

Mrs. Florence Blanchard, 1735 1/2 Kings Road, made history Wednesday when she became Victoria's first postwoman, delivering mail in the Pandora Avenue-Cook Street area. Additional women will be added to the carrier staff owing to the difficulty in securing men.

Final Bulletins

R.A.F. Stages Raid On Dutch Coast

LONDON (CP) — Fighter-escorted British bombers attacked Flushing, on the Netherlands coast, and fighter squadrons made a sweep over the northern French coast today, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

Bill Renewed

EDMONTON (CP)—An Alberta government treasury bill amounting to \$1,900,000 which matured April 15 has been renewed for one year by the Dominion government, Hon. Solon E. Low, provincial treasurer, said today.

Japanese Repulsed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Chungking radio as heard here today by CBS, said Japanese had been repulsed with heavy losses after pushing northward from west of Tsengshing on the Kwangtung front.

Basketball Dates

MONTREAL (CP)—Roy MacKenzie, Quebec representative of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, announced this afternoon the first three games of the best-of-five senior Canadian basketball final between Victoria Dominos and Montreal Oilers would be played here Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week. If additional games are needed they likely will be played Saturday and the following Monday.

Free 100 Jap Boats

VANCOUVER (CP)—Another 100 of the Japanese fishing boats seized when Japan entered the war have been released during the past two weeks by the Japanese fishing fleet disposal committee. This brings the total boats released to date to more than 700. Most of them will be used in the fishing industry by fishermen of other than Japanese origin.

Need Road Equipment

VANCOUVER (CP) — Public Works Minister Bruhn said here today on his return from a trip to the interior that heavy road-making equipment will have to be obtained at once if Japanese labor is to be used successfully on the Trans-Canada Highway. Japanese evacuated from the coast are doing road work at interior points.

'Crusade' Services In Canada Sunday

TORONTO (CP) — Dedication services will be held in churches across Canada next Sunday, in connection with the "Great Crusade," Maj. F. J. Ney, National Education Council secretary, announced today. He explained the movement is to stimulate the spirit and morale of the people in their battle for human liberty.

Gneisenau Tied

NEW YORK (AP)—The BBC reported today the 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau was so heavily damaged during the German fleet's mid-February dash through the Channel that she has been laid-up at the Baltic port of Gdynia "for extensive repairs."

The BBC account, heard here by CBS, said the battleship Scharnhorst also was undergoing repairs, presumably at Kiel.

R.A.F. Helps Reds

LONDON (CP)—The BBC tonight quoted an official spokesman as saying R.A.F. raids over occupied France are giving definite help to the Russian front.

The raids are putting a considerable strain on German aircraft serviceability, and on German personnel and fuel supplies, the spokesman said.

Sell Laval By Radio

LONDON (CP)—The BBC today reported the Vichy radio is conducting a campaign "building up" Laval. The BBC said that in supporting Laval the Vichy radio admitted his unpopularity but said he had been "right at every turn."

Convict Mine Owner

LETHBRIDGE, Alta (CP)—Magistrate Arthur Beaumont here convicted David B. Young, Bellevue mine manager, of contravening the Alberta Mines Act by running a mantrip at the Mohawk mine without having first obtained authority to do so from the chief inspector of mines.

A fine of \$1 and costs was imposed.

FIRST SEA LORD VISITS OTTAWA

OTTAWA (CP)—Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, ranking officer of the Royal Navy, arrived by United States navy plane from Washington today for conferences with officials of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The First Sea Lord, accompanied by Admiral Sir Charles Little, chief of the British admiralty delegation in Washington, and Capt. W. W. Davis, flag officer, landed secretly at the nearby Uplands airport.

Vice-Admiral Percy W. Nelles, chief of the naval staff, and other navy officials met the visitors at the airport. Sir Dudley spent most of the morning at a meeting of the Defence Council and later attended an official luncheon with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Navy Minister Macdonald.

During the afternoon Sir Dudley met the chiefs of staff committee headed by Admiral Nelles, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the army general staff, and Air Marshal L. S. Bradner, chief of air staff.

Late today he was to leave by plane for what the naval information branch described only as "another Canadian destination."

Sir Dudley has been in Washington for several days.

The Germans were said to have routed the Russians once from freshly captured positions before finally capitulating.

FIGHTING SPASMODIC

With the main sectors of the German-Russian front still slushy, fighting flared spasmodically in the deep south and the north, where the battlefields were respectively dry and still frozen.

Russian advances said the Red army broke through a sector of the Finnish front before Leningrad last week and knifed through the Finnish lines in Karelia this week. There has been nothing here since to indicate a lessening of the Soviet drives.

On the southwest front Russian army men found 10 big guns and additional small arms abandoned with melting of the snows. Others encountered the grotesquely-frozen body of a German guard who wore a woman's garb over his uniform and his two iron crosses. Behind him was an ammunition dump of 12,000 shells.

(Germany sent many women's coats to the eastern front during the winter.)

