North Coast and Queen Char-

lottes-Light winds, cloudy and

cool today, light to moderate

winds, cloudy and cool with light

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Italin's Offensives Are Smashing On

Germans Will Scill Be Out of Italy, Winston Churchill Predicts eds in Silesia After all of Polish Capital

Moving Into German Territory Following Capture of Warsaw and Krakow

ONDON, Jan. 18 (CP)—Russian troops, rolling and in Stalin's greatest winter offensive, may already crossed the German frontier into the and industrial region of Silesia. A Moscow dis- to learn at first hand whether it h said it was believed Germany was now fighting is advisable and safe for the Air er homeland soil both on the eastern and western Department in Ottawa to pro-

that Russian spearheads Breslau, Germany's chief inreached the immediate dustrial city in Silesia, was CANADIENS wen stated today that some already pushed across the are involved in the current push. MOVING UP

ee extremely powerful Rusarmies are known to be g ahead along a 250-mile scow now is celebrating the Europe.

re of Warsaw and the Luboverrun by Soviet troops. German frontier. n now is less than 260 miles of Warsaw.

is becoming increasingly n the face of the smash- of the north.

y of German Silesia. It "directly in the danger zone."

Moscow continues fairly reticent on up-to-the-minute developments but military men in These armies are fast the Russian capital say that the ting all Poland after the Soviet winter offensive is dere of Warsaw, Radon and signed primarily to destroy all of the German armies in eastern ly Chicago Black Hawks 4 to 2

The Germans are reported advancing Red Army forces falling back to the next natural captured the city of line of defence, the Older River ochowa, 125 miles south- which at one point is only thirty miles from Berlin.

Russian crews, in new Stalin ent that the Germans may super-tanks, are threatening to ose all of Poland as a re- cut off a cluster of German cities of the swift Russian ad- in Silesia which form the main Berlin admitted con- support of the German armies

ters From Boys-

INCE RUPERI MEN IELE OF ARMY EINITALY, ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTS

g on the various battle- without windows and doors with s, continue to arrive stead- only the outside walls finished as

nner J. C. G. Rees, No. 2, .U., writes:

nner P. A. C. Kalvik, 15th ry, 7th A/T Regt., R.C.A.,

ank you so much for the you the other day.

papers tell, I will try to vehicles and houses reduced to you an idea. First coming to rubble—and lots of white crosses did not please me at all. along the way. I have been lucky w little beauty in the big not to see many dead but they rete and brick buildings. were not so very far away.

cional Service Youth Urged

TAWA, Jan. 18 (P)—Admiral ational service in peacetime ture that you see quite a bit of youths spending a year on in Italy. Personally I prefer to coasts, in the air, and in the see high culture in scientifically, eer areas of the country. Ad- equally spread-out good living-Nelles says he learned a not palaces on one hand and in from this war on the need slums on the other. Even Mussonational security.

howing the gratitude for my billet where I shivered and of cigarettes sent them by got ill on Christmas Day. Soon Women's Auxiliary of the after I was moved and landed in a kind of factory building which was better built but the heat from the oil drum heater ceived with thanks two the big room so we soldiers were als of eigarettes and Christ- packed around the drum all parcel received last week. I night, still shivering and had to met a few of the boys over hurry when going to bed. I had lately. I am interested to a bed in this place but slept on n if a letter I sent to one the floor in the first billet. Next e papers got there or not, we lived in tents, then in a hut wer here have been getting made of bamboo, with strawof the latest news from thatched roof, then a farmhouse e Rupert. Let us hope that kitchen, then a big concrete difficulty is settled soon. building which was cold and ng you will have a Merry made my muscles ache like hell tmas and a Happy New with rheumatism. Then came a period of living in tents almost continually until the summer sun became more constant. slept, ate, worked and worried in open air. During this latter period I went through the Hitler ligarettes which I received Line and half died of fright from the noise and flash of our own I think that you may like guns-from German shells and low a little of my life here bombs and ack-ack and saw the aly, apart from what most devastations of war in burned

when we speak of Sunny "After the Hitler Line I was we should not forget to on leave and visited Bari where production may be assured. ion summer, when it is real- I saw people eating raw shellfish The council by motion pledged nny and warm. The winter and raw devilfish, which the its unanimous support to the have some sun but it is far fishermen had pounded with a striking street railwaymen in warm. I never was so cold piece of wood and washed in the Vancouver, Victoria and New y life as I was last winter. not-so-clean water on Bari Westminster and the business I had a big brick house beach. I also saw the fishermen agent, Charles Stewart, will be so bring in their catch which seem- advised. ed to contain mostly skate and fish and brisling caught in a taxation of co-operatives. small net. Part of this waterfront looked rather nice with a W. Nelles, former chief of long sea wall along which I took Canadian Naval Mission a walk. There were big buildings, seas, is advocating a system decorated artistically with sculp-

> .34 inches. (Continued on Page 3)

CAL AN AIR
POLL COMES UNDER REVIEW

in Ottawa are attaching considerable importance to the current visits to Britain of Air Marshai Robert Leckie, chief of staff of the Air Department, and Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, Canadian air commander overseas. The purpose of Air Marshal Leckie's visit is understood to be ceed with the slowing down of m the Berlin radio comes ing onslaught, reporting that air training in Canada.

