attle Off

Ido-China

Thirty-Eight Enemy Vessels

Already Smashed by Allied

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 13 (9)-

Latest dispatches from Pearl

and planes have already smash-

troyers, and 12 transports.

the Philippines.

sunk and 13 damaged.

ed 38 enemy vessels, including a

with Japanese troops intended

to be thrown against General

MacArthur's forces on Luzon in

fight 25 Japanese ships were

Rats, Old Roadways!-

HISTORY RILES

CITIZENS' IRE

the rodents.

cent meeting:

did we kill rats!"

the ports of the world.

against the beasts.

They were new."

To cope with these a hired

ratcatcher named Reid was

kept tolerably busy. He was

assisted by some volunteer

helpers but no one admitted

the need for a mass blitzkrieg

about putting poison under old

wooden roadways!" a citizen

complained. "Why there

weren't any old wooden road-

ways in Prince Rupert in 1912.

NANAIMO BANS

"STAR CHAMBER"

aimo city council has abolished

secret "committee of the whole"

sessions as being an undemo-

cratic manner of handling pub-

lic business. (The secret "com-

mittee of the whole" is a common

practice of the Prince Rupert

GRATEFUL TO DEVONIANS

United States army is to present

a memorial of Devon or Corn-

South Hams area of Devon

battle training.

. . . and that statement

An alderman of the fruitful

city of Chilliwack, which is

at present embarrassed by an

overpopulation of rats, has

offered suggestions inspired by

what he claims to be an epi-

sode in the early history of

Prince Rupert to get rid of

Apparently Alderman J. T.

Henley once lived in Prince

Rupert, for according to the

Chilliwack Progress, he con-

fided the following to his fel-

low council members at a re-

"I remember how we were

just about driven out of

Prince Rupert by rats in 1912.

days. All the stores would

Ships and Planes

# temperature Sunday. Harbor reveal that the furious assault on big Japanese convoys

Balkan Peninsula Looms Large In War Europe's 'Powder Keg' World's Problem

our in battle is rare, particularly when that battle is being t in the hills under intense hardship. The glamourous or above is one of the heroic partisans with Marshal Tito, ed to risk death for Balkan unity and a share in a fuller richer life in peace. She appears in the new National Board production, "Balkan Powder Keg," a World in Action se providing a graphic background to the news that comes that historic and eruptive European peninsula today.

## CETIME CRAFT TO PLAY AL ROLE IN OCEAN LANES

Well-Known Liners Converted Into Armed Merchant Cruisers Uphold Britain's Naval Tradition

> By FRANK LOW Canadian Press Staff Writer)

ONDON, Jan. 13 (CP)—Like a serial story, the Britain's peacetime ocean liners have played in var is coming out bit by bit. It makes impressive

lore than a year ago censorship allowed the of the two Queens, the Elizabeth and Mary, to

Her last cruise was in 1940

About the same time the Ra-

Halifax lost a regular visitor

crambled for the uncertain

There are others mentioned in

the honor roll just released, and

which grows with every loosen-

ing of censorship. The Orama,

which survived 42 direct hits

from Germany's Admiral Hipper

before she went down with guns

firing; the Caledonia, torpedoed

on convoy duty, the Carinthia,

victim of a u-boat, but which

covered herself with glory by

keeping up her fight even after

receiving the death blow-those

Jessie Conroy Killer

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13 (P)

Still Eludes Police

uncover the killer.

are but a few of the many.

safety of lifeboats. Only four

lives were lost.

d and now the deeds of a f the others have been Europe, and was known as one

of the most pleasant travelling ke the Queens, which were ships afloat. ded into transports with Lost In tbreak of war, these oneuise ships were made into Atlantic merchant cruisers and when, as H.M.S. Forfar, she was glorious account of them-

herding a convoy far out in the ir decks bristling with guns Atlantic and a torpedo struck blg ships with tissue-thin home. put to sea in the days when g need of the Allies was es- | walpindi went. Chill Iceland sels. They took convoys waters covered her but not besome of the hottest fore her fight with the German In the world and, inevit- battleship Deutschland became a most of them were sunk.

