

Agreement Made For Development Of Oil Property

Ottawa Will Study Japanese Problem

VANCOUVER, May 28 (CP).—An agreement covering wartime development of oil prospects in the Peace River district of British Columbia has been reached between the Province and the Federal Department of Resources, Premier Hart announced today as he returned from a week-long visit to Ottawa.

The question of when development shall begin "is still in abeyance," the Premier added. He said he had taken up a number of questions with Federal departments but no final decisions had been reached. Points covered included:

- 1. The Japanese Questions — Oil

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Law will send a representative to the Coast soon to study the Province's position regarding education of Japanese evacuees and their use in forests and mines.

2. Oil—Regulations have been drawn up and agreed to with respect to eventual development of the Lone Mountain structure, southeast of Commolton Creek. Ottawa is studying British Columbia's offer of the field for the duration on the condition the Dominion develops it.

WILL CONSIDER PENSION INCREASE

3. Old Age Pension—Finance Minister Isley has agreed to consider British Columbia's plea that old age pensions be increased from \$20 to \$30 a month, but wants to hear representations from all the provinces first.

4. Alaska Highway and Northern Development—Brig W. W. Foster, recently appointed Commissioner for the Northwest, will come to Victoria for a conference with British Columbia officials following his first inspection of areas served by the highway. "He will deal with such problems as fire protection, health and sanitation, which have arisen with construction of the road.

The Premier said he had long discussions with ministers and departmental engineers on the question of connecting Prince George with Yukon and Alaska.

"This matter too is in abeyance for the present," said Mr. Hart. "It was, however, suggested that the proper time to press for it would be after the hostilities have ceased."

Severe Fighting

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Twenty miles north of Novorossiisk, the Germans said.

Berlin's version said the Russians had lost scores of tanks and planes after failing to make good initial penetrations of the German lines which were punctured by concentrated artillery fire. These breaches were restored Thursday the Germans said, after Nazi machine gunners moved down Russian infantrymen who left their trenches after the artillery barrage ceased.

Long-range Red Army planes were blasting German airbases behind the front, and a Moscow broadcast said this strategic bombing was general along the entire front.

On Thursday night, the Russians said, their planes raided the Axis-held railway junctions of Mogilev, ninety-five miles southwest of Smolensk on the central front, and Rostavl, sixty-five miles southeast of Smolensk. Karachay, between Bryansk and Orel, also was attacked.

Several hundred Germans were reported killed during today's scattered land fronts north of the main Caucasian arena.

THREE ESCAPE

SALEM, Ore., May 28 (AP).—Three Oregon State Penitentiary inmates escaped from the prison flax yard late today, abducting Guard T. M. Freeman. Two of them, identified as Merlyn Kessler, nineteen, serving three years for forgery, and Doyle C. McCann, nineteen, whose three-year-term for assault would have been up next September, forced Guard Freeman to accompany them as they fled in a car. The third, George Durham, serving five years for possession of stolen property, escaped but was afoot.

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Child Drowns, Four Burned in Freak Accident

POWELL RIVER, May 28 (CP).—Aftermath of a pleasant family outing, four-year-old Clifton Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbia Paul, drowned near the shore of Powell Lake today, and his mother, Mrs. Louisa Paul, and three children of Mrs. Columbia Paul are in hospital suffering severe burns following a freak accident.

The group had taken a boat and went three miles up Powell Lake from its western end to pick up some personal effects in a cottage one of the Paul families occupied until recently. While burning some rubbish the cottage caught fire and the flames spread quickly to a number of adjoining shacks which spread around the Paul cottage.

The women gathered the children—Christopher, six; Eva, five; Clifton and Nicholas, eleven months, children of Mrs. Columbia Paul—and carried them to the waterfront. Unable to get to their boat by the blazing heat the women placed the children on two stumps standing in the water and the four-year-old boy fell off into deep water.

Tying a rope around the baby, Nicholas, to keep him secure on the stump, Mrs. Columbia Paul dived into the water and recovered the child's body.

Meanwhile, the other children and Mrs. Louisa Paul suffered burns as a result of the intense heat.

This finally subsided and soon afterward a speedboat rescued the party. They were immediately removed to Powell Lake and placed in hospital.

