

Day's Temperature  
 Temperatures for the Prince  
 district for today read:  
 Maximum ..... 56  
 Minimum ..... 49  
 Humidity ..... 35 inches

**Tomorrow's Tides**  
 (Pacific Standard Time)  
 Tuesday, July 17, 1945  
 High ..... 7:00 15.2 feet  
 19:34 17.5 feet  
 Low ..... 0:52 8.4 feet  
 12:50 7.8 feet

# Churchill and Truman Are Awaiting Stalin

## Big Three Conference May Get Under Way on Tuesday

**Military As Well As Political Problems Expected to Loom Large On Agenda of United Nations Leaders at Potsdam**

BERLIN, July 16 (CP)—The historic Big Three conference of Prime Minister Churchill, President Truman and Marshal Stalin should be under way tomorrow. The conference is to be held in Potsdam, outside Berlin, and the meetings are taking place in the palace formerly belonging to Kaiser Wilhelm II.

### ALLIED ACES RECOGNIZED

**Group Captain Johnson First and George Buerling Third**

LONDON, July 16 — Group Captain Johnny Johnson has been officially recognized as No. 1 Allied ace for the war. Johnson, who commanded a Canadian Spitfire squadron, shot down 38 enemy planes, six more than any other.

Flight Lieutenant George Buerling of Quebec was the leading Canadian airman and was in third place for the combined Allied air forces with 31 planes.

The fact that the three leaders—President Harry S. Truman of the United States, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain and Marshal Joseph Stalin of Russia—are being accompanied by leading military as well as political advisers indicates that military as well as post-war political and security questions are to loom large on the agenda. The war in the Far East and Russia's possible participation therein may be discussed as well, of course, of the problems of occupation and liberation of the European countries.

Churchill and Truman, with their military and state advisors, today awaited momentarily the expected arrival of Stalin to start the conference. Full scale opening of the conference seems to have been delayed until perhaps tomorrow. It was believed that Stalin was held up by transport difficulties.

Churchill met Truman for the first time since President Roosevelt's death in what was described as simply a courtesy call. Tight secrecy prevails as 200 newspapermen assigned to the conference get as close as the adjacent suburb of Sheldorf.

The conference may last three weeks and the only authoritative news will come from the conferees themselves.

It has been disclosed that the leaders of the Big Three will take up an important matter concerning Czechoslovakia. President Edward Benes has revealed that his country will permit removing its unreliable German and Hungarian residents within a few weeks. This action is to depend, however, on approval of the Big Three. More than two-and-a-half million persons would be involved.

### THOUSANDS OF VETERANS

**Ile de France and Letitia Arrived in Halifax at Week-end**

HALIFAX, July 16—More than 4,000 Canadian Army men and an equal number of Royal Canadian Air Force veterans arrived in Halifax on the Ile de France at the week-end enroute to their homes in all parts of Canada after service overseas. Late today the hospital ship Letitia arrived with wounded veterans.

### TAKING OUT PIT PROPS

**Indians in Lakes District Find Profitable Occupation**

BURNS LAKE, July 16—Three hundred Indians and their families are engaged in taking out pit props in the large area of lodge-pole pine lying between Burns and Babine Lakes. Squaws and paposes are keeping vigilant eyes on the fire situation in order to avoid the risk of destroying the timber and the rapidly-growing piles of pit props.

### BYRON NELSON IS AGAIN CHAMPION

**Takes National Professional Title for Eighth Time**

DAYTON, O., July 16—Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, made a record yesterday when the won the national professional golf championship for the eighth time. It was Nelson's championship this year.

## War News Highlights

### Second Naval Pounding

For the second straight day United States Navy task force on Sunday rocked the Japanese homeland with destructive shellfire. Admiral Halsey moved his fleet 250 miles north of Kamaishi, Saturday's target, and pounded the important coal shipping port of Muroran on Hokaido Island with hundreds of 1½-ton shells. Shore batteries failed to return the fire. At the same time 1000 carrier-based planes delivered another withering attack, the objective not being immediately announced. British aircraft carriers are now reported to be sailing with Admiral Halsey's fleet.

### New Jap Weapons

The Tokyo radio said Sunday that Japan had new secret weapons in the making which would be brought against the "enemy" when they had been perfected. The Japanese people were told that Allied naval vessels were attacking the homeland in the endeavour to bring out the Japanese air force which would not be lured to battle. The people were assured that there was safety in air raid shelters from the naval bombardment provided they were not hit directly.

### Italy Declares War

Italy has officially declared war against its former ally—Japan. Italy is hoping to get a seat in the United Nations councils.

