is recovering from face and leg injuries.

KILLED IN US CRASH MEXICO CITY-A bus packed with passengers was struck by a diesel locomotive in the western suburbs of Mexico City last night, killing seven-

teen persons and injuring at

least 22. DROWNED AT KODIAK KODIAK, Alaska-Four women and two sailors were drowned Sunday night when a boat motor failed and the craft capsized in rough weather enroute to Afognak after at-

sailors survived. PARLIAMENT STANDS BY LONDON - Arrangements have been made for Parliament to be called into emergent session should Germany collapse during the Easter re-

tending a show. Two other

VANCOUVER ROBBERY

VANCOUVER-Two bandits visited the Broadway Hotel porter in the basement and lied forces. escaped with between \$5,000 and \$6,000 from a cash box.

JAP SAYS "OUCH"

TOKYO-The Japanese government is protesting to United States at "wanton attacks" by air bombers of non-military areas. Large parts of Japanese cities have been reduced to ashes.

DEBATE ENDING TODAY OTTAWA-All signs poins to unanimous approval in Commons of Canada's participation in the Security Conference in San Francisco next month. Some time today, Prime Minister King will conclude debate on the world security plans with an address introducing a resolution calling for Parliament's support of the delegation the Dominion will send to the conference next month.

NO SEPARATE PEACE Affairs, who helped develop the rocket barrage now dealing death and destruction to the

possible eleventh-hour separ- Berlin. ate peace proposals by the the United States.

Enemy Communications Collapse and They Grope to Locate Allied Forces-Frantic Efforts to Organize Last Stand

Evacuate Berlin As Allies Near

LONDON, March 28 (CP)—A DNB broadcast said today that Berlin will be evacuated of all persons not needed in the capital. This announcement was made as the German High Command said that United States Third Army tanks had crashed into Gemenden and five miles farther to the northeast toward Grawfendorf, 213 miles southwest of Berlin. The United States First Army has reached the Giessen area, 225 miles from the capital. Four American armies have linked up on the western front. The British Second Army is running wild and has reached Dortmund Canal. Canadians have entered Emmerich on the north.

PARIS, March 28 (CP)—Massive Allied armies are today Berlin-bound, smashing ahead at a speed which leaves latest reports from the front old by the time they reach the outside world. The American First Army is stabbing ahead so fast that the Nazis haven't even had time to plant mines. Latest field dis-

patches place the American First Army 57 miles beyond the Rhine and 240 from Berlin.

The exact positions are cloaked in a security news blackout On Fight ing just where the Allies will strike next. German army communications

have collapsed in some sectors and their radio feelers show they would like to get information early today, herded a colored on the whereabouts of the Al- Secretary for Air, is missing on

lunging towards Bavaria. Berlin nounced in the House of Comaccounts say Third Army men are 25 miles past the Main

The positions of British and British troops have cracked gram in Canada. enemy lines on the north Ger- Brabner, 33 years of age, is man plain and are moving east- the youngest member of the

Second Army front east of the four as under-secretary for air. Rhine says British, Canadian, The plane in which the party forces have gained an average famous trips. of seven miles to the east and four to the north in their drive across the Westphalian Plain. CANADIANS IN The German High Command

is trying frantically to weld BRITAIN FROM elite guard troops, Volksturm BRITAIN FROM LONDON — Prime Minister and Wehrmacht regulars for a CEYLON FLYING stand roughly 225 miles from CEYLON FLYING

Although the enemy has been LONDON, March 28, (P)-Canadown arms, he answered is hard fighting ahead. He be- oceans are back in Britain. and province by province.

British Under Secretary of War Lost While Making Trip to Canada

LONDON, March 28 1-Commander Rupert Brabner, Under an air trip to Canada, Prime The American Third Army is Minister Winston Churchill anmons today.

Along with Brabner, other River, some 225 miles from Ber- senior Air Ministry officials and public servants are missing.

Brabner was to represent the Canadian forces at the upper British government at cereend of the front also are covered monies terminating the British in silence. It is known that Commonwealth air training pro-

British government and only a A dispatch from the British few days succeeded Harold Bal-

and American troops are racing is lost is the famous "Comahead today through collapsed mando" which carried Prime enemy resistance. The Allied Minister Churchill on many

enemy. When he was asked routed and disorganized, Gen-dians of a Ceylon-based R.C.A.F. whether Parliament would eral Eisenhower does not count unit which flew Catalinas on have a chance to discuss any on a sudden victory. The Su- anti-submarine, reconnaissance German proposals for laying preme Commander says there and rescue patrois over tropical

curtly-"No sir." Mr. Churchill lieves Hitler may never actually The air and ground personner went on to say that any such give in but that the three major of the all-Canadian "Tusk" proposal would be communi- Allies will just have to occupy squadron arrived at a British cated forthwith to Russia and all of Germany, mile by mile port and obviously were delighted to be back in a temperate climate and among English-speak-

ing people. It was an aircraft of the Tusk Squadron which in 1942 spottea the Japanese fleet moving towards Ceylon in time to save the island and give the enemy fleet a real beating.

GIBRALTAR WAR FUND

GIBRALTAR (P)—Recent gifts from the Gibraltar War Fund include the following: £1,000 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund, £1,000 to the British Red Cross and St. John organizations and £250 to King George's Fund for Sailors.

VANCOUVER GALE

VANCOUVER - Vancouver. had a 42-mile-an-hour gale this morning. Movement of log tows in coastal waters is held up by the high wind.

German defenders of the Western Front.

LONDON-Four Russian armies hammered in a huge pincers on CzechoSlovakia and Vienna today and Berlin reported one thrust through western Hungary within 58 miles of Vienna had now rolled up to the central Raba River guarding Austria. A German broadcast declared the Soviet had forced a new crossing of the Oder River northwest of Kuestrin, 38 miles from Berlin. Other Russian units are cleaning out Dan-

War Against Japan

Weather Forecast

HELPED DEVELOP ROCKETS

Here is Lieut.-Col. W. Eric

Moderate winds increasing to fresh to strong south easterly gales, decreasing in evening Partly cloudy and mlid becoming overcast in afternoon with moderate to heavy rain by early evening. Thursday: southeasterly gales decreasing to fresh, occasionally strong by daybreak Cloudy and mild with frequent showers becoming partly cloud by evening.

QUINTUPLETS BORN WASHINGTON, D.C. - A

Washington woman has given birth to quintuplets. Five girls were born to the thirty-sixyear-old wife of a receiving clerk at the Bureau of Standards. All of the babies have died. The mother is a negress.

LONDON. (P)—Civilians detained in hospitals or sanatoria will be able to study for a career while undergoing treatment when a scheme announced by Education Minister R. A. Butler is taken up.

WINNIPEG RIFLES, CANADIAN SCOTTISH AND REGINA RIFLES ARE ADVANCING INTO GERMANY

By ROSS MUNRO

(Canadian Press War Correspondent)

WITH THE CANADIANS IN THE RHINE BRIDGEHEAD! March 28 (P)—Western Canada infantry today burst out from the northwestern tip of the Allied bridgehead east of the Rhine and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles were last reported in the eastern outskirts of the Rhine bank town of Emmerich.

Troops of the Canadian Scottish, Victoria battalion, advanced more than three miles overnight along the highway and railway running from Wesel to Emmerich. This morning the Winnipeg Rifles leap-frogged through

bridgehead over a small river east of Emmerich and pushed on among buildings on the fringe of the town. The Regina Rifles battalion occupied Dornich, Rhine

them to gain another mile. The Winnipegs established a

bank village three miles southeast of Emmerich, yesterday.