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Soldiers Become Homesick Little "Hans Brinkers" Sk Holland's Frozen Canals

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TH THE CANADIANS IN HOL -Men of the Canadian Army and silver in the heatless sun, gives the fields and

e just as much fun. Along part of the country. past, blond braids tied to do battle with the Hun.

and was a bleak place a eks ago when much chokroads and water lay black fields. But frost and the ng of snow has turned a Grimm's fairy-tale

o be any reality to war he winding streets of one where cottages thatched led with red tiles, have has-card shutters painted at designs. Along a path ne pine forest two little re carrying a large, fat From the excitement in yes you know how imthat rabbit will be to mny rations.

Christmas that was an from hunger, cold and ars of a frontline that ns to sweep back over render.

ges the unreality of a Dutch painting. The canals, on cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying their homes again. In cottage of the water lying th flooded farmlands have their homes again. In cottage and all Holland has gone windows, you catch a glimpse of Christmas trees well on into little rich kids, who live the New Year and on tables in big houses surrounded by front of the windows, the miniaown moat, glide on real ture straw huts, animals and attached to special boots, figures representing the Nativity e other youngsters seem to the devout Catholics in this

In one little town almost bang they tie a pair of blades on the front line, a convoy of ir wooden shoes and skim | Canadian tanks rumbles inconcefully as the Hans Brin- gruously past the ruins of an no is to most Canadians ancient castle across whose rsonification of a Dutch drawbrige you almost expect a Little red-cheeked girls cavalcade of knights to ride out

In front of a monastery mbol of the Royal House school, black-frocked brothers straight out behind them. sweep about the ice, shepherde are usually three or ing their little boys ahead of anadian airmen or sol- them. A nun on a bicycle pedals standing on the edge of down the street, her veils blowand watching the skaters ing behind her, her chubby shing for their skates and cheeks red and mouth smiling skating rink back in Can- with the pleasure of the ride in the crystal air.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (CP)-Neutral sources say that the looming disaster for Germany is setting off new clashes between Gestapo agents and civilians. Moscow's radio also has spoken of fights at the front between German soldiers and S. S.

is answering these reports with demands upon the population for "unconditional resistance" -a counter move to the Allied demand for unconditional sur-

Bulletins.

RLIN TO DRESDEN CKHOLM - Reports re-

here are that the Geradministration is being from Berlin to Dres-Y VANCOUVER RAIN COUVER-Heavy rains

the past twelve hours caused floodlike condiin various large sections Lower Mainland. Water ring over many roads in by, New Westminster raser Valley. Many Vanbasements are flooded. ANNOT VISIT KING

DON-President Roosereported to have dean invitation of the and Queen to visit Buck-A Palace owing to "presbusiness."

REN BURN TO DEATH CE RIVER-Two childhree and two years old, ourned to death in a fire inook Valley near here ight while their parents out visiting.

LD INCLUDE FRANCE NDON — Inclusion of e in the big power condedicated to the setof political decisions redrawing of European rs was endorsed today British government.

AN PREMIER RESIGNS SSELS - Premier Piernounced today that his ment will resign. Inag a Chamber of Depuebate on whether his ment should be overthe Premier aned that he was going to gent, Prince Charles, to the resignation of the

QUEBEC HOUSE OPENS QUEBEC-The Quebec Legislature opened today. One of the proposals in the Throne Speech is to remove the provincial sales tax.

R. L. REID, K.C., DIES

VANCOUVER - Robie L. Reid, K.C., veteran Vancouver barrister, who had practised here since 1893, died yesterday at the age of 79 years.

STREET CAR SLOWDOWN VANCOUVER - Street car union officials declined to comment today on a report that a slowdown plan may go into effect on the street railways of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. The Trades and Labor Council last night endorsed the 6c basic wage increase. There was no mention of strike or slowdown.

NAZI GHOST HEARD

LONDON - German newscasters are having a hectic time recently. A Berlin broadeast this morning was interrupted by a mysterious ghost voice exhorting the Germans to end the war and finish with the Nazi gang.

HOME FROM ITALY

ROME - 465 Canadian soldiers who have served the equivalent of five years overseas will leave Italy shortly to spend thirty day's leave in Canada. This will be the third party of five-year men to return home on leave from the Italian theatre.

NEW JET PLANE WASHINGTON-A new jetof the plane still are a secret. in North America and Britain. ber.

P)—Men of the Canadian Army and I are in a Hans Brinker world these days and a light fall of Sky is cold, blue and cloudless and cloudless and cloudless and cloudless are cloudless. HAS REPLY TO

Highway Completion, Rural Electrification, Educational Measures and Debt Reduction Announced

VICTORIA, Feb. 7 ()—Highlights of the Throne speech read at the opening of British Columbia Legislature session Tuesday afternoon were:

Completion of Hope-Princeton Highway and Prince George-Dawson Creek outlet for Peace River district promised.

