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ARMY ENTERS COBLENZ

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frought By B-29's arianas On Nippon's Shipping Centre

GTON, March 17 (P .underd B-29's from the have set the torch to square miles of Kobe, greatest port and shipcentre. In a pre-dawn he big superforts showdensely-populated area tons of incendiaries. flaming targets were bishi airplane plant lecombtive works. Both ablaze by direct hits. al dock area also was

superfort pilots say leaped skyward from d-out city as they

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tery Osaka is only les from Kobe. nflammable buildings obe target area which pan's largest concen shipbuilding and marfactories. Only ten

ctories—are of modern Tokyo, Nagoya and be has no large rivers Three large reserwhich it depends for believed to be dangeror fighting large fires.

the buildings-chief-

Carl Reich M.O. Here

of Parliament for Skeena from 1921 to 1925, passed Canadian Army have away Thursday night at Brampton, near Toronto, pt. Carl Reich, a well Ontario, where he had made his home in retirement popular Prince Ru- during the past fifteen years Seventy-four years of back to this city for age, he had been in failing arrived this morn-Vancouver where he for the past few reviously he had been will be a matter of much relived in Prince Rufrom Queen's Univeredicine. Naturally he Brampton. welcomed by many no are also interested hat his brother, Fred ally well known and now serving in Belhe Royal Canadian

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CROSS DRIVE Red Cross camto this morning had

TRITIS III

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LONDON-The German radio declares that British warships are operating in the Skagerrak. The Skagerrak is the strategic waterway between Norway and Denmark. It is across this strait that the Germans have been withdrawing troops from Norway.

Italian Liberation Near

ROME—Allied headquarters in Rome have issued a special communique lauding the activities of patriot forces in northern Italy. It declares that the liberation of Italy is not far distant. Patriotic activities are reported to have increased in tempo.

Australia's Proud Record

NEW YORK-Australia has placed before the world the proud record of her army. The dashing, reckless achievements of the Australians who fought from Greece's mountains to the steaming jungles of the southwest Pacific are depicted in a sixty-four page booklet, "The Australian Army At War."

British Airmen Down Under

SYDNEY, Australia-A group of British Fleet Air Arm pilots have arrived at a Royal Naval air station in a remote section of the Australian coast. The Group includes men from Britain, Canada, and New Zealand who have flown from such wellknown carriers as Illustrious, Indomitable, and Victorious.

