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ussians Close In On ACTIVITY benigsberg; Siege Of Berlin Now Near

NDON, Feb. 10 (CP) — The rds Koenigsberg today, app the beleagueed east Prus. 633 ions. Marshal Joseph Sta re of Elbing, Baltic seaport

Britain Tells World What She

NEW YORK, Feb. 10-Britain

has spread before the world a

simply-total record of her

achievements in the war. At

the same time, she insisted

that it is only a small sample

of what is to come. The British

report says "for a nation of

one-third the population of the

United States, fighting a life

and death struggle against a

powerful enemy, hampered by

blackout, blitzes, V-one and

V-two bombs, most fair-

minded people will agree Bri-

tain has every right to take

pride in her accomplishments."

The report, issued in New

York by the British informa-

tion service says Britain defin-

itely went over to the offen-

sive in the war against Japan

with the appointment of Ad-

miral Lord Louis Mountbatten

in 1943 to head the Southeast

British Controller Asks B. C. to

Send Much More as Britain's

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 (P)-

Brian Gattie, assistant British

view here yesterday, appealed to

boost timber exports to the Uni-

ted Kingdom in 1945 to 800,000,-

Asia Command.

Is All Gone

APPEALS FOR

MORE TIMBER

of Handicaps

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Germans have reported sians across the Oder 35 be east of Berlin and gof north-south com- Be Proud ions between Kuestrin. Fuerstenberg. ies in the defence fore-'s First White Russian directly east of Berlin, ouping and sparring for

igns have yet developed all-out drive along the t route to Berlin. Breserman garrison appears ninent danger of commcirclement.

Soldiers are Proving

THE CANADIAN CORPS ADRIATIC, Feb. 10 (P)s inspector general of reents, Lieutenant Gennsom, says the officers ble for training Canada' troops in the United and in the field have apressed by the physique. conduct and bearing of ftee reinforcements. ant - General Sansom

aspecting the Canadian on the Adriatic front made the statement to questions submitted by spondents. He was unsay when the first N.R. n would reach the Median theatre.

OTIATIONS PEACE IN ECE ARE ON

ENS, Feb. 10 (P)-Negotiaetween the Greek governand a leftist delegation are lieved that details regarddisarmament of the lefttia are occupying a major of the present talks.

OF SUBS

Thirty-Six Lives Lost in Winter Torpedoing

OTTAWA, Feb. 10-It has just been disclosed that a total of 36 men-many of them Canadians -lost their lives this winter as sians closed the result of enemy undersea aceparing to tion off the coast of Nova Scotia. from all Eight of these were men of the aced the Royal Canadian Navy, and the rest were Allied merchant seamen. More than 200 survivors from the crews of six torpedoed vessels were landed in Nova Sco-

> Ships sunk as a result of German torpedoings included the Canadian Minesweeper Clayoquot, one Canadian merchantman, and four ships of other nationalities.

Several weeks before the Nazis struck, the undersea raiders had prowled around the North Am-Has Been Doing in War in Spite erican Atlantic seaboard. They were spotted at different points close to the Nova Scotia coast from Cape Breton to Yarmouth.

HOSPITAL SURVEY IN THIS PROVINCE

Local Hospital Board Hears From B. C. Association-Treatment by Indian Department Protested

A Eurvey of hospitals throughout the province is to be made by the provincial government, the board of directors of the

In a communication to the hospital board at its meeting Wednesday night, the provincial association executive told of an organization known as the Dependents' Board of Trustees seeking an arrangement for a flat rate for treatment of its members throughout the province plus \$1.50 per diem for certain extras. The association reported that it took the stand that any contracts should be negotiated on the basis of the rates of the individual hospitals.

It was also reported that the Victoria regional executive of the Hospital Association had protested against rates being paid by the Department of Indian Affairs for treatment of its patimber controller, in an intertients. It was reported that the the British lumber industry to Department of Indian Affairs was disposed to consider x-ray and case room charges as coming within the range of normai 000 feet or 125,000,000 feet above hospital service.

Co-op Expansion Is Discussed

Methods of Expansion of the co-operative movement was the subject of a brief talk by Miss ed the Canadian Second Div- |Lin Brown of the University of ision in the last war, is dead | B.C. extension department before in England at the age of 74. | an audience of 50 in the Metropole Hall last night.

