

North Coast and Queen Charlotte—Light to moderate winds, overcast and mild with light rain becoming cloudy with occasional showers in the afternoon. Saturday.

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High	7:00	18.0 feet
	19:19	15.3 feet
Low	0:16	7.3 feet
	13:11	9.2 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Montgomery Takes Over Command

### Akyab, Important Burma Port, Re-Taken by British

No Resistance Encountered From Japanese — Has Been Prime Objective for Some Time

KANDY, Ceylon, Jan. 5 (CP)—The city of Akyab, the third largest port of Burma, has fallen to British and Indian seaborne forces. The attackers swarmed ashore on Akyab Island, on which the city is located, early Wednesday morning without encountering any opposition. The island is firmly in British hands.

Akyab has a normal population of about 40,000. It is situated at the mouth of the Kaladan River on the Burmese west coast and has been a prime objective of the Allied drive in southwest Burma. It served as an important Japanese supply base for two years.

### More Canadian Airmen Return

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—More Canadian airmen, some of them after three or four years overseas, have returned to Canada.

### TRIAL OF MAJ. CAMPBELL IS ON

Hearing Proceeds in Connection With Unlawful Retaining of Army Refrigerator

NANAIMO, Jan. 5.—Two high-ranking officers in the Pacific Command testified at the trial of Major J. Forin Campbell, Royal Canadian Engineers unit commander at Camp Nanaimo, charged with unlawfully retaining at his residence an army issue refrigerator knowing it to have been stolen.

Col. Hugh Allen, administrator of Pacific Command, said the Command had not given permission for private use of Army material.

Col. William G. Swan, retired Command engineer officer and district engineer officer, said that, while he was Command engineer, it was not an uncommon practice for material to be loaned service men's families as necessary.

Private use of three army-owned refrigerators was admitted in the course of the trial of Major Campbell. Warrant Officer William Morrell was charged with the use of a second refrigerator and Staff Sergeant J. J. Edwards told the court he had borrowed a third refrigerator.

Harry Freeman, civilian employee in Army stores, said he had borrowed a stove on Morrell's permission for private use.

The defence claims that the articles were borrowed legally under the Army's loan card system whereby such loans are made providing the transactions are entered in store records.

The trial is continuing.

### Halifax Labor Temple Burned

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—A new building will be erected at a cost of \$200,000 after the war to replace the Halifax Labor Temple which was destroyed by fire on New Year's Day.

### RECONSIDERATION IS BEING ASKED

Fish Workers' Union Taking Up With National Board Disallowance of Region Board's Findings

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—Alex Gordon, secretary of the United Fish Cannery, Reduction, Plant and Allied Workers' Union, said that the union will ask the National War Labor Board to reconsider the disallowance of a \$15 a month wage increase for fish camp men. The national board disallowed increases granted by the British Columbia Regional War Labor Board for several classifications of shore workers in the fishing industry.

### PROSPECTS OF SHIP CONTRACT IS INDEFINITE

Prospects of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock undertaking the conversion of an 8,000-ton ship into a "floating night club" for use by British troops are indefinite at the present time, Bernard Allen, dry dock manager, said Thursday.

Mr. Allen returned to the city Wednesday from the east where he attended conferences of transport officials and shipyard executives in December.

"The picture is indefinite right now. I cannot say what the outcome will be," Mr. Allen commented. "I believed earlier that we had the job secured but right now the whole thing is confused."

At present, two Blue Funnel line passenger ships are at Esquimalt waiting for conversion work which will result in them becoming entertainment centres for British troops serving in the Pacific and Far Eastern war theatres.

According to a London press dispatch late in December, one of the ships was to be converted at Esquimalt yards, one at Prince Rupert and a third at an Atlantic port. Work on the third ship has already begun.

Recent Vancouver press reports, however, say that if the work involved is only of a minor nature, one ship will go to Prince Rupert, but if the changes are extensive both ships will be converted at a southern shipyard.

### In Italy—

### Canadians Advancing

Continue to Drive Ahead Despite Heavy Resistance and Bad Weather

ROME, Jan. 5.—Troops in Italy continue to drive ahead in face of strong enemy counterattacks. The Canadians have advanced another half-mile along the road east of Alfonsine in the Adriatic sector to within a half-mile of the town of San Albino.

