

Today's Weather (8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert - Cloudy, north-wind, four miles per hour; temperature, 29.42; sea smooth.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:36 a.m. 19.2 ft. 17:38 p.m. 17.9 ft. Low 11:47 a.m. 7.7 ft. 23:57 p.m. 6.0 ft.

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FLIERS ARE POSSIBLY STILL ALIVE

TONGUES WAGGING

Gossip Aplenty About Former King Edward and Mrs. Simpson—May Live in Victoria?

LONDON, Dec. 19.—According to gossip here the Duke of Windsor, the former King Edward VIII, and Mrs. Wallis Simpson may be married at sea by the captain of a yacht after she secures her final decree of divorce and make an extended honeymoon tour on the ocean.

The former King was reported today to be in better spirits again in Austria after having been worried yesterday over the possibility of some hitch arising in connection with Mrs. Simpson's divorce.

It was stated at Cannes that Mrs. Simpson had received many invitations from various points in the United States to make her future home after she has married the former King.

One suggestion was that the couple might go to Victoria, British Columbia. The Duke has always been a great favorite there.

Would Take Jail Rather Than Pay Fine - Townsend

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, father of the pension plan bearing his name, whose former supporters are now endeavoring to oust him as head of the organization, says that, in the event of his being indicted and convicted on charges being laid against him, he will go to jail rather than pay a fine.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Good Response to Salvation Army Appeal so Far But More Is Needed

The Salvation Army Christmas Cheer fund is making good progress. This has come about largely through a realization that the organization of the Army is such as to enable it to handle the funds entrusted to it in such a way as to secure the best possible returns for it. People who give do so for the purpose of bringing cheer to many homes but not for the purpose of enabling a few families to get more than their share of the Christmas goods.

This morning a check arrived from the Queen Charlotte Islands for the fund. Inspector Hall, before leaving, ordered 20 pounds of beef to be delivered for the hampers and Burns & Co. Ltd. and the Swift Canadian Co. of this city also have promised their usual donations of a quarter of beef each.

Previously acknowledged \$166.00. A. L. R. 10.00. Rose Marie 1.00

VACANT LOTS PRODUCE CALGARY, Dec. 19: (CP)—Calgary Vacant Lots Garden Club, with 1200 members, had a good year. On 2,000 lots \$50,000 worth of vegetables were grown.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY GARDEN IN DECEMBER

Mrs. Charles Nelson picked eight ripe strawberries in her garden at Queen Charlotte City at the first of this week, according to word brought to the city by the Prince John yesterday afternoon. To pick ripe strawberries in mid-December anywhere in British Columbia is considered to be a rather unique occurrence.

NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE

Terms For Settlement of Chinese Civil War Under Discussion—Kai-Shek Home Soon?

NANKING, China, Dec. 19: (CP)—High officials of the Chinese government were called into session yesterday under protection of armed guards to hear what were believed to be the terms of Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, Communist rebel leader of Sianfu, to end the civil war and free Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

It was reliably reported that General Tin-Wen, who arrived from Sianfu with Chang's demands, had brought a letter signed by General Chiang Kai-Shek urging the Nanking government to halt military action against Chang's mutineers.

The terms suggested by Chang are said to be that a cash payment should be made by the Nanking government which would be distributed among homeless rebel soldiers and that Chang Hsueh-Liang would go into exile.

In some quarters it was expected that Chiang Kai-Shek, reported earlier in the week to have been slain, would be home by today.

TACTICS SWITCHED

The Nanking government, in a sudden switch of tactics late today against the rebellious Chang Hsueh-Liang, ordered punitive military operations against Sianfu to be reopened Sunday unless Chiang Kai-Shek is released.

"The government's punitive expedition, bombing operations and any other form of attack is deemed necessary if the generalissimo is not released," a spokesman said.

Reports Conflict As To Condition Of Holy Father

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 19: (CP)—Vatican officials displayed confidence yesterday that Pope Pius was on the way to recovery. This was in spite of reports the previous day that the Pontiff was no longer able to walk unassisted and that the circulation of the right foot was becoming very poor like the left. In addition to his other ailments, the Holy Father is afflicted with varicose veins. He is still attending to many of his duties.

Oscar Landry, district superintendent of Government Telegraphs, and Mrs. Landry sailed Thursday night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver where they will spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

HIS REAL INTEREST

Solving Drought More Important To Herman Trelle Than Grain Title

EDMONTON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Herman Trelle, Wembley, Alta., "Wheat King," returning from his triumphs at Chicago International Livestock and Grain Show, declared he was more interested in talking about relieving the drought situation than in discussing his grain titles.

The winner of the 1936 wheat and oats crown said he wished people would forget about my wheat prize. The important thing is not winning prizes but growing highest quality wheat seed to be used in improving the standard of Western Canada grain production. In drought areas seed of the very highest vitality and uniformity should be planted.