Now Have Three Game Leadership Margin in National

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 9-Montreal Canadiens defeated the lowin last night's National Hockey Berlin acknowledges that it League game and increased their adio says that Poland's sec- will be extremely difficult to margin of leadership over Decity of Krakow also has check the Russians short of the troit Red Wings to three full

Tonight's fixture will be between New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings at Detroit.

Fishermen Hear Appeals For Amalgamation

Appeals for amalgamation of Prince Rupert fishermen's and dock workers' unions with Vancouver unions were voiced at a special meeting of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union Tuesday night by two Vancouver unionists, Alex Gordon of the Cannery and Dock workers union and George Miller of the United Fishermen's union.

Each stressed the advantages of a solid organization of fishermen along the coast. The idea is being considered by members of local unions and it is expected that it will be brought up for formal discussion at the next regular meeting of the Fish ermen's union.

Mr. Gordon met with memdid not penetrate to the rest of bers of the Cannery workers union last night.

Labor Council Elects Officers -Ask for Continuous Dry Dock

Angus MacPhee was elected president of the Prince Rupert Labor Council at its regular monthly meeting. He succeeds D. A. Careless. N. Bellis was elected vice-president with R. H. Adcock secretary and William Rothwell, D. A. MacPhee and J. W. Mavins trustees. Delegates to the Civic Labor Federation were named in the persons of R. H. Adcock, J. W. Mavins and C.

A letter was ordered sent to Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, urging him to use every effort to secure new contracts for the local dry dock in order that continuous

Another motion put the coundogfish or some similar kind of cil on record as opposed to any

> MORE JAP SHIPS SUNK WASHINGTON-United States submarines have sunk 24 more Japanese ships, including four combat vessels, making the total to date 958 enemy vessels.

Rainfall for the 24-hour period ending midnight Wednesday was

FAMOUS PLAYERS TO BUILD THEATRE Western Front-OTTAWA, Jan. 18 Officials ON THIRD AVENUE AT FIRST STREET

Just as soon as a federal permit, held up at present on account of shortage of materials and manpower, is available, Famous Players-Canadian Corporation will proceed with the construction of a new and modern theatre on Third Avenue at the northwest corner of First Street, it was announced today by F. H. Gow of Vancouver, British Columbia district manager for the company.

Plans have been drawn up by Townley & Matheson, Vancouver architects, for the structure which will occupy a double corner 100 by 60 feet. It will be of stadium interior type like the present Capitol Theatre and will have capacity for 800 persons. Appointments, equipment and fittings will be of the most up-to-date type.

The building is to be of concrete construction and will cost an estimated \$75,000 to \$80,000 exclusive of some \$40,000 for equipment.

Mr. Gow stated definitely that it was the intention of the company to operate two theatres in Prince Rupert.

Bulletins

STREET CARS TOMORROW VANCOUVER - Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster street railwaymen are voting today on a new agreement providing a 6c per hour basic wage increase. It is expected that it will be approved and that street cars and buses will resume operation tomorrow.

JUDGE RETIRING VANCOUVER - Judge David White of New Westminster will retire on February 7.

BOMBING GERMANY LONDON - United States heavy bombers, out for the sixth straight day, struck at Kaiserlautern, important German railroad behind the Saar front, following up the Royal Air Force night blow a Magdeburg which was still afire from previous bombings

JAPS QUITTING MANILA GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS - Key Japanese personnel are being evacuated from Manila as American forces lengthen and extend the front leading from Lingayen toward the Philippine capital.

AIR TRAINING POLICY OTTAWA-Air Force circles in Ottawa are discussing the possibility that Air Marshal Robert Leckie, chief of air staff who arrived in Britain this week, may discuss with R.A.F. officials a modification of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan slow-down policy announced in November. When the curtailment program was announced, Major C. G. Power, then air minister, declared that it didn't necessarily mean that all air training in Canada would come to an end.

DEATHS FOR ASSASSINS CAIRO - The assassins of Lord Moyne, two young Jews,

have been sentenced to death. SPAIN YIELDS WARSHIPS

MADRID-Five Italian warships interned by Spain since September, 1943, have been released and are enroute to ar Allied port. The cruiser Attillio and four destroyers, held in the Balearic Islands at the time of the Italian armistice were released in accordance with an arbiter's decision. The ruling drew a strong protest from the German charge d'affaires.