sea classic. were not built for war. broad promenade decks, so when the Arandora Star failed to regarded in peacetime, report—lost at sea with a load of e only a good spot for German prisoners when a Gerto hit. Their sheer sides man torpedo blew out her vitals. te u-boat targets. About all Two years later the Duchess of ad was speed and the in- Atholl, one of the longest-suralization that in peace or viving of the Duchess line. were queens of the sea. "bought it" while on her way of the first to go was the back from the Middle East, se. In peacetime she sail- crowded with women and chil-St. Lawrence regularly, dren. Without warning torpedoes Canadians to and from holed her, and the 862 aboard

### ses For Terrace ging Arrive Here

cargo unloaded by incess Norah when she nere Thursday were Belgian horses en-O Terrace where they in woods operation . Ruckle of North Vanoperates a mill es north of the interior

npanying the horses Mr. Ruckle and his son, H. C. Ruckle R.C.A.F., staat Tofino. Final memne party was a brownspaniel which kept e eye on the horses as Good tied at the Navy awaiting shipment to

Search for the slayer of Jennie city council). h trip from Vancouver, couver girl, whose body was Ruckle said, but they

found in West Vancouver, has e Ruckle mill is producing caused West Vancouver municipal and North Vancouver provincial police to run over dozens of 25,000 feet of lumber a clues which so far have failed to where American troops took

## Resistance Met on Philippines UNITED STATES SENATOR IS SEEKING Bulletins MacArthur's Forces Now \$15,000,000 FOR NORTH HIGHWAY

SEATTLE, Jan. 13 9 - United States Senator Warren Magnuson told the Pacific Coast Northwest Trade Association that he would seek during the present session of Congress authorization of the expenditure of \$15,000,000 as the United States' share of a highway connecting the Pacific Northwest with Alaska through British Columbia. Magnuson said he hopes to confer with Premier John Hart of British Columbia before returning to Washington, D.C. He hopes to have the bill approved this spring so that actual appropriation of the money could be made immediately in the postwar period.

### off the coast of French Indo-China is continuing. Allied ships LOCAL BOYS ARE INVALIDED HOME

5,000-ton cruiser, several des-The transports were packed During the first day of the

mother has already gone to Van- the court two weeks ago. couver to meet her son. The other is Sapper/William R. White. brother of Mrs. C. J. Currie of this city and Sidney White who FELT IN JAPAN is in the naval service out of here. He is due back in Vancouver this Sunday.

### Japanese Super-Dreadnaught Sunk

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 13 (9-Admiral Halsey has confirmed the sinking of the Japanese super dreadnaught Musashi. The 45,000-ton enemy battleship blew | Maximum up as a result of damage inflict- Minimum . ed on her during the second bat-

settlement at the next session of

stumps, under old wooden liam Beynon, northern business workers' wages must be settled roadways, everywhere. Boy, agent for the Brotherhood, told before the opening of the comhonorary Mathias Bright,

"Without unity we cannot at sary to turn away from their | Kelley during the annual con- tain advancement and without business pursuits en mass to vention at Alert Bay in Novem- education we cannot express our

Annual election of officers re-They admit that Prince Ru- pathetic reply to Rev. Kelley's sulted in President Harold Sinpert did have a rare rat popu- program, the business agent clair and Vice-President W. B. Morgan being returned to office.

During Mr. Beynon's visit will also attract rats. Besides, reply that the native people have Charles Clifford and Charles in the early days ships bring- ever received. Mr. Crerar has Patsy, of Hazelton, were also ing cargoes of steel rails for agreed that our problems will visitors, and the three were

### MANSLAUGHTER PRELIMINARY ADJOURNED

An adjournment until Monday Two Prince Rupert soldiers afternoon in the preliminary have been invalided home from hearing of Ruth Matzick, chargoverseas service with the Cana- ed with manslaughter in condian Army, according to advice nection with the traffic death of received by the local Red Cross George H. Ross on December 13, Society. One has already arrived was granted by Magistrate W. D. in Vancouver to enter military Vance in city police court tohospital. This is Trooper H. J. day. Miss Matzick, who appeared Hodgson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. in court with her counsel, T. W. J. Hodgson of Fraser St. The Brown, is on bail of \$500 set by

## ANOTHER 'QUAKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 ()-A Japanese news agency dispatch says that a slight earthquake struck the central area of Honshu today. Honshu is the main Japanese home island. The Japanese say the tremor caused Hittle damage.

### Local Temperature

Rainfall for the 24-hour period tle of the Philippine Seas last lending 5:30 this morning was

## NATIVE DELEGATES TO GO TO OTTAWA

KITWANGA, Jan. 13 - The Native Brotherhood of B.C. ex- a native delegation will be given We used to have rat killing pects to send a delegation to a hearing at the next session. close and everyone would take the next session of Parliament |Kitwanga villagers during a re- ing fishing season. According to local pioneers, cent visit here.

