

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Part cloudy, light northerly wind; barometer, 30.56; temperature, 42; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:41 a.m. 19.4 ft.
13:15 p.m. 23.0 ft.
Low 7:20 a.m. 8.2 ft.
20:10 p.m. 1.6 ft.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

PREMIER-B.C. SILVER MERGER IS NEAR

BENNETT MAKES GOVERNMENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tremendous Impetus Will Be Given Portland Canal Mining If Important Deal Completed

Only Ratification of Shareholders of Two Companies Is Needed to Effect Important Amalgamation—Agreement Expected Soon

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6: (CP)—Persistent reports here state that a deal has been completed and only ratification by the shareholders of both companies remains to be given before amalgamation of the Premier Gold Mining Co. and the B. C. Silver becomes effective. Directors of the Premier Co. in Vancouver and officials of the B. C. Silver, however, state that they are unable to confirm the reports.

SIXTY-SIX EXECUTED

"Reign of Terror" Continues in Soviet Republic Following Kiroff Assassination

MOSCOW, Dec. 6: (CP)—While millions of Russians, desirous of paying final respects, were filing past the bier of Sergei Mironovich Kiroff, secretary of the central committee of the Communist party and one of the powers behind the Soviet government, who was assassinated on Saturday, a virtual "reign of terror" continued in the country. During the day sixty-six persons were executed by firing squads after conviction on charges of "preparing terrorist plots against high Soviet officials." The executions took place after summary trials at Leningrad and Moscow.

A state funeral was today accorded Kiroff.

RULING ON SAAR MADE

People May Defer Their Choice Instead of Expressing Them selves Definitely, Committee Decides

GENEVA, December 6:—The committee of the League of Nations ruled yesterday that the population of the Saar would not have to choose definitely in the plebiscite to be held next month as to whether they wished to be under Germany or France or continue as at present, under mandate of the League of Nations. They could have another plebiscite if they wished.

Newly Appointed Judge Succumbs

Theodore Lewis Dies in Madison, Wis., Just Two Weeks After Being Named to Bench

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 6:—Two weeks after he had been appointed to the State Supreme Court bench, Theodore Lewis died here yesterday of pneumonia.

Farmers of Interior Have Had Excellent Season Especially in Sale of Timothy Hay Seed

The farmers of the Bulkley and Nechaco Valleys have had one of the best seasons in history, according to several recent arrivals in Prince Rupert. While the outstanding feature of the season has been the sale of timothy seed which has been sold in a cash market and has brought the growers pretty nearly \$200,000, other crops have also done well.

Turnips and potatoes and, in fact, all root crops have been excellent in quality and quantity. Grain crops have been good and there is enough hay to carry over the winter.

NEWSPAPER PEER DIES

Lord Riddell, Publisher of News of World, Passes Away in London At Age of Sixty-Nine

WALTONHEATH, Eng., Dec. 6: (CP)—Lord Riddell, noted English newspaper publisher, author and philanthropist, who built his name and fortune from a London Sunday newspaper, the News of the World, died yesterday at the age of sixty-nine years.



Lord Ashley has been granted a divorce from Lady Ashley, former Sylvia Hawkes, actress, in a London court. Douglas Fairbanks, husband of Mary Pickford, was named co-respondent and was ordered to pay costs of action. Sir Merriman presided. Costs are estimated at \$10,000.

Finding of Commission To Be Heeded; Ready to Make Pact With States

Important Statement From Prime Minister at Brockville Last Night in Regard to Two Questions Of Much Public Interest

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 6: (CP)—An important statement as to government policy in connection with two matters of outstanding public interest today was made here last night by Premier R. B. Bennett. The Prime Minister gave assurance that the Dominion government would take such action as it was competent to take in regard to the findings of the mass buying and price spreads commission and would willingly conclude a trade agreement with the United States "on fair and just terms."

NOT MUCH HOPE NOW

Worst is Feared For Capt. Charles Ulm and Companions On Pacific Flight

HONOLULU, Dec. 6: (CP)—Hope for the safety of Captain Charles T. P. Ulm, Australian trans-Pacific flier, and his two companions, George Littlejohn and Jack Skilling, unreported since they made a forced landing in the Pacific Ocean some five hundred miles west of Hawaii on Tuesday afternoon while on a flight from Oakland to Honolulu, was practically abandoned today after an intensive and continuous search by aircraft and ships carried on during the past 48 hours had failed to reveal any trace whatever of men or machine.

