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Prorogued

Brought to Close

Longest Session of Parliament

OTTAWA, Jan. 31-The longest

session in the history of the Can-

an end in Ottawa this afternoon.

The present sitting began at the

end of last January and con-

tinued until early in August, re-

suming for another two weeks in

late November for the emerg-

Neither members nor specta-

tors were present in large num

bers for today's prorogation. The

main reason for this was uncer-

tainty as to whether another ses-

sion of the present Parliament

would be held before dissolution

in April. This in turn appeared

to depend largely on the outcome

of the Grey North by-election

next Monday in which Defence

Minister McNaughton seeks

Had events followed their nor-

have prorogued today and opened

The speech from the Throne

made no mention of a general

the present Parliament. It

warned, however, that the last

stage of the war in Europe might

Will Be Made Available

Institutions Can Be

situation at that time.

Providing Leading Financial

will be visiting the coast next Rupert Bakery

month and will look into the Gordon's Hardware

election or another session of

the 1945 session tomorrow.

seat in Commons.

be the costliest.

FOR RUPERT

Interested

ency conscription meeting.

PROVINCIAL

rst of Prince Rupert-Built Mine BERLIN-Fifty-five Miles weepers Torpedoed and Sunk; BERLIN-Fifty-five Miles



ntieth ship reported lost by the Royal Canadian Navy since the outbreak of war, Prince ert built H.M.C.S. "Clayoquot," veteran Bangor minesweeper, has been torpedoed and sunk. the loss of eight lives, it was announced by Naval Service Headquarters. The "Clayo-, shown above, had taken an active part in the Battle of the Atlantic mostly on convoy at duty, since the fall of 1941. She is the first Canadian Bangor minesweeper known to been lost by enemy action.

Lieut. Cameron was scated in

the wardroom when the ex-

chair and bounced him against

"Things were a shambles, and

officers in their cabins below

Narrowest escape was report-

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Daniel O'Brien, regional dir-

the wardroom were lost.

light of Personnel of Eighty-one Lost-Tales Heroism in Rescue Operations Revealed

he Bangor class minesweeper H.M.C.S. "Clayo- C Which was built at Prince Rupert dry dock in early days of the war, torpedoed and sunk in the h Atlantic just before Christmas, was announced by Naval Service Headquarters at Ottawa. of her complement of 81 are reported missing.

nding Officer, Lieut, Cdr. Halifax, who told the assembled Campbell, R.C.N.V.R., of complement: "You've done uver and Chester, N.S., damn fine job. You've picked taken out of the sea almost the ento an East Coast port tire ship's company of one of

ard the corvette H.M.C.S. your sister ships." " "Clayoquot" is the eth Canadian warship to plosion lifted him from the t in this war.

the deckhead above, he said. It chaviour of every man in knocked him down again as he hip after the torpedo was clambering to his feet. He was given by Lieut. Cdr. was cut near the left eye when he hit the deckhead, and didn't bell and by the other surrecall clearly how he'd gotten officers, Lieut. Milton L. A. on, Montreal, the execu- out of the wardroom. ficer, and Sub. Lieut. Vic-

Graves, Nelson. out of the way to get to the ey came up from below and abandoned ship as door," he said. "Luckily the as if it had been a pracrill," Lieut. Cdr. Campbell get out." Some of the other "They even joked about floats give a news bul-Flash! Canadian mine- ed to be that of Stoker Peter er destroys German tor- Bewzak of Kapuskasing, Ont

who was in the aftermost part graness of the "Abandon of the engine room, with 60 feet was shown by the fact to travel to the upper deck. ne seaboat was lowered Bewzak, 5 foot 10 and 180 pounds, abandoning ship.

s In Water

en the rescuing corvette with safety measures aboard the ed the scene the men had ship or of helping their shipthe water and on floats mates. On duty in the boiler half an hour. The sur- rooms were Stoker Petty Officers teeth were chattering, Albert Ohlson, Stettler, Alta., and still bravely Paul Hayston, Nakina, Ont. and oh, Come, All Ye Faith- Halifax, and Stokers Owen is the corvette steamed up. Greenfield, Edmonton and V. H. inel, under command of Sibinski, Dauphin, Man. They Cdr. Kenneth L. Johnson, stayed below turning off fuel and ec City, stopped engines in making things safe—Hayston of the U-boat and took all even taking time to light a cigyors aboard by means of arette before making his way to ble nets in ten or twelve the deck. Fennel's boat was

