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Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)

Sunday, January 28, 1945 20.0 feet 22.0 feet 7.1 feet 1.9 feet

Allies Driving Ahead All Along Western Front From Metherlands The Alsace; Germans In General Retreat

ZURE OF ORES IS OT LEGAL

ure of the Montgomery and d Co. properties on the order President Franklin D. Roosewas declared illegal today by eral Judge Phillip Sullivan. said: "It is with considerable ctance that I have arrived he conclusion in this case.' cen properties of the huge order concern were seized

December 28. idge Sullivan asserted that fishness, arrogance, intolerof the rights of others, selfrest and unwillingness should ing this emergency be

C. PACKERS IYS STORAGE

was reported here this afnoon that the B. C. Packers bought out the Canadian h & Cold Storage Co. No firmation was available ally but it was believed an nouncement would be forthning from Vancouver.

NADIANS FLY MORE

ister Howe, who headed the an aviation.

have eight routes to Canada. of applause.

ritain Has

eather Toughest in Yearsven Beer Freezes in Taverns LONDON, Jan. 27 (CP)-Brin has been having a hard nter this year that has ought conditions beyond the collection of the present neration. A relaxation of asorship has permitted dissure of weather conditions to Wednesday. The. weather ween then and this morning I is a secret to everyone but idents of the British Isles. armers in some districts ve had to dig their sheep and tle out of snowdrifts, while usewives have had to go y on the coal because of the ortage of fuel for heating poses in Britain.

near crisis arose in a village in Yorkshire where the er froze and it took five urs with a blow-torch to w the pipes out.

e formed on the Thames and ig the shores of the Dover

drifted munities are isolated P. F. Bellaban and Private P. drifted snow.

Basketball Scores

WEDNESDAY ort Edward 59, U.S. Officers

THURSDAY

ity 41, Co-ops 28. oo Suds 35, Air Force 46.

eter Duston of Vancouver, has ved in the city from Prince orge to act as district represative of a Vancouver wholeotter, now of Prince George.

Display Is Impressive

Good Show Illustrating Use of Fighting Arms Staged by Local Reserve Unit Last Night

As a culminating feature of the current recruiting campaign for the Prince Rupert Regiment of Canada's Reserve Army, a public demonstration of arms was presented at the Armory last night. It was a display which intrigued the interest of the uninitiated and won the congratulatory comment of those who were qualified to judge. It showed that the men of the Prince Rupert Regiment are really doing a good job and have achieved a state of proficiency that is a tribute to their own adaptability and en thusiasm as well as to the excellence of the training which they have received. It was a revelation of what may be achieved in a couple of hours or so of spare time training per week.

The several departments of training which the Reserve Army provides in fitting busy citizens in one way or another to defend themselves and their homes should emergency arise were admirably demonstrated. The stacatto crackle of certain types of guns gave a realistic effect. Other weapons were handled silently but all the motions of actual action were shown. Except for one of the sequences, the whole show was put on by the personnel of the regiment under A the general direction of Regiagreement negotiated be- mental Sergeant Major E. R. American | Macdonald.

The officer commanding, Maprovides a larger Canadian jor C. J. O. Tombs, spoke briefly re in cross-border commer- in welcoming the visitors who aviation. Reconstruction | were considerable in number.

The demonstration proceedadian delegation, says the ings commenced with Privat draft agreements mean a Andrew Derrick, a native soldier deal for the future of Can- who returned home recently after seeing service with the Prin-cess Patricia's Canadian Light TO KEEP CALM present, the Dominion op- cess Patricia's Canadian Light es only one route to the Uni- Infantry in Italy and who has States, the TransCanada Air just joined the local unit, exs schedule between Toronto hibiting a position of rifle and New York. American opera- bayonet to win a large measure

> Then came the various demonstrations of use of arms after which an opportunity was given those present to inspect the

> The concluding feature of the evening's program was the serving of refreshments to the guests During the course of the evening there were selections by the regimental band under the lead-

ership of Sergeant Peter Lien.