## BIKE RACES TO FEATURE 1945 CARNIVAL

Bicycle races for boys and girls up to 17 years of age are likely to be an attraction of the Civic Centre carnival this year. A meeting of the Civic Centre carnival committee, held at the week-end, decided to lay plans for such events following a suggestion by Neil McDonald, Odd-fellows representative, that bicycle races replace the five-mile foot races which have been featured in the past.

It is likely that the bike races will be held for youths from 13 to 17, and under 13.

Chairman T. N. Youngs outlined plans for re-arranging the concession booths and pavilion on the Eighth Street grounds with the idea of placing them in such a way as to make more space available.

"We hope to be able to rely on organizations and individuals to volunteer their services during carnival week and assist us to put this community project across once more," Mr. Youngs said.

Possibility of tying in a baseball tournament with the carnival will also be probed.

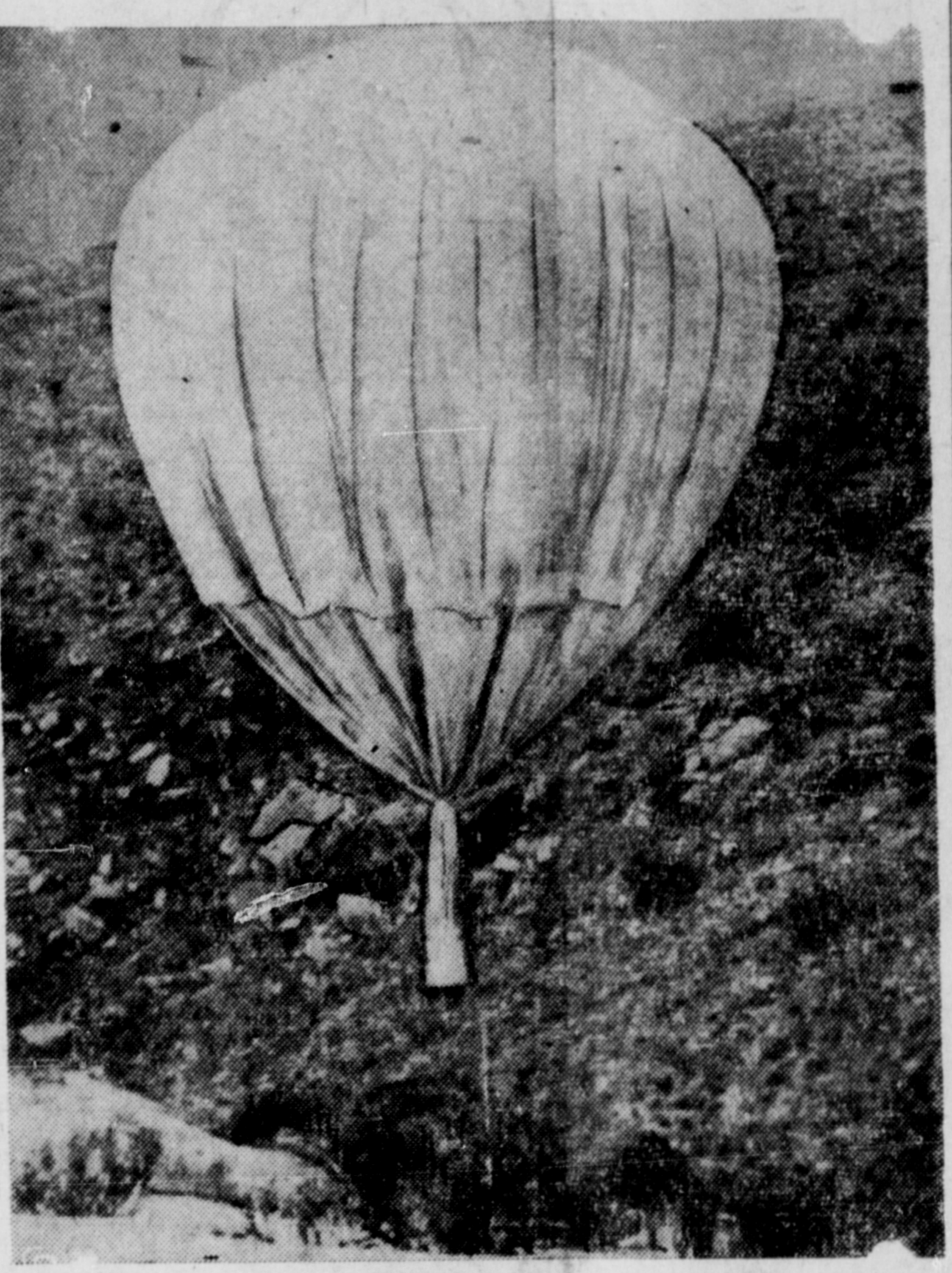
Committee heads appointed by the meeting were: Concessions and games, W. F. Stone; stores, A. J. Dominato; personnel, N. M. Carter; W. Long; construction, Duncan Wing, Alex Mitchell; flower show, C. G. Ham; finance, Alex Armstrong; queen coronation, Mrs. S. Saville; program, E. Gilmour, Arne Wick; warehouse, A. W. Allaire; ice cream and pop, L.O.D.E. chapters, Mrs. D. C. Stuart; hot dogs, Canadian Legion W.A., Mrs. F. Barber; sports, W. D. Lambie, Neil McDonald.