From Europe

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Pantalaria is now getting what Malta got, with less hope of rescue. So steady has been the Allied bombing of Sicily that it is clear the Allies have air ascendancy over both it and Sardinia.

Editorially dealing with the work of the International Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va., The Times says Europe is already suffering privation and impoverishment, and after the war there will be endless deficiencies to be made good if everyone is to be fed in peace time from surplus production food, then far-reaching changes, both in production and consumption, will be necessary.

Past surpluses of food were only surpluses in an ironic sense. The world could have easily consumed them all and much more besides if it had had the means to do so, and had been allowed, by commercial principles in the past, dictatorial restraint of consumption as a method of securing solvency and security.

Now, it is agreed, this policy must be abandoned and replaced by increased consumption. Lord Keynes suggests action of internationally-owned reserves of food to ensure the consumer always has ample supplies and the producer always has a customer for his product.

Such a body should not merely aim to stabilize prices, but to prevent future waste and destruction of good foodstuffs as in the past. The sins of wrongheadedness, such as burning coffee, throwing fish back into the sea, paying farmers not to produce crops, will not be accepted, says The Times, in a sane world in the future.

New Zealand Servicemen's Association—has—presented—Premier Churchill with an inkstand made of New Zealand silver and paua shell, hoping he will use it to sign the peace treaty providing for the enemy's unconditional surrender. It bears the inscription "with admiration and gratitude for his services to Empire."

Strengthen Defence

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was significant since they are nearest to the recent Allied bomb targets in Sardinia, Sicily and Pantellera. At the same time, Axis broadcasts renewed their reports of troopship and escort movements from Gib-

is 40 per cent less than it was a year ago.

NICE dispatches to The Tribune said it was rumored that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had inspected Nazi defence installations and fortification works in Southern France. A Lyon dispatch to the same newspaper reported that the resistance of France to the German occupation troops had increased since the Allied victories in North Africa.

Classed in newspapers and pamphlets are again being widely printed and circulated, the dispatch said.

Lausanne dispatches reported continuing tension in the Haute Savoie, where the number of young Frenchmen who fled to the mountains to escape forced labor in Germany is estimated at 3,000.

Three-Foot Fall Proves Fatal for Nanaimo Woman

(Special to The Colonist)

NANAIMO, May 28.—A three-foot fall from a log caused the instant death of Mrs. Mary Tauson, fifty-three, South Wellington, shortly after 5 p.m. today.

Mr. and Mrs. Tauson had left their home to gather barberry bark. While walking along a log, Mrs. Tauson fell, the back of her head striking the log, from which she dropped to the ground three feet below. She was dead when her husband reached her.

Dr. L. Giovando said death had been instantaneous, the neck having been broken by the impact with the log.

The body was removed to the J. D. Jenkins, Ltd. morgue. Coroner Jones will hold an investigation.

Mrs. Tauson had resided in South Wellington for twenty-three years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Peter and Cornell, both on active service, and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas McDonald, Chemainus, and Miss Leona Tauson, Vancouver.

New War Bond

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from Republicans as well as Democrats.

Byrnes will hold greater powers than have ever been wielded by any American outside the office of the Presidency itself.

Mr. Roosevelt's order empowered him

"To develop unified programmes and to establish policies for the maximum use of the nation's natural and industrial resources for military and civilian needs, for the effective use of the national manpower not in the armed forces, for the maintenance and stabilization of the civilian economy; and for the adjustment of such economy to war needs and conditions."

He was authorized, too, to "unify the activities" of Federal agencies concerned with production and distribution of military and civilian supplies, and to issue directive orders to them.

This Byrnes may issue orders to War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers, Secretary Ickes in Ickes' capacity as petroleum administrator, and the other Government "Czars" in limited fields. He is empowered, too, to issue directives to the War and Navy Departments in so far as their acquisition of supplies is concerned.

Raid Continent

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wright bombers laid their bombs on Essen, returning Canadian pilots said.