Hydro-electric Commission to be appointed to develop and distribute electric power in province especially in rural areas. New buildings and facilities for University of British Columbia and extension aid to students desiring to attend prom-

Continuation of special financial assistance for education costs and readjustments to be made when report of commission submitted.

Higher salaries for rural teachers and increased grants for new school buildings. Low cost land clearing machinery to be made available

for farmers. Assistance for villages in establishment of water and sanitary systems.

Legislation to alleviate existing irrigation problems. A.R.P. fire fighting equipment to be purchased from Do-

bandment of that organization. to be adopted in that industry when Forestry Commission re-

various refundings and repayments.

Scottish "Brrr" Is Pleasure

Sergeant Robert Smith, the de- ARRESTED tective with a Scottish burr who "made it a pleasure to be arrested" and who remained friends with many of the criminals who passed through his hands, has retired after 21 years' service with the London police.

He was often called the "gentle. man detective" and was the Official German propaganda author of many poems with a Scottish flavor—his work is well known in Scotland—and is an artist of considerable skill.

DEGAULLE IS INSISTENT

France Determined to Get Fulfilment of Demands

PARIS, Feb. 7 @-Gen. Charles DeGaulle has declared that France is determined to get the fulfilment of three major demands for peace - in her own way if necessary. The chief of the French provisional government demands the occupation of the entire length of the Rhine. Gen. De Gaulle also states that the Rhine's western banks and the Ruhr industrial area must be separated from the rest of Germany. The third French demand is that smaller nations of Europe | MISSES HOUSE be given assurance of independ-

New T.C.A. Head; Long In Service

WINNIPEG, Feb. 7 - In May 1915. W. D. F. English, the new vice-president of TransCanada Air Lines, enlisted for overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary force and was demobilized in 1919, when he re- missed the opening. joined the Canadian National staff in the auditor's office. Subsequently he held various positions in the department and, in 1929, transferred Minimum to the office of the comptroller. Canadian National Railways, as assistant to the officer in

charge of that department. With the inauguration of TransCanada Air Lines in 1937. Mr. English joined that organization under the late Philip G. Johnson, who later became president of Boeing. In March 1940, he was appointed assistant to the vice-president and in October, 1941, was promoted to be assistant vice-president of the Air Lines. His association with TransCanada since its in- the post-discharge re-estab- War Manpower Commission regception has given him a thor- lishment plan were paid to ulations and applications for

minion and presented by province to various centres upon dis-Separate Department of Forestry and progressive policies

port received. Net debt again reduced and substantial savings from

DESERTERS

Do Not Have to be Extradited From United States

headquarters says a number of from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Canadian soldiers absent without leave have been arrested in tures when the plant was loadthe United States. The exact ed the According recovering levels. not been revealed although it extent. It is inconceivable to would be returned to Canada.

States and Canada.

Efforts are being made to rethe States to custody of Canadian military authorities.

A high officer of the Pacific Command said that reports of further draftee deserters hiding out in Seattle were being investigated by Pacific Com-

COMMENCEMENT

VICTORIA, Feb. 7 (1)-Former Premier T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A. for Prince Rupert, was unable to attend the opening of the Legislature yesterday due to a slight cold. He was confined to bed. It was the first time in 25 years he had

Local Temperature

Maximum

Rainfall—.62 inches to 4 a.m.

SERVICE PEOPLE'S COURSE TORONTO - A special tenmonth course in basic business fundamentals for ex-servicemen and women has been started at the University of of Toronto. A certificate will be given veterans who pass the course, regardless of whether they have matriculation or not.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

POWER COMPANY FINED \$50 ON THEFT CHARGE

an alternative of one month in

over the continent last night.

REINSTATING TEACHERS

Mitchell has made it clear

ers after discharge.

MOSCOW-A powerful Russian Army has set the stage for

a new drive on Berlin-this time from the southeast by way

of Silesia. Field Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukraine Army

now is well beyond the Oder River defence line in Silesia.

Koven's tanks and infantry cracked that line in massed

strength, sweeping up at least a half dozen German towns and

punching twelve and one-half miles west of the Oder in Sil-

esia. German commentators are frankly worried over this

new break in the Oder line. One Nazi broadcaster thinks

Koney may launch a drive on the big rail and commercial

centre of Dreseen, 160 miles west of Konev's troops and armor.

enemy's main defence lines in the west. American First Army

troops are battling through the Siegfried Line on a 35-mile

front east of Aachen. One First Army division is less than one

mile from Schmidt, a town beyond the last Siegfried Line de-

fences guarding the vital Roer River dams. Further south,

in the area northeast of Luxembourg, troops of the American

Third Army also are hammering through the Siegfried Line.

