PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1945

REATION

FENSIVE FROM WEST

ngress May Pinch Off GERMAN CAPITAL BARRICADED FOR SEVERAL MILES nol Development This ... ing; Cost Huge Sum Yanks Take

SHINGTON, Feb. 23 (CP)—The American is about ready to close down its Canadian oil pment, Canol, and write off much of the \$134,investment as a strategic war expenditure; ed Congressional sources said today.

car Is ective

Fight Looming For This s Town-Yanks on

Feb. 23 P-The Canast Army today poses an t threat to the German town of Calcar. This bitfended highway centre les northwest of Wesel. eway to the industrial sin. Yesterday Canadian yland, two miles north-Calcar, while advance Army command realizes

merican Third Army has to holes in the northern | tion. the Saar Basin. Third

wiss radio says American ave entered Saarbrucken as been threatened by rican Seventh Army.

RIMENT ORESTRY

ature Takes Steps to Give

Legislature. The amend- was interested." 00,000 to \$650,000.

r department representatives were reported to have told the Senate war in vestigating committee recent that unless the combined chic of staff overruled the move, th Canol operation would be shu down after a survey of its potentialities this spring.

> Decline in the needs for petroleum supplies probably wi reason for abandoning the de

The committee has formerly criticized the project as a waste of money and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes told Con-

gress last year that it ought to be "junked now."

Canol was originally conceived as a measure to meet the fuel nits walked unopposed oil and petroleum needs of the northwest part of the continent early in the war when possible robed almost to the out- Japanese action along the Al-Calcar itself. However, aska coast might have endangered tankers carrying oil from the td going lies ahead for south. It constitutes an eightmans have given every inch pipe line running from Norn that they intend to man Wells, on the Mackenzie wagely to hold the line river in Canada's western Arctic car to Uedem, five miles to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory and a tremendous increase in northern oil produc-

POWER PLAN

Putnam, Liberal - Progressive member for Nelson-Creston, said in the Legislature yesterday that Nelson was the first municipality in Canada to establish its own power plant which "not only benefitted its own citizens but RIA, Feb. 23 () Amend- extended its services to the rural the constitution and area along the West Coast est Act were introduced Kootenay Lake when no one else

Pave the way for eleva- Putnam said that any steps Prince Rupert last October. the forestry branch to which the government takes in artmental status and the setting up rural electrification have been "100 percent des- The ship was carrying 6,000 tons ment of a minister. Also plans affecting the municipalitroyed" by the Nazis before of ammunition but did not exfor is an increase in ties now producing power or pur- their capitulation to the Canrestry production fund chasing and distributing it adian First Army on Septem- plode. The vessel drifted 200 "must be carefully considered.

RECORD, SOCIALISM AR ISSUE BEFORE PEOPLE OF B.C. Ing Le Havie, Aimy Engineers David Roberts, well known a mass of broken concrete, rub- and popular former local rail- will be carried out.

CTORIA, Feb. 23—The steady advance being estimated that 70 percent of the After an absence of fifteen years, dress: coveralls, anklets, waist the executive of the Prince Runby each Department of the Government has city and 100 percent of the port he notes many changes. Old belt, helmet, ground sheet. well outlined in the Speech from the Throne this was destroyed. and last, said Hon. R. L. Maitland, Attorney al, in the Legislature today. He outlined acishments and projects in the following fields:

ic development, educaachers' salaries, Civil Ser- | WOUNDED BOY laries, school buildings, COMING HOME land clearing for farmnew deal to villagers in nd sewage systems, post-

blic works. ambitious program is apon a system which we will make it possible to

y view, the introduction alism, or the coming into Margaret Simundson and Mrs. of a Socialist Government sh Columbia will defeat

issue is crystal clearvernment puts its record, and proposals, under esent system, before the of this Province against

ust be one or the other. r freedom or Socialism. n't be both.

must be progress. e must be change. e must be freedom. Apostle, Paul said some-

it was then:

Twice wounded while serving

with the famed Princess Pats

regiment in Italy, Pte. Bruce

Simundson is returning home.

When he arrives in Vancou-

ver, probably on Sunday, he

will be met by his mother, Mrs.

J. Simundson, of 215 Ninth

Ave. E., and two sisters, Miss.