A division of the U. B. C. extension department exists to help the co-operative movement, but the burden of expansion rests method of spreading the co-

"Co-ops teach people to look lead in Halland the suspected enemy positions the after their own businesses, belead in Holland, three actual location of enemy positions cause members must be careful officers and 53 other tions became hard to establish whom they select to run them,"

shown.

zie King will make no statement lengthy cabinet meeting.

A.R.P. DISBANDED VANCOUVER—The A.R.P. is to be disbanded in Vancouver next month, Mayor J. W. Cornett announces.

turned to the city yesterday companied by S. A. Vineberg from a trip to Voncouver.

INDIANS ARE CONSCRIPTED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 0-Major D. M. MacKay, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, said yesterday that the majority of Canadian Indians of military age have been classed as subject to conscription for overseas service. Formerly they had been called up for home defence only. The Native Brotherhood of British Columbia will meet soon to consider the situation.

INVESTIGATING SAILOR'S DEATH

Coroner M. M. Stephens investigating the circumstances who died after a fall from a wharf at 10:30 last night. Circumstances of the death or the

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK STARTED

ROME, Feb. 10 (P)—The Germans have launched a counter-

Miller Bay Hospital Open in Near Future

The unused Miller Bay Hospi-

tal has been "definitely assigned" to the Indian bureau and will open in the near future, B. Thorsteinsson, chairman of the Union Board of Health, said at the board's annual meeting Thursday afternoon. Quoting a letter from Dr. J. D. Galbraith, director of the Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Mr. Thorsteinsson said that the 150-bed hospital would likely be used as a general hospital at first but may later specialize in tuberculosis treatment. Main delay in the opening of the

hospital is said to be difficulty

DEVELOPMENT POLICY URGED

in securing a staff.

C. C. F. Member Speaks of Adjusting Province's Economy to Wartime Planning

VICTORIA. Feb. 10 (P-An intensive development policy by the British Columbia government was urged in the Legislature yesterday by C. Grant Mac-Neil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver-Burrard.

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, MacNeil said that, if th government was going to play its part in readjustment of the province's economy to peace time planning, "it is imperative that preparations be completed at the present session."

NOTED LAWYER SERIOUSLY ILL

VICTORIA, Feb. 10 (P-Stuart Henderson, aged 81, noted criminal lawyer, is ill in hospital here. He was taken sick at his home Thursday night.

Local Temperature

Maximum Minimum .2 inches Rainfall

HARD WORKING LUNGS Each adult inhales a gallon of air per minute, and consumes 30 ounces of oxygen daily.

A BUSY WATERWAY An estimated 100,000,000 tons Rhine in peacetime years.

L. M. Felsenthal returned to the city yesterday from a business trip to Montreal and else-Mr. and Mrs. Mort Math re- where in the east. He was acof Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Polish Dispute Taxes Ingenuity of Leaders

Concessions Will Have to Be Made by Russia If Satisfactory Basis Is to Be Reached— Far-Reaching Agreement Proposed

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10 (CP)—American officials are urgently hoping that the Big Three will produce a formula for settling the Polish dispute. The problem represents probably the most severe test of Allied co-operation. It can hardly be solved without some concessions by Russia without commit-

Germany Uneasy-

name of the sailor were not available this morning.

Would Overthrow Everything

LONDON, Feb. 10 (CP)-From neutral sources comes word of uneasiness inside Germany. A Swiss dispatch from Berlin hints of a forthcoming big change which would overthrow everything. The dispatch says this may happen at any mom-

A report from another major European rumor source, Stockholm, says Berlin is ripe for revolution. However, the Swedish account admits that even though the Germans are suffering from bombings and hunger, there have been no real demonstrations yet.

ments as to Poland's future by the United States and without considerable pressure by the

British government on some elements of the London-Polish government. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is understood to have gone

to the Black Sea conference ready to make a more far-reaching agreement than Washing-Hint of Political Change Which ton would have considered possible a few weeks ago in an effort to satisfy the Russians as well as conciliate Polish groups on future security questions.