### POLES MAY GO BRITISH

MEPPEN, Germany, July 16 —General Rudnicki, commander of the First Polish armored division, in an interview today, flatly stated that Poland's army in the field would not return to their homeland under the recently recognized Warsaw government until what he labelled "free, honest elections" were held there. He added that "if we are not satisfied that the elections are held satisfactorily I think we will stay here and ask for British nationality."

### LIGHTS OF LONDON ON

LONDON, July 16 —Something happened in London last night that the British people have been waiting for ever since the war began. The lights of London went on again—in a dazzling blaze that brought celebrating Londoners out into the streets, where they walked arm in arm, singing. For many children it was the first time in their lives that they had seen the bright street lights and theatre signs.



JAP BALLOON OVER THIS CONTINENT—Here is the only picture of a Japanese balloon in the air over North America. It carries a charge of explosive, without a pilot, and in this respect is similar to the Nazi robomb.

### Skeena Fishermen Average 335 Fish

Average catch of salmon on the Skeena River last week was 335 fish per boat, with the high boat for the week landing 1125 fish, reports from the river state. Indications this morning were that fishing will be very good today.

Catches on the Naas River are reported to be considerably less than on the Skeena. The 300 boats on the Naas averaged 45 fish per boat on Friday, while on the same day, Skeena River boats averaged 90 fish.

Best week's catch so far this season for one boat has been 1,711 fish. Name of the fisherman was not revealed.

### SEEK INTEREST IN AIRPORT

Seeking the reaction of Prince Rupert over the establishment of a small plane airport here, a Sudbury, Ontario organization has written City Clerk H. D. Thain, outlining plans for development of a series of "air-parks" in smaller Canadian cities.

"Our idea is to start each airport on a reasonably modest basis, and extend facilities at a pace consistent with air transportation and personal flying," the letter said. "Our airports are designed to serve a different purpose than the big airfields which are chiefly devoted to long distance heavy commercial flying."

"Just where all our airports will be has not been definitely decided and we would appreciate your city's interest in our plan."

According to the organization's literature, these plans call for a country club at the edge of the airfield, accommodations for air travellers, dance floors, restaurant and tourist cabins.

"These and other facilities would make the airport the centre of activity of the whole district."

The matter will be presented to city council tonight.

### MINISTER RELAXING

**Hon. George Pearson in City Before Going to Ottawa For Intergovernmental Conference**

Relaxing from the week from his arduous duties as provincial secretary and minister of labor, Hon. G. S. Pearson was in Prince Rupert today going north aboard the Princess Norah for the round trip to Alaska before leaving with Premier Hart and other ministers for Ottawa to attend the inter-governmental conference.

The minister made it clear that his trip was entirely in the way of a much-needed vacation and had no official aspect whatever. In an informal interview with the Daily News, however, he indicated keen interest in the change he noticed in the city since he was here last some five years ago. He was particularly interested in knowing how the housing situation was.

Asked about the possibility of an early election, Mr. Pearson had no comment to make. It was to be assumed, however, that there would be an election this fall as early as possible.

Mr. Pearson will be here again on Saturday southbound. The minister said that Premier Hart would be accompanied to Ottawa by Hon. R. L. Maitland, Hon. Herbert Anscob and himself.

## Emergency In Nippon

**Premier Suzuki Calls Cabinet Into Pre-invasion Session—Another B-29 Attack**

LONDON, July 16 (CP)—Tokyo radio said today that Premier Suzuki has called an emergency meeting of the Japanese cabinet and all regional governors to discuss the war situation and prepare the Japanese people for invasion. Nearly 500 superforts, in a pre-dawn attack today, showed red fire bombs on four Japanese cities, ranging from Oita on the northeast coast to Hiratsuka, southwest of Tokyo. More than 2500 tons of incendiaries were dropped.

### Weather Forecast

Monday and Tuesday—Cloudy becoming partly cloudy during afternoon. Moderate northwesterly winds, frequently fresh during the afternoon.