Leading armor and infantry of the first Canadian Corps have reached Canale Bonifacio, one mile south of the River Reno. Lieut.-Gen. Foulkes' men, therefore, are approaching still another water barrier in their drive through the semi-flooded and canal-laced sector of the eastern Po valley.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

TORONTO	
B.R. Consolidated	15 1/2
Bralorne	15.35
Cariboo Gold Quartz	1.80
Hedley Mascot	.79
Pend Oreille	1.40
Pioneer	4.55
Premier	1.20
Privateer	.38
Reno	.05
Reeves MacDonald	.21
Sheep Creek	1.08
Whitewater	.02 1/2
Minto	.07 3/4
Salmon	.09 1/2

OILS	
Calmont	.23
C. & E.	1.77
Home	3.10
Royal Canadian	.03 1/2

TORONTO	
Beattie	1.60
Central Patricia	2.10
Consolidated Smelters	51.25
Giant Yellowknife	10.50
Hardrock	.73
Kerr Addison	11.50
Little Long Lac	1.30
Madsen Red Lake	2.30
McLeod Cockshutt	2.29
McKenzie Red Lake	1.51
Moneta	.57B
Pickle Crow	2.65
Preston East Dome	2.50
San Antonio	4.25
Sherritt Gordon	.70B
Steep Rock	2.70
Queenston	1.35



ALLIED INFANTRYMEN ON THE ALERT IN METZ—Men of the 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, cautiously move a 30 calibre machine-gun through the streets of Metz, France, in search of enemy snipers still lurking in the city.

## WAR NEWS

### Gains On Western Front

PARIS—British troops and armor have joined the Allied counter-attack against Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's Belgian salient. An official announcement disclosing that British troops are in action against the Belgian salient does not indicate the specific sector where the Second Army units are engaged. American forces have made important advances in Belgium. The Americans have gained as much as three and one-half miles against German positions at the northern end of the Belgian front. All gains made by these American First Army troops were made during a blizzard. The First Army now is about twelve miles from a juncture with the American Third Army moving up from the south. The Third Army has been gaining in a yard-by-yard advance and there seems little chance that the two armies will join forces in the very near future. More than six inches of snow cover much of the battlefield, and visibility has been extremely poor. The grounding of all aircraft is reacting in favor of the Germans who are able to reinforce their troops without danger to their communication lines. Today's Allied communiqué makes no mention of action in Holland where the Canadian First Army sector is located. Patrol activity on the Canadian sector during the past two days has cost the enemy some losses in killed and captured.

### Two Raids On Berlin

LONDON—Light Mosquito bombers of the Royal Air Force smashed at Berlin twice during the night. The raids came within three hours of each other. A complete summary shows that British, Canadian, and American bombers dropped more than one and one-half million tons of explosives on enemy targets in Europe during 1944.

### Bangkok-Nagoya Bombed

PEARL HARBOR—B29 superfortresses yesterday attacked Bangkok, Siam, for the fourth time and a single B29 was over Nagoya, Japanese industrial city, and dropped bombs.

### MESSAGE OF ROOSEVELT

Foreign Affairs Expected to Be Discussed in Document Before Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 5.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt will include a comprehensive discussion of foreign affairs in his annual message to Congress, tomorrow. It is not believed, however, that he will attempt to define exactly American policy toward current European political problems.

The President is represented as wishing to keep his hands free for reaching future agreements with Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia in a forthcoming Big Three conference.

### MOSCOW HONORS LUBLIN GOV'T

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Moscow radio announced tonight that the Soviet government has recognized the Polish provisional government in Lublin.

### New Commissioner To New Zealand

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Sir Patrick Duff, who has been deputy High Commissioner to Canada, will be new British High Commissioner to New Zealand, it is announced.

## Bulletins

### SUPERFORT AT EDMONTON

EDMONTON—A superfortress was seen for the first time at the Edmonton airport. It was on its way to Alaska and will likely be used in the war against Japan.

### OFFICER RESIGNS

EDMONTON—Sergeant Ducloux, one of three Edmonton police officers under suspension as a result of a row in a police station on New Year's Day, has resigned.

### REDS READY TO STRIKE

LONDON—Vast Russian and Polish armies are reported poised along the Vistula River ready to strike into Poland in the reported new winter offensive which is about to commence.

