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# ARGE BY ASSIZE COURT JURY

uth Matzik Freed of Responsibility For raffic Death of Geo. Ross in December

Ruth Matzik, 24-year-old United States army civi- Middle Eastclerk was found not guilty of a charge of manighter by an assize court jury which delivered its Situation lict to Chief Justice W. B. Farris, presiding judge, 6:45 last night. The jury freed the girl of respon-lity for the death of George H. Ross after deliber- Is Serious

### andle War iminals

ocedure to Be Mapped at Conference of United ons Representatives

ing in London presided over of the case. ord Wright, chairman of Chief Justice Farris commendcountry will have an op- on the evidence. unity to submit recommen- In summing up, Defence

stice Robert Jackson of the and contradictions." States, who will head "These mysteries are not The fighting started at

gn Secretary Anthony Steele." threw cold water on a re-

panese Outflanked In empt to Escape Into

oungoo and patrols have stead. up a mile farther east forces engaged in a moveoutflanking Japanese units pting to flee from Burma Thailand.

### Gestapo Executed

ONDON, May 30 (P-The have executed fifty apo men at Flensburg. dquarters of the late Doengovernment" of Germany, was reported today from enhagen. They had been ought from Froestloeves ip in Denmark to Flensg where an Allied military condemned them to

vidends-Difficult Days

by today is that of courtesy texture and shape. thews, provincial secretary- the stand.

e learned many lessons from time controls, said Mr. Matvs. Service station operators, said, would never again reto the ridiculous hours preing before the war just bese selfish car owners, to en-Sundays and holidays deaed a service that could e been rendered the day be-Of course, he said, reasonaccommodation would have accorded courists who (Continued on Page 4)

ANCOUVER—Construction start soon of the \$2,000,000 -station for the B.C. El-

ating for an hour at the end of

a two day court session. guard, died after being struck by a light U.S. army Alaska department truck on Second avenue on the night of December 13, and Miss Matzik was charged with the fatality.

Miss Matzik, who sat calmly through the long court proceedings, was congratulated NDON, May 30 (P)-Proce- by friends as she left the court for bringing war criminals room at the conclusion of the stice as speedily as possible trial. She was defended by be mapped out by repre- T. W. Brown whose summation gives of sixteen of the of evidence before the jury re-Nations tomorrow at a tired was one of the highlights

International War Crimes ed the jury for its verdict which, assion. Representatives of he said, was the proper verdict

for handling of war- Counsel Brown described the case as "a mass of mysteries

dal commission, left for helped," he said, "by the absence of Anthony Cornelius is said to have spread south-

Steele was formerly civilian hat Goering would be tried head of the Alaska department cus. here, and it was with him and a man named Tony Wilbershied that Miss Matzik spent the evening during which Ross met his death. The truck which struck 300 persons have been wound-Ross down belonged to his de- ed in the disorders.

Steele, Brown said, had promary hearing to be present at BATTLE OF Assize court to give testimony LCUTTA, May 30 (P-In- but never showed up. A transtroops of the British Four- cript of his testimony given at h Army have cleared twelve the preliminary hearing in Januof the Mawchi road east ary was read yesterday, in-

### Only Piece of Direct Evidence

In directing the jury, Chie Justice Farris pointed out that the only piece of direct evidence in the case was the testimony of Private Lester Featherthe driver to be a man.

the U.S.O. club at 11:15 and was subsequently withdrew in order at the intersection of Second to pick up reinforcements. avenue and Eighth street when Another marine division, the the truck drove by him, he told Sixth, has overrun the bombthe court. At the scene of the wrecked city of Naha on Okinaccident he told Corp. A. T. awa's west coast. Lashmar of the city police that he had seen a man driving the

Belief that the truck labelled "Alaska Department No. 2" was the death vehicle was firmly clinched by testimony of Dr. Ar-Ourtesy in Business Will Pay chibald T. Naismith, pathologist of a Kamloops hospital, who testified that samples of hair taken from Ross's head and a he retailer who will be op- hair retrieved from a door ing a profitable business in hinge of the truck were similuture will be the one whose lar in color, interior tainting,

reciates the value of the cus- both hair specimins came from LAST THRUST who did not demand un- the same scalp," he testified. onable service, such as long Failure of Crown Counsel

charge accounts, foolish w. o. Fulton to call Pte. Feathveries and special privileges erolf as a witness drew a prong the difficult days of war- test from the presiding judge control," said George R. and the soldier was placed on

visitor in the city this week the jury can learn the facts," he course of a tour of the dis- His Lordship commented.

In the written testimony of (Continued on Page 2)

### YUKON RIVER FLOODS

Residents were evacuated by ed to port. aircraft.

