MONTREAL, July 24-With the announcement the Department of National Defence that a number troopships carrying service personnel back to Cana would come up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec, icials of the Canadian National Railways said | Cotsdam e today that their facilities for the transporta-

was stated.

Screws pon Japan

forts to Force Unconditional urrender Coming to Climax is Week

ASHINGTON, July 24 (P) - Efmaximum pressure that can at this time. Prospect is for stsdam by Saturday.

hinese Are Making Further Progress Toward That Former mportant American Base

HUNGKING, July 24 (P)_ Chinese are tightening ure on the former Ameriair base city of Kweilin and separated the main Japan. of Chiehshou, the h Command announced yesday. The Chinese have closed eight miles of Kweilin the southwest.

Halibut Sales Canadian

(181/4c and 161/2c) eeny Milly, 20,000, Co-op. Sulvik (Black Cod) 15,000,

ARIS, July 24 (P)—This is the ond day of the trial of 89ar-old Marshal Petain. In his stimony yesterday, former eggs. ench Premier Paul Reynaud that today he will his charges that Petain king an armistice in 1940. tate this afternoon the trial s interrupted for half an hour he request of defence counwho submitted Petain was Hering from effect of heat aln appeared in his maruniform, holding head and with face fresh ugh expressionless.

AKE LABOR

ged to make labor legislation plants was seen today. federal responsibility. A Torto local of United Automobile orkers of America asks that King obtain the co-operation the provinces at the coming eminion-provincial conference make the changes.

tion of troops from dockside at | rogress Wolfe's Cove, where these ships will dock, are in readiness. The C. N. R. facilities at Quebec are sufficient to handle the transportation needs of all members of the armed forces that the largest troopships can carry, it

Trains are operated from dockside at Wolfe's Cove, over the C.N.R. line known as the "Marine Spur," westward Quebec Bridge and across to the south shore to connect with the main transcontinental Halifax to Vancouver C.N.R. line. Four fidently expect some sort of trains can be loaded with pass. from the Big Three engers simultaneously at docketing at Potsdam to provide side. The average troop train carries 500 servicemen and to load their baggage and arrange for their seating normally takes one hour although it has been done in less time. This would mean that 2,000 members of the armed forces could be moved out of Quebec nearly every hour. The Canadian National Railway's the one day - Thursday - while marshalling yards at Quebec are Churchill is in London. large enough to handle any number of cars and trains nec-essary to entrain all the service- SECRET WEAPONS men off any of these ships.

From V-E Day to July 16, total of 65,985 Canadian servicemen returning from overseas travelled on special trains from dining cars, 92 hospital cars and | Pacific. 366 cars of other classes—an average of 38 cars each day during No Let Upthe period, the equivalent of four special trains a day.

During the five and one half day journey from Halifax to Vancouver in a single dining car, eight tons, the following supplies are needed:

Two and one half tons of meat, two and one half tons of vegetables, 1264 loaves of bread, 355 pounds of tea and coffee, enough to serve 20,000 cups, 376 pounds of sugar, 360 of cereal, 163 butter, 150 flour and 450 of jam, 324 gallons of milk and 150 dozen

HAVING STRIKE

TCRONTO, July 24 ()-It is reported that employees of five plants of Canada Packers Limited in Toronto are to go on strike today in protest against the refusal of the company to remove a worker from the beefkilling floor at the demand of union officials.

The possibility of the strike spreading to meat packing plants in Peterborough, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver plants of Canada Packers Ltd. as a result of the walk-out in the five Toronto

Alan Hurst, Pacific area secretary for YMCA war services, will be the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club tomorrow.

rince Rupert Civic Centre C

"MISS AMERICA" PAGEANT 1st Prize \$75 — 2nd Prize \$50 — 3rd Prize \$25 August 9, 10, 11



MISS NORTHERN B.C." FINALS

LOCAL CONTEST August 6, 7, 8 for "Miss Prince Rupert" Title nner Goes to Atlantic City by Air for "Miss America"

Contest s closing dates extended to August 4, local and outof-town entries invited in Norway.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

leat Rationing By September 1

Stalin Said to be Making Concessions—Early End of Parley Seen

POTSDAM, July 24 (P)-Prime Minister Churchill, President Truman and Marshal Stalin appear to be getting along well in their Potsdam meetings. There are strong suggestions that the Russian premier is making worthwhile concession to the Anglo-American point of view which these days is mainly concentrated on quick action in the

The Big Three conference may end soon. Prime Minister Winston Churchill is anxious to get back to Britain by Thursday when the results of the British ! general election will be made known and it is understood that President Truman wants to talk to the American Senate.

