

Wednesday, February 14, 1945		
High	2:38	21.7 feet
	14:35	23.0 feet
Low	8:39	4.7 feet
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High 38; Low 28

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

# Premier Hart Announces Policy of His Government

### Hydro-Electric Commission to Purchase, Develop and Distribute Power — Large Program of Expenditures Planned

VICTORIA, Feb. 13 (CP)—Premier John H. Hart, in a policy speech in the Legislature yesterday, announced that the government will establish a hydro-electric commission with power to purchase, develop and distribute electric power throughout the province and make available \$10,000,000 for those purposes.

Five million dollars will be spent for new buildings at the University of British Columbia including the establishment of titles of medicine, pharmacy law.

Provincial school teachers' salaries will be increased without cost to rural districts to the amount of \$900,000.

There will be provided for financing necessary school buildings in municipalities and school districts \$487,000.

The government will guarantee to villages for construction of water and sewerage systems.

The government will provide \$200,000 for financing new hospital buildings.

The government has purchased R.C.P. equipment worth \$1,500,000 for presentation to communities holding such equipment. The federal government will be urged to continue the civilian protection organization.

The 20 percent rebate on passenger car licences will be continued.

The government will establish a separate forestry department.

Mr. Hart promised to complete the highway connecting the Peace river area with the rest of the province and also to finish the Hope-Princeton highway.

The premier announced a public works program involving more than \$30,000,000 to be launched immediately after the war ends.

He has said that British Columbia is ready to participate in any Dominion-provincial conference.

The government will borrow up to \$500,000 to buy land clearing machinery to be placed at strategic points throughout the province for hire to farmers on a reasonable basis.

## SASKATCHEWAN REPRESENTATIVE

REGINA, Feb. 13 (CP)—Prof. Frank Scott of Montreal, C.C.F. national chairman, was named as the Saskatchewan government's representative Saturday as its member of a three-man tribunal to determine whether the Dominion government has violated the Dominion-provincial wartime tax agreement by withholding payment of \$582,331 due January 1.

The money was withheld by the Dominion in part payment of \$16,500,000 seed grain loan which Hon. J. L. Tisley, federal minister of finance, has agreed to collect from the province under proposals rejected by the provincial administration.

Scott is professor of constitutional law at McGill University and is recognized as an authority on constitutional matters.

## LOCAL RINKS REACH FINALS AT SMITHERS 'SPIEL'

SMITHERS, Feb. 13 (Special Daily News)—Curling in the city's bonspiel reached its final stage last night with the victory of Strickland of Prince Rupert and LeLage of Smithers over Carey of Prince Rupert and Davidson of Smithers for the Bulkley Valley Collieries and McEwen of Prince Rupert and Billy Little of Bulkley for the consolation.

This was the seventh time that McEwen and Little have played in the finals at Smithers.

Ice has been in poor condition for playing owing to milder weather but hardened a little today.

Open rinks are competing in the bonspiel.

## No Respite—Reds Close on Germany

**Breslau Encircled by Advance in Silesia—15 Miles From Stettin—Kuestrin and Frankfurt Weaken**

LONDON, Feb. 13 (CP)—The Russians, virtually encircling Breslau in Silesia and racing ahead fifteen to twenty-seven miles ahead of the Bober River twenty-seven miles or less from Dresden, Germany broadcast say.

To the north the Russians are within fifteen miles of Stettin, Berlin's Baltic port.

The two king pin points of Berlin's defence along the Oder—Kuestrin and Frankfurt—are gradually wearing away under incessant day and night artillery pounding, Moscow says.

## SOCIETY IS BROKEN UP

**South African Prime Minister Moves to Break Up Secret Society**

PRETORIA, South Africa, Feb. 13 (CP)—Members of the "Boederbond" (Union of Brothers), South Africa secret society banned December 15 by the Union Government, must resign from the organization formally and in writing, the prime minister's office has announced.

Under the December 15 proclamation, civil servants and teachers were given 14 days to resign from the Broederbond and the statement said any who failed to do so might be prosecuted.

Prime Minister Smuts said recently the estimated 2,500 members of the Broederbond were largely teachers and civil servants and that membership seemed limited to influential persons or those in key positions. Objects as well as the membership of the organization were kept strictly secret.

The organization has denied that it ever favored the national socialist system for South Africa, or had any connection with the Nazi rulers.

## BELFAST PLANS NEW TRANSPORT

BELFAST, Feb. 13 (CP)—Provision of a new high-level bridge over the Lagan, segregation of industry with creation of healthful and convenient residential areas and protection for existing open spaces and planning of new ones are principal suggestions contained in a report of the 1942 planning commission.