The personnel who took part in the display included Company Sergeant Major W. Davidson, Battery Sergeant Major William Noble, Sergeant Major W. Porayko, Sergeant C. G. Brechin, Sergeant S. FAIL TO AGREE C. Elkins, Sergeant C. G. Ham, ON WAD CDIMES Sergeant Stewart Johnson, Sergeant Hugh Ferguson, Sergeant Cliff Wanamaker, Sergeant D. Owens, Sergeant F. O. Bird, Corp. Sam Currie, Corp. Len Brewerton, Corp. J. H. McGlashan, Corp. L. Astori, Corp. J. Reynolds, Corp. R. B. Parsons, Private N. R. Hebb, Private N. Youngs, Private Neilson, Private R. Allen, Private M. Allen, Private W. Bates, Private Smith, Private McIntyre,

Private J. S. Collingwood. A special display was put on under the direction of Capt. G. G. ing of President Franklin D. Nichols of the Soo Suds with Ser- Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winhe chimes of Big Ben were geant H. M. Lynch, Corp. A. E. ston Church and Premier Joseph en up and unable to peal. Frey, Private I. Bellaban, Private | Stalin.

Private Olsen, Private Barker,

During the evening 10 new recruits were signed up—Andrew JAP SUICIDE Derrick, Michael Sandyke, O. Quast, Norman Casler, Peter Lacharite, Angus McIntosh, Donald L. Jensen, Lorne A. Jensen, Thomas Smith, Harry Young and G. L. Taylor. Of these three are veterans of the present war-Derrick, Young and Lacharite.

MORE JAP SHIPS SUNK WASHINGTON-United concern, taking over the dis- States submarines have sunk t formerly covered by W. H. 21 more Japanese ships including one light cruiser.



THIS NAZI WAS PROMISED CHRISTMAS IN PARIS—Suffering a knee wound, this 18-yearold German paratrooper dragged himself painfully across the snow-covered ground to surrender to U.S. forces near Bastogne during the hectic fighting that marked the German breakthrough into Belgium. The youngster said that the German troops taking part in the von Rundstedt drive had been promised Christmas Day in Paris.

GERMAN GENERAL ADVISES PEOPLE Tokyo Hit TO ABANDON HITLER, END MADNESS

Must Choose Between Perishing With Fuehrer Or Turning Against Him-Front Collapsing Everywhere

MOSCOW, Jan. 27 (CP) — A German General captured by the Russians has urged the people of the Reich to revolt gainst Hitler and put an end to what the captured Nazi called "this criminal mad-

The one-time commander of the Fourteenth German tank division-Major-Gen-

Berlin Radio Appeal

Allied Officials Warn Against Wishful Thinking-Peace Rumors Declared "Phoney"

LONDON, Jan. 27 (CP) - The German radio called on the home front today to show neither "illusions or panic."

Rumors told of mounting anxiety and even disturbances within Germany but Allied officials cautioned against being misled by wishful thinking or by Nazi propaganda.

The British Foreign Office labelled as "phoney" rumors in Madrid, Lisbon and Barcelona that the Germans were fighting for peace."

OIL MAY CVILIES

Work of United Nations Commission in London is Facing Breakdown

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 27 (P)—Loss of its two principal members appeared today to be forcing a final breakdown in the work of the United Nations War Crimes Commission at London. Hope for further Allied efforts to plan and detail the punishment of German and satellite war criminals centres upon the meet-

Damage Claimed to Have Been Done to Two American Aircraft Carriers and Battleship

suicide air units yesterday heav- many.

Mighty Superforts Deliver Two-way Attacks on Japanese

ers have blasted the Japanese from two directions today.

B29's from the Marianas have pounded the Japanese home island of Honshu in a daylight raid and superforts from Indian have attacked Japanese - occupied eral Marin Lattman-declared

a Moscow broadcast that a There have been no details of patriotic and national-minded either operation but Japanese officer must lead the fight of broadcasts assert that Tokyo was the army and the people against the target of the B-29's from the Marianas.

Local Temperature

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 27 -Mighty superfortress bomb-

Lattman, who is a member of

serted that the German people Maximum must choose between perishing Minimum with Hitler or saving their na-

> CRISIS IN BERLIN LONDON-The serious food shortage in Berlin is daily becoming worse, it is reported.

Bulletins

MONTREAL TRAM DISPUTE MONTREAL Employees of the Montreal Tramways Company have decided to ask Prime Minister King to intercede in their dispute with the company which has been hanging fire for two years now. A resolution was passed at a mass meeting in Montreal last night objecting to the delay on the part of government and the company in taking effective measures to reach a fair settlement in the dispute.

TAX EXEMPTION EXTENDED OTTAWA - Defence Headquarters has announced that the income tax exemption on pay and allowances of overseas service personnel will be continued for six months after their return to Canada. The order applies only to those from overseas units outside the western hemisphere.

