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eneral McNaughton's Explanation

Boulders As Big As Box

Cars Come Down Over Track

8 o'clock will leave on time, rail-

way officials say, and eastbound

passengers will be transferred to

a train on the eastern side of

The slide occurred at mile 38.4

There is no regular train

scheduled to arrive in Prince

Rupert today and it is thought

that the track will be cleared

in time to allow Tuesday night's

train to come through a

west of Pacific, four miles west

of Amesbury station.

the slide.

scheduled.

Frantic Transfer of Meet Feared

ING HITLER LINES Feb. 12 (CP)-Two fensives are batteri's western defence . At the northern the Siegfried Line, the Canadian First battling in the Kleve. One huns to the south of nerican Third Army locked in violent Pruem-the centre al road network in

o offensives already a noticeable effect have checked the roops and armor toe eastern front in reinforce their lines

e. veteran German troops, moved up ace, are bolstering an lines. The battle has mounted in inith Canadian First ps taking 3500 pris-

. General Patton's

ny also is meeting

stance but the Amve driven across the at ten points on ive mile front. Prume and Kleve. lull in the fighting. Second and Amth armies may be od water to recede area-floods which wn the Roer Valley Germans opened the

mmenauel Dam.

Canadian Army, at e fourth day of their e at the north end of front, had advanced brough the Siegfried operations are along front between the Meuse rivers. They the Germans out of part of the town of aad taken 3500 pris-

ed and fifteen miles here is street fightwn of Preum.

the mud and water in where the Canahting that amphibiare being used to oops, supplies and ach as flame throw-

With Pacific Coast Key Position in Travel

Feb. 12 (P)—Glen Liberal member for speaking in the ech debate in the urged immediate of a highway from liver to the Pacific

en foresaw Canada States via highways On Eastern Front In this link, he eace River held a place in that it he centre of road, air travel in years

Sailors Revolt

- German reported to have Bremen but there culars. The sailors they had been front.

Canucks Take Kleve; Yanks Pruem AIR LINES FOR

field by Japanese as Spies-nly God Saved Their

MANILA, Feb. 12-Two nunsone a Canadian and one an American—are among 12 prisoners who have been released from prison where they had been incarcerated by the Japanese alleged spies.

The Canadian sister, Mary Delys from Napierville, Quebec, told of abuse and hardships to which she and the others had been subjected. "We would surely have died if God had not care for us," she said.

n strategy. Accord- DADAAD ATTACUC John Edward Higginbotham, Luxembourg radio, KUDUMD ALIACAS

LONDON, Feb. 12-There were is no announcement as to the number of casualties.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT FRANCE

President Franklin D. Roosevelt His home was at 1054 Amphion will visit France after the meet- Street, Victoria, where his widow ing now being held on the Black resides. Sea with Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia.

PARIS, Feb. 12 (CP)—Kleve, northern anchor of the Siegfried Line, was captured today by the SLIDE CAUSES First Canadian Army. At the same time the American Third Army, 100 miles to the south, won the major traffic centre of Pruem except for a few houses. Canadian, British and Scottish forces are now advancing beyond Kleve.

INQUEST INTO ACCIDENT TO NAVY OFFICER

A naval board of inquiry was being held today and a civil inquest will be held tonight into circumstances attending the instant death on Friday night last of Sub-Lieutenant N.V.R., who lost his life in a fall from the government wharf to the deck of a ship below. While boarding the ship. Higginbotham is believed to have slipped and fell. He broke his neck in the fall and his body went on into the water from which it was immediately re-

Higginbotham was born September 10,1910, and served in the Fishermen's Reserve before joining the Naval Reserve for ac-PARIS, Feb. 12-It is expected tive service about a year ago.

> Mexico has an estimated population of more than 19,500,000.

Peace For

Protocol Between Government which cover it, passengers of and thence to Vancouver. and Leftists Has Now Been

ATHENS, Feb. 12 (CP)-Negotiations have been successfully concluded between the Greek government and leaders of the National Liberation Front. A brief announcement says the fererees have signed an accord which is expected to bring peace to the strife-torn land. Terms of the agreement have not been announced although it is understood to provide for laying down of arms by the leftists by March 15.

