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Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:28 a.m. 20.1 ft.
13:20 p.m. 21.9 ft.
Low 7:26 a.m. 5.9 ft.
19:53 p.m. 2.3 ft.

Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; south-east wind, eight miles per hour; barometer, 29.72; sea moderate.

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FASCISTS ARE STILL HOLDING ROAD

UNITED STATES HAS PLANE TRAGEDY Spanish Defenders Say Their Position Not So Bad as First Reported

Eleven Drowned When Air Liner Came Down Near 'Frisco Tuesday

Officials Baffled to Account For Disaster—Visibility Was Good and no Other Planes Were in Way

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10: (CP)—Eleven persons were drowned when a United States Air Lines transport plane crashed a few miles from here on a regular flight from Los Angeles. Airport officials are mystified at the disaster as visibility was good and no other planes were around to interfere with the landing. The Coastguard reported only three bodies of the eleven victims of the plane crash were found in the wreckage.

TO PICKET ALL SHIPS

British Columbia Vessels to be Tied Up at Seattle, Union Organizer Threatens

SEATTLE, Feb. 10: (CP)—Captain John M. Fox, international organizer of the Island Boatmen's Union, announced here last night that his union would tie up and picket all British Columbia ships as fast as they arrive at American ports. He said the union would continue to picket the ships whose owners sent them into American waters and still "continued to fight organization efforts of our union's branch at Vancouver."

Today's Weather

(Government Telegraphs)

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, 30 above.
Anox—Cloudy, calm, 30 above.
Alvansh—Snowing, calm, 24 above.
Stewart—Snowing, calm, 28 above.
Alice Arm—Cloudy, calm, 30.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 14.
Smithers—Clear, calm, mild.
Burns Lake—Bright, calm, 15.
Prince George—Snowing; southerly wind, 30 miles per hour; barometer, 29.72.
Vancouver—Cloudy, southeast wind, 4 miles per hour; barometer, 30.08.
Victoria—Cloudy, northeast wind, 4 miles per hour; barometer, 30.08.
Estevan—Cloudy, southerly wind, 14 miles per hour; barometer, 29.96.
Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy; barometer, 29.67; sea smooth.
Langara Island—Part cloudy; barometer, 29.64; temperature, 33; sea smooth.
Triple Island—Cloudy, light southwest wind; sea smooth.

DIES AT ESSINGTON

Word was received in the city today of the death at Port Essington at 9 o'clock last night of Andrew Spalding.

ROBERT SANDY LAID AT REST

The funeral of the late Robert Sandy, for many years a well known employee of the city public works department, who passed away Sunday night at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, took place this afternoon from the chapel of B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Very Rev. James B. Gibson, dean of St. Andrew Cathedral, officiated.

STALIN IS STEEL MAN

Big Boss of Russia Refuses Cap Of Dictator

Strong Personality

All Russia Feels Power of Its Uncrowned Czar

NEW YORK, Feb. 10: (AP)—One of the outstanding world figures of the day and, paradoxically, one about whom the least is known, is Joseph Stalin, communist chief of Soviet Russia.

His policies are no secret, although rarely do they come directly from his lips to the public. His works are visible. And his name often is written large in the news, as when men face death for plotting against him. But Stalin himself remains in the background—a powerful but mysterious personality, the sphinx of Moscow.

The name "Stalin" means "steel man." It was bestowed by the late Nikolai Lenin, father of the Soviet, on his disciple and right-hand lieutenant (christened Joseph Vissarionovich Dzugashvili) and was a commentary on its bearer's inflexibility of purpose.

Stalin, although virtually uncrowned czar of all the Russias, objects vigorously to the designation of "dictator" which foreigners apply to him. "Never, under no conditions, would our workers tolerate a one-man rule," the steel man once told Emil Ludwig, German historian. "The biggest authorities among us become converted into zeros as soon as they lose the faith of the working masses."

Stalin is directing secretary-general of the executive committee of the communist party. As such he is head of government, but the office he holds is elective and he could be removed at any time.

