



see christened the largest ship ever constructed in a local shipyard, several thousand Victorians— had helped mould the hull, friends of the workmen and many representatives of the port's industries, hand early yesterday morning at the Victoria Machinery Depot plant, occupying points of vantage in and along the foreshore adjacent, and saw the naming of the ship carried out in time-honored fashion Margaret E. Spratt, who christened the freighter Fort Camosun, the name by which Victoria was known in fur-trading days. The launching was a smooth performance.

Aiding Parties Arrest Hundreds Of Enemy Aliens

States Agents Conduct Series of Raids at Ice Coast Points and in Arizona—Nineteen Are Taken at Seattle—Thirteen Placed in Custody at Portland

FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (P).—Hundreds of enemy aliens whose activities had convinced the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation that they were potentially dangerous were taken into custody today on the Pacific Coast and in

AIRMEN ARE MISSING

M. Hatfield, Vic-Aboard Plane That Crashed Near Sidney

C.A.F. airmen are missing after crash of an aircraft at Sydney, near Sidney, at 1:55 p.m. today. It was announced a Bay Air Station last night in an announcement said: "Aircraft from Patricia Bay to the sea at Shoal Har- 5 p.m. today. It was en- a routine flight and was

Sgt. W. M. Hatfield, of with Pilot Officer Bruce n, of New Westminster, as perator. Both occupants ig."

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Hatfield's next of kin s his mother, Mrs. Louisa 419 Sumas Street, Vic- er."

Hatfield was born in wenty-six years ago. He ds education in that city. Normal Practice and Heights High School. For of years he was employe tant with the Robin Hood is in that city.

of the R.C.A.F. last March. ds wings at Calgary on 4 and came to Patricia month. He was to have ried to Miss Charlotte f Calgary, next month.

KE GRAVELY ILL

31, Kenya Colony, Feb. 21 Duke of Aceta, former 'eroy of Ethiopia, who ed to Britain last May 19 Ajaji, with his troops after ge, is gravely ill of tuber- a nursing home here, it ted today.

Moreover, some of those arrested, a reliable source disclosed, were members of organizations which were controlled from enemy countries, or by enemy governments.

A number of aliens were found in possession of forbidden goods. Contraband seized included guns and ammunition, cameras, binoculars, flashlights, radios, alien flags and dynamite. The dynamite—seventy-five sticks and forty-five dynamite caps—was seized in an F.B.I. raid in Arizona.

RAIDS CONTINUING

By late afternoon 310 Japanese, Italians and Germans had been taken into custody and booked as en route to the United States immigration Department. F.B.I. agents said the raids were continuing.

Nat Pieper, who directed the raids in Northern California in which Continued on Page 8, Column 3

Australia Orders All Civilians Moved From Darwin Defence Area

Women, Except Nurses, Must Leave—Premier Declares He Is Not Invoking Martial Law—Deny Heavy Damage to Port

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 21 (CP).—The Australian Government, anticipating further direct attacks on the mainland by the Japanese, ordered civilians today to evacuate the north coast naval station of Darwin, potentially a vital supply base in the United Nations' Southwest Pacific strategy.

All women except nurses were ordered to leave.

Prime Minister John Curtin emphasized, however, that he was not invoking martial law.

DENY ENEMY CLAIMS

At the same time an official denial was issued of Japanese claims that Allied naval units suffered heavy damage in Thursday's two bombing attacks on the north coast port, attacks which constituted the first assaults on the Australian mainland since it became a part of the British Empire.

However, all details of damage

TWO SHIPS TORPEDOED

Norwegian Tanker Sunk Off Aruba—American Vessel Lost Off U.S. Coast

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 21 (AP).—Thirty-nine members of the crew of the Norwegian tanker Kongsgaard were believed tonight to have been drowned or burned to death in a torpedoing off the western tip of Aruba. Seven crew members were rescued.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP).—Eighteen survivors who saw twenty shipmates die in the blazing inferno of the torpedoed oil tanker Pan Massachusetts off the southeast coast spoke with heartfelt praise today of the bravery of a rescue vessel's crew.

"They had guts," commented Radio Officer Robert Welsh, twenty-five of Centerline, Mich. "They saw us torpedoed and shelled, but came right up to the rescue. They even broke radio silence to call for help. Our radio was knocked out by the first blast."

HEROISM AND HORROR

The story of heroism by the crew of the unnamed rescue ship mingled with a tale of horror for those aboard the ill-fated Pan Massachusetts, thirty-first ship officially announced attacked in the current series of sinkings in Atlantic coastal waters.

Two torpedoes exploded in rapid Continued on Page 2, Column 2

and half Portuguese, Japanese broadsides declaring when British have been ousted Portugal will be given back her territory, provided Portugal (Britain's ally) maintains neutrality towards Japan. Portuguese warships are due today to take over the defence of Portuguese Timor, says The Times' Lisbon correspondent. The Portuguese press denies that Japanese have any excuse for their invasion.