H. Mason, Toronto, to by cutting the falls with axes. first of the week from Vancouin picking up survivors, They were AB. Mervyn Crane, ver. not needed

Nordlund. took four men from the others were on floats ing others to Carley floats. able to climb the nets, so we didn't have anyone from the water." er the corvette had landle survivors at an Eastern dian port, tribute for the ector of the Canadian Congress manlike job of rescuing the of Labor from Vancouver, will was given Fennel's ship's arrive in the city on Friday any by Captain W. L. Pux- morning from Vancouver on or-O.B.E., R.N., Captain (D) ganizational duties.

Vessel Will Undergo Renova-tion at Prince Rupert Dry Dock HOUSE LOANS

First of a considerable quantity of rather extensive marine repair work which is expected to come to the Prince Rupert dry dock and which should to some degree take up the slack caused by the expected curtailment of new wartime ship construction, a Russian freighter is expected to arrive at Prince Rupert soon to undergo a rather extensive reconditioning job. Work on the vessel will entail docking for hull repairs. Other vessels of her type may follow. Canadian National Steamships will also be having their coastal vessel Prince George at the local dry dock for annual overhaul in the near future.

I remember pulling something Cold Storage

door was open so I was able to get out." Some of the other their cabins below

B.C. Packers and Canadian Fish to Carry On As At

There will be no immediate nough Charley floats cut made it up the ladders in jig change in the present operato handle the entire crew. time, but had to go the last tions or management of either ere wearing lifejackets, the seven feet through a ventilator the Canadian Fish & Cold Storfloats were kept to- shaft. His shipmates declared age Co. Ltd. or B.C. Packers at r, and not a man was lost they didn't think it possible for Prince Rupert, it was indicated anyone to get through the small, today by G. M. Ferguson, compcramped shaft, but Bewzak did. troller of the B.C. Packers, who arrived in the city this morn-Others were credited with ing with party officials from Vancouver on business in connection with the deal whereby the B.C. Packers apparently acquire control of the local Cold Storage. Mr. Ferguson had no further information to give supplementary to the original an nouncement of H. R. MacMillan. president of B.C. Packers, relative to the deal. Mr. Ferguson, who will be here for a week. was at the office of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. this morning conferring with Two seamen were credited R. M. Winslow, the assistant in charge of Lieut. with getting the seaboat away manager, who returned at the

according to Lieut. Mason, Mount Forest, Ont., and AB. R. | Coming north with Mr. Ferguson were N. E. Gerrard, local Shipmates praised the work manager of B.C. Packers, who equot's boat, as it was over- of AB. Bruce Williams of Tor- has been in Vancouver for the ded with 18 or 20 in it, but onto, a strong swimmer, who past couple of months and is all," Lieut. Mason said. swam about in the water help- now resuming his duties here, Frank Carson of the cold storage department of B.C. Packers and A. D. Russell and J. King of the Pryce-Waterhouse Co.

> RECOGNIZE LUBLIN LONDON - The CzechoSlovakia government in exile has recognized the Lublin government of Poland.

Air Action Over Italy

ROME - The latest dispatch from Rome tells of aerial action over Italy. Allied Medium bombers attacked the Brenner Pass railroad line into Germany yesterday, and the Nazis retaliated with a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire. A lull continues on the ground front in Italy.

Superforts Hit Osaka adian Parliament was brought to

SAN FRANCISCO-The Tokyo radio announces that two superfortress bombers attacked the Japanese city of Osaka during the night and early today. One of the huge planes is said to have dropped its bombs early Tuesday night, and the other was over Osaka at two a.m. today. The enemy radio claims that no damage was suffered during the attacks.

New Luzon Landing

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS-Strong forces of the American Eighth Army have effected a landing on Luzon Island, sixty miles northwest of Manila. They are now pushing east towards a juncture with the American Sixth Army. This latest invasion of Luzon was carried out without opposition by the Japanese. War Correspondent Yates McDaniel of the Associated Press points out the significance of the new move. He declares that the Japanese no longer are in a position to attempt what General MacArthur succeeded in doing in 1942that is, pulling back dispersed and outnumbered forces into Bataan, where the Americans held out for four months.

