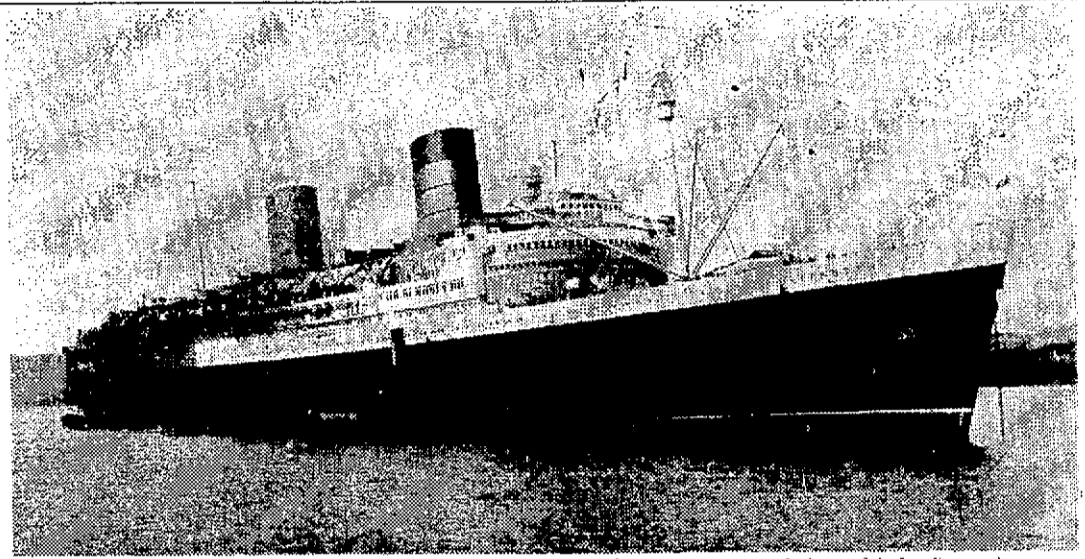


POLICE FOIL EXTORTION RACKET

Churchill Port Booms

Cargo Off To England

BY A. E. H. COO
CHURCHILL, Man., Aug. 14 (Special)—The steamer Mount Revelstoke Park Wednesday was churning its way across Hudson Bay headed for England with a cargo of western Canada grain and lumber. It is the first cargo to leave this port since the start of the war.



Like the thousands of Canadian servicemen she carried overseas and brought back again across the Atlantic during wartime, the Queen Elizabeth, world's largest passenger liner is getting ready for civvy street again with a brand new priority "suit." Here the familiar battleship gray of the war years is being replaced by the liner's civilian colors of black and red in a dry dock at Southampton, in preparation for her maiden post-war trip as a luxury liner. Almost a fifth of a mile long, it will take 30 tons of paint to cover the ship's million square feet of exterior.

AN OLD AND FAMILIAR SCENE

Montgomery To Chat Informally With Vets At Special Gathering

When Field Marshal Montgomery visits Winnipeg Sept. 2, citizens will have an opportunity of witnessing a scene that took place frequently on the fighting fronts of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe. Famous for his informal field visits to the troops when he spoke to as many men, regardless of rank, as often as possible, Monty will continue this tradition when he arrives here. He is scheduled to meet and chat with veterans at a special public gathering at the legislative building grounds, according to a detailed itinerary announced Wednesday by military authorities.

WHOLE OF A TIME

Moby Bill Scuba Outdoes Jonah

CHURCHILL, Aug. 14 (Special)—The thrill that comes once in a lifetime was Alderman William Scuba's Tuesday. Bill was one of two of the Churchill excursion party to harpoon and shoot a whale. The Winnipeg members of the legislature took almost three hours to score his triumph and he had a breath-taking ride in a canoe before he made the kill.



19 MORE CHANCES THOUGH

Abe Yanofsky Loses First Chess Match

Although he lost his first game of the world's chess tournament in Holland, Abe Yanofsky, Winnipeg's brilliant, 23-year-old chess expert, is not yet out of the running either for the championship or for the coveted title of "chess master." He has 19 more games to go. During the tournament, Mr. Yanofsky will write accounts of the play exclusively for the Free Press.

Rocket Kills Three Airmen Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 14 (BUP)—Sweden declared an open season on unidentified rockets Wednesday as three airmen were reported killed in a head-on crash with one of the missiles.

Government authorities prepared a nationwide "rocket-hunting" programme and alerted all military units, air bases and radar stations to be on the lookout for the cigar-shaped "ghost bombs." The newspaper Aftonbladet quoted "investigators" as reporting that three fliers were killed Tuesday when their military reconnaissance plane crashed into a rocket near Vaggeryd, in southern Sweden. The dispatch said radio contact with the plane was broken just before the crash and that the front of the ship was "completely crushed" by the impact.