BIG FISH IN FRASER Pitt River.

# Ross, 67-year-old U.S. civilian In SYIIa

Violence Spreading With List of Casualties Rapidly

LONDON, May 30 (CP)-New outbreaks of violence are said to have flared in Syria and grave developments appear at hand in the dispute between France and the governments of Lebanon and Syria—a dispute which now has reached a stalemate. Foreign Secretary Eden said today the situation was more

According to the Beyrouth radio, Syrian artillery has fired on the French legation and all French military positions in Damascus. French military authorities are said to have taken what is described as "all necessary" measures.

Aleppo in northern Syria and ward as far as Deraa-which

The acting premier of Syria,

# OKINAWA

Still Uncertain Whether Shuri Taken-Naha Overrun

CRUCIAL JAP TEST TOKYO, May 30 - Premier Suzuki told the Japanese Parliament today that the Battle of Okinawa would be the deciding battle of the war. The fate of the Japanese Empire depended on the outcome.

olf, U.S. army. Pte. Featherolf GUAM, May 30 (P)—On Okin-had said that, as the death truck awa, it is still uncertain whether CANADA AIR passed within 10 feet of him a the First American Marine Divifew seconds after it had struck sion was able to dig in at the CROSSROADS down Ross, he had recognized fortress town of Shuri after CROSSROADS down Ross, he had recognized fortress town of Shuri after storming its outer ramparts. It The soldier had emerged from is possible that the leathernecks

### Halibut Sales

American (15c and 13½c) Kanaga, 60,000, Co-op. Canadian (18½c and 16½c) Anker, 16,000, Whiz and Pacific.

Dolina, 21,000, Storage.

Gulvick, 13,000, Booth.

missing and 11 injured.

Three German Dorniers were tributions to all concerned." preying where no enemy planes GALENA - Yukon River had been seen for months and the cessation of hostilities in

pert for the first four months of mechanics and I am pleased to 1945 totalled \$3780 as compared say that they have brought with NEW WESTMINSTER - An | with \$6140 in the corresponding them a high degree of character 852-pound sturgeon has been period of last year. The fines of as a result of their Air Force caught in the Fraser River \$940 in April this year compared training, which will enable us to confluence of the | with \$1900 in the same month a | greatly increase our standard of tyear ago.



THE PEN VANQUISHES THE SWORD-While Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the 21st Army group, watches (right foreground), General Admiral von Friedeberg signs the terms that surrendered all the German forces in northwest Germany, Holland and Denmark to Field Marshal Montgomery's forces.

Political Free For All-

### is sixty miles below Damas- FOUR FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES perished by suffocation at their that the Sixth Division would be based on an infantry division ress bombers are hitting Japan. Jamil Mardambey, asserts that from 80 to 100 persons have been killed and from 200 to Jamil Mardambey, asserts that charged with manslaughter in organized along American lines ation. Fifty-one square miles of but Canadian identity of the Tokyo now are in ruins the re-

At a joint meeting of the executives of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council (AFL) and the Prince Rupert Labor Council (CCL) held last evening in the Carpenters' Hall, it was decided to sponsor a meeting for trade unionists in the Oddfellows' Hall next Monday evening, to be addressed by the candidates for the Skeena riding of the four political parties.

This meeting was decided upon due to the fact that some of the candidates had expressed a desire to address members of various trade unions but as yet had not had an opportunity to do so.

A speaking period of fifteen minutes is to be allowed each candidate after which there will be a question period for written questions only.

Due to one of the candidates having to leave, possibly before the meeting is over, it was decided in fairness to all that there would be no rebuttal speeches.

Jack Fisher was elected chairman for the forthcoming meeting.

Major D. R. MacLaren Foresees Future for Aviation

WINNIPEG, May 30- "In the global network of the future of aviation, Canada, by reason of its position on the globe, is destined to become a crossroads of tremendous strategic importance. The people of Canada are fully aware of this and also of the necessity for nations of the world to work together in peaceful cooperation, sharing fruitfully the freedom of the air as they once shared the freedom of the seas, said D. R. MacLaren, superintendent of passenger service for TransCanada Air Lines and the fourth ranking flying ace in World War I, when he addressed the Mid-Canada Air Conference

now in session here. "Regardless of the bright outlook for this country in the air, Canadian Frigate Matane Was there can be no post-war new Victim of Glider Bomb Attack air age in western Canada or any other part of the Dominion un-OTTAWA, May 30 (P) - Hon. less thousands of air-conscious Douglas C. Abbott, minister of men and women want, need, and Navy, yesterday released the are prepared to pay for, air ser-Association of the Retail Merch- "The duty of the Crown is to story of one of the Luftwaffe's vice," he stated. "Air transport-Association of Canada, who produce all witnesses so that dying thrusts—a glide bomb at ation operating beyond our bortack on a Canadian naval patrol ders will bring into the stream in the English Channel in which of commerce the products of rethe Canadian frigate Matane gions now inaccessible, enriche learned many steele, delivered at the was damaged and one of her ing the lives of our people as well crew killed. Three others are as the people of those regions in return, and make valuable con-