Third Army spearheads now are less than three miles from

Pruem, an important supply base for the German Westwall.

LONDON-During the night, Nazi rocket bombs crashed

LONDON-Canadian Typhoons and Spitfire fighter-bomb-

ers based on the continent flew 300 sorties against the Ger-

man railway system yesterday. The Canadians cut the enemy

rail lines in at least thirty places and destroyed several lo-

comotives and rail cars. Most of the attacks were carried

out in Westphalia, northwest of Essen. All of the R.C.A.F.

WASHINGTON-Two fleets of American air dreadnaughts

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS - General MacArthur

have carried out daylight attacks against Thailand and Indo-

may be adding seapower to the campaign to rid Corregidor

of the Japanese. The island fortress of Manila Bay already

has been bombed several times and now there is an enemy re-

port of a naval shelling of Corregidor.' American troops are

routing the remaining Japanese from Manila in bitter house-

to-house fighting. One American column hitting into south-

ern Manila is meeting tough resistance near Nichols airfield.

The business district of the Philippine capital has been burned

by the Japanese. A radio report from Manila says many

Filipines were burned alive in the flaming city. The Americans

crossed the river into the southern section of the city today.

a powerful offensive against German positions southeast of

Bologna. Allied Headquarters disclose that the initial ob-

jectives of the drive already have been gained. The new drive

breaks a long stalemate on the Italian front caused by bad

ROME-Allied Fifth Army troops in Italy have launched

China today. The targets have not yet been revealed.

down on southern England between dawn Tuesday and dawn

today. They have caused casualties and damage.

PARIS - Allied armies continued today to storm the

New Russian Offensive

Allies Storm Siegfried Line

Rocket Bombs Again

Canadians Strafe Germany

planes returned to base safely.

Battle of Philippines

weather.

OTTAWA - Labor Minister

Hitler May Be Supplanted

jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of theft before Magistrate Reply by the Northern B.C. W. D. Vance in city police court Power company to charges by Tuesday. Complainant was Heraldermen that the utility com- bert Parsons who said \$33 was pany is to blame for the peri- taken from his room in a staff odic water scarcity in the city house. Jardine made restitution reservoir and high level mains of \$18 found on him by police at was made by J. J. Little, power the time of his arrest. company manager in a letter before city council Monday NIGHT BOMBERS

prior to 1929 when Northern B.C. SMASH BERLIN Power took over the Shawatlans plant, owned by the city, and compared them with operation methods used at the presen time.

He voiced an assertion that which fill the army reservoirs on Acropolis hill, "are the real source" of water shortages on the high levels of the city.

"We have always contended, and contend now, that we are obliged only to maintain the level in Woodworth Lake," Mr. Little's letter states, implying that his company is not responsible for water levels in the city reservoir.

"When the Shawatlans plant was sold to the company, the city was fully cognizant of the loss of head incurred by operating the plant and its effect on the water system. When the plant was taken over it was operating in conjunction with the dry dock steam plant. To save heavy coal costs during and be-VANCOUVER, Feb. 7 0 An | fore the above mentioned period official at Pacific Command Shawatlans plant operated daily

the United States. The exact ed the Acropolis reservoir levels number taken into custody has were lowered to a considerable was said that word had been re- think that the city would sell ceived from Seattle that two this plant and then immediatwere picked up in that city, were ely request that it be shut down being held by military police and due to its effect on the water system.

Extradition proceedings are "Again we have a condition not necessary to bring the men when the U.S. booster pumps back to Canada. The procedure is which are automatically cona straight matter of military co- trolled, operate indiscriminately operation between the United to cause what we believe to be the source of the trouble. When the reservoir is empty the sucturn more of the deserters in | tion of these pumps is sufficient to lower the levels in the city reservoir and pipeline, particularly when the reservoir is nearly empty, and deprive residents of the higher levels of water

> pumps are working." It was estimated that the city would require 2,750,000 gallons of water a day, the letter continues. On some days the city uses 4,000,000 gallons.

even when the lower booster

Alderman Rudderham recalled that he was on the Council at the time of the sale of the Shawatlans plant.