ANOTHER BURMA LANDING KANDY, Ceylon — Indian troops have pushed down the west coast of Burma to a point 100 miles southeast of Akyab. The operation was an amphibious one. It marked the fifth Allied landing on the west Burma coast within a month,

NAZIS SHOOT WOUNDED WINNIPEG-Wounded Allied soldiers were shot in cold blood instead of captured as prisoners, Lieut. Art Rice-Jones, prominent western Canadian hockey goal keeper, said in an interview Saturday in Winnipeg military hospital where he is receiving treatment for a leg

CANADIAN CASUALTIES OTTAWA - Canadian casualties since the start of the war to the end of November amounted to nearly 61,000-16,000 killed, 1,500 missing, 37,000 wounded and 5,200 prisoners.

MORE LUMBER AVAILABLE WINNIPEG - It was predicted at a retail lumbermen's convention here that more lumber will be available this year for home building.

STREET CAR SITUATION VANCOUVER - The advisory committee of the Street Railwaymen's Union, American Federation of Labor, at a meeting with the Regional War Labor Board yesterday, asked the board to reconsider several factors in the wage increase decision handed down by the board offering a 51/2c per hour increase. The advisory committee has called mass meetings tomorrow in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster when recommendations will be revealed.

BY-ELECTION GOING ON OWEN SOUND — General A. G. L. McNaughton said today that the Grey North by-election will go scheduled.

YANKS ARE A.W.L. PARIS-Between 18,000 and 19,000 American soldiers are absent without leave in Europe, it was stated today. Many of them are engaging in black market activities with stolen army goods.

LIQUOR MAN IS DONE TO DEATH

Booze Gang Warfare in Montreal and Toronto Seen

TORONTO, Jan. 27 (P) - The bullet-pierced, battered, and frozen body of Louis Wernick, alleged to be the head of a Montreal-Toronto liquor syndicate, has been recovered from a deep snowdrift on a street in Etobicoke, a Toronto suburb. The body was found by a snow plow crew cleaning out the street for the out the last vestiges of the Arfirst time since a heavy snow. storm several weeks back.

Wernick was a former partner of Rocci Perri in the days when Perri styled himself "King of the bootleggers."

Perri himself has been missing since April 1944, after he left NOW NEEDED his Hamilton home to return to Toronto. The similarity between the two disappearances is taken to indicate a liquor-gang war.

Upon Reich **Greatly Improved** Position Attributed to Nazis Move East PARIS, Jan. 27 (CP)-With the enemy withdrawing from part of the Siegfried Line, the Allies are driving ahead this morning all along the

Six Armies

lands to southern Alsace, the Germans are falling back before six Allied armies attacking on snowbound battle lines. In the north, the British Second Army and the American Ninth Army have driven forward to the Roer River system

> on a line from Linnich in Germany, to the Dutch border town of Roermond. The American First Army has captured five more towns in Belgium, and has edged eastward

western front. From the Nether-

to within two-and-a-half miles of Germany. Allied spokesmen have expressed belief that the relieved situation on the western front can be attributed at least in part to German troop transfers to the east. Moscow dispatch

assert that one German division from the Ardennes se tor has reached the easter front and others are said to be on their way.

The American Third Army, striking on a 20-mile front in Luxembourg and Belgium, gained up to three miles today, reaching the Our River and wiping dennes bulge. The German offensive in Alsace has dwindled and the Allies hold the initiative.

LESS WHEAT

Reduction in Acreage is Being Advised on Canadian Farms By Minister of Agriculture

OTTAWA, Jan. 27 (P)-Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, said today that, in advising western farmers to reduce wheat acreage this year, he was acting upon all information available and, in light of views expressed at the fifth national wartime conference last December to plan Canada's agricultural program for 1945. Gardiner had advised a wheat acreage reduction from 23,000,000 to 21,500,000.

3 FINED UNDER

For Possession of American Liquor and Cigarettes

Three men appeared before Magistrate W. D. Vance Friday afternoon and pleaded guilty to separate charges under the customs act. For possessing 2,300 American cigarettes, Michael Atamanchuk, of 1357 Overlook St., was fined \$50, plus \$5.25 costs. He was also assessed \$64.62, the value of the goods.

Charles Peter Wilson, crew member of the Prince George, pleaded guilty to possession of 6 pint bottles of American whiskey found on him by customs officers on the C.N.R. wharf. He was

Sydney George Drinkall, also pleaded guilty to possessing five pint bottles of American whiskey. He was in the company of Wil-

Corp. J. F. Piper, R.C.M.P., prosecuted.