REDS GET NEW PLANES

The Moscow radio broadcast a Pravda editorial saying:

"Deep snow that hindered the advance of our troops is melting in the sun. Conditions for an increase in the scope of our attacks as well as for guerrilla activity are becoming more favorable. The Red Army, which beat the enemy in the winter, will beat him in the spring and summer."

Amid generally increased aerial activity, Red Star said the Russian air force had been supplied new type fighters and bombers and, although the enemy still was not smashed, "we now have everything necessary to win the fight for supremacy of the air."

Release Tires

WASHINGTON (AP) — The office of price administration announced today that a total of 633,665 new and recapped tires would be made available for rationing next month to passenger car owners.

The allotment compared with an April quota of about 572,000 tires.

The May quota, for the first time since rationing began, makes recapping certificates available to "list A" passenger cars and motorcycles.



Accusing Laval of being a "Nazi agent," Leon Marchal, right, former Vichy embassy in Washington, is shown as he turned up at Free French headquarters offered his services after resigning his post. He was greeted by Etienne Boegler of the Free French in Washington, and Admiral Phillippe Auboyneau, commander of the Free French navy.

Roosevelt Not Worried At Plane Held by Reds

Associated Press

Russia announced from Kuibyshev today that a United States bomber which raided Japan last Saturday and then lost its way has been interned with its crew in the Russian Maritime Province on the Sea of Japan.

It appeared to be an already completed test of the year-old Japanese-Russian neutrality pact, but U.S. embassy officials here said Ambassador William Standley had asked Washington for instructions.

The plane was said to have carried five men, one a captain. The short dispatch announcing the internment said that the airman, "losing orientation, committed a forced landing on Soviet territory."

SEEKING CHINA

Loss of "orientation" was taken to mean that the plane was trying to make a landing in China.

The only official account yet made public was circulated by Tass, official Soviet news agency, under the caption: "Forced Landing of American Plane in Maritime Province." The full dispatch follows:

KHABAROVSK—On April 18 on the territory of the maritime

province there landed an American warplane. As stated by the plane crew the latter participated on the same day in a raid by the American air force on the Japanese islands and, losing orientation, committed a forced landing on Soviet territory.

ROOSEVELT LAUGHS

In Washington, bantering with the press over Japanese reports of an American air raid on key Japanese cities last Saturday and word from Moscow, that one of the participating planes had been interned in Russia, President Roosevelt continued today to withhold any confirmation.

But he did say he had received an official communication from Moscow regarding the internment of a plane.

"The Russian announcement tends to confirm the Tokyo reports," a reporter remarked.

Mr. Roosevelt retorted that that did not require any answer because it was not put in the form of a question.

To a question whether the plane that landed in Siberia would become a lend-lease craft, the President replied only that he had read that it would be officially interned. He said he assumed when a ship was interned it was immobilized and he merely

laughed when asked it would be interned front, which face.

Probably not, was a query whether the American crew released here.

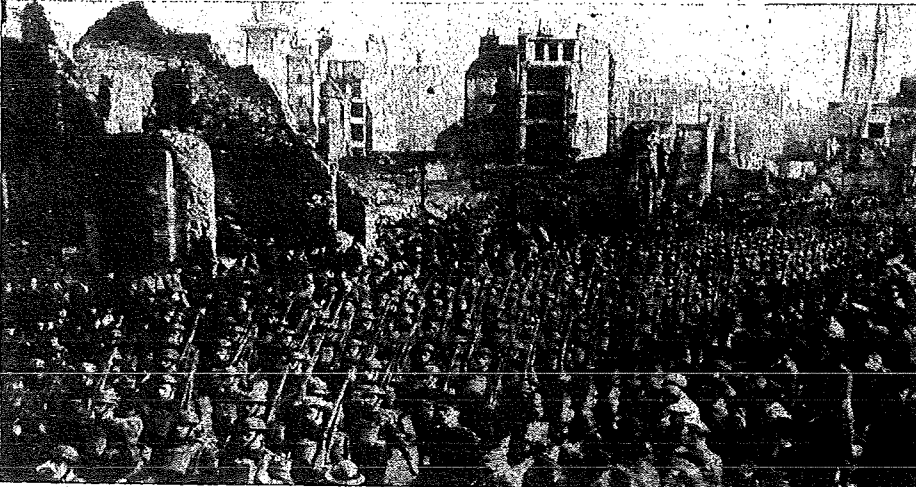
Khabarovsk, on patch announcing about 1,000 miles Tokyo and 400 miles of the main port province, Vladivostok. The U.S. Consulate in Vladivostok, handling affairs, said that crew members from the

DELICATE PROBLEM

The internment of a delicate problem for the Russians—how to deal with whom you are at front (the German enters your territory other frontier in nation (Japan) are at peace?

Only Thursday conference, the press spokesman, vice-commissioner of was asked what the situation would be if it is now confirmed on Russian soil. plied: "One can imagine suppositions. Let something happen"

London's Proud Defenders March Through Blitzed Streets



Blitzed streets of London form the background for a huge parade of thousands of Britain's armed troops from the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, Cannon St., leads to the Mansion House, headquarters of the Lord Mayor's parade was held during warship week.