RUSS VESSEL ARRIVES HERE FOR REPAIRS

A Russian freighter of between 6,000 and 7,000 tons has arrived in Prince Rupert harbor to receive repairs which will be done at the Prince Rupert dry dock. A weatherstained veteran in wartime gray, the ship has a huge "U.S.S.R." painted along the hull. The repair job is understood to be extensive.

BIG OFFENSIVE CONSIDERED SURE

Bulletins

CANADA AND LEND-LEASE WASHINGTON-Canada's independence of United States lend-lease operations has once again been pointed out. This time in a lengthy statement issued by the United States foreign Economic Administration. This report states that Canada is not a recipient of lend-lease aid. Commercial exports from the United States to Canada have jumped from \$452,000,000 before the war to approximately three times that amount in

NEW ROLE IN BOMBING LONDON-The Plywood Wonders, mosquito bombers, have taken another role. It is announced in London that the rocket-firing planes have been adopted by the Coastal Command for the intensified warfare against enemy shipping off Norway.

MYSTERIOUS MINE FOUND VERNON — A land mine, alive with detonator and exgarage of Mrs. Clyde Leeper here. It was not of ordinary Canadian type but might, it is thought, have been brought from Kiska by returning soldiers. Army officials and police made the discovery while searching for missing army ammunition. Mrs. Leeper said her 12-year-old boy found the explosive which he thought was a dud while 'playing at Polson Park, half a mile from Vernon's Army camp. The boy played commandos with it for a while and later it was thrown into a garage with

other refuse.

Moscow and Berlin Are Agreed That Attack of Allies Only Beginning

CANUCKS TAKE KLEVE NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (CP)-Columbia Broadcasting System listening post today recorded a broadcast from Ankara that said Kleve had been captured

by the Canadians.

LONDON, Feb. 10 (P) - Fullscale offensive along the whole western front was predicted today by German and Russian radios. Sizing up the First Canadian Army offensive at the northern end of the Siegfried Line, the Berlin radio said "it must be assumed the attack is only beginning." The Moscow radio said that, with the Big Three meeting, it is certain that the Allies in the west will soon launch a major offensive.

JIMID DAI'IL

No Increase in Ration to be Expected This Year, it is

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 (P)-Due plosive, was found in the to the increasing tempo of war in the South Pacific and consequent heavy demands on gasoline, there will be no increase in the ration to British Columbia motorists for some time, it was learned yesterday. Civilian consumption in this province has shown a marked increase during the past year owing to increased population.

> PRISONERS RECAPTURED WINNIPEG - Two German prisoners-of-war, who escaped from a camp at Brandon, were recaptured at Portage la Prairie and brought here.

LARGEST FORCE OF SUPERFORTS EVER of freight were carried over the Rhine in peacetime years. TO HIT JAPAN STRIKES NIP CAPITAL

TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 10 -A powerful force of superfortresses, probably the largest ever to hit Japan, bombed Tokyo today.

Tokyo broadcasts said that approximately ninety superforts, striking in five waves in the early afternoon, caused some damage to ground installations.

last year's volume. He said that ing in Athens in an efall available standing timber in reach a settlement folthe British Isles is exhausted. civil strive of such bloody that foreign officials as ent as Churchill used the FAMOUS GENERAL DIES murder" in discussing it LONDON - Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Burstall, who command-

RING EXPLOIT IN HOLLAND BRINGS ITARY MEDAL TO INTERIOR BOY with members themselves. "Each one teach one" was the best

Inner Dick Patrick of Vanderhoof, 24-year-old operative idea, Miss Brown said. with the Canadian Army overseas, has been A lack of trained managers is ded the Military Medal for gallantry in action, hampering co-operative projects at the present time and it would innounced by the Department of National De- be sound business to establish The exploit for which Gunner Patrick was training schools to overcome this ded was the taking single-handed an enemy shortage.