German East Wall Has Broken Danzig In

Breslau Also in Great Peril as Red Armies Speed Forward

the Soviet-sponsored Free Ger-

many National Committee, as-

tion by turning against him.

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man front has collapsed from

the Carpathians to the Baltic

GENERAL COLLAPSE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (CP)-A Moscow broadcast declared today that the German East Wall has broken down and the German front has collapsed from the Carpathians to the Baltic Sea. While there were major breaches in the Nazi defences, the broadcast appeared to be intended for propaganda purposes. There was no official statement from Moscow. The main spearbead of the Russian drive, according to a German communique, is storming along the shortest route to the German capital and has reached or crossed the border of Brandenburg Province which at the nearest point is 91 miles from

LONDON, Jan. 27 (P)-The forimmediate path of the Red Army the Baltic coast, more than 380,following Premier Joseph Stalin's 000 German troops have been announcement Friday that Rus- killed or captured during two SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (P) sian forces had broken through weeks of the Russian offensive.

Brandenburg which Berlin lin. broadcasts say is already threat-ened. The Russians, in advancened. The Russians, in advanc- the Russians were gaining all ing on Brandenburg, are leaving along the eastern front. Poznan to be cleared by in-

Russian artillery has carried in the area of Poznan where the war closer to Berlin than at the Russians are nearest to Berany time since the beginning of lin. the conflict. At the closest point the Brandenburg frontier is only has been cut by the Russians, 91 miles from Berlin. The south it was announced today. road from Poznan to Berlin is 106 miles and the north, 95 miles.

Stalin announces that four more towns on the southeastern approaches to Koingsberg, capital of East Prussia, have been captured. The four towns are Allenburg, Nodenburg, Lotzen and Tapian.

Breslau, provincial capital, likewise in great danger and is reported to be cut off from all direct communication. The American Federal Communications Commission said

that Breslau radio went off the

air two hours after midnight and has not been heard since. The Germans have severe losses to make up for on the mer free city of Danzig on the Eastern front. With more than Baltic Sea between East Prussia 20 Nazi divisions trapped in East and Germany proper is in the Prussia by a Red Army drive to

Lingayen Gulf off Luzon Island. drive westward toward the fron- officially is a sweep south of Pos- ing.

tier of the German province of en to a point 136 miles from Ber-

along the eastern front.

The enemy appears to be preparing to make its major stand

The Koenigsberg-Danzig line

FIRE IN BOAT DELAYS SAILING

A delay in starting scrap fishing operations of the boat Skena M. owned by Einer Telseth, was caused by a fire which broke out in her foc-s-le at 7:35 last night. The Skeena M. was reported to be leaving for the fishing grounds this morn-

Cause of the fire, which scorched the foc-s-le cabin and burned the deck, was an overheated oil stove. The chimney, which became red hot, burned a nearby part of the deck.

The city fire department answered an alarm and put the fire out before a great amount of damage was done.

The boat was moored at the Union Oil Wharf.

An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast to the Bay of Danzig. The drive | Moscow has remained silent on | Dr. Roger G. Knipe, director | The German demolition squads | son when accosted by customs intercepted today by the blue has cut off East Prussia com- enemy broadcasts telling of a of the local public health unit, are busy in the area where Bri- officers. Pleading guilty, he was network claimed that Japanese pletely from the rest of Ger- Red advance in Poland to the is receiving congratulations on tish Eighth Army positions of fined \$50 plus \$3.25 costs and was German border west of Posen. the birth of a daughter, Mary fer their most serious threat to assessed \$22.67, value of the ily damaged two American air- Russian tanks have streamed The deepest penertation on this Lois, at the Prince Rupert Gen- the Po Valley proper and the goods. craft carriers and a battleship in past Poznan in an audacious sector that has been confirmed eral Hospital yesterday morn-communications centre of Fer-

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR-TERS, Jan. 27 (P)—American troops driving on Malina have met serious Japanese opposition for the first time. General MacArthur reveals that Japanese artillery has opened up on newly-captured Clark Field, where American engineers are working to put the 13 air strips into service.

Nazis Demolishing Positions Along Important Senio River

ROME, Jan. 27 (P)-Nazi demo-

lition work in the Alfonsine area near the Adriatic end of the fined \$50, plus \$3.25 costs and Italian battlefront has given rise assessed \$27.18, value of the to the belief that the Germans goods. may be pulling out their positions along the Senio River opposite a crewman of the Prince George, the tsector held by the First Canadian Corps.