A truce had been in effect between militia of the Liberation Front and British-supported Greek government forces since January 15.

"GREAT COUNTRY" Alaska is a native Eskimo word mean "great country."

PACIFIC OCEAN

Vancouver to Be Terminal For Service to Australia and New Zealand

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12 (P)-Vancouver may be the terminal for two transPacific air lines to Australia and New Zealand, it is indicated in a letter from Hon. A huge rock slide which C. D. Howe, minister of munipoured down boulders "as big tions and supply, to the Vanas box cars" on the C.N.R. rail- couver Board of Trade. The way line 81 miles east of Prince letter said the Montreal air Rupert at 9 a.m. Sunday has conference had agreed that Conhampered but not stopped train ada would operate one route service in and out of the city. from Vancouver via either San Today as wrecking crews Francisco or Honolulu and the from Prince 'Rupert and Pa- United Kingdom, New Zealand cific strive to clean the track and Australia would operate of the portion of mountainside parallel route to San Francisco the westbound passenger train

which was due to arrive here Repulse German transferred to another train Counter-Attacks

sent from Prince Rupert. Passengers, baggage, express and counter-attacks have been re- augmented by continuing dismail will arrive in the city to- pulsed in the Herchio Valley and patch of further members now night, the Daily News was told. the Italian west coast area in training centres in Canada." It is expected that the track where the Fifth Army made will be cleared by Tuesday night. limited advances in the last few they were unable to elaborate The passenger train due to days, Allied headquarters an- on the reference to the latest leave Prince Rupert tonight at nounced.

Bulletins

CORREGIDOR HEAVILY HIT GENERAL MacARTHUR'S **HEADQUARTERS** — American bombers today subjected the Manila Harbor island fortress of Corregidor to the heaviest saturation attack so far in the Pacific war. Other American bombers attacked Tokyo and Yokohama in Japan proper.

vancouver-No less than 150 trees were blown down into the water.

FAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS LONDON — It is believed that fake announcements are being sent out from Berlin of the deaths of high ranking Nazis, who would be accused as war criminals, so they may escape punishment after the war. In some cases it is even believed that fake funerals have been held.

CHURCHMEN KILLED LONDON-When a v-bomb came down in front of a Presbyterian Church Hall in Eng-

land, five leading church of-

ficials were killed. PREMIER HART SPEAKS VICTORIA - Premier John Hart delivered his policy speech in the Legislature this afterncon, elucidating on the government's program as indicated in the Throne Speech.

POSSIBLE ELECTION DATE OTTAWA-Saturday's cabinet meeting broke up without any announcement of a decision on the political questions left hanging in the air by the Ontario Grey North byelection. Political observers in Ottawa say Prime Minister King does not seem inclined to speed decisions on political matters. Since sixty days must elapse between the calling a federal general election and voting day, the earliest possible date for a general el-

FREED FROM PRISON LONDON - A Polish broad-

ection now is April 12.

cast says some Allied soldiers camps in Silesia are in Lublin, Poland, awaiting transportation home. The Lublin radio says groups of British, American and French soldiers and airmen have been in Lublin several weeks since the Red Army freed them. The broadcast adds that Lublin residents greeted the liberated prisoners enthusiastically.

Captain William Mounce and Captain John Parks of the B.C. .0834 coast pilotage service left Sat-.12½ urday night to return to Vancouver after piloting a Russian vessel to Prince Rupert for re-.03½ pairs at the local dry dock.

Enough Reinforcements To Last Several Months

Denies Censorship of News -Necessity For Continued Care in Regard to Movement of Troops

OTTAWA, Feb. 12 (CP)—The Canadian Army now has sufficient reinforcements overseas to meet Minister A. G. L. McNaughton said today in a prepared statement. General McNaughton said "the dedence department has received word of the safe

now state that we have behind tinuing operations over the next

were all general service o the Home Defence army.

cusations made by a section of power of censorship to suppress BIG STORM IN VANCOUVER | observing security regulations over the roads in Standley by men who ought to know better Park yesterday by a heavy than bring despondency to Canwindstorm. Four lumber-laden adian homes and comfort to the scows were upset in the har- enemy by irresponsible asserbor and the lumber spilled | tions" and said that on many

