

CHINA IS OPENING WAR ON JAPAN

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Today's Paper

(8 A.M.)
Prince Rupert—Overcast; southerly wind; barometer, 30.2; temperature, 65; sea smooth.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:25 a.m. 21.1 ft.
14:29 p.m. 18.4 ft.
Low 8:14 a.m. 2.2 ft.
20:11 p.m. 7.6 ft.

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Probability of Conflict Of General Nature in Far East Closer as Result of Action

Declaration Was Made Independently and Followed Crisis of Past Week Between Canton And Nanking Administrations Of North and South

HONG KONG, June 5: (CP)—The probability of a general war in the Orient became closer today with the declaration of war by the Canton South Chinese government on Japan. The war declaration of South China was made independently and followed a crisis this week between that government and the Nanking Nationalist government over permitting of Japanese troops in North China and the independence movement in the north.

War troops marched north from Canton today and occupied four towns. The southern administration ordered the mobilization of an anti-Japanese expedition.

Central government officials at Nanking profess to know nothing of the moves in the south. Canton, they say, had no authority to declare war.

VICTORY CLAIMED BY LABOR

Senate Judicial Committee Would Control Working Conditions On Government Contracts

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 5:—Organized labor claimed a signal victory as a result of the Senate judicial committee approving the control by Congress of hours of work and scale of wages by contractors on government contracts. If proposed legislation goes through contractors will be compelled to pay prevailing wage scales on all work they carry out for the government.

SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY

George H. Arnold, Pioneer Real Estate and Insurance Broker, Passes Away

George Heckox Arnold, prominent local real estate and insurance broker of twenty-five years' standing, passed away suddenly last night at his residence at the corner of Taylor Street and Summit Avenue. Last summer Mr. Arnold underwent an operation and in a large measure seemed to recover his health but his heart was known not to be strong. He became ill last Friday and took to bed where he had remained for the most of the time. His death at 8:30 last night was quite unexpected and came as a shock to his many friends.

Born in Elkhorn, Wis., sixty-five years ago, Mr. Arnold for years was a member of the United States Army Medical Corps, druggist department, seeing service in the Philippines and Alaska. He retired from the Army in 1910 and for a year was engaged in the real estate business at Stewart. Coming here in 1911 he became identified with H. G. Helgerson Ltd., later becoming manager and then owner of the business. He was a member of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the widow, who will have general sympathy, Mr. Arnold is survived by one brother, Mark H. Arnold of Toronto, Kansas. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

BRITISH SHIP IS ABLE TO PROCEED

Steamer Kent, Which Sent Out Distress Signals, Did Not Need Help After All

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5:—After having sent out "S.C." signals from the vicinity of San Francisco, the British steamer Kent la reported that she was able to proceed. The Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi was one of the vessels which had started to go to the assistance of the Kent.

Low-Lying Areas of Skeena River Are in Ruin as Result Of High Water Catastrophe

Daily News Dispatch Conveys Some Idea Of Widespread Damage—Thrilling Rescue Of Mother and Two-Day Old Child—Rapid Recession Continues

Stating that the entire low-lying areas of the Skeena River valley are virtually devastated as a result of the worst flood catastrophe the district has ever known, a special dispatch to the Daily News from Terrace via Stewart and the Government Telegraphs new radiotelegraph lines gives the first idea of the tremendous damage that has been done as a result of the unprecedented high water conditions of the past few days. Farms, buildings, livestock, crops and much land has been completely destroyed. Some communities are entirely cut off with scant supplies. Many people have been rendered homeless and are camping out or have taken up abode in such temporary quarters as may be available. Rehabilitation, it is already indicated, is going to be an extensive task. The immediate concern is, however, to provide temporary relief.

WOULD GET NEW PLANE

Pioneer Airways Would Have Big Ship Running to Prince Rupert

If decision is finally made to extend the Pioneer Airway's operations northward from Ocean Falls to Prince Rupert and Stewart, the proposal is to purchase a new eight or ten passenger seaplane. It is explained by R. E. Roberts, president of the company, who is in the city. A hangar would be established by the company in Prince Rupert. Prince Rupert would be brought to within four hours of Vancouver by air travel. A reorganization of Pioneer Airways, involving an increase of capitalization from \$25,000 to \$100,000, is contemplated.

Halibut Arrivals

Summary
American—51,000 pounds, 7c and 5.5c to 7.1c and 6c.
Canadian—77,500 pounds, 6.2c and 5.2c to 6.4c and 5.4c.

American
Mtkof, 33,000, 7c and 5.5c, Cold Storage.
Frisco, 11,000, 7c and 6c, Cold Storage.
Visitor, 7,000, 7.1c and 6c, Booth Atlin.

