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## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 9:44 a.m. 17.4 ft.  
22:35 p.m. 17.7 ft.  
Low ..... 3:35 a.m. 9.7 ft.  
16:09 p.m. 6.3 ft.

## Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Clear, light northerly wind; barometer, 30.34; temperature, 28; sea smooth.

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# IMPORTANT CAPTURE IS MADE BY ITALIANS

## Gondar, Strategic City at Head Of Lake Tana, Falls Into Hands Of Invaders on Important Drive

Is Significant Move Owing to Proximity to Source Of British Water Supply in Egyptian Sudan

GONDAR, Ethiopia, March 31: (CP)—This strategic city at the head of Lake Tana fell into the hands of the Italian invaders today in the course of a drive which is proving by far the most important move to date in the present war because of the significance to the British of the Lake Tana region. Gondar is only a few miles from the head of Lake Tana, source of the Blue Nile which gives the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan its water supply.

## WHILE HERE IT IS FINE

Howling Blizzard with 20 Below Weather in Montana—Deluge Of Rain in Los Angeles

HELENA, Montana, March 31:—A howling blizzard, with temperatures as low as twenty below zero was sweeping over western Montana last night. So heavy was the snow that ploughs were unable to keep the highways and roads clear, transportation and communications being interfered with.

Deluge in Los Angeles  
LOS ANGELES, March 31:—Torrential rain was falling in Los Angeles last night. Some of the streets were like miniature rivers.

## Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, March 31: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at 80½¢ on the Vancouver Exchange yesterday, dropping to 79½¢ today.

## BAR SILVER

NEW YORK, March 31: (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44½¢ per ounce on the New York metal market today.

## CROWN IS RELIEVED OF GIVING FINANCIAL AID TO HEALTH INSURANCE

This Portion of Bill Rejected by Legislature in Committee—Many Amendments Are Considered

VICTORIA, March 31: (CP)—The Legislature, in committee last night, defeated by a vote of 18 to 17 Section Thirteen of the Health Insurance Bill. The section contained provision for a \$50,000 appropriation by the government to aid in setting up organization for operation of the bill, also limiting government liability under the same heading for any expenditure over and above that amount.

After the vote, Premier T. D. Pattullo shouted across the floor: "The Crown is now relieved from the responsibility of putting up any money."

It is not disclosed what effect the defeat of the section will have on the future of the bill but government supporters minimized it, stating that the \$50,000 was already earmarked in the estimates. The action came after the bill had faced a barrage of proposed amendments, the majority of which were defeated.

A C. C. F. amendment to permit

## Roosevelt Is At Nassau, Bahamas

Chief Executive of United States On Cruise—Luncheon Guest Of Governor

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 31:—In the course of a vacation cruise aboard the Potomac, President Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived here today and was a luncheon guest of the Governor. Another guest at the luncheon was James W. Gerard, war time ambassador of the United States to Germany, who is paying a visit here.

## Flood Triplets In Pittsburg Are Doing Very Well

PITTSBURG, March 31:—Triplet sisters born here during the height of the recent floods are reported to be doing well. The babies were born in a house the lower floor of which was flooded. Later they were removed to a hospital.

## TENSE IN FAR EAST

Japanese Envoys in Outer Mongolia—Where is China Going To Stand?

TOKYO, March 31:—With Russia supporting Outer Mongolia, and Japan, Manchukuo, the situation in the Far East has become further intensified. A few days ago three Japanese officers were sent across the frontier from Manchukuo for a conference with Outer Mongolian authorities in regard to recent frontier clashes. They have failed to return and it is believed here are being held by Russo-Mongolian troops with a view to extracting from them information in regard to Japanese military strength in Manchukuo. The possibility of a major controversy developing as a result is feared.

## CHINA IS CHAFING

NANKING, March 31: (AP)—China would gain little and possibly lose more than she has during the last five years should the never smooth course of events in northeastern Asia move toward the large-scale clash which many foresee as the inevitable climax of four decades of Russo-Japanese enmity and conflicting ambitions.

This is the mature Chinese official opinion which derides the popular Chinese belief that in a war between Russia and Japan lies China's hope of regaining what she has lost in territory and international prestige.

Nanking officialdom's fear that China would be the loser, no matter which way the fortunes of war turned, is based upon Japan's evident intention of setting the stage of war as far as possible from the Japanese islands and as near as possible to the heart of the great expanse which extends across Europe and Asia.