Erling Grindstrand, who left

last night to be present when

the hospital train arrives in

His wounds include the loss

ing received in battles in Italy

last September. He was previ-

ously wounded in May in fight-

the southern city.

ing at the Hitler Line.

"Quench not the spirit; Hold fast that which is good."

GUAM, Feb. 23 (CP) - The American flag has been raised on top of Mount Suribachi on tiny, but bloody, Ivo. American Marine units broke through a curtain of deadly mortar and artillery fire to take the savagely defended mount. Its capture eliminated the threat to the rear of the marines in the centre of the island attempting to drive north.

Elsewhere on Iwo, the American advance has been temporarily checked by the fanatical enemy resistance.

slope of the Borlane and against the second airfield in the centre of the island have been brought to a halt.

are dead.

Preparing to Meet Tanks-Military Officials Leave but

for the Associated Press by a Passes Up Swedish correspondent, presents a graphic picture of the current situation inside Berlin. The correspondent, Jerge Franzerg, has just arrived in Stockholm from the German capital.

Franberg says Berlin has been turned into a fortress as far as the eye can see. He comments: "When I drove from Berlin. miles because the barricades are so thick it is difficult to pass

The correspondent says the Russians must count on heavy anti-tank fire from each barri-Attacks both on the southern | cade after they reach the German capital.

The Swedish writer discloses that high military staffs were evacuated from Berlin last week. American casualties on Iwo Despite Allied bombings, howso far total 5300 of which 644 ever, he says Berlin's population is bigger now than ever before. Iwo is developing into the It is believed that about five and most sanguinary slaughter- one-half million persons are now house of the whole Pacific living in the city, a great many of whom are homeless refugees.

Population Greater than Ever Pr. Rupert STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (P. A. Pr. Rupert

VICTORIA, Feb. 23-"British Columbia is giving medical service and partial dental service to all social assistance cases, including Old Age Pensioners, in unorganized territory and in municipalities where they have entered into an agreement with the Provincial Secretary's Department for such aid," said Hon. R. L. Maitland, attorney general, in the Legislature today.

'We pay 50-50 with municipalities and the service includes drugs.

"Now we have reputedly a C C.F. council in Prince Rupert (a majority now belong to the C.C.F.) and it is amazing to know that Prince Rupert is one of the few municipalities that has refused to take advantage of this medical scheme in British Columbia."

urkey Declares War On Germany and Japan

ANKARA, Feb. 23 (-Ankara announced today that Turkey's National Assembly had voted unanimously to declare war on Germany and Japan as a result of the decision of the Big Three to qualify as "associated nations" all countries which take up arms against the Axis March 1. This will also qualify Turkey to sit in at the San Francisco post-war security conference on April 25.

COL. WEED NOW PORT COMMANDER LE HAVRE, REGAINED PORT, FRANCE

Colonel Thomas J. Weed, former Commanding Officer of the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, son of Mr. and Mrs. George has been designated port and district commander of Wilson, having completed his Le Havre, France it has been disclosed in a recent announcement from the War Department in Washington, D.C. Colonel Weed was transferred from spend leave with his parents, veloping engine trouble. Sal-

Le Havre was considered to breakwater entrance to the port. ber 12, 1944. This great French yards from the entrance and port had undergone a six-week beached, where it eventually of aerial bombardment split in half. Despite the oband shelling by field artillery vious hazards, nearly all of the and naval guns. Upon enter- much needed cargo was salvaged. C., J. Toombs, Maj. Commanding ing Le Havre, Army Engineers

friends are giving him a hearty Faced with the necessity of welcome. relieving immediately the already overburdened supply lines from Cherbourg to the front, the devastated beaches of the city to provide smooth landing areas for Naval landing craft and for the Army's "Ducks," famed amphibian trucks which carried supplies directly to inland dumps.

Ammunition, food, and other priority supplies passed through the Le Havre gateway "within a matter of days" after its capture. Rehabilitation of huge Lock Rochemount, made the inner basin of the Port usable again and increased the capacity of the port to well over 15,000 of an eye and impaired hear- tons a day. This is far great-

before the war. Major General C. P. Gross, Chief of Transportation, recently returned from a tour of the thing two thousand years ago European Theatre and reported which is just as true today as that the opening of Le Havre was almost delayed for about three months when a Liberty ship struck a mine at the

er tonnage than was handled

PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND KINSPORT, Tennessee-Of-

ficials of American Air Lines reported a message from an Air Lines pilot said wreckage had been sighted four miles tions were over the Reich. southwest of a rural retreat in Virginia. There was no sign of life about the plane. The ship was known to have carried 19 passengers and three members of the crew.

HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pilot Officer William Wilson, tour of operations overseas with pert, ran aground near the the Royal Canadian Air Force, arrived home this morning to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson. He looks well and is receiving a hearty welcome from his many

Military Orders

1st (R.) Bn. Prince Rupert Regt. (MG)

Range Practice-Sunday, Feb.

Bring lunch and a cup. coffee provided.

Transportation Corps Units asisted the engineers in clearing the devastated beaches of the devastated beaches of the

Turkey Declaring War

ANKARA-It is freely predicted in Ankara that Turkey will declare war this afternoon on Germany and Japan. The action, it is reported, will be made by the Turkish National Assembly. Unconfirmed rumors are circulating that most of the Middle East will be at war with Germany and Japan before the week ends. According to reliable information, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Transjordania, and Yemen, will follow Turkey in a declaration of war.

Battle of Manila

MANILA—The battle of the extermination against trapped Japanese troops in Manila continues. General MacArthur's forces have finally taken the Manila hotel after a bruising floor to floor end room battle. Off the southern tip of Luzon, Americans landed on the small island of Capul in a bid to clear the sea approaches to Manila.

Fifth Army Gains

ROME-Fifth Army troops, exploiting a surprise assault which recaptured Monte Belvedere, 30 miles southwest of Bologna, gained up to 1000 yards in a new local attack Thursday against stiffening German resistance.

Grand Scale Drive Started By Allies on Ruhr-Cologne

Germany Hard Hit-

C.C.F. Council Here Refuses to Reich Gets Worst Air

Fatherland Reeling Today After 11,000 Allied Plane

LONDON, Feb. 23 (P) - Germany's railway system, which has enabled the enemy to move men and supplies to the western front, is reeling today from the greatest aerial smash of the war Eleven thousand planes tore at the enemy's rail networks yesterday. At its peak the day's operations saw an average of 100 tons of bombs a minute falling on enemy targets. British, Canadian and American airmen took part in the raids which showered bombs on an estimated 100 Ger- Co man rail centres. Russian airmen also were active as 200 Soviet bombers went after eastern front targets

Canadian airmen are playing a prominent part in the steppedup air war. Yesterday, an R.C.A. F. typhoon fighter bomber wing set a record for a single wing by scoring 50 fall line hiss on Germany's communication system. During the night Royal Air Force mosquito bombers raided Berlin with two-ton block busters. The German radio also of a missing air lines plane warned that other Allied forma-

LOCAL HALIBUT

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23 (P) -The Borgund, 60-foot halibut boat and seiner of Prince Ru-Sandheads Point Grey lighthouse early today after devage vessels have gone to her

American Ninth and British Second Armies Swarm Across Roer River at Several Places, German Reports Say

PARIS, Feb. 23 (CP)—German broadcasts said tonight that the Allies had started a "grand scale offensive" toward the Rhur and Cologne. They bridged the Roer River at several places and advanced two miles east of the river in great strength with tanks, artillery and infantry.

Allied headquarters maintained silence on the report which came as the First Canadian Army to the north of the Roer sector gained up to 11/2 miles and slowly surrounded the fortified road hub of Calcar.

The Germans said that the big push was preceded by a three-hour artillery barrage by thousands of guns.

The enemy said the attack was on a 36-mile front from Roermond to Dueren and was mounted by the American Ninth and British Second Armies.

The German announcement said that a terrific artillery barrage opening up at 2:45 a.m. preceded the opening of the offensive.

The new front is 35 miles long and advances of up to two miles have already been made.