Reds Racing to Baltic

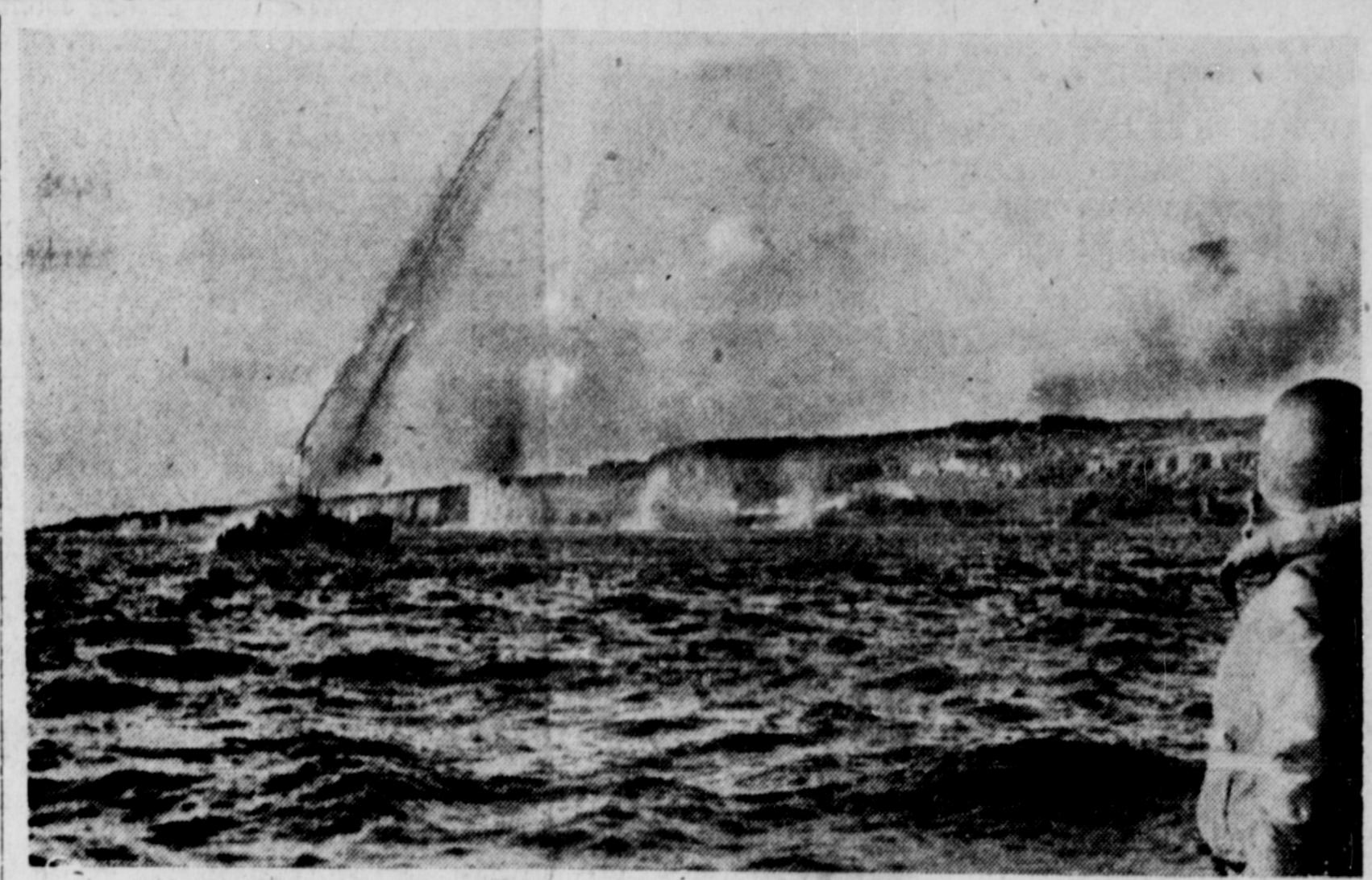
MOSCOW - Russian tank assault forces have smashed through bitter German resistance within four - and - a - half miles of the port of Stettin which is being shelled at the same time. Other Soviet forces raging north towards the Baltic are threatening to split the German defenders of the big naval bases of Danzig and Gdynia. "Significant developments" on the front just east of Berlin were forecast by Moscow today.

Bombing of Germany

LONDON - More than 1300 American bombers and 750 fighters surged over northern and central Germany today a few hours after strong forces of R.A.F. heavy bombers hammered two rail cities-Numberg and Versberg-in southern Germany during the night. A secondary attack was made simultaneously by a force of Mosquito bombers which raided Berlin for the twenty-fifth consecutive night. Thirty British bombers failed to return and nine Germans were shot down.

Alfred Stork, pioneer hardware merchant, first

mayor of Prince Rupert in 1910 and federal Member



ROCKETS STRIKE RUGGED TERRAIN OF IWO JIMA-In this invasion photo, Rockets fired from a U.S. landing craft pour on to the island of Iwo Jima. Photo, taken from another invasion vessel, shows the tough, sloping shoreline of the island, a formidable objective for the seasoned marine corps units who are now fighting the toughest fight in marine corps history on this island.

EIGHT LOST IN GASBOAT DOWN COAST

Small Vessel Upset in

I wo Are Drowned

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, elderly native couple of Skidegate, were drowned accidentally near Lawn Hill on the Queen

Mr. Moody was about 70 years flight. old and his wife who was about the same age, was blind.

The motorcycle, which catapulted its rider through the tree the curb, continued on to crash T. Applewhaite, the party's and captured 53,000 others in the the sidewalk guard rail, and choice as standard bearer. half bury itself nearby in leaf mould and stones on the embankment slope about 50 feet ELECTION ON west of the Christian Science Church.