By taking Manchuria and Jehol, and extending her economic and military control westward across North China and Inner Mongolia, Japan is seen by Nanking as having commenced her attempts to stage manage the war drama which Tokyo's military actors have been preparing since the close of the curtain-raising Russo-Japanese conflict of 1904-05.

## Exposing Coastline

Scouting persistent reports that Nanking has reached a mutual assistance agreement with Moscow in case of war with Japan, civil and military officials at the Chinese capital explain that, by joining hands with Russia, China would lay her long coastline and navigable rivers open to Japanese attack and occupation before a single shot would be fired along the Siberian border.

Some Chinese politico-military strategists are known to advocate open and active support of Japan against Russia. But Chinese statesmen cannot but picture China's sad lot as an ally of a defeated Japan.

Soviet Russia has repeatedly disavowed any territorial ambitions in east Asia, but China's experience as the vanquished party (Continued on Page Four)

# GERMAN PULP MILL MEN COMING

## Bruno Richard Hauptmann To Be Executed Tonight; Board Of Pardons Declines to Act

TRENTON, N.J., March 31:—Bruno Richard Hauptmann at 8:20 Eastern Standard Time tonight (5:20 Pacific Time) will tread the thirty or so steps from his cell in the death house to the execution chamber, there to expiate in the electric chair the crime of kidnapping and murdering Charles Augustus Lindbergh jr. over four years ago.

Hauptmann's last hope for commutation or delay of the imposition of the sentence definitely faded last night when the New Jersey State Board of Pardons rejected his final plea for commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment after which Governor Harold Hoffman again announced that he would not grant a second reprieve to the condemned man.

Advised by his chief counsel, C. Lloyd Fisher of the rejection of his extreme plea, Hauptmann was stricken almost speechless but later remarked: "I can't believe it. It seems impossible. What has happened to the man who confessed the crime? Where is he?"

Mrs. Hauptmann was reported in collapse in her hotel here. She has seen her husband for the last time alive. Physicians said she was suffering from fatigue and nervous strain.

The murderer's mother, advised in Germany of the final efforts to save the life of her son, was reported grief-stricken. "Mein Gott! What will happen now?" she is reported to have exclaimed.

## Solely Responsible

Finding that Hauptmann was solely responsible for the kidnapping, the Board of Pardons refused to take into consideration an alleged confession of Paul Wendon who was stated to have twice confessed under duress, later repudiating the confession. Wendon is said to have suffered once from a mental ailment. He may be taken before the courts but it is considered very unlikely that he will be indicted.

The Board of Pardons also threw out an alleged confession of Gaston B. Means, notorious extortionist already serving time, that he did the kidnapping.

Evidence of Robert Hickey, an investigator for Governor Hoffman, which would have tended to clear Hauptmann, was also rejected.

## As Execution Approaches

The last move of the defence today was the making of an appeal to Justice Trenchard, trial judge at Flemington, to stay the execution of Hauptmann but this too was rejected. This was the last legal recourse of saving the convicted baby slayer from the chair and little was expected from it. Governor Hoffman repeated today that he would grant no further reprieve.

As the execution hour approached, Hauptmann broke down and wept, declaring that he was innocent and "I have absolutely no change to make in my story." He had been sitting up all night writing a letter to his mother in Germany who, while admitting that he was the "black sheep" of (Continued on Page Four)

## HIGH ESTATE DUTY

LONDON, March 31: (CP)—The treasury has received \$2,547,990 in estate duty from the fortune left by Charles Edward Charrington of West Byfleet, Surrey, a member of a family of brewers.

## Export of Hemlock To Be Investigated With Local Industrial Plan

Drs. G. Schenk and H. Muller-Clemm Due Tomorrow Morning From Vancouver With E. A. Thompson And F. L. Buckley

(Special to the Daily News)  
VANCOUVER, March 31:—Drs. G. Schenk and H. Muller-Clemm, German paper manufacturers, left last night aboard the steamer Prince Rupert for Prince Rupert to investigate pulp possibilities with a view to the possible establishment of a pulp plant on the coast and the shipment of squared hemlock pulp logs from British Columbia to Germany. Drs. Schenk and Muller-Clemm are accompanied by E. A. Thompson of San Francisco and F. L. Buckley of Vancouver who are interested in the establishment of a pulp plant at Prince Rupert. The party will leave Prince Rupert Thursday night on its return south.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