## CHIEF LOCK WOULD CO-ORDINATE FIRE FIGHTING CONTROL IN CITY

Co-ordination of control of the four fire departments in the city, designed to facilitate the coverage of large fires, has been recommended to city council's utilities committee by City Fire Chief O. T. Lock after receiving the blessing of the fire departments of United States and Canadian armies and the Canadian Navy.

Chief Lock's recommendations will be presented to city council tonight and, if approved, will pave the way for a system of fire protection similar to that used in large cities.

The system recommended by the city fire chief, and to which American authorities wholeheartedly subscribe, would connect U. S. Army fire control headquarters to the present city fire hall line, so that anyone making a telephone call to "50" would automatically be connected with both the city and the American fire halls. These calls would be passed on to the Canadian Army and Navy.

The city fire department would respond to all city fires, with the three service fire departments acting as reserve lines of defence.

"Up to the present time we have had 'zones of co-operation' in which the city would be assisted by fire departments of different military services in different parts of city, or by all the departments if the fire was great enough to warrant it, but there has never been a central control station," Chief Lock said.

Under the zone agreement, the American fire department would be the first to help city firemen at a fire in the west end of the city while the navy co-operated first in fires in the central part of town and the Canadian army in the eastern part.

If the new system is approved, the telephone number "50" would be used exclusively for fire calls, and would be received by both the city and U. S. Army fire halls. According to Chief

Lock, the U. S. Army department has already strung connecting lines and the system would be ready to operate as soon as further connections are made by the city.

"I have asked the Americans to allow us the use of their control operator—a 24-hour service—to which they agreed very readily," Chief Lock continued. "Thus, while the city department would be the first to answer city fire calls, the American fire hall would be the central office. Through them, all services would be advised of what is happening when it happens."

Chief Lock cited an incident on Wednesday which caused him to seek better co-ordination of fire protection services in the city.

"While we were fighting a fire at the Canadian officers' mess on Sixth Ave. E., a call came in from Water St., in the western end of the city. Mrs. Lock happened to be on hand and passed the alarm on to the American fire department, which acted immediately. It made me realize more keenly than ever the need for service which would automatically supply information to all fire departments."

Exclusive use of the present city fire hall telephone number for fire calls would involve the installation of another telephone there for ordinary calls, Chief Lock said.

**X-Ray by Radio**  
**CFPR**  
 Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.  
 HEAR AN ON-THE-SPOT BROADCAST FROM THE "CHRISTMAS SEAL" CHEST X-RAY UNIT

## CONVENTIONS PROHIBITED BY PRICES BOARD

VICTORIA, July 16 —The Prices and Trade Board announced yesterday that an order would be issued today that an order would be issued banning the holding of conventions and similar meetings in Canada for an indefinite period after July 20.

The order also prohibits any "convention" from being held in a "congested area" from more than 10 percent of the room accommodation on any night to conventions or other meetings or organized groups.

This provision replaces an arrangement which the Prices Board worked out several months ago with larger hotels in some of the congested areas, designated as Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and Vancouver.

## FIGHTER TO MAKE TRIALS

**Gaspesian Park, Last of Local Thousand Tonners, About to be Commissioned**

Runs of the Gaspesian last of the ten-thousand tonners to be built at the dry dock, will take place Saturday of this week and the vessel will leave a day or so for the lower mainland where she will load her first cargo. Capt. Llewellyn has already taken command of the vessel. Capt. W. W. Mounce and Capt. Joseph Flood are here from Vancouver to act as pilots, having arrived last night.

## PHILIPPINES CASUALTIES

MANILA, July 16—Casualties in the Philippines campaign have been made known. The Japanese suffered 400,000 casualties, including 10,000 taken prisoner. American casualties were 54,000.

## HOME FROM MY CAMP

**Enthusiasm Voiced By First Personnel of Local Regiment Returning from Nanaimo**

"The best camp yet," was the opinion of officers and other ranks of the Rupert Regiment who returned home from Nanaimo where the regiment spent two weeks in summer camp. Much valuable training was acquired during the past year's inaction at local headquarters. The proficiency of the local recruits was demonstrated in the camp. There was also an opportunity to have a good rest, and, altogether, it was a memorable experience for everybody.

## MON PACK 1000 CASES

First salmon canneries had their first big week of the season July 1-7 when 40,968 cases of salmon were packed. Socks accounted for 32,088 cases, according to the weekly bulletin issued by the federal government.

Comparison with earlier years shows that the total coast pack for July 7 is about 6,000 cases less last year, but greater than in 1943 or 1942.

The first Europeans coming to America found the Indians using cod liver oil as a medicine.