Mr. Beynon said that the dele- president Alderman Henley's sense of timers say, did the citizens of mitted to the Minister of Mines Prince Rupert find it neces- and Resources by Rev. Peter T slaughter rats. Never did the ber.

Mr. Crerar had made a sym-

grievances," he said.

## During Coming Session of

Will Present Grievances Parliament

stores close for that purpose. lation. Any locality which is said. "It is the most promising so attractive to human beings

the railway brought rats from | come up for consideration and feted by the villagers.

Parliament." Mr. Beynon continued, "We are informed that

The speaker reveated that the out poison soaked in loaves of to present a comprehensive pic- Brotherhood had decided that bread. Used to put it in ture of Indian grievances, Wil- salmon prices and cannery

veracity must have perished gation would pursue further the branch, Native Brotherhood, at the same time. Never, old- general 10-point program sub- appealed for unity of purpose among the native people.

# NANAIMO, Jan. 13-The Nan-PLYMOUTH, Eng. (P) - The

ARMED DEMONSTRATORS IN PIREAUS—Crowds of armed wall granite for erection in the demonstrators are shown in Pireaus when they paraded through the streets of the Greek city. The armed demonstrators were not allowed to enter Athens, where British troops and E.L.A.S. forces had been fighting.

QUIET IN ITALY

ROME-On the Italian battlefronts there have been no major changes in recent hours. However, the entire front has stirred into action with a letup in the rain and snow of recent weeks. South of Bologna, Allied Fifth Army troops fought one battle at such close quarters that it turned into a fist fight with the Nazis.

ATHENS-A tangled political situation in Greece is further complicated today by the refusal of the left-wing EL.A.S. to release civilians held by their civil police as hostages. According to the terms of a truce, the E.L.A.S. will give | SFORESEEN military prisoners their free-

GENERAL ELECTION SOON

OTTAWA — Prime Minister King has sent a personal message to the electors of Grey North asking them to give Defence Minister McNaughton a seat in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister gave assurance in his message that a general election will be held within a few months and he asked that partisan considerations be put aside for the time being.

MASSACRED BY NAZIS

LONDON - Thirty - four of cruel reprisals which have been reported.

BRACKEN IN BRITAIN

pital accommodation but rethe shortage of Canadian cig-

RESERVE ARMY USEFUL REGINA-A meeting of leading Reserve Army officers here agreed that the Reserve

Army could still serve a valuable usefulness. BRITISH HOUSE SESSION LONDON — Prime Minister CRERAR HAS Churchill will lead off with a

war review at a two-day de-bate on the war situation FANCY CAR opening next Thursday.

MAY BE CALLED UP

OTTAWA - Men discharged from the armed forces who have not had service outside of Canada are in future to be subject to military call-up, Labor Minister Mitchell announced today.

Eastern Front—

sians, by Berlin account, are attacking along the long-dormant front in German Tast Prussia. If true, this means that the Rusblows in the north and south.

through German lines on a wide for overnight guests. front west of the Vistula river in southern Poland.

Berlin said the Red Army offensive is the biggest of all time. German commentators add that the Russians are attacking Poland with 500 guns, two air christene dthe vehicle "Viper's fleets, several tank armies, and Nest," expanding V.I.P. — the with so many infantry divisions army's abbreviation for Very they cannot be counted.

Inside the burning city of Budapest, Soviet forces continue has disappeared. No one knows their systematic annihilation of his nationality, but it is assum-German and Hungarian die- ed he left with the retreating hards.

## Entering Zone of Enemy Concentration On Luzon

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 13 (CP)—General MacArthur has announced that his troops now are entering what he calls a "zone of enemy concentration." This means the Americans on Luzon Island in the Philippines are encountering stiffer opposition. The Americans now have pene-

## STRIKE END

Possibility of International Headquarters Taking Hand in Transportation Tie-Un Seen