We had the understanding at that time that Shawatlans be for emergency use only," he com-

U.S. Seeks Couples For Alaska Schools

SEATTLE, Feb. 7 (P-Married couples are sought by the Alaska U.S. Air Attacks Indian Service for teaching posts in communities and villages 48 throughout the territory-duties 38 including not only classroom work but such extra-curriculum as community welfare work, first aid, care and maintenance of government buildings and equipment, and, in a few places, assisting in managing the reindeer herds or the native-owned coperative stores.

Teachers receive a base salary of \$1,620 a year plus a 25 percent overseas differential, plus overtime, equalling a gross salary of to Fifth Army On Move

OTTAWA - Benefits under | Appointments are subject propelled plane is in produc- ough knowledge of aviation in 3208 veterans in December. these novel assignments are tion for the United States all its branches and he is widely This is a record high numebr- made to the regional director of Navy. Flight characteristics known throughout the industry ing 240 more than in Novem- the federal civil service commis-

Papen May Become New Chancellor of Reich Beverly Ferguson Jardine was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7 (CP) — The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said today it was believed reorganization of the German government was imminent under which Adolf Hitler would give up the title of Fuehrer to become President with Franz von Papen as Chancellor. The information is attributed

to "rumors in Berlin which | reached German circles here." Eastern Front-Von Papen, ace of the German diplomatic service, was ambassador to Turkey when An-kara broke relations with Ber-

lin last August. LONDON, Feb. 7 (9) — British of a German trial balloon denight bombers Monday rained signed to sound out Allied reaction to whether such a reler's Germany. The night assault vamped government would have on Berlin was carried out by Mosquito bombers. Vesterday lice terms. It came while Characters are the company while Characters. destruction on the heart of Hitthe American booster pumps, Mosquito bombers. Yesterday tice terms. It came while Chur-2200 American planes staged a chill, Roosevelt and Stalin were great mass raid on Germany, at- reportedly in conference on war tacking Leipsig, Magdeburg and problems including Germany' Chemnitz. So far there is no re- fate. port of Royal Air Force activity

AGREES TO PAY \$466 DAMAGES

Frederick Sanderson was sen tenced to 15 days in jail by Mag that school boards must be istrate W. D. Vance after he prepared to reinstate any pleaded guilty to a charge of asteacher who has been serving | sault, occasioning actual bodil in the armed forces. The harm, to Rose Cardinal. The as-Labor Minister says that in a sault took place on Second Ave few cases school boards have on January 22, Sanderson agreed got into difficulties by for- in court to pay the complainant. getting that reinstatement in \$466.66 as payment for hospital Civil Employment Act requires 'expenses and loss of working time incurred as a result of the them to reinstate their teachassault.

GERMAN DESTRUCTION MOSCOW, Feb. 7-The newspaper Red Star said today that complete destruction of Germany is near. Soviet forces have captured large sections on the west bank of the Oder River and have reached a broad highway leading straight to Berlin.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (P)-Russian crossings of the Oder River in Silesia set the stage today for an outflanking drive on Berlin from the southeast as an alarmed German broadcaster said German defences were cracking along almost the entire length of the stream.

The German radio said the brickenead in the Kust in areas some 35 miles from Berlin despite fierce German resistance. Berlin also said that Russians

temporarily" captured Pyritz, 24 miles southeast of Stettin. The broadcast said that the

town had changed hands twice in the last 24 hours.

BALL REALIZED MORE THAN \$600

Prince Rupert Sub-port of Embarkation Raises \$1217 For Paralysis Fight

Net proceeds from the President's Birthday Ball, held at the Acropolis Hill Recreation Hall on January 29 was \$618.85, 1st Lt. Frederic S. Otis, officer in charge of the U.S. Army's "March of Dimes" campaign, announced

A check for \$1217.12 was mailed yesterday to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralvsis as the contribution of the Prince Rupert sub-port of Embarkation. In addition to the Birthday Ball proceeds, this amount included proceeds from March of Dimes dances at the American Officers' Club, American Sergeants' Mess, and individual donations.

"For the success of the President's Birthday Ball we are indebted in no small way to the wholehearted support of the local townspeople and to the Canadian Armed Forces in the area." Lt. Otis said. "We want them to know we appreciate their efforts greatly."

When the Canadian National Steamships veteran coastwise ship Prince Rupert arrived here today she was on her 1,447th trip between Vancouver and northern ports since she arrived on this coast in June 1910. Her companion vessel, the Prince George, came into service in September of the same year.

SERVICEMEN MEMBERS EDMONTON-Three servicemen have been elected to the Alberta Provincial Legislature. The new members were chosen one from each branch of the service. The new members are Squadron Leader R. C. Colborne of Calgary, Chief Petty Officer Loftun D. Ward of Calgary, and Captain J. Harper Prowe of Edmonton.

1,447TH TRIP NORTH