Australians On Bougainville mal course, Parliament would

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCE COMMAND-Australian troops are taking part in the first major fighting in months on Bougainville Island east of New Britain. Today's Allied communique says the Australians, who have relieved American forces in the campaign against strong by-passed Japanese forces in the southwest Pacific, are meeting organized resistance south of the Buka airfield. The Australians are moving north along the western Bougainville coast.

I. O. D. E.

BOOK CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

Previously acknowledged \$375.58 W. A. Jarmonsen Rance & Hardy Mrs. H. S. Parker J. M. Carignan John Bulger Ltd. Bulkley Market The new National Housing Act | McRae Bros Ltd. has just been put into operation E. V. Whiting and will be made available in Oyster Bar Prince Rupert providing one of Jones Family Market the leading financial institutions A. K. Nelson can be persuaded to make loans Mussallem's Economy Store in that area, Olof Hanson, M.P. M. T Lee for Skeena, is advised by Hon. Smith & Elkins Ltd. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, D. Elio in answer to a telegram of in- Ross Ingram quiry sent by the local federal Mrs. J. Campbell Wee Tot Shoppe Mr. Ilsley adds that F. W. Mrs. J. Slaggard Nicholls, director of housing, Arrow Bus Line

DELEGATES ARE NAMED

1.00 Skeena riding were appointed at parts of the front has fallen to 5.00 a meeting of the Prince Rupert twenty degrees below zero. For 10.00 Association in the LODE Hali their part, the Nazis describe Use of Dry Dock-10.00 last night. The delegates were uninstructed although it has been stated 5.00 that Major J. T. Harvey, now 1.00 overseas, may be a candidate. 5.00 A resolution was passed placing nounced tonight while the Ger-1.00 the meeting on record as being man radio said other Russians 10.00 in entire sympathy with the plunged to Zilenzig, only 55 miles 1.00 movement at present on foot due east of Greater Berlin. 1.00 to keep the local dry dock in 1.00 active operation. Regret was ex- mans are preparing to fight 1.00 pressed that, due to the coinci- street by street for Berlin. 2.00 dence of meetings, no represen-5.00 tative of the Association had Red infantrymen were keeping

Landsberg Is Latest Stronghold to Be Yielded By

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (CP) - Russians troops are driving towards Berlin today. From the Berlin radio this morning came an announcement that Soviet spearheads have reached a town just fifty-five miles east of the German capital. Moscow previously had disclosed that Russian units were within seventy-

three miles of Berlin. The Ger-1 man announcement would seem | Cold Comfortto indicate that the Nazis have

According to the German radio, the First White Russian Army has been heading towards the important rail centre of Kustrin, forty-one miles east of The Soviet High Comof course, keeping quiet about its immediate objective. But the Russian offensive has shown no signs of slackening.

The latest communique from Moscow discloses that the First White Russian front in northeastern Germany has been extended to a width of no less han 160 miles. Soviet forces now are operating within less than fifty miles of Stettin, the great German port on the Bal-

Both Moscow and Berlin mentioned that bitter cold tempera-Delegates to the forthcoming tures prevail on the eastern Progressive-Conservative federal front. Moscow has commented 5.00 nominating convention for that the thermometer on some catastrophe."

lin, Premier Joseph Stalin an-

Indications are that the Ger-

A German broadcast said that 5.00 been able to attend the meet- up with armored spearheads 5.00 ing being held at City Hall on driving toward Berlin on a wide

Nazi Gapital

Germans - Preparing to Fight Street by Street

lines for a major defensive Fight On coording to the Comment

Hitler's Address Far Cry From **Previous Ringing Terms**

LONDON, Jan. 31 — With Germany being pounded from both sides, Adolf Hitler has cold comfort for his countrymen. He told them last night that Germany will fight on to the death—fight on, as he put it "No matter where and no matter under what circumstances until final victory crowns our efforts."

Hitler's speech marked the twelfth anniversary of his acceptance of the German chancellorship. It was a far cry from previous anniversary talks in which the German dictator spoke in ringing terms of imminent victory for his country.

The Russians have captured Landsberg, 68 miles east of Ber-

Committee Formed to See What Can Be Done About Permanent Operation

A citizens' committee to explore the possibilities of keeping the local shipyard in steady future operation and thus obviate a serious unemployment problem and general depression in Prince Rupert is to be formed. Such was the outcome of a meeting held present situation at the dry dock lman, a leading labor man and a of the committee today, those already named being Nick Bird, representing the C.C.F.; Bruce Mickleburgh, Labor-Progressives; J. S. Black, labor; W. J. Scott, business, and W. E. Denning, Canadian Legion. There were no representatives of either the Liberal or Conservative parties at of shipyard workers at Prince | the meeting so completion of the forming of the committee had to be deferred until today.