Henceforward, Lieut. Hutchin- N FINLAND son will undoubtedly have a soft spot in his heart for Prince Ru- | HELSINKI, March 17 (9-Finpert muskeg since it formed the land's voters go to the polls tolanding cushion which probably day and tomorrow in the counsaved him from severe injury or try's first parliament election death at the end of his wingless since 1939. Russia is watching sky ride. He was taken to the the election closely. The official army but nearby following the Russian newspaper, Izvestia, accident and later to the hos- comments that the voting will pital where he was inspected for be considered the first test of

scene of this minor Kittyhawk past. The premier of Finland has gressive party at their regular epic, inspecting the broken rail- gone on record as favoring coing and half-buried motorcycle. operation with Russia. An eyewitness said that the officer stopped his motorcycle on Fourth St. to let a car pass in front of him at the T-intersec-

tion at Second Ave. He appeared to have difficulty accelerating the machine again and then it suddenly spurted forward under full throttle. After swerving erratically to avoid hitting a westbound automobile on Second Ave. the machine charged across the avenue where it struck the curb on the north side.

ODESSA-A third vessel has left here with Allied citizens liberated by the Russians from the invasion of eastern Germany.

Seymour Narrows With Tragic Results VICTORIA, March 17 (CP)— Eight men are missing today after the gasboat in which they were riding upset in a whirlpool between Maude Island and Menzies Bay, about one hundred and ten miles cidental death. northwest of Vancouver in Seymour Narrows. Two others were rescued. FRED STORK, FIRST MAYOR OF PRINCE RUPERT, FORMER M. P., PASSES ON

HURLED 60 FEET EMBANKMENT BY MOTOR CYCLE

Hurled 60 feet over an embankment when his motorcycle suddenly ran wild and struck Charlotte Islands earlier this head on into the curb at the inweek. Details of the tragedy tersection of Fourth St. and Secare not available here. A cor- ond Ave. at 3 o'clock Friday af- garet Lee, Miss Grace Lee and oner's inquest held following ternoon, Lieut. Colin Hutchinson the recovery of one of the bodies of a local infantry regiment es-Friday returned a verdict of ac- caped with only a severe shaking is managed. Caped with only a severe shaking up after his extemporaneous is managed.

> stuck." Lieut. Hutchinson told would-be-rescuers who hurried over the rock embankment find him lying on a cushion of muskeg behind an army hut in the low-lying corner of the C!N. R. Park.

serious injuries.

ALLIES LIBERATED

GOING MY WAY' BEST PICTURE OF

HOLLYWOOD, March 17 (P)—Bing Crosby, who has often described himself as the worst actor in Hollywood-has been

Crosby, Miss Bergman, Leo McCarey, Barry Fitzgerald and little Margaret O'Brien walked off with the major share of honors accorded by the Academy of Motion Picture Art

The film "Going My Way" was chosen best picture of

IWO IS OVER

Last Jap Resistance Crushed And Two Air Fields are Taken

GUAM, March 17-Allied engineers have completed the restoration of the second of two air-strips on Iwo Island, both within fighter plane range of Tokyo. The air-strips were put in combat operation yesterday—the same day three American divisions crushed the last organized Japanese resistance on Iwo.

Chinese Give \$787, More Coming In

Prince Rupert's Chinese population is making a notable response to the Red Cross drive for funds and up to Friday afternoon had contributed \$787, Stan Saville, campaign director revealed. He said he had been assured that Friday's total was only part of the total Chinese contribution.

Awareness among local Chinese of the tremendous international burdens assumed by the Canadian Red Cross is indicated by the fact that their contributions to date in the present campaign are double those for the same period in the 1944 drive.