It said that nearly 5,000 Belfast homes are unfit for human habitation by ordinary standards, and that there are 9,000 married couples in the city without separate homes.

With the present high density of buildings—as many as 70 or 80 homes to the acre in some spots—good living conditions are "absolutely impossible" and there must be decentralization of the population, the report said.

It stressed the importance of a speedy and convenient flow of traffic to and from the city. The commission recommended that traffic by road, rail, sea and air be co-ordinated in one unified scheme.

**SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL**  
Brazil's first school of chemical engineering is located at Sao Paulo, the country's industrial capital.

# Big Three Conference Ends

## Complete Agreement on Shortening Up War and Making Lasting Peace

**Announcements Following Memorable Meeting At Yalta — Germany to Be Completely Occupied and Controlled**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 13 (CP)—The Big Three—Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin—have agreed on plans for "shortening the war" in Europe, on complete elimination of both Nazism and German militarism and un-co-operative action in liberated Europe at the conference in Yalta in the Crimea on the Black Sea which lasted eight days and resulted in "continuing and growing co-operation and understanding among our three countries and among all peace-loving nations."

As for disposal of Germany after the fighting, it was agreed that there should be a three-power control commission with United States, Great Britain and Russia each having their spheres of actual occupation, and, possibly, later France.

All German military forces will be completely disarmed and disbanded and the general staff will be broken up. All war criminals will be effectively disposed of and due reparations will be assessed on Germany.

The purpose, it is stated, is not to destroy Germany but to completely wipe out Nazism and the military influence.

The reparations commission will have its headquarters in Moscow.

There will be joint assistance for liberated countries and former Axis satellites to choose their own governments.

It was arranged that another post-war economic conference should be held in San Francisco on April 25.

Following the conclusion of the Yalta conference it was disclosed that Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt had held a preliminary conference at Malta.

An eastern portion of Poland will be taken over by Russia and Poland will get part of Germany in return.

## VANCOUVER HAS FISH AGREEMENT

Vancouver halibut fishermen, who have been operating on an agreement with boat owners similar to Prince Rupert's have signed up a separate agreement of their own. The Vancouver agreement was the subject of consideration at a meeting of the local Deep Sea Fishermen's Union last week. The local fishermen prefer their own agreement to that of Vancouver. Erling Greenstrand presided over the meeting.

## RUSS ANNOUNCE BUDAPEST FALL

MOSCOW, Feb. 13—Marshal Stalin announced today the fall of the Hungarian capital of Budapest which the Nazis have fought desperately to hold. German losses during the siege were more than 110,000 soldiers. The commander of the German garrison was taken prisoner. The siege lasted 49 days.

## SASKATCHEWAN HOURS OF WORK

Will be Progressively Reduced After War Under New Legislation

REGINA, Feb. 13—The minister of labor yesterday introduced a new Hours of Work bill in the Saskatchewan Legislature providing for a progressive reduction in hours of work after the war. Immediately after the war the maximum working week will be six days of eight hours each. Two years later there will be a 44-hour week and in four years 40 hours.



ALLIED FIGHTERS WEAR WHITE IN BATTLE OF THE BULGE—Allied infantrymen in the "Battle of the Bulge," western European front, are wearing their winter battle camouflage in the advance against the Nazis.

## FROM CAEN TO FALAISE IS CAREER OF WOUNDED PRINCE RUPERT BOY

Action-packed weeks which began with bitter fighting at the Normandy city of Caen early last July and ended with a shell burst near the Seine River beyond the Falaise pocket late in August was the combat career of Trooper Harold Hodgson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hodgson, Fraser Street,

of flying fortresses plastered us. I wasn't in that one but I watched the bombs fall on our units from about a mile away."

"However, the worst experience was being bombed by 1,000 Lancasters on August 14. We were to attack German positions at noon and the Lancasters were to soften up the German strong points. Something went wrong. When the planes came over about half of them bombed us. The other half hit the Germans. We attacked as soon as the bombs stopped falling."

When they were later dive bombed by American Thunderbolts at Falaise a bomb fell 50 feet from Trooper Hodgson.

"It was a dud," he grinned. Five Thunderbolts came over and two released their missiles before they realized their error.

When the German Seventh Army was penned in its death agony at Falaise Allied troops were bombed nightly by the German air force.

"They used to come over regularly at 12:30 every night," Harold recalled. "We never used to get any sleep before 1 o'clock."

