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ed Onslaught on Be.

VDON, April 18 (CP)—German broadca day that the battle for the eastern approach erlin has reached its climax with the Russians ing the defence lines only eighteen miles from zi capital. The Soviets have launched a third ve south of Stettin aimed at linking with the on the north German plain. Front dispatches scow asserted that the Russians would see burning but did not yet specify any offenis under way.

NDON, April 18 (CP)-The Allied world Arnhem, for twelve miles, tanks confirmation of enemy statements that the captured Putten on the coast my has begun its final big battle for Berlin. the Zuider Zee. Canadian inzis report that a massive Russian advance is fantry advancing west from g forward towards the German capital, while captured Apeldoorn linked up Russian column probes its way along the last with the tanks. In a swift clean-up of northeastern Hol-

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made their custom- tain fortress.

toll has been raised to front. emy planes destroyed, others damaged.

GOLAND ATTACKED ON-Canadian heavy

today attacked Helithe German fortress the North Sea guardapproaches to Emden, and Hamburg.

LICE THROUGH 'ITH HOLLAND

VITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND (By Ross Munro, CP correspondent), April 18—Canadian tanks slicing off the eastern end of the Holland pocket today had driven practically to the south shore of the Zuider Zee. Other columns were probing the outer defences of the Grebbe Line as they advanced toward Amerioort.

Thrusting north of Barneveld, fourteen miles northwest of road about two miles south of 75 miles separating the Soviet land, Canadian infantry capforces from the American Third, tured the port of Harlingen, Army. This lower drive is 48 sixteen miles west of Leeuwarmiles from Dresden. The in- den.

Canadian Pilot Hops Atlantic Hundred Times

among some half dozen British Overseas Airways Corporation pilots to top the century mark in Atlantic flights in the North Atlantic ferry service is Captain William S. May of Madawaska, Onterio, and Winnipeg. In three and a half years of trans-ocean flying, Captain May has travelled more than 330,000 miles, the equivalent of 13 times around the world.

MAY REACH POLISH AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON-Agreement between the western Allies forthcoming conference of Allied foreign ministers which will be attended by Foreign Commissar Molotov. It is predicted that the conference may result in Poland achieving a seat on the San Francisco conference.

evitable meeting of the two Al-N, April 18 (P)—British committed to a defence of Ber- TRANSPORT iers were out over Ger-lin from any retreat southward ring the night. R.A.F. linto Hitler's Bavarian moun-

terday's aerial action Red Army is reaching for Ber- Canadian railways are moving fic, such as wheat, to both head ope, 440 more German lin from three directions— freight traffic at an average cost waters so that it can be sold in the contract of the con were destroyed. Four northeast, east, and southeast, of less than one cent per ton and three of the enemy and has reached a point 18 mile," stated Frank A. Gaffney.

Germany's fifth city, also is be-group whose ship's names begin world competitive markets, the ing encircled.

WAR PRISONERS and three of the enemy and has reached a point 18 mile," stated Frank A. Gaffney, movement of Nova Scotia coal to On the front due west of Ber- first, followed by the A to L secwere destroyed on the miles from the German capital transport economist of the Cana-This brings to 4,129 the on the Berlin-Stettin highway. dian National Railways, to the Nazi planes destroyed Moscow has laid down a se- Rotary Club here. "This low cost newsprint from Quebec to the burst into Magdeburg after hav- Last year the A to L section continued.

not fully paying for them. To their present rate principle of been captured. STOCKHOLM — Fishermen referred to the reports of two afford to pay and substitute a MOUEST INTO man troop transports in the which, after making thorough the-road truck in the Dominion studies of costs and their alloca- would go out of business. They mended an increase of at least one cent a ton mile. 100 percent in license fees for the | "That the highway vehicle has

neavier class vehicles. charged the public is generally be in the national interest." woman's death. is promoted to his present rank a few minutes he took off on the final trip of his first tour of less than the rail rates for the "Co-ordination can only be ac-

substantiate this statement, he charging what the traffic can inces of Ontario and Nova Scotia mile on all traffic, every overtion among vehicles, recom- could not exist on a revenue of

- tour smashed at a total of 31 bearing high rail rates. They will while railways are regulated by house. Little is known of Mr.

Allies Press PRESTWICK, Scotland, April 18 (P) — The first Canadian Germans Into

PARIS, April 18 (P) - On the western front, Allied forces squeezing against German forces caught in the Hartz-mountains pocket have captured Wernigerode on the north, entered Braunlage on the south, and have pushed four miles northeast of Guentersberge.

In Holland, Canadian armored ing officer. forces and infantry have reached and Russia on the Polish question may result from the east, the Germans have thrown strong counter-attacks against BOATS TO FISH Canadians are holding their Kusten Canal bridgehead.