### BACK FROM FRANCE

LONDON—Prime Minister Winston Churchill is back in London today after a visit to Allied headquarters in France where he conferred with General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery.

### PARLEY AFTER JANUARY 20

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that the conference with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin would take place some time after his inauguration on January 20. The President will give a half-an-hour radio address tomorrow night.

### Russian Progress—

### TAKING MORE OF BUDAPEST

MOSCOW, Jan. 5.—The Russians are making progress in their drive to take the Hungarian capital of Budapest. Moscow has announced the capture of another 277 city blocks.

The Germans are continuing their attempts to relieve the trapped Nazi garrison in the Hungarian metropolis. They have hurled a strong force against Russian lines in northwestern Hungary but Moscow has not indicated whether or not the Germans have been gaining during the recent fighting.

### In Greece—

### Must Lay Down Arms

British General's Edict Supported by Government—Fighting Continues

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—The new Greek government has made it clear that insurgent forces will not be given a chance to air their grievances until they comply with the terms offered by the British commander in Greece. The head of the British military forces, Lieut.-Gen. Ronald Scobie, has demanded that Greek fighters lay down their arms and leave Athens. The government's views were expressed by the Greek foreign minister who said that the first goal of the new government is to impose law and order.

Bitter fighting has been raging in some sections of Athens. British troops opened up a powerful drive against some parts of the capital yesterday. It was necessary to use tanks and armored cars to wipe out isolated Greek units.

### BIG THREE MEET SOON

Time and Place of Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin Parley Not Yet Named

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The next meeting of the Big Three—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Premier Joseph Stalin—will be held very soon but time and place is not yet indicated. The British Press Association said yesterday that the meeting would probably be held at the end of this month at a place not yet selected.

### Half Million Tons Of Bombs Unloaded

LONDON, Jan. 5.—British bombers unloaded 500,000 tons of explosives on enemy targets in 1944, it is announced.

### TITO CROSSES INTO AUSTRIA

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Marshal Tito has announced that his Partizan forces have crossed the Austrian border. The Yugoslav troops are menacing a German position between Klagenfurt and Graz.

### LOOKS LIKE STRIKE DUE

No Steps Yet Taken to Obviate Serious Transport Tie-up in Vancouver Next Week

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—With no satisfactory settlement in sight so far, although the National War Labor Board has offered to reconsider the dispute if the strike order is withdrawn, members of street railwaymen's unions in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster are still preparing today to go out on strike at 4 o'clock next Tuesday morning unless complete revision of the National War Labor Board's findings are handed down before that date, the union publicity committee announces. Some 4200 workers in the three cities will strike in protest at the board's decision refusing wage increases and improved working conditions.

Angus MacInnis M.P., is urging the National War Labor Board to withdraw its latest ultimatum to the union.

Street Railwaymen's Union of the American Federation of Labor officials said that they had not yet been officially advised of a message from the federal government that the threat of a strike on Tuesday in the three British Columbia cities must be withdrawn before the National War Labor Board will review any new evidence in connection with the Union demand for increased wages and improved working conditions.

Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald, chairman of the National War Labor Board in Ottawa, said that the threat would have to be removed before the board would begin a review. Union officials said the Union would not likely take such action without assurance that the case would be reheard.

The Street Railwaymen's Union at Vancouver has made application for a re-hearing of the union's wage application but this does not cancel the strike order.

### INVESTIGATING BLOODY SHIRT

In Connection With Pursuit of Murderer of Girl in West Vancouver Last Week

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—A blood-stained man's shirt left at a city laundry was turned over to the police investigating the week-old slaying of Jennie Connors, aged 25, in suburban West Vancouver.

The shirt has been given to Dr. H. H. Pitts, Vancouver pathologist, to determine if blood on it is of the same classification as that of the dead girl.

Medical evidence at the inquest indicated that the death weapon may have been a hammer but detectives said a more pointed instrument may have been used.

Search for the weapon and murderer is continuing.

### ANNIHILATING OF LAST NAZIS

MOSCOW, Jan. 5.—Final annihilation of what remains of the German defenders of Budapest will be only a matter of a few days, it is declared here. The situation at Budapest will be cleaned up before the great new Russian winter offensive, promised yesterday, is started.