FRANCE WANTS VOICE PARIS - France is going to

press her demands for a voice at the next big power policy conference. The French government has already let it be known in an unofficial manner. that an invitation to join future big power meetings would be readily accepted. Now, a responsible French official says his government is going to make more formal representations in London and Washing-

UNITED STATES CASUALTIES WASHINGTON — American casualties in the European war since "D" Day have totalled 333,000, it was announced to-

LESS THAN LAST WAR LONDON-More than 1,000,000 casualties suffered by British Empire forces in the present war up to last December first, as disclosed in the British House of Commons by Prime Minister Churchill, is less than one-third the total of Empire killed and wounded during the First Great War.

In Germany

LONDON, Jan. 18 (CP) -A dispatch from Holland says that British troops have advanced 4,000 yards on a front more than a mile wide. The British forces have advanced into Germany northeast of Sittard for a distance of three miles near Hongen, centre of a Reich district jutting into the Netherlands panhandle.

Troops of the American First and Third Armies are blasting out slight gains in Belgium but the enemy is beginning to put up determined resistance at some points.

The enemy attempted to stop the Allies in Belgium by throwing tank forces into a battle northeast of Bastogne.

A village at the confluence of the Meuse and Noer Rivers has been taken from the Germans.

The only report of action on the Canadian First Army front comes from the Berlin radio. An enemy broadcast tells of local attacks by Canadian units northeast of Nijmegen in Holland. Two Canadian commando units were in action.

The Americans have stormacross the Sure River near Bickirch north of Luxembourg city, in a new assault on the base of the flattened Ardennes salient.

WARSAW IS TOMB CITY

Great Sections of Once Proud Polish Capital Now Lie in

LONDON, Jan. 18 (P)-Warsaw. the ravaged capital of Poland, fell to the First White Russian Army, said Premier Joseph Stalin's order of the day in making the momentous announcement.

Once a proud and beautiful city of 1,300,000 persons, great sections of the city now lie in ruins. It is the tomb of tens of thousands of Poles killed in the cruel siege by the Nazis in the fall of 1939 and since the the latest siege by the Russians which culminated yesterday.

COUPLE ARE FOUND DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Peard Victims of Double Tragedy at Victoria

spent shells lay near his feet. frage election.

Barred From Peace Table

Two Nations

Not Needed by Allies-Agreement with Statin on Balkans-Speaks of Greece

LONDON, Jan. 18 (P- Prime Minister Churchill predicts that within a few months or sooner the Germans will be driven out of Italy or perhaps will withdraw. Mr. Churchill's address opened a two-day over-all debate on the progress of the war. One important announcement by the Prime Minister was that Spain and Italy would be barred from the peace table after the

Speaking of the situation in Italy, Mr. Churchill warned that populous districts of northern Italy which had been stripped bare of food by the retreating Germans would be thrown upon the fragile structure of the Ital-VICTORIA, Jan. 18 (P)-An el- ian government in Rome with derly couple, Mr. and Mrs. John | consequences that cannot be ac-Peard was found dead early Wed- curately foreseen and certainly nesday in their Gorge Road auto not measured. Mr. Churchill said court suite on the outskirts of that Britain did not "need Italy Victoria. An inquest will be held as a partner." He continued. "We need Italy no more than we Police said that Mrs. Peard, need Spain because we have no about 58 years of age, was found designs that require support of in bed with a bullet hole over such a power." Britain had only her left eye. Her husband, about one principle about liberated 70, was found on the floor near countries or rependant satellites the bed in a pool of blood with land that ras "gove amont a bullet wound in the throat. people, by the people and for the A loaded revolver with two people" set up in a universal suf-

The Prime Minister announced that he and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia had agreed upon a joint policy for the Balkans and said that if King Peter of Yugo-Slavio failed to concur he would be ploughed under by the march. of events. The agreement raised no question of divisions of terrimuck are also in production at tory or spheres of influence after

Mr. Churchill accused the E. A. M. and E.L.A.S. organization in What, if anything, is the Greece of throwing sand in the want the quite considerable drew." "For three or four days would have been swept away."

> Russian Drive Part of Plan

Mr. Churchill said that the present Russian drive was part of a co-ordinated victory plan to keep all fronts "in constant flame until the final climax." The Prime Minister gave Am-

erican troops complete credit for stopping a "costly sortie" by von Rundstedt in the west and once again endorsed the Allied demand for unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan. He said that von Rundstedt's offensive was more likely to shorten the war than lengthen

Mr. Churchill challenged the House to another vote of confidence. As long as he was Prime Minister the government would adhere to a policy of interference until liberated nations set up democratic governmental machinery. He warned Britons against becoming disunited and impotent themselves over Balkan country disputes.

