

Weather moderate to fresh winds, cloudy and mild with occasional rain during afternoon, becoming partly cloudy in evening.

Defences of Cologne and Duesseldorf Are Being Pierced First and Ninth Armies Smash Forward; Canadians Keep Pace

HUNDRED AND FOURTY BUSINESS SCKS OF TOKYO ARE BURNED OUT AM, Feb. 28 (CP)—Office quarters United States Twenty-First Command have revealed the results of B-29 Tokyo. The fleet of 200 super B-29s levelling the centre of Tokyo's industrial and factory and business district having been



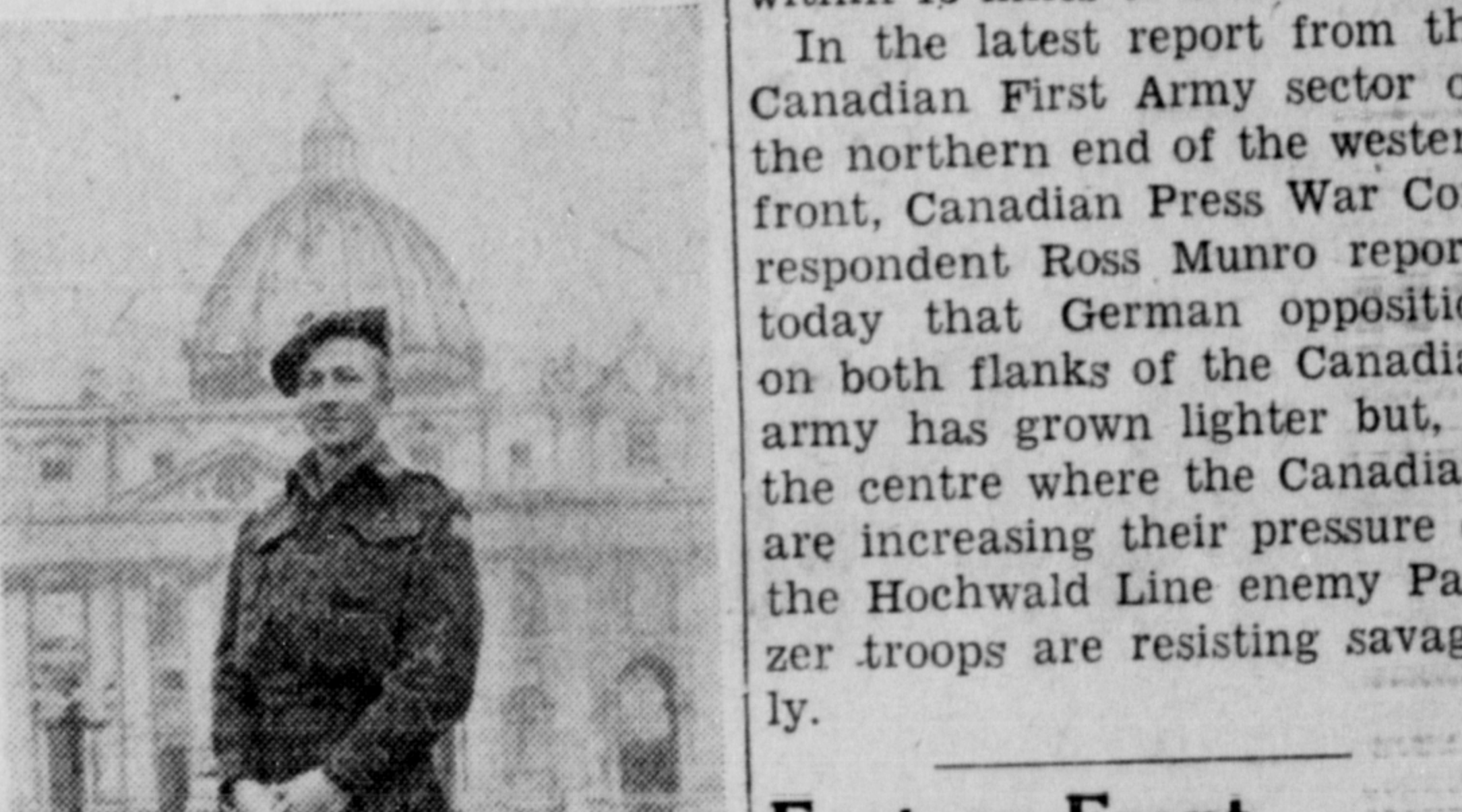
ALLIED PLANES BOMB DOCKYARD AT HONG KONG—Here is Taikoo dockyard in Hong Kong, China, under attack Jan. 16 by U.S. navy planes of Vice-Admiral John S. McCain's fast carrier task force. Bomb explosion to the left set afire a 4,500-ton freighter-transport ship. Smoke and fire to the right are rising from a direct hit on the machine shops. Air-men here encountered some of the heaviest anti-aircraft fire yet seen in the Pacific theatre.