Canadian
Margaret I., 15,000, 6.2c and 5.2c, Cold Storage.
Bayview, 8,500, 6.3c and 5.3c, Cold Storage.
Helen II., 15,000, 6.3c and 5.3c, Cold Storage.
Alkin, 11,000, 6.3c and 5.3c, Cold Storage.
Thrasher, 8,000, 6.4c and 5.4c, Atlin.
North Forland, 8,000, 6.3c and 5.3c, Atlin.
Mother II., 8,500, 6.4c and 5.4c, Cold Storage.
Dickie Boy, 3,500, 6.4c and 5.3c, Booth.

Billy Reid, First in From Terrace After Floods, Swam Part of Way to Make Trip

Billy Reid, grandfather though he be, popular local C. N. R. electrician, made up his mind to get home from Terrace where he was caught at the end of the week by the railway tie-up, and he is going to do it and achieve the distinction of being the first through. Bill is now at Kwinitsa, the worst of the homeward journey through the flood area over. Particulars of his trip are not available except that it is known he swam part of the way. He will probably be in tonight on the way freight which left this morning for Kwinitsa. As far as is known, Peter Lakie, district freight and passenger agent, who was caught with Mr. Reid, did not attempt to emulate his feat.

INVERNESS HAS BLAZE

Two Small Buildings, Including School House, Destroyed Last Night

Two small buildings, including the school house, were destroyed by a fire which broke out about 10 o'clock last night at Inverness cannery and which, for a time, threatened the entire plant there. However, hard fire fighting work by the cannery crew prevented the spread of the flames which were at times quite spectacular.

SCALING OF LOGS

Production For Year to Date Not As High as Last Official Figures Show

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of May this year aggregated 8,403,902 board feet as compared with 13,455,491 board feet in the same month last year, bringing the total for 1936 to date up to 19,279,116 board feet in comparison with 25,271,458 board feet in the corresponding period of last year.

The log scale per varieties this May was as follows:

	1936	1935
	B.F.	B.F.
Douglas Fir	2,211	2,211
Cedar	54,617	79,174
Spruce	4,855,454	7,788,113
Hemlock	3,477,124	5,089,969
Balsam	2,316	293,893
Jackpine	6,900	202,131
Miscellaneous	7,491	
Totals	8,403,902	13,455,491

Forest Products

The scale of forest products in the interior this May included poles and piling to a quantity of 71,398 lineal feet—all cedar—as compared with 75,262 lineal feet in the same month a year ago. Ties counted this May totalled 27,274—1,200 hemlock and 26,074 jackpine—in comparison with 39,096 in May 1935. No cordwood or fence posts were scaled this May.

SELASSIE'S RECEPTION

All Foreign Ambassadors Except Italian Invited to London Affair

LONDON, June 5:—All foreign diplomats with the exception of Dino Grandi, Italian ambassador to Great Britain, have been invited to an official reception for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia which is to be held here on Saturday.

Haile Selassie told thousands who greeted him as he arrived at Waterloo Station Wednesday that he had come to "obtain justice." A personal representative of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was among those who met Selassie.

FARMERS ARE CHEERED BY MAY RAINFALL ALL OVER PRAIRIE REGION

Meteorological Office Records Indicate Prospects Are Brighter For Crops on Western Prairies—Precipitation Above Normal

TORONTO, June 5: (CP)—Beneficial May rains in the prairie provinces have brought renewed hope to farmers in the great grain-producing areas of Western Canada. Rainfall during March and April did not come up to expectations but the precipitation in May changed below-normal averages into surpluses in the majority of districts.

During the early part of May moderate to heavy rains occurred in Saskatchewan from Swift Current to the Manitoba border and northward to Prince Albert. Moisture was also adequate in the Edmonton and Red Deer districts of Alberta. The rains should prove invaluable for the early growth of the crops in these territories.

Records compiled by the Dominion Meteorological Office covering the nine-months period, August 1-April 1, indicated the average increase over the normal in Alberta was only one percent. Despite good showings in northern and southeastern Saskatchewan a particularly dry winter in the southwest pulled the province's general average down to a four percent deficiency. Manitoba's record for the nine months was about normal.

The outstanding feature of the winter's precipitation statistics was noted in Manitoba in March. Rainfall in the western section during this month was one hundred percent above normal and fifty percent above in the east. The fall months were not up to the average.

Normal precipitation occurred in the nine-months period in central Alberta but in the north the average jumped to twenty-five percent above the usual amount. Conditions

were reversed in the south where a decline of twenty percent was recorded.

Northern and southeastern Saskatchewan were slightly above normal but a dry southwestern area showed a 25 percent deficiency. Western Manitoba was up by nine percent. The eastern portion of the province reported a loss almost as large.

Northern Alberta Gains

A review of the monthly records of the various districts in the three provinces shows that in northern Alberta precipitation was above normal in every month except September and March with large excesses occurring in the period from October to February. Central Alberta had small deficiencies in all months except November, January and March. In the south minus signs appeared in the records for August, September and April with heavy rainfall in October.

October and November were the best months in northern Saskatchewan with excesses of seventy and sixty percent respectively but there were drops of twenty percent in March and forty percent in April. The southwest was below normal in all months except November and January, both of which were above the average, while (Continued on Page Two)

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