Britain sought no territory, no air fields, no bases, said the Prime Minister, nor did she in-Prince Rupert, with an am- tend to set up her own bigness ductivity or supply a local mar- areas hence varies considerably bition to become an assembly or might. "We will give everycentre and shipping point for thing we have and ask in rethese Alaskan supplies, "The turn only consideration and re-

> Speaking of the Pacific war, Mr. Churchill said that the recovery of General MacArthur was a fearful warning to the Japanese of their impending defeat and ruin.

Local Temperature

Minimum

An Orphan Land— QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, FORTY YEARS EXPLOITED ARE CAPABLE OF LARGE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(By W. N. GIEGERICH, Nashua, Montana)

A land that for forty years has been exploited by the Blue Danube swamp just a the war. 'outsiders," robbed of its natural resources and set- couple miles north of the mouth tlement retarded! That is the history of the Islands since the first white settlers came to them. Hundreds of thousands of acres of potential agricultural lands, merce doing to help the Island- ing planned to seize power and probably the greatest single area of these lands on ers? Do your business men the Greek state "once we with-

the British Columbia Coast aside they were forty years ago.

Many millions of feet of logs Nor is drainage and engineering Vancouver. have ben cut and only a very a problem. small portion of them milled on The climate is favorable for the islands. They are rafted agriculture in all its phases exand towed hundreds of miles to cept cereal grain production. It Ocean Falls or Powell River, is particularly favorable for Huge rafts are occasionally lost dairying. The average precipiand smashed upon the shores- tation is under 72 inches, far

Forty odd miles of single track with 125 inches and a reputation motor road where, if two cars as a dairy centre throughout pass, one must find a natural or the Northwest States, and the accidental widening and pull mean temperatures are not apaside and stop, a few obliterated preciably lower than those pretrails and tracks and some un- vailing at Tillamook. kept promises are all the settlers have gotten from the im- and horticultural products commense stumpage fees collected pares favorably with the variety by the British Columbia gov- of products grown on the Can-

but exterminated there. A few and fed in the field throughout wharves have ben built and most winters. maintained and a boat service the Federal government but there a present comparable climate ments seem to end.

No effort has been made in ed and drained. recent years to extend roads. The subsoil is glacial throughdrain swamps of proven pro- out the potentially agricultural ket for pulp or other timber as does the quality and depth of the settlers and, since the of the surface soils by a variety settlers lack roads, mechanical of vegitative growths. ditchers, markets or even en- All peat land over there

ditching by hand, distant mar- though the process is slower, my kets and lack of facilities to son is producing quite nicely. Washington Trip reach them discourages the prospective settler as well.

Very Suitable

For Agriculture

from the Fraser Delta, are very ham Island is suitable for ag- business from there now going it was a struggle to prevent a

less than at Tillamook, Oregon The wide range of agricultura

adian Prairies. Properly pastur-Great quantities of humpback ed or "soiled," domestic grasses salmon have been taken in the can be relied on to supply lush tidal waters of the Islands and feed at least eight months of those once innumerable fish all the year. Roots can be grown The latitude is that of Cen-

warm up slightly as land is clear-

couragement, they have done called muske. A very great part velopment of the Islands. of it is not moss peat and even Slow and tedious clearing and moss peat can be reclaimed Gordon Graydon On He is located on Cape Ball River. Geo. Mayer has some muck soil A very large portion of Gra- Some small patches peat and for a trip to Washington.

Prince Rupert Chamber of Com- wheels of government and havslightly more accessible than riculture. No engineering prob- to Vancouver? Your freight hideous massacre in Athens in lem faces the road builders. rates from east are same as which all forms of government

In fairness to the settlers now on these islands, the British Columbia government ought to make an immediate and exhaustive soil survey of the more accessible areas including, more particularly the sedge and wood peats and the muck lands. Samples of these in production are available for inspection by sceptics.

Mechanical ditchers and temporary drains made with lumber cut from timber on their perimeters would make these swamp lands immediately productive of forage at least. The wooden drains would last 25 years or more and the area would provide productive work and homes for a good many people during the post-war period. The miliary importance

this island outpost has come be recognised in this war. Persubsidized and maintained by tral England and of Ireland with haps the incentive for future development will lie in just that the interest of the two govern- and the islands climate should but as a source of supply for Alaskan development on the islands could be made very remunerative.

Gateway to Alaska," should be spect as our due." is particularly interested in the de-

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 — Gordon reclaimed, Dunroes have peat of Graydon, Progressive-Conservadifferent depths in production, tive House leader, left yesterday Maximum