REVENUE IS AHEAD

Customs and Excise Collections For Canada This Year Up \$22,000,000 Over 1933

OTTAWA, Dec. 6: (CP)—Canadian customs and excise revenue for the first eight months of the present fiscal year showed a net increase of \$22,000,000 as compared with a similar period a year ago.

Stevens Offers to Lead Crusade To Clear Up Abuses in Economic Life of Canada; Outlines Plans

MONTREAL, Dec. 6: (CP)—The people of Canada yesterday stood challenged by Hon. H. H. Stevens, former minister of trade and commerce, to "come with me in a drive for practical action" to clear up abuses and maladjustments in the country's economic life. Not as one seeking leadership of a party but as one determined to arouse thoroughly Canadian public opinion so that every government in the country would be forced to improve farming conditions and work for prosperity, the former minister laid down a program of concrete proposals chief among which was the establishment of a permanent federal trade and industrial commission charged with administration of an amended Combines Investigation Act and enforcement of Criminal Code provisions against false advertising which he characterized as "one of the most pernicious influences in modern business."

Jugo-Slavia Driving Out Hungarians

BELGRADE, Dec. 6: (CP)—The government of Jugo-Slavia, it was announced today, has decided to expel all of 27,000 Hungarians now living in Jugo-Slavia. The decree follows the recent official pronouncement that Hungary was responsible for the assassination in Marseilles of King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia.

TRUNK MURDER IN LOS ANGELES

Unidentified Body Found Yesterday Afternoon in California City—Investigation

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6:—Late yesterday afternoon Los Angeles police were informed that an unidentified body had been found crammed into a trunk. The gruesome discovery was later confirmed and investigation is proceeding. The body is believed to have been in the trunk about three days.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 81½¢ on the local exchange yesterday and dropped to 80½¢ today.

Jim Skinner, Prince Rupert Man, Missing in Graham Island Woods; Search is Unavailing

MASSETT, Dec. 6: (Special to Daily News)—Finding no trace of Jim Skinner, well known Prince Rupert man, who was lost in the woods at 3:30 Sunday afternoon last while hunting on Graham Island, a search party, led by Provincial Constable Thomas D. Brunton of Massett and T. Penny, also of Prince Rupert, returned to Massett yesterday aboard the packer Ogden. Despite a close search for two days, not a single trace was found.

Skinner went into the woods near the old Langara Island village in Parry Pass, leaving Penny in charge of the boat. About an hour later Penny heard two shots and, after five minutes, heard two more. Skinner failed to return and, after hunting for him all day, Penny wired from A. J. Peve's cabin to Massett for help. A party of ten arrived the next morning but their search was unavailing.

BIG STORM IN ALASKA

Gales, Heavy Rains, Thunder and Lightning Accompany Record-Breaking Warm Spell

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 6: (CP)—A torrential storm brought damage estimated at \$100,000 here yesterday as vagaries of weather gave southern and interior Alaska more record-breaking warm weather as well as heavy rain. Sweeping in from the Gulf of Alaska, a 55-mile gale raged for several hours here and at Seward. An unprecedented thunder and lightning storm swept over Cook Inlet Tuesday night.

Mussolini Makes Tax Payment To British Treasury

LONDON, Dec. 6:—It was revealed by the British Exchequer yesterday that an income tax payment of \$1200 had been made to the British government by Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy on interests in this country.

Salvation Army Makes Its Annual Appeal to Citizens To Aid in Giving Xmas Cheer

The Salvation Army is once more making its annual appeal to the citizens of Prince Rupert for money and goods to enable them to bring Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than others who would otherwise be unable to enjoy themselves at the festive season. Particularly is the Army seeking to bring joy to the little ones who will be expecting Santa Claus to come to them as well as to their more wealthy schoolmates and friends.

Battle Fleet To Visit Bay Region

Major Portion of Uncle Sam's Navy Steaming From San Diego to San Francisco

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 6:—A major portion of the United States Navy battle fleet was last night on its way from here to San Francisco. A visit of a couple of weeks will be made by the fleet to the Bay region.