Ling Bo Shang is chairman of the Chinese canvassing committee. Committee members are Miss Violet Mah, Miss Mar-

"I am not hurt. The Phrottle OF CAMPAIGN

Ex May W. M. Welty has been appointed federal campaign manager for the Liberal party in the forthcoming election campaign. Following the Skeena district nominating convention held here this week, an active campaign is to be immedi- States Ninth Armies killed or tops when its front wheel struck ately organized in support of E. wounded at least 60,000 Germans

whether Finland has broken A large crowd gathered at the completely with her anti-Soviet

Bulletins

ATHLONE TO WASHINGTON OTTAWA - The Governor

General and Princess Alice will visit Washington next week, arriving at the White House Thursday for a threeday stay as the guests of President and Mrs. Roose-

men on the freighter Greenburned at a Vancouver wharf, said Friday that the men "came to unnatural deaths as a result of injuries sustained

VANCOUVER - A coroner's

as a result of burns from an explosion followed by fire." Men had been smoking in the hold prior to the explosion contrary to regulations.

> that he and his Duchess will cause they were not whites. Alberta.

Germans

Enemy Casualties Far in Excess of Those of Allies

PARIS, March 17 (CP)-Front line dispatches said today that American Third Army troops entered Coblenz after an amphibious assault in boats across the Moselle River near its confluence with the Rhine. German broadcasts declared the Americans southeast of Coblenz crossed the Nahe River at Badkreuznach. This would cut off the northern escape route at Mainz for many thousands of Germans threatened with entrapment in the huge Saarland triangle. Berlin said that the breakthrough by concentrated American tank forces made "this sector of the western front completely fluid."

PARIS, March 17 ()—In western Europe, two American armies are tearing loose Hitler's faltering hold on Germany's rice aar Basin. Both armies, the American Third and Seventh, are herding elements of two German armies into a triangle between the Moselle and Rhine rivers. One of the German armies in the triangle is fighting stubbornly to hold off an American assault that has overwhelmed the old French fortress of Bitche.

To the north, the American First Army has plunged to within three miles of open plain country after cutting across the great Ruhr superhighway at two points.

There is no report of major activity on the Canadian Army sector at the northern end of

The Canadian First and United

their recent combined drive to clear the section west of the Rhine between Emmerich and Neuss. Allied losses in the same drive were less than a fifth of the enemy's.

Labor Progressive Party Opposed to Racial Discrimination

Disapproval was voiced by members of the local Labor Promeeting Thursday evening of the policy of racial discrimination followed by several Prince Rupert restaurants.

It was brought to the attention of the club that at least two cafes display signs calling attention to the fact that they employ white help only. The members were unanimous in expressing the opinion that advertisements concerning the employees of such establishments should be restricted to their qualifications to do the work for which they were hired. It was felt that the color of a cook's skin is no guarantee that he is GREENHILL PARK INQUEST a good cook.

Speakers pointed out that in inquiry into the death of five | the present mighty war against Fascism peoples of all colors and hill Park, which exploded and races were fighting side by side to expunge completely from the world the very idea of racial superiority which had been used by reactionary forces to justify their assault on their neighbors.

Particular mention was made of the gallant struggle which the Chinese people had waged for seven years against the common enemy, the Japs. The club TO VISIT ALBERTA RANCH was indignant that, by inference, NASSAU, Bahamas - The the capability of the Chinese Duke of Windsor has disclosed should be questioned merely be-

visit the United States next | Resolutions were passed callmonth. The couple will visit ing upon the people of Prince New York after the Duke fin- Rupert to tell the owners of ishes up as Governor of the these cafes that they resent the Bahamas. Later they may displaying of signs such as visit his ranch at High River, ["White Help Only" and "White Cooks Employed Here,"

where he started into business added to the civil votes. of \$945 in fines reom 57 convictions in court in February, Mr. Stork again had the honor in unravelling the electoral skein o the monthly reports Sergeant O. L. Hall record in this respect was un- was not crushing by any means, by the Police Com- doubtedly unique in Canadian being only 34 votes, but it was ty council last night. municipal history: heral picture of law in the city was

onth, Sgt. Hall's rereduction in criminal phone, water and electric lightnder February 1944 phone, water and close on to a Born in Ontario

in grading the streets. 214 complaints which Rupert's pioneer "live wires." In Stork, and his mother Hannah time a star pitcher on one of ed show breaking addition to his interest in civic Plewes, who both came to Can- the amateur teams in Puget minion statutor of in politics, both provincial and was 17 years of age when he would suggest that he was quite minion statutes, 31 in politics, both provincial emigrated. He carried on busi- able to stand the ordeal of an extra-inning game. Mr. Stork city by-laws.