An armored car regiment is supposed to be a reconnaissance force, feeling out and prodding the enemy with speedy, 15-ton armored cars. However, in France they were used as an actual combat force and sustained very heavy casualties, Harold said.

He hasn't made any definite plans for the future, but thinks he may settle in Vancouver.

"But I'm not too sure of that, even," he smiled. "When the hospital gets through with me I might decide to return to Prince Rupert."

After being wounded, Trooper Hodgson spent two weeks in a British hospital in France and was then flown to a hospital in England. He returned to Canada at the end of December, spending Christmas and New Years afloat on the hospital ship Leticia.

To the perils of enemy action were added the horrors of being bombed by Allied aircraft in the confusion of the German retreat across France. Three times from Caen to Falaise Canadian units felt the blast of Allied aerial bombs.

"The first time was eight miles beyond Caen when a formation

## ROCK SLIDE IS ENORMOUS

**Obstruction On Railway Line Near Amsbury Is Described By Arrivals**

Arrivals from the interior on last evening's train, describing the big slide on the Canadian National Railway line near Amsbury, estimate that some 5,000 yards of 10,000 tons of rock fell down the side of a bluff, completely filling a cut some 200 feet long and probably thirty feet high. The boulders are so large that it will take considerable time and equipment to remove the rock and it may be a week before the line is open again. Meantime, transfer of passengers, mail, express and baggage is being made over the slide, the trains from the East coming through that far while those from Prince Rupert go to the slide and return.

The slide did at least one good thing and that was to remove any further risk from a menacing overhang of rock that previously existed there.

The Prince Rupert Highway run in the bush above and back of the railway line at this point so is in no way involved in the slide.

All telegraph lines between Prince Rupert and Terrace are down today owing to snow conditions in the lower Skeena.

## Germany's Hope of Disunity of Allies Removed

MOSCOW, Feb. 13—The Soviet newspaper Pravda says that with the Big Three conference has gone Germany's last hope of creating disunity among the Allies. The agreement on the final phases of winning the war had removed any such enemy hope.

## Western Front—Resisting Canadians

First Army of This Division Is Meeting With Stiff Opposition From Germans

LONDON, Feb. 13—The Canadian First Army, fighting waist deep in mud and water, is meeting with increasing enemy resistance at the northern end of the western front. The enemy have out seven crack tank and panzer divisions into the fight there.

Berlin stated that three great Allied armies were massing for a new offensive on the western front but this was not confirmed in Allied quarters.



RUSSIAN ORPHANS—These two boys, whose parents were killed by the Germans, return from hiding with guerrillas in the forests, to seek what remains of their native village somewhere in Belorussia.

## RECRUITS REQUIRED

**Army Needs Both Men and Women, Declares Major Brayshaw Who Is In City**

"This is no time for men or women who might otherwise enlist in the army to feel that they are still not badly needed," declares Major Thomas Brayshaw, recruiting officer for Pacific Command, who arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide yesterday from Vancouver and will proceed by this evening's train to Prince George in the course of a tour of this district.

There mere fact that we are so obviously winning the war might make complacency the more dangerous.

There is not only still an urgent need in the Army for men but also for women, Major Brayshaw says.

**PRODUCE PENICILLIN**  
Peru plans to build a plant to produce its own penicillin.

## NAVY ATTACK UPON MANILA

**Would Synchronize with Land and Air Operations to Regain City**

TOKYO, Feb. 13—The Tokyo radio hinted Sunday that the United States fleet might soon attempt to force Manila Bay, synchronizing with the operations of the American land forces which have entered the city and aircraft which are rocking Corregidor.

## Red Cross Campaign, Stan Saville Manager

The annual Red Cross drive in Prince Rupert will open on March 3 with Stan Saville as campaign manager.

**SCHOOLBOY HERO**  
LONDON, (CP)—Henry Flintoff, a 13-year old Yorkshire schoolboy, has been awarded the rarely bestowed Edward Medal for saving a farmer from being gored to death by a bull.

## PLANES HAMPER KLEVE RELIEF

LONDON, Feb. 13 (CP)—A German effort to move men and material to bolster their lines sagging under the pressure of the Allied offensive near Kleve was wrecked by British and American planes which braved hazardous flying weather to attack the Nazi columns. Aerial attacks destroyed more than 1,300 pieces of enemy equipment.

## BAD CRASH AT PATRICIA BAY

VICTORIA, Feb. 13—Three airmen died of injuries, four are seriously injured and an eighth is still missing as a result of the crash of a Canso flying boat at Patricia Bay base.

Famine in Athens was reported to have caused 100,000 deaths in 1942.

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