Elsewhere, the Allies are 40 OUT OF HERE

country, the United States," he with the local product and that man counter-blow, American in- M to Z group on May 24. of other countries, must be made fantry also entered Duesseldorf Details of the initial departure

In general, he added, it cost economy no one can deny, that today prepared to hold an in-lar halibut boats which will use ment marine surveyor for the four to five times as much to the railways are and must re- quest into the death of Mrs. Prince Rupert as their home port port of Vancouver died suddenmove traffic by truck as by rail main, the basic transportation Kitty Moen who was found stab- this season, there are expected by of a heart attack on Tuesand the fact that competition on machine is equally true. There- bed on the bed of her home to be between 30 and 40 which day. He had lived here since a rate basis was possible was due fore, it would seem reasonable at 817 Comox Avenue Sunday, will fish halibut for part of the 1909 and was accredited as entirely to the nature of the that proper co-ordination of city police assisted by Detective season. the common belief that truck- these two mediums to the end Sergeant J. A. Young, of the traffic moved by trucks, the rate for which it is best fitted would their investigation into the from the Greek word for amber. pilot.

Included in their investigaerr is pilot of a Halifax bomber and during his made possible by the fact that jurisdiction over rail and high-background of the woman who trucks will only move traffic way services. It cannot be done lived alone in the Comox Avenue three cents a ton mile. But the different provincial commis- further knowledge of her acquaintances and friends.

Such information might lead to the discovery of who the person was who entered the house and wielded the sharp instrument which probably caused her

in the house indicate that her visitor was someone who was known to her with whom she was apparently friendly. Nature of the weapon, nor if it is in their possession, was not revealed; by the police.

Inspector R. Peachey, head of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the B.C. Police arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon by aircraft with Detective Sergeant J. A. Young, and left again for the south this morn-

Coroner M. M. Stephens said today that the inquest into the woman's death would begin at "I haven't heard anything Canadian Press War Correspondent 4 o'clock this afternoon, when

> ADVANCING ON BOLOGNA ROME-Polish troops of the British Eighth Army sweeping up the Po Valley, advanced today within ten miles of Bologna, the major German base in northern Italy. Am-

erican Fifth Army troops also

fought closer to Bologna.

in the Pacific. News of his The little reporter for the Seripps - Howard newspapers had been reporting the fighting on Okinawa.

Pyle was killed by a Japanese machine-gun ambush on a small island just west of Okinawa. He was killed instantly while standing behind the regimental command-

boats will sail on April 28, allow- been completed. ing time to arrive at the fishing grounds by May 1.

ing is cheaper because on the that each performs the service B.C. Police, Victoria, continue The word "electricity" comes into Canton, China, without a

U.S. Reveals Jap Atrocities

disclosed in a report released by the United States War Department. Documented evidence and sworn testimony prove that babies were repeatedly stabbed and slashed by bayonets. The report covers atrocious acts of Japanese soldiers during their defence of Manila. The statement declares that hundreds of

Absence of signs of a struggle Japs Make Stand at Summer Capital MANILA-On Luzon Island, in the Philippines, General MacArthur's men are battling inside the summer capital of Baguio. It is an enemy strongpoint, and the Japanese are using it to put up a stiff defence. The American drive has

> ROME-Fifth and Eight army forces in Italy have made small gains in all sectors against fierce Nazi resistance. The spring offensive, described by Field Marshal Alexander as the "Last Battle for Italy," already has picked up 7,000 German prisoners.

Tokyo Hit Fourth Time in Five Days

WASHINGTON-American B-29 superfortresses have carsuperforts struck at six enemy airdromes on Kyushu Island The second formation roared off from the Marianas this morning, Tokyo Time, even before the first air fleet had returned. In the two attacks, about 300 of the giant aircraft took part.

British Advance in Central Burma

CALCUTTA-British forces advancing southward through Central Burma have reached a point only 26 miles from the rich YenangYaung Chauk oil fields on the east bank of the Irrawaddy River, Allied Headquarters announced today.

LONDON, -More than 750 American bombers battered rail targets in western CzechoSlovakia and southern Germany today while 600 fighter escorts raided airfields in the same areas in another ruinous blow at the diminishing Luftwaffe. During the night Berlin was pounded by the first co-ordinated double blow from British and Russian bombers. Allied fighters destroyed nearly 500 German planes Tuesday bringing the total up to nearly 3,000 knocked out in eleven days.

Ernie Pyle, Beloved Mackenzie King Appoints Reporter, Is Killed WASHINGTON, April 18 (1) Ernie Pyle, a famous war correspondent, has been killed Seven New Ministers In when President Truman issued a statement of condolence. Unexplained Shuffle

Crerar, Michaud, McLarty, Macdonald, and LaFleche Leave Cabinet Posts

OTTAWA, April 18 (CP)-Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today the resignation of five members of his cabinet and the appointment of seven new members in a re-shuffle of government leaders which so far lacks explanation.