The conference will recess for

FOR KAMIKAZES

HAMILTON, July 24-A new were transported over the lines secret weapon-the "disintegrao fthe C.N.R. Of these 55,985 tor"-for use in combatting Japanese suicide planes is being en Kwangsi and Hunan Halifax and 10,000 from New made here for the Royal Canavinces by reoccupying the York points. A total of 2,300 cars dian Navy. Some of them are were required-1517 sleepers, 325 already in use in the South

a crew of 14. Totalling almost Yet at Nip sees

Great Naval Base of Kure on Inland Sea is Target— Industries Hit Also

GUAM, July 24 (P-Japan has the heaviest series of air blows delivered thus far in the Pacific war. At least one thousand carrier planes from the combined British-American fleet have blasted the great naval base at Kure on the Inland Sea.

At the same time a force of more than 600 superforts struck Japanese home island.

may have found the larger part the Canadian Infantry School at to chartered banks. of the remainder of the Japan- Vernon. Many of the men are ese fleet as a result of the at- destined for service in the tack on Kure.





U.S. SUB RESCUES DOWNED FLIERS-That not all the work of the Pacific fleet's submarines is destructive is attested in these pictures, taken when a navy PBY was forced down into the water off the coast of Japan. Top, crewmen of the doomed aircraft take to a raft and paddle over to the underseas craft; centre, two of the plane's crew are hauled to safety over the side of the submarine; bottom, the crippled PBY is set afire

Air Force Pilots Now Army Officers

VERNON, July 24 (P)—A group Pacific.

SILVER DOLLARS BEING MINTED

OTTAWA, July 24—Silver dol- other ship. at industrial targets on the main of 37 former Royal Canadian Air lars are being minted for the Force officers have been gradu- first time since 1939 at the order Allied carrier - based planes ated as infantry officers from of the Bank of Canada for issue

> Brazil is larger than continenal United States.

Prince Rupert Road-

OTTAWA HAS MADE NO OFFERS TO GIVE UP HIGHWAY

CHECK UP ON **GERMAN GIRLS**

HERFORD, Germany, July 24 tish soldier friend.

DYNAMITE IS

HALIFAX, July 24 (P-It is believed that the recent Halifax fire and explosions at the Bednaval ammunition depot has scattered unexploded cases of explosives throughout the harbor. A warning has gone out to residents of the district against handling such objects, should they find them.

IN SCOTTISH COMMAND LONDON, ()- Lt.-Gen. Neil pert Highway would be one of Ritchie, commander of the Bri- the matters discussed by Premier tish 8th Army in Africa during 1941-32, has been appointed genofficer commanding-inchief, Scottish Command, succeeding Gen. Sir A. F. Andrew, assured him that he believed it now commanding Allied forces was only "a matter of time"

Maintenance Is Still Federal Responsibility, Says Chief Engineer

The federal government has as yet made no offer to turn (P)—German young men have the Prince Rupert Highway started keeping books on Ger- over to the provincial governman girls who associate with Al- ment, and ownership and relied troops. An Allied officer sponsibility for maintaining this says he has seen gangs of young part of the transprovincial motor Germans, going around with artery still rests with Ottawa, notebooks, spying on German A. L. Carruthers, provincial pubgirls. He relates that he saw one lic works engineer, told the German girl being kicked and transportation committee of the slapped after leaving her Bri- Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce during a short stopover

In the course of a quick trip through the northern part of the province Mr. Caruthes, accompanied by his assistant engineer, H. C. Anderson, arrived here late Saturday evening by aircraft from Massett, proceeding eastward along the highway as far as Usk Sunday afternoon. Sunday morning they inspected public works projects in the city and met the Chamber of Commerce transportation committee headed by S. E. Parker.