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13 (P) A news page story in the Vancouver News-Herald yesterday that WITharaWa "a move from an unexpected quarter is imminent and may Victoria and in New Westminster Continues by Monday" is taken to have referred to a later announcement that an official of the International Street Railwaymen's Union is coming here to investigate the strike which has been declared by the parent union mans today are continuing their body in the United States to be orderly but steady withdrawal young men in a village in the "unauthorized." W. G. Murrin, from the western tip of their Ardennes area of Belgium president of the B.C. Electric salient in Belgium. That saliwere massacred on Christmas | Co., is understood to have been ent now has been reduced to Eve and 300 other villagers in communication with the in- about two-fifths of the maximay have been murdered. ternational union seeking its co- mum size achieved when the This is only one of a number operation in ending the strike. German counter-drive was at

Meanwhile 13,000 Vancouver its height. students are still enjoying an en- American troops biting deepforced holiday as the sixth day er into the German salient are of the strike, called by the mem- a mile north of the enemy's LONDON - ... Ohn Bracken, pership of the Street Railway last major estable route along national leader of the Pro- men's Union of the American the Houffalize-Saint Vivth highgressive - Conservative party, Federation of Labor in protest way. pressed satisfaction generally most half of the 60 public schools of improving weather. with the auxiliary services pro- of the city are closed with 27 A Reuters dispatch from the

there was little sign of relief. to get to lectures.

By DOUGLAS AMARON Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Jan. 13 (P) - A ed a number of Canadians. contractor for the German Todt organization has provided are falling back through fog. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar with a snow and near-zero cold toward luxurious caravan for the use the Ourthe River line in Belof distinguished visitors to First gium, another Nazi force to the Canadian Army Headquarters.

tained with kitchen, living or re- German home army commander, ception room and bedroom with is perhaps directing the attack running water. It has electric on both sides of Strasbourg. lights and electrically heated stoves that make it comfortable in the coldest weather.

Cornelius, the contractor, had his headquarters in Ghent and Canadian engineers clearing RAILWAY YARDS DONDON, Jan. 13 ()-The Rus- away 150 tons of scrap metal from the sides and doors of a shed there, found the caravan, apparently never used, inside.

sians have opened their winter for the sappers so they presented about 15 miles from the Netheroffensive with simultaneous it to Gen. Crerar who decided lands-German frontier. None of that while he preferred his Brit- the planes was missing. Three Earlier enemy reports sadi a ish-built caravan for his own planes were missing after attacks big Russian drive had punched use this vehicle would be ideal along the Norwegian coast in

Maj.-Gen. Georges Vanier, destroyed. Canadian ambassador to France, was the first distinguished visitor to use the caravan and a few nights later Gen. Eisenhower slept there. Gen. Crerar Important Person — into this colorful name.

The original owner, Cornelius, Germans.

trated twelve miles from the beachheads and have reached ground suitable for tank action. Indications now point to a Japanese stand at some point along the highly important

Battle of Bulge-

central Luzon Valley.

## MANDINIA

Germans Are Steadily Pulling Out of Ardennes - Canadian Parachutists Active

PARIS, Jan. 13 (P)-The Ger-

returned to the United King- against the National War Labor For the first time in ten days dom today from northwest Board's rejection of wage in- the Allied forces in the Ardennes European war theatre. He ex- crease demands, commences. Al- received air support as a result

vided for troops and with hos- shut down and three more par- Ardennes salient reveals that tially shut down owing to the Canadian paratroopers have ports service men critical of impossibility of the teachers get- been in action against the Gerting transportation to school. mans in the Battle of the Bulge. Superintendent of Schools H. N. However, the Canadians just got McCorkindale said yesterday in on the tail end of the Ardennes fight. In fact, Reuters The University of British Col- War Correspondent Charles umbia is still open but more than Lynch, says the only thing half the student body is unable bothering the Canadians is that they have not seen more action. Lynch doesn't specify what unit the Canadian paratroopers are attached to. However, it is believed they are part of the British Sixth Airborne Division which was disclosed last week to be fighting in the Ardennes. It was revealed during the Battle of Normany that the British Sixth Airborne Division includ-

> While the German rearguards south is hitting with increased Built almost on Pullman car armor near Strasbourg. Heinlines, the caravan is self-con- rich Himmler, Gestapo chief and

LONDON Jan. 13 (P)-British Lancasters yesterday attacked railway marshalling yards in the It was too elaborate and bulky Uredingen district of Krefeld, which four German aircraft were

### Notice of Meeting

Do you know the facts about Venereal Disease in Prince Rupert?

The I.O.D.E. is sponsoring a public meeting on Venereal Disease on Thursday, Jan. 18, in the I.O.D.E. Hall, at 8 p.m.

Speakers and Films.