- Vancouver**
  - B. C. Nickel, 50.
  - Big Missouri, 62.
  - Bralorne, 7.25 (ex. dividend).
  - B. R. Com., 08½.
  - B. R. X., 16½.
  - Cariboo Quartz, 1.32.
  - Dentonia, 19.
  - Dunwell, 06.
  - Golconda, 18.
  - Minto, 77.
  - Meridian, 12.
  - Morning Star, 03½.
  - National Silver, 03.
  - Noble Five, 04.
  - Pend Oreille, 03.
  - Porter Idaho, 04½.
  - Premier, 2.30.
  - Reeves McDonald, 09.
  - Reno, 1.11.
  - Relief Arlington, 35.
  - Salmon Gold, 11.
  - Taylor Bridge, 13.
  - Wayside, 17.
- Oils**
  - C. & E., 1.20.
  - Frechold, 08.
  - Mercury, 15.
- Toronto**
  - Bidgood Kirkland, 1.06.
  - Beattie, 1.42.
  - Central Pat., 3.28.
  - Gods Lake, 33.
  - Granada, 19.
  - Inter'l Nickel, 49.00.
  - Lake Maron, 04½.
  - Lee Gold, 03.
  - Little Long Lac, 6.80.
  - Maccasa, 3.75.
  - McKenzie Red Lake, 1.51.
  - Noranda, 52.00.
  - Perron, 1.26.
  - Pickle Crow, 6.10.
  - Red Lake Gold Shore, 95.
  - San Antonio, 2.45.
  - Sherritt Gordon, 1.13.
  - Sisco, 3.10.
  - Smelters Gold, 05½.
  - Stadacona, 34.
  - Sturgeon River, 44.
  - Sudbury Basin, 4.05.
  - Teck Hughes, 4.50.
  - Ventures, 2.16.

## Dies Tonight



Bruno Richard Hauptmann

## LOG SCALE DECREASED

Production So Far This Year is Not As High as Last

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district so far this year is lagging in comparison with a year ago, the production as recorded by the Forest Branch for the first three months of 1935 being 4,312,694 board feet as compared with 5,069,834 board feet in the corresponding period last year. For March this year the log scale is 359,473 board feet as against 1,116,613 board feet in the same month last year.

Per species the scale this March is as follows in board feet: Cedar, 51,526. Spruce, 224,108. Hemlock, 47,931. Balsam, 4,092. Jackpine, 30,899. Miscellaneous, 917.

## Forest Products

Production of poles and piling in the interior this March totalled 46,805 lineal feet—27,990 cedar and 18,815 hemlock—as compared with 81,568 lineal feet in the same month last year.

Ties counted this March totalled 15,651—all jackpine—as compared with 30,280 in March 1935.

## Today's Weather

Terrace—Clear, calm, 22.  
Anyox—Clear, calm, 29.  
Stewart—Clear, north wind, 20.  
Hazelton—Clear, north wind, 12.  
Smithers—Clear, calm, cold.  
Burns Lake—Clear, calm, 7 above.

## NEW PLAN OF HITLER

Proposes Armistice in Rhineland With No More Troops—Austria Is Worried

VIENNA, March 31:—Uneasiness is felt here at the report that Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany will make an early move to assemble troops on the Austrian frontier with a view to bringing about compulsory fusion of Austria with Germany. This, it is believed, will be one of Hitler's next steps following his endorsement at the sham election on Sunday.

## ARMISTICE SUGGESTED

BERLIN, March 31: (CP)—A four-month armistice with a three-man international commission to control both German and French-Belgian sides of the Rhine frontier is reliably said tonight to be Hitler's counterproposal to the Locarno powers in the Rhineland crisis. During the armistice neither France nor Germany would increase Rhineland troops.

It was announced last night that a recount had increased Der Fuehrer's mandate in Sunday's election to 99.44 percent.

## WOULD HAVE CONFERENCE

LONDON, March 31:—It was reported here last night that Great Britain had proposed a conference with France and Belgium to discuss defensive measures in the event of attack upon any one of the three by a fourth nation.

## Long Hours Of Work Will Be Investigated

VICTORIA, March 31: (CP)—The Legislature has asked the Board of Industrial Relations to investigate charges that hospital employees are working excessive hours in this province at low pay.