LOWER COAST

VICTORIA, Feb. 12 (P)-A 42mile-an-hour gale swept Victoria yesterday, breaking twelve lines on the stern of the 10-000-ton Joseph Stalin issued two ordersfreighter Lakeside Park being of-the-day on Sunday disclosing outfitted at Victoria Machinery new progress on two sections of Depot. Salvage vessels are now the eastern front—in the north alongside the vessel which and in the south. caught her stern on the launching ways of a nearby dock and army, passing through Silesia, was held fast. There is danger advanced 37 miles in four days

vicinity and also affected tht Breslau and leaving the Germans Lower Mainland but did not there only a 15-mile escape gap.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12-The Belgian socialist leader-Achille Van SOLDIERS ARE Acker-has announced the successful formation of a new government in Brussels. The Nationand one independent.

freed from German prison ing the German occupation and fighting men overseas whom he is described as having played a had visited. They were this Dombig part in the underground inion's best ambassadors of good-

Into Saxony-Zhukon 20 Miles

LEIGNITZ IS TAKEN

MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (CP)-

The most spectacular week-

end gains were made by the

Russians. In a fresh drive

across the Oder, Marshal

Koven's First Ukraine Army

toppled the big industrial

city of Leignitz and virtually

encircled Breslau, the capital

of Lower Silesia. Konev's

spearheads now are probing

towards the German province

of Saxony in a move which

threatens to outflank Berlin

Red Army troops have

smashed Breslau's last com-

munication lines with Berlin

and Dresden, the capital of

Saxony. Only two secondary

rail lines running south of

the city still are open but

these are under Soviet ar-

In Pomerania, other Rus-

citadel of Deutsch-

sian forces have taken the

Krane in a sweep towards the

Baltic and Stettin. This im-

portant 12-way junction city

is fifty-eight miles east of al-

ready threatened Stargard the

outer bastion of Stettin at the

mouth of the Oder River.

from the south.

tillery fire.

From Stettin

continuing operations for several months, Defence arrival overseas of further rein-

forcement contingents and I can | Eastern Frontour army in northwestern Europe United Kingdom to meet con-ROME, Feb. 12 (P)-German several months. These will be Konets' Soviet Army is Moving

Defence headquarters said arrivals overseas. They said the troops were classified as general reinforcements and they could not say whether the troops whether any were drawn from The minister referred to "ac-

the press that I have used the news they would have liked to publish" and said that the recent announcements of sinkings off the Nova Scotia coast was evidence of the necessity for He referred also to "careless statements made in this country occasions he had refrained from giving information because such action would have endangered

BIG WIND ON

she may break her back.

cause serious damage.

Socialist Leader Has Formed New Administration

MOSCOW, Feb. 12— Marshal In the south Marshal Konets'

on a 100-mile front and is near-The gale toppled trees in the ing Saxony after curling around To the north Zhukov's army

captured two more important points yesterday from the enemy and was only 20 miles from Stettin ,the Baltic port for Berlin.

There was no statement yesterday as to the progress of the fighting toward Berlin direct from the nearest point on the Oder river.

AMBASSADORS

TORONTO, Feb. 12-Paul Maral Unity Government, as it is tin, Liberal Member of Parliacalled, will consist of socialists, ment for East Essex, is home Catholics, liberals, communists from England after attending the International Labor Conference. Van Acker was in Belgium dur- He paid tribute to Canada's

GOEBBELS FEELS SAFER OUT OF HIS UNIFORM SO DRESSES AS A CIVILIAN

LONDON, Feb. 12 (P)—The man who spent a good part of his life glorifying the Nazi Party uniform doesn't wear one any more. German Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels has effected a change as Russian visitors approach from the east. The BBC says Goebbels is content to be dressed simply in an inconspicuous gray overcoat and gray hat. The propaganda minister evidently feels that drab attire fits the situation and may be healthier in an emergency.

Two Children Are Suffocated

Teb. 12—The Nazis to be moving troops astern front now to War News Highlights

Martial Law in Berlin

LONDON-Berlin, the capital of Germany, is reported to be in state of siege and under martial law. Fifteen crack divisions have been assigned to defend the city house by

Tito Pockets Germans

LONDON - Marshal Tito's Partisans have pocketed a force of Germans some 75 miles south of liberated Belgrade in YugoSlavia. German troops are also being mopped up around Mastar after a crushing assault by Tito's men.

