

# Transports

## Japs Bataan

No aerial opposition met time since the Pacific war started, none of the American vessels was damaged. The attack which came late yesterday afternoon said a Japanese vessel was sunk and to the previously sinking. This brought enemy shipping down in the attack to more than 100,000 tons. Previously, Arthur had reported the sinking of a 10,000-ton ship, another of 100 tons each and many other vessels.

## No Extra Gasoline For Quint's Father

OTTAWA (CP)—Olivia Dionne, father of the quintuplets, is going to get just the same amount of gasoline as any other driver for pleasure motorist when rationing becomes effective April 1, it was learned today.

Mr. Dionne has applied to Attorney-General Conant for inclusion in category C under rationing regulations on the ground that, as quint's guardian, he should be classed as a government official.

But, it was learned, he is regarded as being in class A—entitled to from 309 to 380 gallons of gasoline a year.

## Duncan Buys Bonds

The city council has decided to invest \$1,500 of the year's sinking fund deposits in the Victory Loan.

## Official Siren Tests Set for Friday at 5.30

Air raid sirens will be heard by Victorians for the first time Friday night at 5.30 when official tests are made of the 11 sirens placed at strategic points throughout Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt.

The first test will last for five minutes and will consist of a rising and falling note. Then the sirens will be silent for five minutes and start up again for three minutes on a steady note.

Air raid wardens are instructed to get in touch with their superior officer and employers are requested by Chief Civilian Protection Officer A. H. Bishop to allow all of their employees who are wardens to leave their employment in time to be at their respective posts by 5.20.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following official statement on the tests was issued today by Mayor A. McGavin, Victoria; Reeve W. L. Woodhouse, Oak Bay; Reeve A. Lockley, Esquimalt, and Acting Reeve E. C. Warren, Saanich:

"A siren test will be held in Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich at 5.30 p.m., Friday.

"(a) The first test will be of five minutes duration on a fluctuating note.

"(b) The sirens will be off for five minutes.

"(c) The sirens will be sounded for three minutes on a steady note.

"The warden services in the areas above-mentioned are requested to co-operate with their chief wardens as observers in this test.

"It is requested that all employers co-operate by permitting A.R.P. personnel in their employ to be relieved of their duties in time to participate in this duty."

To make the tests as searching as possible they are being made at an hour when city noise is considered to be at its peak and in addition to reports from A.R.P. wardens, street car operators are asked to take note during the tests and make reports to their headquarters who in turn will report to Insp. Bishop at C.P.O. headquarters in the City Hall.

### CENTRALLY CONTROLLED

The 11 sirens are operated through a telephone circuit all of them controlled by one switch at an unnamed central post. Each siren is motivated by a five-horsepower motor on a 220 volt three-phase circuit.

Locations of the 11 sirens are: Victoria City—Central School, Ormond; Mellor Bros. Ltd., Kingston; Smith's Hill Reservoir and the Substation at Government and Bay.

Oak Bay—Monterey School, Monterey Avenue and the Arena, Willows Fair grounds.

Saanich—Quadra, north of Reynolds; the northwest corner of Burnside and Waseana; the store at Shelbourne and Cedar Hill Cross Road, and the intersection of George Road and Colquhoun Avenue.

Esquimalt—Municipal Hall, Esquimalt Road.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention!—Reduced prices this month on all fur repairing. Have those tips and worn spots repaired in your fur coat now. Gordon, Victoria's Manufacturing Furrier, 621 Scollard Building.

Dr. M. J. Keys announces that Dr. W. Hackney, formerly of Calgary, is now associated with him in eye, ear, nose and throat, 409 Pemberton Building.

Foot Hurt?—See J. H. Nard, D.S.C., foot specialist, 208 Bank of Toronto, G 2725.

Overseas League meeting Monday, March 2, 2.30. Mrs. D. G. Downes speaker on "Denmark

The city electrical department installed the four sirens in Victoria City, those in the other municipalities being installed by the B.C.E.R.

It was unofficially stated that if gaps are found in the penetration of the sound during Friday's test subsidiary sirens will be installed where necessary.

## Conference on Japs

Arthur Dixon, Deputy Minister of Public Works, and E. W. Griffiths, B.C. relief administrator, are in Vancouver today conferring with Major Austin Taylor, chairman of the Commission for Evacuation of Japanese from B.C. coastal areas.

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Griffiths recently returned from Ottawa, where they offered B.C.'s full co-operation and use of road engineering and equipment to the federal government in the removal of Japanese from vulnerable areas along the coast.