> tion, decided that representations should be made with a view to having two more 10,000-ton freighters built here in complement to a program of ship repair work so that the organization of the yard might be kept intact against the possibility of the yard being required for an emergency during the war in the Pacific and until the time came when the plant should be converted for post-war occupation. Meanwhile, it was felt that any lay-off at the yard should be held in abeyance until the committee had a chance to report.

The general meeting, by resolu-

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Allies Now Move On Siegfried Line Nazis Are Facing Disaster last night at the call of Mayor H. M. Daggett to consider the Bulletins

Pioneer-Canadian Laundries 5.00 dry dock affairs.

BABIES BURN TO DEATH AUBURN, Maine-Seventeen young children and a woman, trapped after an exploding stove sent flames raging through a wooden boarding home for war and factory workers' babies, were suffocated or burned to death here today. Most of the victims ranged in age from three months to three years. Only

ed farmhouse escaped.

eight occupants of a convert-

SELLING U.S. PROPERTY OTTAWA—Arrangements for disposition of American-owned defence facilities in Canada have been agreed upon by the two governments, it was announced today. Procedure has been set out for valuation and transfer to the Canadian government ownership of some property, sale of other property and removal of some to the United States.

EDEN AT PARLEY

LONDON - Richard Law, minister of state, answered foreign affairs questions in Commons today instead of Foreign Secretary Eden. This was one of several events in the last 24 hours which made it fairly obvious that a meeting of the Big Three is imminent. However, there has been no indication of where the conference will be held.

APPLICATION REJECTED VANCOUVER-The Regional War Labor Board has rejected an application of the Street Railwaymen's Union for a review of their finding award- west as well. ing a 41/2c wage increase. The union asked for a 6c increase. No statement has yet been made by the union as to future course of action. The advisory board is meeting this afternoon. A second strike is said to be "possible" but not "probable."

TO GET MORE BEER

VICTORIA-Individual permit holders in British Columbia are to be allowed four dozen pints of beer in February instead of three. Spirits and wine quotas remain the same. License holders for beer parlors and veterans' clubs will be able to obtain 15 percent over their present quota. Liquor Control Board officials announced January liquor coupons will be good throughout February.

BIG CLEVELAND FIRE

CLEVELAND - A Republic Steel Corporation plant here was destroyed by fire following an explosion. Damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Both On West and East bresent situation at the dry dock where, as far as is known, two ing completion, are the final LODON, Jan. 31 (CP)—With disaster looming for was given power to act, consists

them on the east, the Germans have been told that of representatives of four polithey may expect a powerful Allied attack from the tical parties, a leading business

There, more than 10,000 Allied troops are moving Legion. The mayor was completup for the attack on the main Siegfried Line defences ing appointment of the personnel

across the border from Belgium. Two American armies during WAGE INCREASE the past three days have been steadily increasing the weight of their attacks in this area. HERE REJECTED Despite continued heavy snow falls, the past twenty-four hours have witnessed gains of as much as four miles. Already several Siegfried Line outposts have been overrun, but up to now it has been largely a matter of following up the German withdrawal into the main west wall defences.

There have been no major developments elsewhere on the western front.

However, from the Canadian First Army front comes word that the enemy apparently is pulling troops out of enemy-occupied Holland for transfer to

Radio Berlin reports that Canadian infantry and tanks have who led in anti-conscription driven a slight dent in German | demonstrations at Terrace last lines in repeated attacks north fall have been sentenced to of Capelle in the vicinity of Til- terms of imprisonment after burg. That is where the Ger- court-martial, it is announced mans hold their only bridge- by Pacific Command. Three head on the south side of the have been sentenced to two Maas River.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31— The National War Labor Board yesterday rejected an application Rupert for a 10 cent per hour increase in wages on the ground that the cost of living is 20 percent higher in Prince Rupert than in Vancouver. The board decided that it had not been established that the cost of living was higher than in Vancouver.

TERRACE MEN ARE SENTENCED

VANCOUVER, Jan. 31- Four of the Home Defence soldiers years and one to 18 months.

In opening, Mayor Daggett