Germans Thrown Back

ROME-Fifth Army troops in Italy have thrown back at least five enemy counter-attacks in the Serchio Valley area. Elsewhere along the rain-soaked Italian front, Allied patrols have stabbed deep into enemy-held territory despite poor visibility which continues to hamper major operations.

Canadian Spitfires Active

LONDON - During the week-end, Canadian Spitfires shattered a half-dozen German locomotives despite almost solid cloud formations covering their patrol area beyond the British Second Army front. Canadian airmen say airfields in the area of Muenster and Gutersloh appear deserted. No aircraft were visible over the enemy airports and the usual anit-aircraft fire is missing.

Mud Chief Resistance

LONDON-The Canadian First Army is meeting with increased resistance in its drive into the northern end of the Siegfried Line. The resistance, however, is said by one correspondent to be more from weather than the enemy. The country is a sea of mud which makes operations very difficult. Floods on the Roer River caused by the Germans bursting dams are receding without, apparently, having caused much loss to the Allies.

Winning Norway Back

LONDON-Norwegian troops are stated to have made an overland advance of sixty miles in the extreme north of Norway and recaptured a considerable area from the Germans.

MOSCOW-The Russian forces are driving ahead on the northern and southern ends of the eastern front in their great offensive on Germany. Operations in the centre of the front are shrouded in censorship.

Suicide Tactics at Manila

MANILA-The Japanese suicide defenders of Manila are resorting to every type of fanatical resistance and are increasing their destruction as the overwhelming American forces squeeze them into a smaller area in the southern part of the city across the Pasig River. There is no chance of the Japanese escaping destruction here.

Superforts Hit Rangoon

NEW DELHI - United States superfortresses, operating from India, have struck a heavy blow at Rangoon, Burma.

Double Iragedy In Fraser Street Home

Four-Year-Old Boy and Two-Year-Old Girl Victims of Smoke From Fire in Bed

old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hanburg, died of asphyxiation from the smoke of a small fire in a Fraser Street home here late Saturday night. Coroner M. M. Stephens and city police are engaged in an investigation of the circumstances attending the

tragedy. The children were, alone in the house at the time, INVITATION TO the father out shark fishing GEN. DEGAULLE? aboard the boat Johanna and the mother visiting with neibors. The question is what caused the fire. Dr. J. J. Gibson, local physician, estimated that the children might have been dead for about an hour before they were carried out of the Dut. smoke-filled sleeping room of

the four-room cottage. were dead. There was by that homes. time no need for the inhalator which had been supplied by the Navy Fire Department.

According to information re- Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd. ceived by the police, the mother, Mrs. Signa Hanburg, visiting at the house of Mrs. Verna Ratchford next door, had asked Frank Montesano to step over and see if everything was well at the Hanburg home. On entering the Hanburg house, Montesano found smoke coming out of the bedthere was dense and choking smoke. He carried the two children out of the room. There was still warmth in the body of the little girl but the little boy appeared cold and rigid. Montesano tried artificial respiration but with no success. It

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Ronald, four-year-old son, and Lorraine, two-year-

In the bedroom itself was at the time that applica-

PARIS, 12-Reports that General Charles DeGaulle has been invited to the Big Three conference are officially denied in official sources here, nor is there any confirmation in London.

Dutch Children Come to Britain

It was just at midnight that LONDON, Feb. 12-Five hundthe call came to the police from red children, from liberated Hol 749 Fraser Street, the scene of land have been moved to Coventhe tragedy. Request was made try to make their home until for an inhalator as two child- such time as their homeland is ren had been overcome by restored. Seventy teachers acsmoke. On arrival of the po-companied the children. It is exlice, Dr. Gibson was found to pected that some 20,000 Dutch be in attendance. He pro-children will be brought to Brinounced that both children tain to make their temporary

TODAY'S STOCKS

VANCOUVER Bralorne B.R. Con. B.R. X. Cariboo Quartz Dentonia Grull Wihksen Hedley Mascot Minto

Premier Border Premier Gold Privateer Reeves McDonald Salmon Gold Sheep Creek Taylor Bridge Whitewater

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Pioneer