## 16 LOSE LIVES IN TNT EXPLOSION

BURLINGTON, Ia. (AP)—Death toll of an earth-shaking explosion at the Burlington ordinance plant stood unofficially at 16 today while rescue workers searched the shattered, fire-scarred ruins of a TNT melt unit for possibly other victims.

More than 30 injured are in hospitals here.

The blast blew apart the 3-story brick, steel and concrete building on production line three of the shell-loading plant shortly before last midnight.

It was the second such blast in less than three months at the 20,000-acre shell-loading plant. The first, Dec. 12, brought death to 13 workmen.

Witnesses said the explosion was accompanied by a sheet of flame 300 feet high and a terrific roar, that resounded through Burlington, five miles from the plant, and surrounding countryside.

The concussion was felt at Fort Madison, Ia., 20 miles away.

The disaster occurred when shifts were being changed, Police Sergeant Hurley Eland reported. About 50 men were in the building on the No. 3 production line, he said.

Col. Otto M. Jank, commanding officer, said he had "no idea as to the cause of the blast."

Col. Jank said other production lines continued operations and the explosion would not interfere greatly with operation of the plant save for the production line concerned.

## Moody Satisfied With A.R.P. Set-up

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP)—Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, head of British Columbia's air raid precautions organization, Wednesday expressed satisfaction of the A.R.P. policy announced at Ottawa Tuesday as regards zoning and equipment.

The Ottawa announcement included the British Columbia coastal area in A category, gave the number of air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen considered necessary and listed equipment.



## No Japs to Own Land in Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Persons of Japanese race or belonging to Japanese companies are forbidden to "acquire or hold lands or growing crops" in Canada under an amendment to the Defense of Canada regulations disclosed today in an extra edition of the Canada Gazette.

The new regulations provide that no conveyance made or executed after Feb. 26 "shall be effective to convey to or for the benefit of a person of Japanese race or of a Japanese company, and land or growing crops" in Canada.

The regulations do not apply to land held before Feb. 26 or acquired after that date under a written contract or agreement made before Feb. 26 "or under a will or in intestacy."

Japanese can still lease a building or part of any building periodically "for residential purposes only" and for a term not exceeding one year.

Licenses permitting Japanese to acquire or hold land after Feb. 26 may be granted by Justice Minister St. Laurent.

Failure to conform with the regulations may be penalized by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment of not more than three months.

### 50 LEAVE FOR OKANAGAN

VANCOUVER (CP)—More than 50 Japanese, including women and children, today were en route for the Okanagan Valley, where they hope to settle near Kelowna in homes outside the coastal defence zone.

The contingent left last night by Canadian National Railways. About a dozen families, with numerous children formed the group bound for the Okanagan where they will be free of the dusk-to-dusk curfew and other rigid restrictions recently applied to all Japanese west of the Cascade Mountains. On the same train were 26 single Japanese men bound for eastern B.C. road camps.

### LEAVE OCEAN FALLS

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Japanese employees of the Pacific Mills papermaking plant at Ocean Falls, are being evacuated from there and some already have arrived in Prince Rupert. The number of those being moved is said to total about 450 and some will be going to Vancouver.

## Jap Claims of Sinkings

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts, AP)—Imperial headquarters claimed today that Japanese naval forces had sunk the United States patrol vessel Asheville, 1,270 tons, two days ago. It claimed the action took place south of the island of Java, and was carried out without loss to the Japanese.

On the preceding day, Imperial headquarters claimed, another Japanese naval force in the same general region sank the 905-ton British destroyer stronghold. (These claims lack confirmation.)

MRS. MARY GAFFNEY DIES NANAIMO (CP)—Mrs. Mary Gaffney, 78, native of Ireland, and a resident of nearby Lady

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Besides her husband, John Gaffney, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Donaghy, Ladysmith, and Mrs. James Granney, in Scotland; and a son, Frank McCoy, Vancouver.

CAMPBELL—Funeral services were held for Ann Campbell in McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel Wednesday Rev. D. M. Perley conducted the services. Mrs. Campbell was a charter member of Queen City Chapter No. 5, O.E.S.—Interment, Greenwood; pallbearers: Rod McLeod, H. J. Campbell, A. Munro and R. McLeod.

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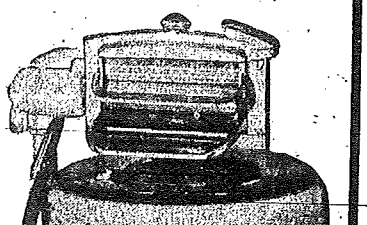
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