"I'm the largest individual seed-grower in Canada," Mr. Trelle said "I have grown 15,000 bushels of registered Marquis and Reward wheat and registered oats, mostly Victory, this year."

"King" Trelle, who has been awarded 16 grand championships in 11 years, told how he obtained his peck of Reward hard spring wheat which took the prize this year.

First he selected the best 50 bushels from a field that produced about 2,500 bushels. From the 50 he took the prize winning sample by screening and "fanning."

"People have gained the impression each grain is picked over by hand to obtain the exhibit but that is quite untrue," Mr. Trelle said. "I'm far too busy to spend all that time. Naturally I check through the sample and pick out perhaps one kernel in a thousand that is irregular in size but that is all."

Mr. Trelle stated he expected to try for the wheat crown again next year.

Solution of the drought situation in Western Canada, he said, lay in conservation and creation of a greater surface area of water by building dams and guarding sloughs and other water bodies against drainage. His plan calls for the co-operation of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the states of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

An independent commission that could operate without interference would be required to ensure success of the scheme, he said.

Sink Derelicts At Ft. William

Ports of Lake Head Are Cleared Of Old Vessels

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 19: (CP)—Twenty-nine derelicts have been removed from Fort William and Port Arthur harbors and sunk in a dumping ground in Thunder Bay, and one steam boat and one tug will be similarly disposed of next spring.

The vessels disposed of so far included 14 scows, three dredges, three steamboats, seven tugs and one oil-burning motorboat. Besides, one 30-ton boiler and 330 piles were pulled from Port Arthur harbor.

Work of clearing the harbor of the old vessels was in charge of W. E. Mutch, superintendent of St. Mac Lines. Twenty-five men were employed since the work began.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19: (CP)—Wheat dropped back to \$1.24% on the Vancouver market today.

Faint Radio Signals Cause Revival After Hope Had Nearly Gone

Indistinct Sound of Man's Weak Voice on Air Liner's Frequency Picked up Time After Time, it is Reported

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19: (CP)—Faint radio messages, the indistinct sound of a man's weak voice, have been picked up time and again by searchers hunting for the Western Air Express twin-motored Boeing transport planes which has been missing since Monday with four passengers on a derelict of three. The calls were, apparently, directed at both St. George, Utah, and Salt Lake City. Officials said they were of the air line frequency.

HIGHEST PRICE FOR COPPER AND LEAD IN SEVEN YEARS TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19: (CP)—Heavy buying of metals continued apace today, sending domestic lead to a new seven year high and export copper to a peak over a like span of years.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table listing stock prices for Vancouver and Toronto. Vancouver: B. C. Nickel, 27; Big Missouri, 55; Bralorne, 7.80; B. R. X., .08 1/2; B. R. Cons., .04 1/2; Cariboo Quartz, 1.60; Lentonia, 11; Dunwell, .02 1/2; Golconda, 11; Minto, 18; Meridian, .03; Morning Star, .02 1/4; Noble Five, .04 3/4; Pend Oreille, 3.15; Pioneer, 5.05; Porter Idaho, .09 1/2; Premier, 3.65; Reeves McDonald, .40; Reno, 1.20; Relief Arlington, 31; Reward, .05 1/2; Salmon Gold, .07 3/4; Taylor Bridge, .07; United Empire, .01; Wayside, .06 1/2. Toronto: Beattie, 1.22; Central Patricia, 4.35; God's Lake, 89; Inter Nickel, 63.00; Lee Gold, .06; Little Long Lac, 7.15; McKenzie Red Lake, 1.93; Pickle Crow, 7.40; Red Lake Gold Shore, 1.35; San Antonio, 2.33; Sherritt Gordon, 2.70; Siscoe, 4.55; Smelter Gold, .09 1/2; Ventures, 2.90; McLeod Cokeshutt, 4.90; Oklend, .06; Mosher, .46; Gilbec, .06 1/2; Madsen Red Lake, 1.38; May Spiers, 35; Sullyan, 2.05; Stadacona, .93; Frontier Red Lake, 1.6; Francoeur, 1.00; Manitoba & Eastern, 13; Perron, 2.05; New Augarita, 38; Moneta Poreupine, 1.57; Bouscadiillac, .58; Sladen Malartic, 1.63; Lapa Cadillac, 1.20; Morris Kirkland, .85; Astoria Rouyn, .09 1/2; Rubec, .12; Thompson Cadillac, 1.70; Bailor, .05 1/2.

PARTY WILL REORGANIZE

Alberta Social Credit League Plans To Convene Soon

EDMONTON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Reorganization of the Alberta Social Credit League, founded by William Aberhart in his victorious 1935 drive to the Alberta premiership, is nearing completion and a general convention is to be held in Edmonton or Calgary soon after the New Year.

Started late in the spring under the direction of R. E. Ansley, Social Credit (M. L. A. Leduc), temporary secretary-treasurer, the re-vamping has reached the stage where divisional conferences—semi-final meetings—are being called.