"While cautioning us that he had no voice in department policy, Mr. Carruthers said that he believed the matter of responsibility for the Prince Ru-Anscomb at the Dominion-Provincial conference in Ottawa,' Mr. Parker told the Daily News. The department engineer had

until the status of the road is

Skeena Catch Averages 487

In spite of a slackening in fishing there averaged 487 fish per boat. Best fishing was around Smith Island although other places were also good. High boat during the week caught 1,322 fish. High boat for the season has caught 2,934 fish since July 1.

Joseph Arseneau, for twentyfive years postmaster at Premier, having just retired, here today aboard the Catala oing through to Vancouver.

settled, Mr. Parker said. "We found Mr. Carruthers very co-operative," he added.

Scheduled to make a comprehensive tour of the northern part of the province, Mr. Carruthers had been forced to shorten his trip in order to get back in Victoria to prepare data for Hon. Mr. Anscomb when the minister attends the Ottawa conference.

Hart and Public Works Minister | Carnival Committee

A meeting of the Civic Centre Carnival Committee will held at the office of George Rorie, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Fire At Sea-

Story of Survivor

Small Freighter Was Quickly Consumed After Flames Broke Out

erican freight boat "FS29" off Green Island, 35 miles north of Prince Rupert, at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, the vessel had VanCouver been abandoned and crew and passengers were safe aboard the motor freighter Robert Eugene and headed for Prince Rupert, it was reported by Major Morgan Livingstone who was one of the passengers.

vessel was abandoned only after every effort had been made to control the flames and save the ship. "The captain, mate and crew performed their duties without unnecessary delay and a minimum of excitement," Major Livingstone declared.

Livingstone told of being awakened at 3 a.m. by a member of the crew who reported the ship on fire. "I immediately dressed and went on deck, observing the crew attempting, by means of water and chemicals, to control the fire which appeared to be inthe galley and after part of the

"At approximately 3:20 a.m. orders were given to prepare the lifeboats. About fifteen twenty minutes after the boats had been lowered a ship was sighted and a Very Pistol fired to indicate we were in distress. The Robert Eugene came a near as was safe and stood by. After about a twenty-minute interval of time, the fire showed no signs of abating so the captain gave orders to abandon ship. The fire was then breaking through the deck. We rowed to the "Robert Eugene, were taken aboard and shortly after were headed for Prince Rupert."

There were no casualties and most of the effects were saved although a few bags of mail and some freight was lost.

Twelve passengers and crew of eight of the "FS29" are now on the way to Seattle aboard an-

CAUGHT IN ROUND-UP

Mass Arrest By Americans in Occupied Germany Was Well Planned-Sudden Coup

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, July 24 (P)-Many of the eighty thousand persons taken into custody during the week-end in the great mass raid by American troops in the American occupation zone of Germany, as disclosed yesterday, were members of the SS evident on Friday, Skeena hunted as war criminals. Fif-River fishermen had their teen million Germans in the Ambest week so far this season erican zone were caught comlast week when the 700 boats pletely by surprise. Bewildered and snared, they offered not the slightest opposition.

Although orders for the raid had been issued three weeks ago, perfect security was maintained and not a word leaked Only two Germans tried to

escape search and at least one was shot to death. A considerable number guns, ammunition and loot such today and Wednesday.

as American uniforms, field rations, gasoline and vehicles were uncovered but there was no sign of organized German underground.

A lot of SS men were rounded up but the exact number and the identification of any leaders among them were not

LONDON, July 24 (P) - The British Air Ministry announces that Royal Air Force bombers sank six Japanese ships and damaged 15 off the southeast coast of Burma during a nineday period.

Are Announced by Board

Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, said today it is desired to have consumer meat rationing effective not later than September 1 and perhaps earlier. Brown "M" coupons Within an hour after fire in existing Canadian ration books will be used for the broke out aboard the small Am- reimposed meat rationing, each coupon having a value

Large Fire Again chases of small quantities of meat.