Rupert Board of Trade, and was in 1917. a member and the sergeant-atpercent of its ob-\$15,000.

health for some time and news Mr. Stork was unequivocally of his passing does not come opposed to Oriental immigraas a great surprise although it tion into Canada, and he gave Eastern Canada. He gret to old friends of Prince an earnest of his stand in this assume duty as medi- Rupert's earlier days. The fun- regard during his tenure of ofof a local battery. eral takes place at Brampton. fice as mayor of Prince Rupert. Mr. Stork is survived, besides He had a by-law passed making he was two years of his widow, by one son—Douglas the granting of application of ded his public and of Chicago—and two daughters, liquor licenses for hotels coneducation here and Mrs. Norman (Kathleen) Free- ditional on the non-employment

man of Seattle and Patricia at of Oriental labor in the hotels. The riding of Skeena was es-Coming to British Columbia in tablished under the Redistribu-1898, Mr. Stork settled in Fernie, tion Act of 1914. Mr. Stork was opened a general hardware store, the Liberal candidate of Skeena took a leading part in the af- at the general elections of 1917, fairs of the then village, and and it looked for a time as if became Fernie's first mayor on he had defeated Col. Cy. Peck, its incorporation as a town in v.C., the Unionist Government 1904. He was also a member of nominee. The civil vote gave the Fernie Town Council in 1907. a majority of 695 votes, but this The following year Mr. Stork majority was transformed into disposed of his interests in Fernie a majority of 524 for Col. Peck and removed to Prince Rupert, after the military votes had been

again as a hardware merchant. In the 1921 elections, Mr. When Prince Rupert was raised Stork was more successful than to the status of a city in 1910, his former victorious opponent of being the first mayor. His in Skeena. Mr. Stork's majority sufficient to ensure his election It was during Mr. Stork's re- to the House of Commons. A in a civic sense. The single tax, Peck. Mr. Stork's election was ed from 48 convictions. years, was introduced. The city sult of the prestige of his brilalso inaugurated its own tele- liant military record.

totalled \$2,105 from half million dollars were spent Mr. Stork was born in the vil- Columbia in 1898.

As a youth, Fred Stork earned Lancashire, had settled in Branthis first pay in the employ of ford. arms of the Prince Rupert Ro- Alfred Dowig, a hardware mer- Mr. Stork at Ottawa gave partary Club. He was a leading chant of Bolton. The lust of ticularly close attention to mat-

gime as Mayor of Prince Ru- total of 3,261 votes was cast for Stork at an early age and he umbia. He was very popular pert that big things were done Mr. Stork and 3,223 for Col. Cy. was only 18 when he left home among his fellow-parliamentarin 1889 with Western Canada lans, and said that his profia method of taxation much dis-joutstanding, his opponent being as his destination. He was em- ciency as an A1 story-teller had anuary, fines totalling cussed and criticized in recent exceptionally popular as a re- ployed in different Western Can- something to do with the popular adian and American towns and larity he enjoyed. lived for a time in Washington before the territory was created a State. He moved to British

lage of Bolton, Peel county, in A baseball player in his young-Mr. Stork was one of Prince 1871. His father was James er days, Mr. Stork was at one affairs, he took an active part ada from Hull, Eng. Mr. Stork Sound. His rugged physique dent of the Prince Rupert Lib- ness as a druggist in Bolton for extra-inning game. Mr. Stork eral Association. He was also several years and was 83 years was married in 1898 to Miss the first chairman of the Prince of age at the time of his death Emily Parkinson, whose father, John Parkinson, a native of

militia officer in the early days. adventure and travel gripped Mr. ters pertaining to British Col-

YEAR—BING CROSBY AND INGRID BERGMAN GET ACADEMY AWARDS

chosen by the film industry as the best actor in 1944.

The choice for best actress went to Ingrid Bergman for her vivid role in "Gaslight."

and Sciences in Hollywood's Chinese Theatre.

1944.