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Daily Happenings

lin and Stettin in Danger

MOSCOW-Russian artillery has opened up on the German n of Kuestrin, forty miles northeast of Berlin. According the German radio, the Russians made a crossing of the Oder Kuestrin but the bridgehead was wiped out. Other Berlin orts say that Soviet columns have reached the Oder at new nts only 38 miles from Berlin in the Frankfurt area. Ofial communiques from Moscow disclose that the Russians definitely known to have pushed ahead to within 51 miles Berlin. Soviet troops have advanced since the communique s issued but how much of an advance cannot be said with degree of certainty. One thing is sure-Berlin, and its t of Stettin on the Baltic are in grave danger today. Mosdeclares that Russian troops are just a little more than ven miles from Stettin. Capture of the big port would be remendous blow to the German war effort.

cing For Manila

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS - American forces on zon continue to make rapid progress in their drive towards nila. According to one war correspondent it is now a race see which American column will be the first to enter the pital of the Philippines. Japanese resistance has been sursingly ineffective and there is absolutely no sign as yet that enemy intends to put up a stand before Manila.

clare Berlin Open City

LONDON-An unidentified radio station said today that ere are rumors in Berlin that the Nazi High Command inds to declare the German capital an open city. The broadt was heard by the Associated Press Listening Post but its gin could not be traced. As recorded in London, the broadst said, "rumors are sweeping Berlin that the German High mmand intends to declare Berlin an open city but German my circles say there is no truth in it."

stern Front Livens Up

PARIS-American troops are hitting the Germans today the thick Siegfried Line defences in the Monschau area. ont line reports say the Germans and Americans are enged in the heaviest fighting on the western front since the ight of the Ardennes break-through. Near the extreme othern end of the front, American and French troops are ving the last Germans from the city of Colmar in south-Alsace. British and Canadian troops at the northern end the line have sent out patrols in force across the Maas River rtheast of Breda and southeast of Nijmegen.

rlin Being Bombed Today

LONDON-More than 1200 British and Canadian bombers ashed rail and other communications last night at Wiesden and Karlsruhe. In addition to hitting the two Rhine lley cities, the British and Canadian raiders bombed a syntic oil plant at Wanne-Eickel in the Dortmund region. rlin apparently was given a night's rest after the heaviest A.F. Mosquito raids of the war Thursday night. The Gern radio declares that waves of Allied bombers are hitting frlin today. It was announced earlier that a huge force of lied bombers was heading for the German capital for what ight prove to be one of the heaviest aerial blows at Berlin

deral Election-

OGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVES NAME

Major J. T. Harvey, Prince Rupert lawyer-soldier overseas on the western front, won by acclamathe nomination to stand as federal candidate for Progressive-Conservative party in Skeena conuency at a party nominating convention held in I.O.D.E. Hall last night.

socialism."

clude all of B.C.

Mr. Applegarth reiteriated

John Bracken's stand on the

Japanese question in B.C., de-

claring that the party would

have the 100-mile coast ex-

President, W. R. MacAfee.

First Vice-President, A.

Second Vice-President, W. J

Secretary, D. G. Stevenson.

clusion zone extended to in-

He hinted at the probability of

partner in the law firm of .wn and Harvey, Major Har- is deplorable enough to make was president of the district Canadians blush. It is so because gressive-Conservative Associ- Mr. Mackenzie King looks at n before joining the army Quebec as the treasure chest y in the war. His name was which he must unlock to get more sented by Dr. R. G. Large, votes. sident of the Prince Rupert "I admire Harold Winch begressive Conservative Associa- | cause he is at least honest enough | and nominations closed with to tell his supporters what his other names being put for- party stands for-out and out

dy opinion is that we would far before we find a better in this constituency," Dr se declared as the 25 delegates lauded the choice.

nly delegate from the district ide Prince Rupert was A. M. ey of Ocean Falls-not a live of the candidate- who acclaimed first vice-presi- a Progressive Conservative dark of the district association horse of considerable merit enan election of officers later in tering the race when he said:

resent at the meeting was name that will be well received Applegath of Vancouver, not only in this province but C. organizer for the federal throughout the Dominion." apaign. He outlined the pro- A four man executive of the es of Progressive Conservative district party association was el undwork in the province, and ected by acclamation: red the Liberal party's manver policy and the "out" and socialism" of the C.C.F.

Harvey, Ocean Falls. ohn Bracken, the party leadwas described by Mr. Apple- O'Neill, Smithers. th as "a man who likes to get touch with the man in the Honorary President. "brooms to make good the Following the elections Mr. Mcy good government.