### British Are Aiding Yanks

Their Tanks Supporting First Army in Belgium—Another Enemy Thrust Blunted

### COMMANDS SHIFTED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 5.—Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery has been given command of the American Ninth Army and most of the American First Army as a result of the emergency created by the German breakthrough in Belgium and Luxembourg. The United States War Department said continuance of the arrangement will be left to the discretion of General Eisenhower. Assignment of the Ninth and a portion of the First Army to Montgomery left Lieut. General Bradley in command of the Third Army and elements of the First and other units which were pushed to the south by the German assault. The change gives Montgomery command of all forces including the British Second and Canadian First Armies on the north flank of the German salient. Bradley commands the forces on the south. President Roosevelt describes the appointments as a regular field operation. Field Marshal Montgomery has been in charge of all forces on the northern flank of the German bulge since the start of the winter counter-offensive. Supreme headquarters announced today. The taking over by Montgomery was followed by British infantry and armor advancing 2000 yards all along the north bulge front.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—As Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery took over personal command in the field, the Germans said that British tanks are participating with the American First Army in its new offensive which has resulted in substantial gains along a six-mile front on both sides of Grandmenil, 20 miles north of Bastogne on the north flank of the Belgian bulge.

A front line dispatch says that a threatening German thrust south of Bitche in northern Lorraine has been blunted.

Persistent German attacks from the Saar to the Rhine have forced the Americans from holdings in the German Palatinate east of Wissemburg gap and from mail except the Saarlautern bridgehead in Saarland.

### Canada Taking Staging Route

EDMONTON, Jan. 5.—The Northwest Command of the Royal Canadian Air Force is taking over from the United States the operation of the staging route from Edmonton to Fairbanks.

### IS TIRED OF RECEPTIONS

Moose Jaw Victoria Cross Winner Has Quiet Visit to Saskatoon

SASKATOON, Jan. 5.—Canada's seventh Victoria Cross winner of the present war—Major David Currie—is tired of being tendered big receptions everywhere he goes. So when he and Mrs. Currie visited Saskatoon yesterday they arrived by bus and dodged the reception committee. The V.C. winner says it's the first time since he returned to Canada that he has arrived anywhere without having a big reception.

### No Meat Rations Coming In Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—Meat sales will continue without rationing in Canada. There is no change in the meat situation in Canada it is stated, although in the United States there has been a tightening up of rationing regulations.

### BULLET CACHE FOUND IN POLICE RAID

A machine-gun ammunition cache containing between 500 and 1,000 rounds of armor-piercing and tracer ammunition was seized by city police when they raided a house, believed to be a bawdy house, at 836 Fraser Street at 10:30 Thursday night.

The ammunition was of American calibre and was found trapped in a sleeping bag in the house. It was believed to have been taken from an A.T.S. unit.

In police court this morning Edward Montague, 26, occupant of the house pleaded guilty to charge of keeping a bawdy house and was remanded for sentence until this afternoon.

### Germany Still Has Submarines

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of the navy, said here yesterday that Germany still has many submarines and that there is no reason to suppose there will not be more activity against Allied shipping.

### Land Forces Hit by Air

Surprise Attack Delivered By American Heavy Bombers On Enclined Nazi Troops On Biscay Coast

LONDON, Jan. 5.—American heavy bombers based on Britain renewed air assault on German positions today a few hours after British heavies landed a surprise blow on troops entrenched along the Bay of Biscay coast between Bordeaux and La Rochelle. First reports were that attacks on the Nazis dug in along France southwestern coastal region were well concentrated.

Canadian fighters based on the Continent flew 160 sorties, destroying six German aircraft. One Canadian aircraft is missing.

### NEW WEAPON EFFECTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 5.—New magic gyroscopic gunsights perfected by the R.A.F. and installed in fighter planes have doubled the number of strikes in aerial dogfights. This has helped Allied pilots to hang up lopsided scores against the German Air Force.

The sight has made obsolete the old method of relying on tracer bullets for aiming computations.

### Lethbridge Ace Is Going Strong

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Flight Lieutenant Dick Audet of Lethbridge has destroyed a German Focke-Wulf and shared in the destruction of another to raise to eight-and-a-half his bag of enemy planes knocked down in a week.