German Opposition to Dominion Forces Is Lighter On Flanks But Still Savage in the Centre

Debate on Conference

Vote of Confidence to be Polled Tomorrow in Parliament LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—The debate in the British House of Commons on the Crimea conference continues today. Votes will be taken soon on an amendment to a motion by Prime Minister Churchill by members who oppose the Polish decisions. The prime minister's motion expresses approval of the Yalta

PARIS, Feb. 28 (CP)—The outer defences of two big Rhine cities—Cologne and Duesseldorf—have been pierced. Hundreds of German prisoners have surrendered to rampaging Allied armies. The American First and Ninth Armies have rolled up advances of ten miles or more. The First is within 6 1/2 miles of Cologne while the Ninth is within 13 miles of Duesseldorf.



IN ROME—Pte. Olav Rysstad, son of B. T. Rysstad of Prince Rupert, stands in front of St. Peter's. The former Daily News carrier is with the Canadian Army in Italy.

Bulletins

CONFERENCE ENDED PARIS—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault has returned to Paris after conferring in London with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Prime Minister Churchill. According to the announcement from the French Foreign Ministry, the meetings served to re-affirm the determination of France to work with Britain in war and in peace.

Her's Own Yards First Yield Up

Feb. 28 (CP)—Allied stockades on the western front are jammed with members of the "Folkssturm"—Hitler's Home Guards. They were ordered to give up. The Home Guards wore their civilian clothes and only an arm-band to show they were part of the German Army. They were with the poorest of the equipment, including out-

STAY CANADA

Majority of Those Home Rotation Leave Will Not Want Back Overseas OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—Almost all the service soldiers have returned to Canada from overseas rotation leave and all but 53 of the men have been retained in the army. The 53 men who have returned did so at their own

Day Meet Canada

Ability of Conference Summary to San Francisco Is Discussed TORONTO, Feb. 28 (CP)—It is expected that Empire delegates will meet together prior to the San Francisco World Security Conference. The purpose of the meeting would be to coordinate a common Empire position on major questions.

RESPIRE FOR BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—Hitler's war capital has been given another breathing spell during the day. The first of R.A.F. Mosquitos dropped their two-ton blockbusters on the city at 3 o'clock this morning. German Time, the city reported Berlin again un-

Churchill's Hint—Speculate On Russia

Her Entry Into War Would Solve a Lot of Problems for Canada in War Upon Japs OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (CP)—A hint by Prime Minister Churchill that Russia may join in the war against Japan is being considered with interest by war planners in Ottawa, those figuring routes for moving Canadian forces to Pacific bases. Two plans have been drawn up, one to be used if Russian enters the war against Japan, and the other if she does not.

RESERVE ARMY MARKING

OTTAWA—Members of Canada's Reserve Army will wear a rectangular patch on their left forearm. The patch will bear the words "Reserve Army" in black. The badge will be worn at the same spot on the sleeve where the red "GS" letters are worn by active army men.

BOILERMAKERS' TANGLE

VANCOUVER—Resignations of five officers of the Boilermakers' Union (CCL) were accepted at a membership meeting. The five were President C. A. Henderson, Lloyd A. Hunter, Alistair McLeod, John Downie and Harvey Holliday. Their request for employment had been voted down by the membership.

SENATOR BLACK DIES

SACKVILLE, N. B.—Senator Frank B. Black died at his home here on his seventieth birthday today following a heart attack. He had been in poor health for several weeks. He was formerly Conservative member of the New Brunswick Legislature for Westmoreland.

NICK KURULOK RETURNS HOME

Glad to be back in Prince Rupert after service overseas, Trooper Nick Kurulok arrived in the city this morning seven days after he had been landed from the hospital ship Lady Nelson in an eastern port.

ENTHUSIASTIC LIBERALS EXPRESS PRIDE IN MACKENZIE KING WHILE PREPARING FOR FEDERAL ELECTION

Enthusiastic appreciation of the splendid record of accomplishment of the government of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King in the war was expressed by the Prince Rupert Liberal Association when it met last night in the I.O.D.E. Hall to elect officers for the year and Skeena riding federal nominating convention to be held March 13. A vote of confidence in Premier King's leadership was passed. Delegates to the convention were not instructed although the suggestion was made by one of the speakers of the evening that E. T. Applewhite, whose name has been mentioned, would be a happy choice.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table listing stock prices for Vancouver and Toronto. Vancouver includes Bralorne, B.R. Con., B.R. X., Cariboo Quartz, Dentonia, Grull Wilksne, Hedley Mascot, Minto, Pend Orielle, Pioneer, Premier Border, Premier Gold, P.Vateer, Reeves McDonald, Reno, Salmon Gold, Sheep Creek, Taylor Bridge, Whitewater, Vananda. Toronto includes Beattie, Central Patricia, Consolidated Smelters, Giant Yellowknife, Hardrock, Kerr Addison, Little Long Lac, Madsen Red Lake, McLeod Cockshut, McKenzie Red Lake, Moneta, Pickle Crow, Preston E. Dome, San Antonio, Sherritt Gordon, Steep Rock, Queenston. Unlisted includes Homer, Jackknife, Jensen, Lasalle, Lynx, Mate, Regina.