Some people say that Mr. retary. there is one color that he dressed the meeting briefly.

es lack but he has all the other Delegates present were:

Canada's manpower situation Dodds, Dr. R. G. Large, M. C. Falls)

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1945

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Air Blow On Doomed Berlin

Nothing Offici About Church Stalin Meet

LONDON, Feb. 3 @-There are a lot of rumors floating around about the "Big Three' conference. But they're all rumors, and nothing else. However, it is believed that a meeting now is underway among Prinme Minister Churchill. President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin.

no evelt-

Berlin newspapers have given prominence to a propaganda article which says the Allies are about to offer Germany what it about to offer Germany what it calls a new set of "Wilson's Fourten Points in a more palatable

MIDLANDS

Ontario Regiment, Formerly Stationed at Prince Rupert, on Other Side Now

bourg, and Major John Leuty, "pay the penalty." Major P. J. Bigelow and Captain | There was one case, said Gen. Frank G. Long of Port Hope.

time to time during the past few ada besides Ontario.

SPECULATION IN GERMANY

Thinks Allies Will Modify Demand Unconditional Surrender

LONDON, Feb. 3 (CP)-The German radio continues to speculate over the coming conference among Allied leaders. It says that Prime Minintend to modify their demand for unconditional surrender.

An enemy broadcast yesterday insisted that no one in Germany would fall for what it called "this planned manoeuvre."

Manila on Sunday?

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEAD-QUARTERS, Feb. 3 — United States troops have reached a point two miles from Manila and General MacArthur, from 18 miles away, said the city might be entered tomorrow. The head of the Japanese puppet government in Manila has left for Tokyo where he has said that "the conflagration will come soon to the very gates of the Japanese Empire."

Challenged

Incident of Throwing Weapons Overboard from Troopship Brought Up

-Defence Minister McNaughton has challenged John Bracken, the Progressive - Conservative party leader, to prove his statement that Home Defence troops threw The Midland Regiment, for their rifles and ammunition over- wounded, 5,231 missing or prissome years stationed here, has board while enroute overseaes. oner. arrived overseaes, according to a Winding up his campaign as govcruited from Ontario, the Mid-McNaughton said he intends to NEW HEAD OF lands still include a number of sec that D news-page story in Tuesday's ernment candidate in Monday's the original officers and men, in- tiate his statement, or, in the cluding Major Parker Niles of Co- words of the defence minister,

McNaughton, of a man having A large percentage of the orig- board but there were no other inal personnel of the Midlands incidents reported by officers have proceeded overseas from who had made an investigation. Mr. Bracken says the defence vears in drafts to other units, so | minister's statement is an atthat the Midlands now includes tempt to confuse the public. In soldiers from many parts of Can- a prepared statement, Mr. Bracken asked General McNaughton to say frankly whether the draftees arrived in Britain with all their weapons and, if not, why not.

NEW ALLIED OFFENSIVE

WASHINGTON - Assistant Secretary of War said today that the Germans could hope for no respite from the Al-

CLASSIFIED

Army Has Now Suffered Most Heavily, According to Official Announcement

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (1) - Since June 1, five days before D-Day, there were 47,458 casualties in the three Canadian armed services according to an official an nouncement. These casualties were as follows:

Army, 42,793. Air Force, 4,049. Navy, 616.

Total casualties for the whole war period ending December 31 amounting to 84,808 were divided

Navy-1,468 dead, 250 wounded, OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 3 () 347 missing, prisoner or interned. Army - 17,601 dead, 40,235 wounded, 6,716 missing or pris-

Air Force- 11,905 dead, 1,055

W. F. English Appointed to Succeed O. T. Larson As Vice-President

MONTREAL, Feb. 3 - W. F. English has been appointed vicepresident in charge of operation, TransCanada Air Lines, accordng to an announcement made today by H. J. Symington, C.M.G., K.C., president of the Airline. Mr. English, who has been assistant vice - president since October 1941, succeeds O. T. Larson who is rejoining the United Air Lines in Chicago after serving T.C.A. since 1937.

William David Fraser English was born in Toronto in 1891 and attended public and high school in that city. He joined lies but they could expect that the staff of the Canadian Nora great new offensive would thern Railway, now part of the soon be commenced against Canadian National system, in the vice-president's office in 1908.

PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN OFFERED ister Churchill, President BY B.C. TO TWO MAJOR RAILWAYS

VICTORIA, Feb. 3 (P)—Premier John Hart announces that the provincially-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway has been offered to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways for joint purchase and operation.

When he goes East after the Legislature, Mr. Hart intends to reopen negotiations with the two railways to take over and extend the Pacific Great Eastern from Quesnel to Prince George and into the Peace River.