Secretary Ansley told the Southern Alberta division that 110,000 application forms for individuals had been sent out from central headquarters at Edmonton, 30,000 paid-up members had enrolled throughout Alberta by December 1 and new recruits were applying. Under the new set-up, the league is divided into seven divisions which are composed of 53 constituency associations. The latter are split up into zone assemblies. The smallest units are groups which combine to form the zone assemblies. From 20 to 45 groups are included in constituency associations. Memberships in groups range from 50 to 85. When reorganization began, a new constitution was drawn up and sent out to groups. After the groups had been formed, zone assemblies were called, then constituency associations held meetings, which in turn are being followed by the divisional conferences. Resolutions and motions passed at the group meetings, if they find favor at later assemblies as reorganization progresses will be brought up for final discussion and possible ratification at the provincial convention.

FOREIGNERS ARE ACTIVE

Fifty Thousand Outside Nationals In Spanish Civil War—France Supplying Arms

PARIS, Dec. 19:—According to information published here yesterday, there are at least fifty thousand foreigners fighting in the Spanish civil war with a large number of nations represented with their nationals. Several nations have fighters on both sides.

More nations than at first suspected have also been supplying arms to either one side or the other. In certain French quarters, it is said that France has been active in supplying the Spanish government with fighting materials.

Information is also said to have been received here that thousands of prisoners have been executed since the war started.

Withdrawing Non-Combatants MADRID, Dec. 19:—One quarter of the non-combatant population of Madrid has been withdrawn from the capital in view of the continued state of siege. A rebel bombing plane is reported to have been brought down yesterday by the Spanish government.

British Gas Masks

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Official sources explain that five thousand gas masks have been sold to the Madrid government in the last twenty-four hours but the Fascists have not requested any. Capt. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that Great Britain would sell gas masks to anybody when the country had them to spare.

Cuban Political Crisis Still On

Talk is Now Heard of Impeachment Of President Gomez on Coercion Charges

HAVANA, Dec. 19:—With the political crisis between President Gomez and General Batista continuing over the 9c sugar tax which the former refuses to adopt in spite of the latter's insistence, it was reported today in authoritative quarters that proceedings might be instituted seeking Gomez' impeachment on charges of attempt to coerce members of the legislative chamber.

London Scheme Housing 11,000

County Council Undertaking Largest Project of its Kind

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)—The largest building scheme of its kind ever undertaken by the London County Council will provide for nearly 11,000 people in municipal flats on the site formerly occupied by the White City Exhibition.

It covers an area of 50 acres, and the proposed development is calculated to cost \$7,185,000. Provision is to be made for 2,285 dwellings, all blocks to be five storeys high and there will be shops, schools, public buildings and children's playgrounds.

Today's Weather

(Government Telegraphs) Terrace—Snowing, calm, 29. Anyox—Snowing, calm, 24. Hazelton—Snowing, calm, 23. Smithers—Cloudy, calm, mild. Burns Lake—Dull, calm, 17. Stewart—Snowing, heavy calm, 30.

HAMILTON ENDORSED

Republican National Committee Is Strong Behind its Chairman

CHICAGO, Dec. 19:—The Republican National committee, meet publican National committee, meeting here, accorded a 74 to 2 vote of confidence in John Hamilton, the national chairman, who had been criticized by Hamilton Fish jr. of New York and who offered to resign. The committee by this vote refused to consider the resignation.

New York Stock Market is Weak

Slump Which Started on Thursday Even More Marked Yesterday

NEW YORK, Dec. 19:—The New York stock market yesterday continued the slump which started on Thursday with even greater losses in all lines of issues. The day's turnover amounted to 1,910,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was 179.42, off 1.36; rails, 54.43, off .51; utilities, 32.74, off .35.

Harold Holkestad, Local Fisherman, Is Laid at Rest

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 19:—The funeral of Harold Holkestad, well known Prince Rupert halibut fisherman, who passed away at Tranquille Sanitarium earlier in the week, took place in Kamloops yesterday. Maurelius Holkestad of Prince Rupert, a brother of deceased, was among those attending. Those sending floral tributes included Mrs. Holkestad, wife of deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Maurelius Holkestad, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. C. Knudsen and family.

Funeral of Henry Leaper Held Today

Well Known Local Pioneer Laid At Rest This Afternoon

The funeral of the late Henry Leaper took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of the B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. C. D. Clarke, pastor of First United Church, officiated with Miss Lois Jude presiding at the organ. Hymns were "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were Arthur Silversides, Frank Vickers, D. Archie, James Black, Jack Leach and Tom Annesley. There were many floral offerings.

Son of President Is Operated Upon

Surgical Treatment Necessary For Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.

BOSTON, Dec. 19: (CP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt jr., son of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, underwent an operation here yesterday for his sinus trouble and was reported last night to be doing nicely. He may be able to go home for Christmas.

N. McCartney and F. Murray of Surf Point mine are sailing this afternoon on the Princess Adelaide for a trip to Vancouver.