Local Temperature Maximum 41, Minimum 31, Rainfall .07 inches

RATION BOARD HEADS CHANGE

Wartime Prices and Trade Board announces changes in chairman of local ration boards at McBride and Vanderhoof. F. L. Waller has been appointed chairman of the McBride board, replacing H. R. Sansom. Chairman of the Vanderhoof board is Frank Bowman, who has replaced K. L. Johnson.

ROOSEVELT NOW HOME

President of United States to Report Personally to Congress Tomorrow WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 28 (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt returned today from the Crimea conference with buoyant hopes for an enduring peace and world-wide reduction of armaments. Mr. Roosevelt plans to report in person to Congress Thursday or Friday.

A Party to Be Proud Of

The Liberal party was the party of the people and its principles were founded in the interests of the common people, asserted E. T. Applewhite. "We may well be proud of a party which has produced such men as Gladstone, Lloyd George, Laurier and Mackenzie King and we should not hide that pride in party behind a bushel." It was the principle of the Liberal party to use the power of the state to produce conditions under which an individual could thrive, to afford equal treatment and equal opportunity to the masses and the classes. It was a party of belief, conviction, eagerness and readiness. The

HOUSE APPROVES POLISH POLICY

LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—An amendment moved by 22 Conservatives criticizing the British government's policy on Poland was defeated in Commons today by a vote of 396 to 25. The vote came after Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons "when settlement is finally reached, Poland will be as strong or stronger than the Poland which existed in 1939."

CIVILIANS TO USE AIRPORTS

Arrangements Made Whereby They Will Be Available After War is Over HAMILTON, Feb. 28 (CP)—The Dominion controller of civilian aviation, A. D. McLean, told the Ontario air conference in Hamilton, Ont., yesterday, that airports developed by the government for wartime use will be made available for civilian aviation after the war as far as is possible. Mr. McLean pointed out that when airports are declared surplus by the R.C.A.F., the federal transport department determines or forecasts their possible use. He indicated that the government might provide limited aid in the development of municipal airport programs after the war.

Farmers' Institute Reports Good Year

TERRACE, Feb. 28—Terrace Farmers' Institute reported a moderately successful year with net profit of \$637 on sales totaling \$11,100 for the year, according to the auditor's report presented recently. Gross profit for the year was \$1,267. Capital accounts showed assets totalling \$3,395, while \$1,213 was owing at the end of the year on the new Farmers' Institute building.

Suspend Sentence For One Year

One year suspended sentence was imposed by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court yesterday on John Banek, Hazelton youth who pleaded guilty Monday to being unlawfully in a dwelling. Banek entered the apartment of Constable R. W. Strouts at 2:30 Sunday morning, awakening the constable by striking matches. He told Constable Strouts that he was "looking for a room." Constable Strouts said that Banek appeared to be slightly under the influence of liquor. "This is a serious charge against you, but I do not think you entered the apartment with criminal intent," Magistrate Vance said as he suspended sentence. Banek is receiving compensation for a hand injury received while working at the Bilmor mill.

Eastern Front—Reds Cross Neisse River

Except for Pomerania, Moscow Has No Report Today On Fighting LONDON, Feb. 28 (CP)—The enemy is the only source of information this morning on the ground fighting east and south-east of Berlin. The Nazis say Marshal Konev's forces have crossed the Neisse River at several points. The Russian communiqué does not mention the Berlin area at all, but tells of a 44-mile gain in Pomerania. This drive is heading towards the Baltic to cut off the Nazis in Danzig and points east. The Russians have 28 miles to go before reaching the Baltic coast. Premier Stalin announced today that the Russians have captured New Stettin in Pomerania.

PREMIER KING GOING ON AIR

OTTAWA, Feb. 28—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King will deliver a radio address to the people of Canada later this week, answering certain questions which have been put to the government, it was announced following a meeting of the cabinet yesterday. It is expected the Prime Minister may make some statement as to when an election will be held and if another session of Parliament will take place.

Killed On Active Service In Air

Sergeant Harry Dynes, whose wife resides at Bella Bella, is recorded as being killed on active service in a current casualty list issued by the Department of National Defence for Air.

War News Highlights

Iwo Gains in Inches GUAM—American gains on Iwo Jima are counted in inches. But the Americans have prevented the Japanese from sneaking through their lines several times in attempts to steal drinking water. The Japanese have sprayed the American lines with a heavy barrage of artillery fire.