There is a dictatorship in Russia, but communists declare it is that of the communist party; that is, the people, for no other party is allowed to exist. Government policies are evolved from general party discussions. The executive committee imposes these policies in a dictatorial manner but the policies persist only until the party decides on a change.

Stalin's influence in this system is so great that it is tantamount to dictatorial power. His admirers say, however, that his influence comes from the fact that he is head and shoulders above all others in his party in intelligence and far-sighted statesmanship.

Personality Dominates He is like a great medical specialist whose advice the patient accepts and follows. But a specialist who made several bad mistakes would lose his standing, and so might Stalin.

Stalin's personality dominates every conference he attends. He holds his head erect with an air of supreme confidence. His mouth speaks kindly words, but if you glance a bit higher you encounter a pair of hard eyes which look straight through you. His remarks are brief and as straight as the spine of those steely eyes. He never raises his voice—never indulges in strong language.

Stalin is said to be able to get at the meat of a situation quicker than any of his colleagues. When he presides at a committee meeting he frequently gives the impression—they say he does it with shrewd purpose—that he is just a (Continued on Page Two)

PREMIER CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

Divisional headquarters of the provincial police here have been advised of the death at Premier last Friday of Regina Flevia Pelletier, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand J. Pelletier. The child had been playing in the house and put a newspaper in the fire. Her clothing took fire and the mother rushed from an adjoining room to find the child ablaze. The burns resulted in her death the next day.

AMNESTY IN MEXICO

States Wiped Clean For Political Prisoners Either Convicted Or Accused

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10: (CP)—President Lazaro Cardenas wiped the Mexican court dockets clear of all "political" cases with an amnesty bill applying to persons accused or convicted of rebellion, sedition, uprising or disturbance. Presumably within the scope of the bill was the pardoning of former President Plutarco Calles, now in California.

PROGRESS OF CO-OP

Rev. C. D. Clarke Speaker at Meeting Last Night—Complement Of Socialism

In Many Countries

Sweden Pointed to as Leading Way In Movement

Speaking before a good sized meeting in the Canadian Labour Defence League Hall last night, Rev. C. D. Clarke, pastor of First United Church, gave a history of the progress of the co-operative movement in the world to date, expressing the belief that in it lay the foundation for socialistic governments. Co-operative movements should be able to work hand in hand in bringing about improvement in the condition of the common people, Mr. Clarke declared. Co-operation, he believed, was the keyword of civilization.

In opening, Mr. Clarke said that many people were looking forward to the day when socialism or a type of socialism would be general in government. It was not coming as fast as some might like to see. Possibly this was because socialists did not co-operate. There was too much division in their ranks. Socialism had made a disappointing showing in the recent presidential election in the United States. There was enthusiasm among the leaders but the movement was not getting on so fast. However, great things often moved slowly.

Mr. Clarke defined the difference between socialism and the co-operative movement as he saw it. The former worked from the government down, the latter moved from the people up. Almost every country in the world had a co-operative movement. The movement had had its origin in England. After previous efforts to establish (Continued on Page Four)

BOOST FOR PR. RUPERT

Olaf Hanson Able to Give a Few Points of Information To Critical Easterners

Has Influence

Local Member Gets Left-Handed Compliment From Mr. Spence Of Parkdale

The following House of Commons discussion during the recent passage of the local \$150,000 public building item as reported in Hansard will prove of considerable local interest.

Mr. Spence (Toronto-Parkdale): Let us get some information about Prince Rupert. Surely the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Hanson) has not so much influence that he is worth \$150,000 to this house. That is a wonderful sum of money to spend. I think it is an exorbitant amount and should not be spent.

Mr. Cardin: For the information of my hon. friend I may say that in order to arrive at the amount required for that public building we have capitalized the rentals which we have been paying in the past and which we are paying at present for the different government services in Prince Rupert. The site has been given to the federal government by the provincial authorities, and it was by capitalizing the rentals which we arrived at that amount.

Mr. Spence: What services are going to be accommodated in that building?

Mr. Cardin: There is the post office, the national revenue department, the government telegraph and different offices of the marine and fisheries branches.