The resignations include cabinet members who have taken leading parts in the war government.

Resignations were handed in by Minister of Mines and Resources T. A. Crerar, Transport Minister J. E. Michaud, Secretary of State Norman McLarty, Navy Minister Angus L. Macdonald, and War Services Minister L. R. LaFleche.

Appointed to cabinet posts were Speaker James Glen, to be Resources Minister; Joseph Jean to be Solicitor General; Lionel Chevrier to be Transport Minister; Paul Marten, to be Secretary of State; it out rather than surrender and ter the opening of the season on Douglas Abbott, to be Navy Minister; J. J. McCann save the city of 334,000 popula- May 1, and these will leave in to be War Services Minister; and D. L. McLaren to

LONDON, April 18 (P) — The German government admits it is no longer capable of even carry-April Monday's record- curity blackout on this entire is approached by only one other United States in competition ing knocked back a fierce Ger- left on May 21, followed by the ing out normal exchanges of war disclosed in London by the Briin the Ruhr but there is no con- arrangements have not yet been tish foreign office. The German of the highways, particularly Mr. Gaffney pointed out that firmation of a Brussels radio worked out by fishermen and government's admission was sent heavy commercial vehicles, were if the railways were to abandon assertion that Duesseldorf has boat owners, it is understood. to the British government via critical and the commercial vehicles, were if the railways were to abandon assertion that Duesseldorf has boat owners, it is understood. This is expected to be done at a neutral Switzerland. The Ger- Germany today by invading joint meeting to be held shortly. mans told London that no fur- CzechoSlovakia against weak In Vancouver the fishing ves- ther exchanges of seriously sick German resistance, while the and wounded prisoners of war First Army thoughto Little ed last night that 127 halibut under international conventions 4,000 yards of the centre of surboats, nine less than last year, can take place until two months rounding Leipzig. In the meanwill fish out of Vancouver. The after the arrangements have time, the Seventh Army cleared

VANCOUVER, April 18 (P) being the only British navi- sistance, each of which would gator ever to take a naval vessel

mand had divided the country into nine zones of restruggle until its defenders were annihilated. Included in the zones were Norway, northern Italy, Bavaria, Brandenburg, Holland and the Ruhr.

Nuremburg.

PARIS, April 18 (P)_The Am-

A Nazi radio commentator

gave an indication of German

strategy, suspected by Allied

observers, today when he said

that the German high com-

The Brussels radio said to-

day that Allied troops have captured Dusseldorf, the last major city in the Ruhr pocket remaining in German hands. The Ruhr tiumph has assumed the proportions of the greatest victory of the war, even more costly to the Germans than their defeat at Stalingrad. Already 309,484 prisoners have been taken from the trap and another 50,000 were expected to surrender today. The U.S. Ninth Army captured Magdeburg, with a population of 334,358, securing a firm anchor on the Elbe River opposite Berlin. An industrial centre, Magdeburg was the twentieth largest city of Germany before bombs and shells reduced it to smoking ruins.

The halving of Germany was of more geographical than immediate military importance, because the enemy still has a circuitous contact between north and south Germany through CzechoSlovakia.

The British Second Army fought through the Bremen suburbs and advanced to within 22 miles of the great port of Hamburg.

U-Boats Fail In St. Lawrence Raid

OTTAWA, April 18 (P)-- Navy Minister MacDonald discloses that enemy u-boats sneaked up the St. Lawrence last autumn to attack Canadian shipping, but this time, the enemy subs went home without sinking a single ship. The last time enemy uboats attacked in the St. Lawrence, they sank 20 Canadian ships, including a corvette. This time, the enemy action resulted in damage to one corvette and one merchant ship.

est Abandonment German targets, one of the not touch traffic which pays the a federal agency and highway Moen who lived for almost 20 highest scores on the squadron, railways only one-half cent to services in the hands of nine years in the city, and police seek keena Highway for a single tour. Never was Kerr a "non-movement of this cheaper traf-sions," Mr. Gaffney said. against a reported destarter" on any mission to which |withdraw maintenance he was assigned. Never was he

GERMAN TRANSPORTS

SUNK

from the Swedish west coast

said today that Allied bomb-

ers had sunk four large Ger-

Kattegat enroute to Norway

last Thursday night.

ORD IN TOUGH TOUR OF DUTY

Doug G. Kerr, Former Postal Clerk

re. Smashed German Targets to Set

Record For Bomber Squadron

Doug. G. Kerr of Smithers and Prince Rupert

of the Federal governat and staff from the an "early return"—a return to River Highway has been base before reaching and atby the Prince Rupert tacking the target, and on only Progressive club in tele- one occasion did he fail to re-Sent last night to Premier turn to base due to weather Federal Minister of all aircraft of his squadron.