Rock Misses Premier Drew

RED LAKE, Ont., Aug. 14 (CP)—Premier Drew of Ontario Tuesday narrowly escaped injury from a 15-pound rock which crashed at his feet after he had set off a charge of dynamite during a visit to a road gang on the new Red Lake highway near here.

10-CENT RISE TOP OFFER

Government Is Firm On Steel Wage Stand

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Special)—Whatever conclusions in the matter of the steel strike the house committee on industrial relations decides to report to the Commons, the government has no intention of receding from its position that a 10-cent basic wage increase is all the inflationary pressure that present price ceilings can withstand. The Free Press was informed Tuesday afternoon from top level sources that the cabinet is a unit in standing behind the advice of its departmental experts in the Wartime Prices and Trade board and department of labor.

GARDINER ANSWERS C. C. F.

Liberal Development Of Co-Ops Recalled

OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Special)—Renewed onslaught by C. C. F. members on the government's budget proposals for taxing co-operatives, brought Hon. J. G. Gardiner, agriculture minister, into the debate in the house of commons Tuesday to remind Socialists that the Liberal party was responsible for the establishment and development of co-operatives.

Doctor's Wife Is Threatened

Charged in city police court Wednesday with sending a menacing letter and making a menacing phone call to the wife of a prominent local physician, in which he threatened "bodily injury, or worse," to the wife and her children if \$1,000 were not placed in a designated spot Albert Beeston, 30, of 365 River avenue, pleaded guilty and was remanded until August 20 for sentence.

Canada Gets Best Bacon Deal

BY VICTOR MACKIE
OTTAWA, Aug. 14 (Special)—Canadian farmers will receive a better price for their hogs under the bacon contract Canada has with Britain than the Danish farmers will obtain under the recently announced Danish bacon agreement with Britain, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, assured the commons Wednesday.

Mass Meeting

A mass meeting of bus, street car, and gas production employees, members of the street railwaymen's union, will be held in the Playhouse theatre Saturday night to accept or reject a tentative agreement in settlement of the recent labor dispute between the company and these union employees.

Child Killed By Trolley Bus

Raymond Croome, two and one half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Croome, of Keevatin street, was killed at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, when run over by a Winnipeg Electric company trolley bus at the intersection of Keevatin street and Pacific avenue. It is believed the child died instantly.

BRISTLING DEFENCE ZONES

British Await Attack By Jewish Elements

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (BUP)—British authorities Wednesday partitioned Jerusalem into three bustling defence zones in anticipation of attacks by Jewish underground elements in retaliation for the shipment of Jews from Haifa to Cyprus.

Russia Plans Atom Bomb Test

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14 (AP)—Dr. Smyson Alexander, one of two official Russian observers of the Bikini atomic bomb tests, said Monday that Russia planned to hold similar tests and that the observations at Bikini would be helpful.

First Wheat Loaded

First cars of this season's wheat to be loaded by Canadian National railways originated Tuesday at Roland, Man., and Zealandia, Sask. The Roland car contained more than 2,000 bushels consigned to United Grain Growers at the Lakehead. The Zealandia car was consigned to Saskatchewan Pool Elevators.

WINNIPEG REMEMBERS YEAR AGO

Cheering, Singing Mob Turned Out For Happiest Celebration Of All

Just one year ago today, Winnipeggers enjoyed the biggest celebration of their lives, as rumor became fact, and war with Japan was at an end. At 6 p.m. C.D.T., Aug. 14, 1945, it was officially announced that Japan had accepted Allied surrender terms, and by 7:30, Portage avenue and Main street were filled with seething, cheering masses of humanity. Although it was past office hours, streams of waste paper and ticker tape floated down on the crowds below. Police sealed off Winnipeg's two main thoroughfares from through traffic, thus good-humoredly giving celebrants the go-ahead signal in their festivities.



The storm area which gave rain to the prairies Tuesday is now moving into Ontario. There will be afternoon cloudiness across the prairies, but skies will clear by evening. Thursday will be clear across the prairies. Winnipeg: Cloudy during afternoon, but clearing by evening. Clear Thursday. West winds at 25 mph decreasing to 15 Wednesday night and Thursday. Low Wednesday night 52; high Thursday 75. Regina: Clear west winds at fifteen mph. Low Wednesday night at Regina 50; high Thursday 75. Brandon: Locally cloudy Wednesday afternoon, otherwise clear. West winds at 25 mph, decreasing to 15 Wednesday night and Thursday. Low Wednesday night 50; high Thursday 75.