Mr. MacLaren said that, with floods are receding here after launched a number of glider Europe, a number of young men having washed some homes bombs. Only one hit home, strik- were made free to take their away and lifting others from ling the Matane on the quarter place in Canada's air transport their foundations. The air deck. The Matane's watertight industry. "TransCanada Air field was also badly damaged. bulkheads held and she was tow- Lines has given employment to hundreds of these young men as pilets, traffic men, radio opera-Police court fines in Prince Ru- tors, passengers agents and service," he concluded.

### Bulletins

BRING CANADIANS HOME OTTAWA — Provisional ar- o'clock. rangements have been made to bring home during the next six months all Canadian service personnel with more than four years service overseas except certain key personnel and occupation forces, Prime Minnounces.

VANCOUVER AIR TERMINAL floor. VANCOUVER - Vancouver Pacific run, W. F. English of floor. Winnipeg, vice - president of tension of runways from 5000 after the child's death. to 8000 feet is necessary for the route.

OPEN ALL HOURS OTTAWA—Restrictions gov-

WRENS TO KEEP FIT OTTAWA—Wrens will be allowed to keep their entire kits on being discharged from service, it is announced.

100 ADMIRALS DEAD TOKYO - More than 100 Japanese admirals have died since the start of the war.

GOVERNING GERMANY MOSCOW — Within a few days a joint Allied control commission-on which Russia, Britain, United States and France are represented-will be governing Germany.

REPAIRING FRANKLIN WASHINGTON—It will take in battle in the Pacific.

### NEGLIGENCE QUESTIONED

Judge Asks Crown Counsel Pointed Question About Case at Assize

Crown Counsel W. O. Fulton was asked by Chief Justice W. B. Farris on what facts a jury Signe Hanburg when evidence of witnesses was concluded in the case this morning.

negligence.

"Where is the law that re- Sixth Division. quires a mother to remain all Announcement of the name of her children to bed. Matches It has been previously re-

dren, Ronald Fossum, four years gonal patch. old, and Lorraine Hanburg, two The official statement said

Chief Justice Farris adjourned forms. the trial until two o'clock this afternoon to further consider the evidence. He made no ad- DETAILS OF dress to the jury up to that DETAILS OF

Evidence heard during the JAP BOMBS morning session was by Dr. J. J. Gibson, who was called shortly after the two children's bodies were discovered by Frank Montesano, Dr. R. E. Coleman, pathologist, Corp. Lashmar and Constables Brue and Stevens of the B.C. Police, Mrs. Verna Ratchford, Frank Montesano, Edmund H. Hicks, proprietor of the Fraser House ho-TAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA tel

According to testimony, Mrs. Hanburg and Mrs. Ratchford spent the evening of the children's death at the Commercial Hotel beer parlor, returning to Mrs. Ratchford's house about 11

Frank Montesano told of discovering the children's bodies in the smoke-filled house a few minutes later when he was asked BRACKEN ON by Mrs. Hanburg to see if "everything was all right."

thing was all right."

The children were lying dead | SLAND NOW ister Mackenzie King an- in the younger child's crib and the mattress of Ronald's crib was smoldering on the bedroom

Corp. Lashmar presented a live airport is to be enlarged and match taken from Ronald's over- Bracken, Progressive - Conservaused by TranCanada Air Lines all pocket after he had picked tive leader, in an address at a as Canadian terminus of a the garment from the kitchen political rally here last night,

TransCanada Air Lines, an- three matches which he said assistance would be given the yesterday that William Joyce nounced here yesterday. Ex- he had found in Ronald's crib provinces in the maintenance (Lord Haw Haw), who won

dicated.

by gas and oil stations in Stuart Finlay, Alex Barbe, Wil- For twenty years prior to the was shot in the thigh as he was Canada will be lifted June 1. liam H. Atrill, Louis Amadio, war, Mr. King, to obtain his captured at the Danish border William Bovill, jr., John Hoskins, political fortunes with a minor- near Flensburg and his condi-A. J. Weldon, Colin F. McDon- ity, blinded the people of Can- tion is reported to be critical. He ald, Alex Haig.