Bouzek, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. famous legless R.A.F. fighter Forder of B.C. and Hon. T. A. which forced the diversion of

telegram to Premier Hart his first trip one of his enthat he "use all power gines was knocked out by flak Flying Cross, according to an German prison camps, it was the highway open, to and the aircraft punched full announcement made in Ottawa disclosed today. Bader won reand improve it" as it is of holes, but Kerr pushed last night. Pilot Officer Bouzek nown during the battle of Britpost-war development through, bombed the target and has been a navigator in an ain, escaping three times from message to the Minister gines. The Halifax was in the he went overseas 18 months recaptured each time. His Gerles requested that he re- hanger for a long time before ago, and recently he was one man captors finally took his

mer War Prisoner his Halifax was attacked by a many. Word of the award won by her son had not reached Mrs. Forces Germans head - on, machine - guns and Bouzek when the Daily News To Flood Land cannon spewing steel. The Hali- telephoned her this morning. and Mrs. S. H. Mendels, fax was riddled and one bul-With Avenue West, received let smashed through the pers- about it. It is certainly good with the jury would view the body

but Mr. and Mrs. Mendels daylight trips," claims Kerr. Jack, both sergeants. posted that they would be "You can see what is going on."

two years in Prince Rupert, and Mendels was wounded six years in Smithers before he approach in two years in Smithers before he approach in the prince Rupert, and the prince Rupert, Captured in fighting near joined the R.C.A.F. in April, mild with intermittent light rain west sweep of Canadian tank he was a locally fresh over Char- forces were forced to flood the he was listed as miss- September, 1943, and 11 months winds locally fresh over Char- forces were forced to flood the but it was listed as miss- September, 1943, and II months lottes. Cloudy and mild with in- area much earlier than they had lotted had been later learned later did his first trip against light rain or drizzle. intended. had been taken prisoner. enemy targets.

LOCAL MAN IS

Pilot Officer Jaroslav Victor the equipment and staff on all the holes were patched up. of a crew which brought a artificial legs away from him. His closest call was during badly damaged bomber back to the attack on Hanover when its base after a flight over Ger- Canadian Move

Weather Forecast

termittent light rain or drizzle. intended.

LEGLESS ACE RESCUED FROM NAZI PRISON

Commander Douglas Bader, the Kerr's was a tough tour. On Bouzek, 328 Second Avenue, has pilot, has been freed by Amerireturned to base on three en- R.C.A.F. bomber squadron since German prison camps but was

By ROSS MUNRO

today that their son, Lieut. pex of the pilot's cockpit and news," Mrs. Bouzek exclaimed. ARMY, April 18, (P.—As the Ger- and probably view the death Mendels, who has been creased Kerr's neck a couple of Prior to enlisting in the RC the area of the RC the Ar Prior to enlisting in the R.C. the area south of the Zuider Zee of Dr. R. E. Coleman, hospital A.F. three years ago, Pilot Of- between Utrecht and Amster- pathologist, who performed an cially reported to be now He took out his Halifax in a ficer Bouzek worked in the mine dam, Canadian armored units autopsy, would likely be de-In Allied hands. No de- daylight attack when the tarbut Mr. and the announce- get was Hamburg. "I like these in the air force, Joseph and Line and the Holland fortress the enemy allowed the waters of the Zuider Zee to pour over a wide area in which their de-

PARIS, April 18 (1) - Wing

Reporter, Is Killed

miles from Dresden. General About 60 regular halibut boats, Patton's Third Army push open- the same number as last year, ed an assault on Chemnitz after are expected to leave Prince Ruthe Nazi garrison elected to fight pert for the fishing grounds aftion. Chemnitz is 38 miles from two groups according to their be Revenue Minister. Dresden. Another fight to the regular custom, it was learned finish is on in Nuernberg. It is today. The vessels will be divided falling block by block to the into two alphabetical name NAZIS UNABLE

a proper place in the country's While coroner M. M. Stephens In addition to the 60-odd regu- Capt. Frank W. Brooke, govern-

ons recently, set up some admirable squadron of complished by the creation of tion is a search for someone who is a federal control body with might shed more light on the background of the woman who

WASHINGTON-Another story of Japanese barbarism is persons were bound and soaked in gasoline and set afire.

freed 7,000 civilians. Slight Gains in Last Battle For Italy

ried out their fourth attack on Japan within five days. The in the Japanese home chain for the second time in 17 hours.

Co-ordinated Air Attack On Berlin

shway for the same reason. eased By Allies

oner of war in Germany inches from where it would have e last six months has been proven fatal. became as further informa- Kerr was a postal clerk for me available.