Germany admitted in a Berlin broadcast recorded by The Associated Press, that "considerable damage" was done by the great weight of bombs dumped on Essen, which hardly had recovered from its last previous raid, April 30. But it was apparent that the attack, which was directed at a wide area of the city, and its busy suburbs, did not reach the concentration of strength of the 2,000-ton raid on Dortmund, twenty miles to the east, or that on Dusseldorf, twenty-two miles southeast. With two nights to go, Britain already has set a high record for one-week's bombing with about 5,000 tons tossed in the three assaults which cost a total of eighty-eight planes.

Make Effort to Ease Shortage Of Potatoes

OTTAWA, May 28 (CP).—Douglas Abbott, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Isley, today told the House of Commons efforts are being made by the Prices' Board to ease the acute shortage of potatoes in British Columbia and elsewhere.

The board has been requisitioning carloads of potatoes directing them into areas of greatest need.

Mr. Abbott said:

1. Certified seed potatoes must be sacked and labeled as such.
2. There is no ceiling price on certified seed potatoes.
3. Neither the board nor the Agriculture Department has received complaints that ordinary table stocks are being sold as certified seed potatoes.
4. Prices of certified seed potatoes have risen to higher levels than usual, but the demand is active.
5. Exports of certified seed potatoes were prohibited, except by permit, "several weeks ago."

Axis Bases Raided

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bomb hit among buildings at the edge of the harbor. In the evening, a small formation blasted targets on the island's south coast.

CONTINUATION OF CO-ORDINATED OFFENSIVE

The attacks yesterday from the Northwest African bases were a continuation of the finely co-ordinated Allied air offensive in which this command is teamed with the Allied air forces of Malta and the Middle East.

This co-ordination of effort is enabling Allied fighters and bombers to slash at Axis outposts along the entire central and eastern area of the Mediterranean.

In addition to the severe battering of Sardinia, Sicily and Pantellera the offensive has brought impressive results against German and Italian shipping to Greece and thus severely hampered one of the most important of the Axis lines of supply and communication.

A Middle East air communiqué issued in Cairo said that Allied long-range fighters again ranged over the Aegean Sea yesterday at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, destroying at least one Junkers 88.

HOUE APPLICATION HEARD

FREDERICHTON, May 28 (CP).—Application for release of Camille Houde, former mayor of Montreal and civilian internee in a camp in New Brunswick, was heard here today by an advisory internment committee. He was interned in 1940 for his denunciation of the national registration. No statement was issued on the hearing, held in camera, but it was understood that the records would be delivered to the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

Hold Funerals Services for Edsel Ford

DETROIT, May 28 (AP).—Six but impressive funeral services were held today for Edsel Bryant Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, who died at his home Wednesday.

The rites were held in the stone chapel of Christ Church suburban Grosse Pointe.

Although the services were tended to be private, several hundred friends and business associates of Edsel Ford were admitted, as members of the family. There was no personal eulogy and there were no honorary pallbearers. The church chapel the casket taken to Woodlawn Cemetery placed temporarily in the mausoleum. It will be removed later to be constructed by family.

Montgomery Ma Visit in Canada

ARTHUR, Ont., May 28 (CP).—L.A.C. Philip Passmore, 54, a 1st to his parents here, visited General Sir Bernard Montgomery commander of Britain's Eighth Army, told a group of Canadian men in Africa the Allies would be Italy "until we blot them out they scream for mercy."

The letter told of the incident describing General Montgomery visit to their station to inspect Flying Fortress which Gen. Da Eisenhower, Allied commander North Africa, had placed at General Montgomery's disposal.

"Finding out we were Canada he asked us which part of Canada was the best," Passmore wrote. "Easterners tried to convince him East was the best. He said that in the war he intended to visit Canada. We asked him when. The reply 'perhaps in two or three years'."

Slightly Improve

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sta Thomas, East Saanich Road, Sid injured recently when their car the road at Glanford and Lea Avenues, showed slight improvement yesterday and last night was reported at St. Joseph's Hospital, where they were taken Saanich police after the accident. Both however remain in a serious condition, and their recovery be a matter of several weeks.

THIRTY-NINE DAYS ON RAFT

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP).—I survivors of a torpedoed British merchant ship were rescued by United States Navy patrol boat several days ago after thirty-nine days on a life raft on the Atlantic. It was announced today, but doctors ashore pronounced them markedly fit. No other survivor the records would be delivered to the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

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