Bulletins

mission on the subject of educational finance, Dr. M. A. Cameron of the University of British Columbia will be in Prince Rupert February 14, it was learned at the City Hall

FRENCH OBJECTION

PARIS - A sem i-official French government spokesman says his country would be opposed to any four-power control of the Rhineland after the war. The French objection is based on the belief that a dispersed authority is a weak one.

CALLS FRANCO "GANGSTER" LONDON - Britain's leading tabloid, the London Daily Mirror, has lashed out at General Franco, the Spanish dictator, in an extremely blunt editorial today. The Daily Mirror refers to the Spanish leader as "The gangster at large" and "the Foo Franco who wants to muscle in on the peace." The editorial warns that if Franco's regime survives then Fascism still breathes and may again sweep across Europe.

INVESTIGATE DISASTER TORONTO-A thorough gov-

ernment investigation has been ordered into the disaster yesterday when 16 men lost their lives as a result of a doubledecker mine cage snapping its cable in a shaft of the Paymaster mine at Timmins, Ontario. The cage plunged 1500 feet from the 1000-foot level to the bottom of the shaft.

CHURCHILL AT GIBRALTAR LA LINEA-Spenish workers returning to the town of La Linea from Gibraltar, brought rumors that Prime Minister Churchill arrived at Gibraltar by plane Wednesday night. This report is without official confirmation.

McNAUGHTON'S STATEMENT OWEN SOUND, Ont. - Defence Minister McNaughton has issued a statement denying Mr. Bracken's last claim that overseas army reinforcements are inadequate. The General's statement says his own reports on reinforcements are as accurate and correct as highly experienced and responsible officers can make them.

FINNISH POLITICS

STOCKHOLM -- Premier Juho K. Paasikivi of Finland has recommended that all Baltic port of Stettin. members of the Finnish parliament who share responsibility for the war with Russia withdraw as candidates for re-election. Paasikivi said his proposals were necessary to strengthen relations with the Soviet Union.

Capital of Reich is Being Sitting as a provincial commission on the subject of edu- Menaced by Land and Air

Even Propaganda Agencies Being Demoralized As Crisis Looms

LONDON, Feb. 3 (CP)—More than one thousand American heavy bombers dropped nearly 3,000 tons of bombs on Berlin today in the greatest air blow yet struck at the capital which is now teeming with refugees. The record daylight attack was aimed direct at military and communications targets in the centre

Eastern Front-

East Prussia

yesterday.

ing Berlin.

miles to Berlin.

pilots.

Berlin Claims Russians Being

First White Russian Army is 51

nine miles by the Soviet forces

might already have crossed.

of the city which is menaced by Soviet armies which the Germans say are only forty miles

More than 400 bombers, staging a diversionary attack that confused Berlin's defenders, pounded a synthetic oil plant and railway yards on the out-

skirts of Magdeburg, 65 miles

southwest of Berlin. A regular German High Com-Checked Everywhere Except in mand communique was delayed more than an hour. Propa-LONDON, Feb. 3-Moscow re- ganda agencies seemed demorports that Marshal Zhukov's alized.

miles from Berlin while the Germans place the distance at 38 miles. There was an advance of RUSS ADVANCE The Berlin radio said that the Russians had brought up strong WAR PRISONER forces along the Oder on both

sides of Frankfurt-above and The lightning advance of the below-and assaults to reduce Russian armies across eastern Kustrin -16 miles off-were un-Germany contains material for der way. Street fighting was re great hope for two Prince Ruported under way in Frankfurt. The Russians, the radio said, had pert people. They are Miss Ilene Capar and her sister, Mrs. made one attempt to storm across Charles Flein, of 21 Eighth the Oder in the onslaught toward avenue east, whose brother, Berlin. Other Berlin reports in-Flight Sgt. Norman Capar has dicated that the Soviet patrols been a prisoner - of - war in Stalag Luft 7, near Breslau. An official German communi since last September. que, omitting mention of the

Although they have received Oder sector, said the Russians everywhere else except East Prus- no definite information, Miss sia had been checked after hard Capar and Mrs. Klein hope that their brother may be among Moscow dispatches said the those Allied prisoners taken by Russians ran into thick mine the Russians when the Germans fields and a hard shell of German retreated hastily.

armor along the front threaten-"We don't know, but we cannot help hoping that he may Unofficial military intelligence have been among those who esat Paris expressed the opinion caped the camp, or have been that the ability of the Russians to freed by the Russians," Miss get supplies into the battle line Capar said. "The camp has rather than German defence may been taken by the Russians, acdecide whether the present Rus- cording to press reports, and we sian offensive carries across the hope that the Germans did not Oder river and over the last 40 have time to move the prisoners."