being surprised into sur- accurately due to poor visibility she declared. "They have to be Extension of the bridge- and fog. Gnr. Patrick asked just as efficient as other busias largely due to Patrick's permission to go ahead on foot nesses in order to survive." and carry out a reconnaissance Miss Brown described the esinfantry regiments had to locate enemy positions. Des- tablishment of cultural co-operand for two days held pite the enemy fire, he suc- atives at different places in Canbridgehead on the east ceeded in getting into the mid- ada and United States. Purpose the canal at Moer- dle of an enemy machine gun of them is to bring in top flight during which time a position and there opened fire music and drama entertainers in was built. The bridge- with his light machine gun. His places which ordinarily could limited in depth to daring attack completely sur- not afford them. The idea is 300 yards due to heavy prised the enemy, who totalled working very well in some places Premier King Is and machine gun fire. 3 officers and 52 other ranks, and might be applied to Prince Keeping Silent atrick was a member of into surrender and cleared out Rupert. ounder crew which with a strong point which had pinned The speaker also favored inhks of an armoured re- the infantry down for approxi- struction and practice in co- Minister William Lyon Mackenssance regiment crossed mately two days. The exten- operative methods in schools. idge at 1700 hours Sept- sion of the bridgehead was due Following the speech, films on on political matters this week, it 10, 1944. After the ma- in large part to the daring of co-operatives and a comedy were was stated yesterday after gun had shot up several this gunner.



HIS ERRAND WAS MERCY-No fighting man but a uniformed unarmed messenger of mercy who took his chances at the front and lost was this First Army medical corpsman who fell before attack in company strength war's fury in the German drive against the First Army. Hand against positions newly gained clenched in death his body is dug from the soft earth of a land- by the Allied Fifth Army in the slide caused by the explosion of a German bomb. His pals of | Serchio Valley, Allied headquarthe retreating medical convoy failed to reach him in time and ters announced yesterday. he died of asphyxiation.

Prince Rupert General Hospital has been advised by the British Columbia Hospitals' Association.

New Offensive Continues

PARIS-Today's communique from Allied Headquarters in Paris announces for the second consecutive day that the First Canadian Army offensive southeast of Nijmegen continues to make good progress. General Crerar has sent spearheads smashing into the earth-works of the secondary belt of the Siegfried Line defences. A front dispatch says Canadian troops are barely three miles from Kleve. In the first day of the offensive Canadian First Army forces captured fourteen towns. The attacking British and Canadian troops have widened their assault line to about fourteen miles. The furious British-Canadian assault is only part of the Allied blows aimed at the Germans along a section of the western front. American First Army troops have outflanked the big Roer River Dam in a drive paced by a tremendous artillery barrage. The Germans are reported to have opened the spillways of the dam and flooded the lower reaches of the Roer. This enemy action is intended to half the American Ninth Army drive towards the Rhine.

Battle of Berlin

LONDON-The Russians still are maintaining silence regarding the battle for Berlin now raging some 30 miles east of the city. But the Germans admit Soviet troops have moved over to the west side of the Oder River and have cut off all Nazi communications between the three cities of Kuestrin, Frankfurt-on-Oder, and Fuerstenberg. The Nazis claim to have prevented the Russians from throwing a condon around Kuestrin. Dispatches from Moscow announce that Marshal Konev has stepped up his attack on the southern end of the front in order to split the German forces in Silesia. The Germans describe these operations as a gigantic offensive and say the Russians have reached the suburbs of a manufacturing city on the Berlin-Breslau railroad.

Another Attack On Japan

WASHINGTON .- American superfortress bombers have made another attack on the Japanese homeland. The giant bombers carried out a daylight attack on vital Japanese war industries on Honuhur Island today. Details of the raid are not yet available.

Japs Wanted to Lose Manila?

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS-The Japanese would have us believe that the American capture of Manila is just what they wanted. An enemy broadcast claims the general trend of developments on Luzon Island thus far has been "exactly as envisaged and superbly planned." The Japanese, however, still are putting up an extremely tough fight in the Philippine capital. MacArthur's forces are inching their way from the Pasig River towards the harbor through stiff enemy defences. The Japanese have mined the streets and are shooting down at the Americans from the windows of office buildings.

Burmese Skies Swept Clear

NEW YORK-British and American aircraft have swept the Burmese skies practically clear of Japanese planes in support of the British-Indian land drive on Mandalay. This is reported by the British information service in New York.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10 (P) Prime