VANCOUVER, July 24 (CP)-A three-alarm fire, the second major blaze in as many days and the third within a week, last night destroyed the Terminal City Ironworks in the east end, causing \$100,000 dam-

Last Tuesday the Mainland Transfer warehouse was burn- 1943. ed to the ground with loss of \$200,000 and early Sunday the Walter Moberley School was destroyed with loss of \$130,000. The Terminal City Ironworks was engaged in war work for the British Admiralty supply board and was the only firm in this province making fire hydrants.

Bulletins

**** CRERAR AT BUCKINGHAM LONDON-Lieut.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar was at Buckingham WAY HOME by the King with the Grand Companion of Honor and chatted for half an hour with His Majesty.

MAY UNSEAT BRACKEN NEEPAWA — The Neepawa Liberal Association may move to unseat John Bracken as a result of alleged "open breaches of the Election Act" Bracken workers at the recent general olection.

EGG PRICE UP 2c VANCOUVER—The egg price advanced 2c per dozen here

WRENS DID GOOD JOB DARTMOUTH, Nova Scotia-During last Thursday morning's ammunition depot explosion in Bedford Basin, two Wrens from western Canada stood by in the centre of Dartmouth's evacuated area keeping naval communications open. They were Leading Wren Ruth Kidd of Drumheller, Alberta, and Wren Marjorie Kwalheim of Winnipeg.

CHECKING UP ON

VANCOUVER, July 24 (P)- A Vancouver newspaper, the News government is ordering the registration of all vacant houses in the city and in nearby New West-minster. Previously the Vancouver Citizens Housing Committee had demanded the seizure of houses empty for 60 days or

Weather Forecast

Moderate southerly winds, of cloudy and mild with light rain

> AFTER SIX YEARS LONDON (P) - The committee

appointed by the Lord Chancellor to consider revision of the libel law is resuming its sittings which were suspended at the outbreak of war in 1939.

ranging from one to three pounds of meat per week de-Board announced. There will be a system of tokens for pur-

The Board did not give the specific date for restoration of the rationing made necessary by the demand for food in Europe but it noted it had estimated it would take two months from July 6 to have the system in operation. Meat rationing was dropped in February last year after being operative from May

Mr. Gordon said that the quota system imposed in relation to slaughterings will permit the board to keep a close check on animals killed in Canada if necessary to meet obligations for snipments of meat, mainly for relief of hungry Europe and for use of the United Kingdom.

The ration might be reduced but Mr. Gordon said most people will be able to get meat whenever they want it.

UGANDA ON

Canadian Cruiser Returning So Crew Members May Cet

Discharges OTTAWA, July 24 (P) - Navy Minister Abbott has announced that the Canadian cruiser Uganda is returning home to allow those members not having volunteered for Pacific service to

obtain their discharges. A charge has been made by Major-General G. R. Pearkes, V.C., M.P., that the vessel is returning home because five hundred crew members resent being asked to volunteer for Pacific service after having already volunteered for service anywhere. General Pearkes is the former officer commanding in chief of Canadian Army's

Lived Here As Boy-Dies In Hollywood

Pacific Command.

Arthur Nelson, son of the late Otto Nelson, early owner of the Pioneer Laundry here, who later built the St. Elmo Hotel, died recently in Hollywood, according to word received by Theo Collart from Miss Custer of Los Angeles. Deceased, who will be remembered as a boy by old timers, had not been well for some time. He is survived by his Herald, says that the federal mother. The late Fred Wesch

Fifty-six Thousand Have Been Moved Home Since V-E Day

OTTAWA, July 24 (P) More than 56,000 overseas servicemen have returned to the Dominion since the fighting stopped in Europe and the figure represents one-third of the Canadian personnel expected back by the end of the year. On V-E Day there were more than 161,000 Canadian servicemen of the Army and Air Force overseas who were expected to be returned to Canada by the end of the year.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

City Taxes, General and Local Improvement, are due and payable at the City Hall on or before August 1, 1945. After that date five percent penalty will be added.

H. M. FOOTE,

Collector.