TODAY'S STOCKS

TODAY'S STOCKS ourtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.		Final Stroke
Bralorne	17.10	Cical I/ass
B. R. Con.	.181/2	
B. R. X.	.12	OII
Cariboo Quartz	2.05	Offensive
Dentonia	.07	CHUISITO
Grull Wihksne	.141/2	
Hedley Mascot	.93	In AA alina
Minto	.0812	In Making
Pend Oreille	1.50	
Pioneer	5.80	"Colossus" Only Waiting Or
Premier Border	.05	To Strike for German Capi
Premier Gold	1.83	10 Strike for German Capi
Privateer	.44	MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (P)-On t
Reeves McDonaid	.26	eastern front, the Russians
Reno	.08	massing for what Marshal Sta
Salmon Gold	.12	calls an end-of-the-war stro
Sheep Creek	1.25	The Soviet forces have alm
Taylor Bridge	.44	encircled the Nazi stronghold
Whitewater	.043/4	Guben on the Neisse river a
Vananda	.42	now are close to a consolidat
Oils		of Marshal Zhukov's army e

The Soviet forces have almost encircled the Nazi stronghold of Guben on the Neisse river and now are close to a consolidation

of Marshal Zhukov's army east of Berlin and Marshal Konev's forces southeast of the German The Berlin radio claims that

"Colossus" Only Waiting Order

To Strike for German Capital

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (P-On the

eastern front, the Russians are

massing for what Marshal Stalin

calls an end-of-the-war stroke.

the final all-out Soviet assault on Berlin is imminent. German broadcasts describe

Marshal Zhukov's forces east of the German capital as a "colos-Isus" waiting for the signal to strike.

Scientific Survey of Skeena

River Salmon Depletion Asked

manent highway Committee with members drawn from Boards of cluding Stewart, is advocated by ble and twisted steel. It was wayman, is revisiting the city. Fall in at Armories 1000 hrs.; the Smithers Board of Trade. the executive of the Prince Rup-Hot ert Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Wednesday night.

The proposal which was pres-the Smithers board last week suggested that, while the com-Chambers of Commerce, It should act as an independent unit.

The executive of the local chamber objected to too great a fisheries were passed by the degree of independence, feeling meeting. One recommended that that the committee would carry the Dominion government make more weight acting closely with an exhaustive scientific survey

They agreed to appoint two mon in the Skeena river. George should be included.

committee, as suggested by the and should be eliminated. Smithers group, would be to urge | The second recommendation | ected by a future impartial sur- known or utilized. Coast fisheries have narrowed the Japanese

NORTHERN JOINT HIGHWAY GROUP IS ADVOCATED

.33 inches

More Canadians Establishment of a joint per- In Australia

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (P)-A Can-Trade and Vandernoot west, in- adian signals unit has arrived in Australia for duty with the ARE HOME Australian military forces, De- ARE HOME fence headquarters announced today. The statement did not elaborate, but previous an nouncements in the last year indicated that the Canadian army was building up a sizeable

A. P. Con.

Calmont

Foothills

Maximum

Minimum

Rainfall

C. & E.

Home

Anglo Canadian

Local Temperature

servers in the Pacific theatre. FRENCH FLOODS In recent months, France has experienced its worst floods in 50 years.

the Chambers of Commerce. of the causes of depletion of sal-

delegates providing that enough | This was passed after discuschambers showed interest to sion of a resolution from the make the move worth while and Prince George Rod and Gun Club expressed the opinion that Ques- protesting a reported statement nel, Williams Lake and Prince by the Minister of Fisheries that cutthroat trout destroy young Apparent chief purpose of the salmon in the spawning streams

the building of the projected urged that the Fisheries Departhighway to Alaska as far west as ment be authorized to determine possible. The local chamber, the existence, extent and locahowever, has committed itself to tion of shellfish and other marendorse whatever route is sel- ine resources not at present resources could be enlarged by pocket to an area 700 yards Two resolutions concerning such a survey, the executive felt. long by 500 yards wide.

WOUNDED

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (P-Nearly 2000 Canadian soldiers have arrived back in Canada from the battlefronts of the Mediterranean and northwest Europe. Included in the returning veterans are medical walking casesmen wounded but now on the road to recovery. Some are back in the Dominion under the triwound leave plan that allows them to be posted near their

homes. The hospital ship Letitia

arrived at Halifax last night.

BATAAN IS ALL CLEAR

Last of Japs Have Been Driven From Manila Harbor Area

MANILA, Feb. 23 (P)—General MacArthur says Bataan Peninsula on Luzon Island has been cleared entirely of every living

Japanese. On Corregidor scattered enemy remnants are being clean-

In Manila, the Americans