Flt.-Sgt. Capar, 22, was bomb In the north the Russians have aimer on an R.A.F. plane which now reached a point only 22 was shot down over Germany miles from the great German last September. In letters to his sisters he said that he believed himself to be the only survivor of the aircraft. His Among the planes destroyed by home is at Winnipeg.

Local Temperature

downed by R.A.F. or R.C.A.F. Maximum Minimum

Appeals To German People To Stand Firm

HINT OF MORE SHIPBUILDING RECEIVED HERE

"Before long you will hear one building in Prince Rupert may ing a satisfactory token of innot become a wartime industrial terest. The classes are being orcasualty was extended Friday to ganized by Mrs. O. L. Murray Mayor H. M. Daggett, chairman and Mrs. Calvin Lewis who will of the citizens' committee created be the instructors. to keep the local shipyard in full operation. It came in the form of a reply to a message sent by SUDDEN DEATH the committee to Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of Munitions and Supply, urging that he take steps OF MISSIONARY to assist "continuation of employment at the dry dock and John Bracken was acclaimed maintainance of the plant at its present state of efficiency."

progressive" in our party Afee took over the chairmanship Brydges, D. C. Stevenson, James interior, collapsed and died sud he, who puts human welfare from J. H. Thompson, former pre- Bremner, G. J. Dawes, R. O. denly in the lobby of the Savoy and will give this country sident and Mr. Stevenson re- Franks, John Bulger, T. W. Fal- Hotel shortly after 9 oclock last placed W. R. Love, former sec- coner, Crawford Moore, H. R. night. He had been suffering Love, Percy Cameron, Alex Mac- from a heart ailment for years. acken lacks color. I will say Mr. Harvey of Ocean Falls ad- Kenzie, Jack Bulger, Mrs. D. G. Borland, Mrs. John Bremner, Mrs. D. C. Stuart, W. R. McAfee, ors that go to make good Norman Moorehouse, Dr. C. H. J. H. Thompson, D. C. Stuart, W. and his chief aides conferred

Fifteen Enrolled In Home Nursing Class

of the local branch of the Cana-A gleam of hope that ship- dian Red Cross Society, this be-

Rev. B. Shearman, for many years a well known Anlican missionary teacher in Indian settle ments on the coast and in the

GENERALS IN SESSION PARIS-General Eisenhower Hankinson, G. L. Rorie, B. R. R. Love, A. M. Harvey (Ocean here with Lieut. General Bradley.

"Enemy is Knocking at for the home nursing classes to be conducted under the auspices Door' Keep Heads Cool

of Reich - Anti-Hitler Movement

LONDON, Feb. 3 (CP)—The German press and radio sounded the theme of "Remember 1918" in appeals today to the Germans to stand firm against battle front setbacks and any Allied calls for surrender. "The enemy is knocking at the door. No one should lose his head when tanks appear" said one

PINCERS ON MANILA

Panic Is Increasing In Many Sections

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR-

TERS - Events are moving were appearing on walls in large fast today on Luzon Island German cities. in the Philippines. American have fashioned a pincers on tions of Germany. Manila by landing on the Batangas Province coast sixtyseven miles southwest of the ila.

Dispatches from neutral capitals and Allied broadcasts said anti-Hitler posters and slogans

Moscow radio said there is no Eighth Army invasion troops doubt panic reigns in many sec-

ISOLATED 53 DAYS ROSSLARE, Eire, (P)—Isolated capital. At the same time, for 53 days, Keeper P. Crowley Sixth Army spearheads are and Keeper E. Kickey have been driving down from the north taken off the Tuskar Rock lightonly twenty miles from Man- house, five miles off the Wexford coast.

TODAY'S STOCKS Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd. VANCOUVER Bralorne

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Queenston

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2.82

1.36

CANUCKS GOT FIRST

Canadians in October 1944 was a

ME-262, a jet-propelled aircraft.

This was the first of its kind to be

Pioneer Premier Gold Privateer Reeves McDonald Salmon Gold Sheep Creek Whitewater TORONTO Beattie Central Patricia Consolidated Smelters Giant Yellowknife Hardrock Kerr Addison Little Long Lac Madsen Red Lake McLeod Cockshutt McKenzie Red Lake Moneta Pickle Crow Preston East Dome

DESERTERS IN LUXURY

Missing H.D.'s Said to Be in City of Seattle

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 3 (P)-A report in a Seattle, Washington, newspaper, the Post-Intelligencer this morning, says an undetermined number of Canadian Army deserters are living in Seattle and neighboring American cities. The report speaks of the deserters as living in luxury as guests of citizens of the west coast city.

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