# CANADIAN

Details of Losses in Various Services Announced

OTTAWA, May 30 (P)—It is announced that Canada suffered 102,875 casualties in the army, navy and air force including 37,206 dead and 3,769 missing up to May 7, the end of the war in Europe. The Army suffered 79,-744 casualties including 21,478 dead. Royal Canadian Air Force nine months to repair the casualties totalled 20,702 includ-United States aircraft carrier ing 13,858 dead. The Navy had Franklin which was damaged 2,399 casualties including 1870 dead.

### British Columbia Man To Lead Canadians To War Against Japanese

Will Be Known As Sixth Division With Infantry Base and Armored and Ancillary Units

OTTAWA, May 30 (CP) - Major-General Bert Hoffmeister, aged 38, C.B.E., D.S.O., Vancouver, has His Lordship asked the jury to been appointed commander of the Canadian Far East retire at the conclusion of testi- force, it was announced today. Hoffmeister led the constituted the crown's case, Seaforth Highlanders in Sicily and later became then asked Mr. Fulton on what commander of the Fifth Armored Division. The Far

the time with her children," the commander of 30,000 volunin a dangerous position, that over command was made by the

could only be reached by some East Force, overseas division, effort on the part of the child." would be called the Sixth and Mrs. Hanburg, whose two chil- would wear a distinctive hexa-

Enemy Missels Which Have Particulars Revealed of Reached This Country

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30-Details of bolloons carrying Reconnaissance photos vividly ilincendiaries and explosives lustrate this destruction. All which have been dropped along around Emperor Hirohito's flame the Pacific Coast - United blackened palace are the re-States and Canada—are des- mains of burned-out buildings. cribed. They are filled with The desolation extends in all hydrogen and drop sand bags, directions from the palace and incendiary bombs being fin- | up and down the waterfront of ally dropped after which the Tokyo Bay where much of the balloons are self-destroyed by city's war industry once was condemolition. They are believed | centrated. to have been seen from Japanto bolster Japanese morale.

Pledges Assistance to Forests -Forecasts Mackenzie King's [AD TDEACAN Defeat

VICTORIA, May 30 (P)-John promised that, if his party was of forests.

large 44-passenger planes the kept high enough to be out of ister W. L. Mackenzie King is war, will face a treason charge company proposes to use on the way of ordinary reach of again attempting to hang on in Britain. small children, testimony in- to power by using Quebec as a Joyce and his wife were arreststepping stone but the people ed by British troops, British Sec-Jurymen hearing the case are: now understood his methods and ond Army headquarters an-William McLeod, foreman, James would repudiate him at the polls nounced yesterday. erning the hours to be kept B. McKay, J. Gunnar Anderson, June 11.

ada to the true state of con- was being transferred to Lueneditions by telling them that burg by ambulance. Canada would never again be A British soldier fired when

Kamloops next.

fact a jury could find criminal East force is officially identified for the first time as the Japan Hard Hit-

His Lordship asked. "If a wo- teers who will fight against the man leaves her child knowingly Japanese under American allwould be culpable negligence. office of Prime Minister W. L. Wiping Out were not easily available. They ported that the Canadian Far

> Reconnaissance Shows Terrific Damage in Tokyo and Yokohama GUAM, May 30 (P-Superfort-

the night of February 10, was and will include armored and harder and harder in their She was defended by T. W. troops will be maintained as sult of six fire-bomb raids on they will wear Canadian uni- the enemy capital. The incendiary attacks began last February with 200 B-29's and reached a crescendo of fury last Saturday. Fifty of the big bombers have been lost in the six raids on Tokyo. That is an average of just under one superbomber lost for each square mile of Tokyo burn-

> ed to ashes. Nearly 100 major targets have been blotted out in Tokyo, most of them key industrial plants.

Eighteen miles south of Tokyo, ese war factories in the effort there are similar scenes of destruction in Yokohama. The Japanese admit that 60,000 homes were burned out in the big fire raid on Yokohama.

## TO BE TRIED

Lord Haw Haw Shot When He Made Threatening Move-Had No Gun However

LONDON, May 30 (P)—The Bri-Constable Stevens presented returned to power, generous tish Press Association reported world wide repute for his pro-Matches in the house were Bracken said that Prime Min- German broadcasts during the

The anti-British mouthpiece

involved in a European con- Joyce made a threatening move with his hand in his pocket. He Mr. Bracken will speak in was later found, however, to have no weapon in his possession.

### INSPIRED LEADERSHIP?

Does this attitude indicate inspired leadership or anything other than a narrow isolationist view?

Canadians can do more to maintain freedom and democracy by being alive in Canada than six feet underground in European soil." (Harold Winch, Vancouver, September 28, 1939).

Let Canada keep her place in world affairs by returning an able, international-minded administration.

Be REALLY Progressive . . . Vote LIBERAL