In attacking Timor, says The Times' diplomatic correspondent, the Japanese are following Nazi technique. British forces were dispatched to Timor to prevent Japanese seizing it and it was agreed they should be withdrawn as soon as adequate Portuguese reinforcements arrived. Japanese, however, have struck first as part of their plan to occupy the whole southwestern Pacific.

From Australia it is reported that raids on Darwin may be preliminary to other attacks on Commonwealth cities. Aircraft came from Japanese carriers and neighboring islands and, according to The Times' Canberra correspondent, there is nothing to prevent these aircraft carriers making other large-scale descents elsewhere around Australia's coasts. At least fifty tons of bombs were rained on Darwin, killing fifteen civilians and wounding twenty-four.

Changes made by Premier Churchill in his Cabinet, says The Times' parliamentary correspondent, have commanded wide approval. There is a feeling of immense relief. The Premier has listened to friendly counsel and by his prompt action has relieved growing tension in Parliament and country. Next week's debate on the capture of Singapore will lose much of its acerbity. Renewed confidence now will be felt in the cabinet and national unity will be strengthened for whatever lies ahead.

How many other changes will be made in the Government is as yet uncertain, Lord Cranborne is likely to go to the Colonial Office to succeed Lord Moyne.

The Soviet Government is greatly pleased at inclusion of Sir Stafford Cripps, since he will be able to tell his colleagues of Russia's confidence in victory and her people's unbounded faith in their leaders.

Editorially, The Times, says the nation will now go forward with consciousness that it possesses new and reinvigorated administration, capable of giving full and worthy effect to the unflinching vigor of the national will.

CIVILIANS GIVING EFFECTIVE HELP

Philippine Resisting Japanese With Growing Intensity—Heavy Shelling Continues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP).—The Japanese invaders of the Philippines are meeting with growing resistance from civilians, it was reported today in communiques which disclosed also that General Douglas MacArthur has the use of some four-inch naval guns salvaged from the Cavite naval base in his defence of Bataan Peninsula.

The War Department said MacArthur advised that "civilian resistance to the Japanese is growing in intensity and is becoming increasingly effective."

Japanese big guns were reported today to be hammering at American-Philippine forces on Bataan Peninsula and fortifications in Manila Bay, but there was no indication the enemy was yet ready to launch a new offensive.

Infantry action, a War Department communique said, was limited to numerous skirmishes between patrols.

Former Governor Is Mourned in City



HON. R. R. BRUCE WHO died yesterday in Montreal after a brief illness. A pioneer in British Columbia engineering and mining development, he was Lieutenant-Governor from 1926 to 1931. He was appointed Canadian Minister to Japan in 1938 and retired in 1938.

DEATH SUMMONS HON. R. R. BRUCE

Former Lieutenant-Governor Of B.C. Dies in Montreal Hospital at Eighty

Hon. Robert Randolph Bruce, eighty, who rose from the obscurity of a Scottish manse to the high position of Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and Canadian Minister to Japan, died yesterday in a Montreal hospital following a brief illness.

His wife, the former Mrs. R. B. Van Horne, whom he married in 1932, was at his bedside at the time of his death. Besides his widow, he leaves a stepson, William C. C. Van Horne, Montreal, and two nieces, Mrs. Hobart Molson, Victoria, and Mrs. Julian Piggott, living in England.

Mr. Bruce became Lieutenant-Governor in 1926, succeeding Hon. Walter C. Nichol. He was followed in 1931 at Government House by Hon. J. W. Fordham Johnson.

Canada's last Minister to Japan, he was appointed to that position in 1936, succeeding the late Sir Herbert Marler, who became Canadian Minister to Washington. Two years later Mr. Bruce retired from his Tokyo position because of ill-health and returned to Canada.

WAS GENIAL HOST

As Lieutenant-Governor his geniality as a host and his intense interest in all types of people made him a popular and well-loved figure. Many distinguished visitors were entertained during Mr. Bruce's residence at Government House. Among the most notable were the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, and Prince George, now Duke of Kent.

Mr. Bruce was held in high esteem by Canada's leading public men, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, in Continued on Page 2, Column 5

Police Seize Cameras and Receiving Sets

Royal Canadian Mounted Police are actively engaged day and night in confiscating cameras and radio receiving sets in possession of Japanese in the city and other Vancouver Island communities. Provincial Police are assisting in districts outside Greater Victoria.

Radio sets being seized include short wave and others with provisions for receiving general broadcasts in addition to short wave stations.

DEFENCE LINES IN BURMA HOLD FIRM

Japanese May Attempt Attack From Rear—Allies Retain Air Supremacy

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 21 (P).—Japanese bombers raided the town of Bassein behind the defenders of Burma today, but British and American flyers blasted Japanese positions and supply columns along the critical Bilin River front and apparently still ruled the air over Burma.

For four days Japanese forces have attempted to crack the British positions along the Bilin without success. There were indications that furious fighting was in progress along the southern front, but no signs of new withdrawals by the defending troops.

Bassein, a railroad town at the mouth of the Irawaddy River, west of Rangoon, has port facilities, which apparently were the object of the Japanese attack.

It was regarded as possible the Japanese may be preparing to attempt a landing in Southwest Burma and attack the defenders from the rear.

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