Mr. Hanson: I am glad the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Spence) asked that question because, representing Prince Rupert, it gives me a chance to say a few words. Prince Rupert is one of the greatest North American Pacific ports. The provincial government of British Columbia has seen fit to erect a building there costing approximately half a million dollars, realizing the strategic position of that city as far as central and northern British Columbia are concerned. The minister has explained that this building will house the post office, the customs department, the Indian branch for central British Columbia and also the fisheries branches and the lighthouse offices. I think I am not wrong in saying that this is the one important point on the central British Columbia coast as far as the development of that area is concerned.

Mr. Spence: What is the population?

Not Rash Statement Mr. Hanson: I am not making any rash statements. As a representative of a part of British Columbia I am trying to explain that we hold a strategic position in British North America. We have the first railway connection in that part of the country.

Mr. Spence: Have railways ever paid up there?

Mr. Hanson: The Department of National Defence will no doubt bring before the house some measures which may or may not be approved. So far as I am concerned, I must say that the world is in such a state of turmoil that an oriental power could come in with (Continued on Page Two)

Claim Control of Highway to Sea and Assert That They Can Hold on to Capital Indefinitely

MADRID, Feb. 10: (CP)—An insurgent communique from forces outside Madrid today announced that a desperate attack by Madrid's Socialist defenders to reopen the supply to Valencia, which had been captured yesterday, was repulsed by the rebels. The communique declared that the Fascists held dominant positions on the newly won highway to the sea but heavily censored dispatches from the capital declared that Socialist troops were still in control of the vital supply road. Government commanders predicted that the defenders would be able to "hold the city indefinitely against the besiegers."

Judges Retire On Full Pay In United States

FIVE THOUSAND ARE EXECUTED IN MALAGA MALAGA, Feb. 10:—Five thousand persons are reported to have been executed following the capture of Malaga by the insurgents.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10:—The House of Representatives today passed the Summers Bill to permit Supreme Court judges with ten years of service to retire on full pay at the age of seventy.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 24 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.)

Synopsis—Pressure is low over Northern British Columbia and the temperature has moderated with rain on the coast.

Prince Rupert District—Fresh southeast wind and light rain or sleet and a little colder.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh southerly winds, cloudy and mild with some slight rain.

Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh southerly wind, showery.

Heavy Trading In Vancouver Market

Turn-Over Yesterday Largest In Eleven Months With Value Trend Downwards

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10:—With a turn-over of 2,300,000 shares, the Vancouver Stock Exchange had its largest day's business in eleven months yesterday. There was a marked downward trend in values.

REPORT ON TAXES IS HOLDING LIMELIGHT IN SASKATCHEWAN TALK

Discussion Extensive as Legislature Prepares to Open Thursday—Jacoby Report Reviews Field Of Taxation

REGINA, Feb. 10: (CP)—The third session of the eighth legislature of Saskatchewan will open here Thursday with possibility of introduction of legislation based on the Jacoby taxation inquiry which issued its report last month. Premier Patterson, Saskatchewan-born head of the government, will lead his house membership of 50 Liberals. The opposition is composed of five Co-operative Commonwealth Federation members led by George Williams, M. L. A. for Wadena.

Bills expected to come before the session include one to exempt improvements under municipal housing schemes and debt adjustment.

The Jacoby commission report, which included suggestions for \$5,000,000 in new taxes, is holding the centre of discussion in the province. Criticism from a score of sources has been made of the report and a government statement said it was not necessarily the basis or indication of legislation.

Headed by Neil Jacoby, formerly of Dundurn, Sask., and now of Chicago, the commission suggested a two percent sales tax and stiffening of the income tax on earnings over \$300 for single persons and \$600 for married persons. Numerous taxation changes were proposed. Changes in the income tax were not expected.

At Saskatoon, Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, former premier, declared the commission efforts a waste of public funds. Before the province could reach a "pay as you go" stage, he said the public debt must be refunded at lower interest rates and that the federal government should cancel borrowings for relief purposes totalling \$53,000,000. No commission was necessary to show how taxes could be raised, he declared.

Sales Tax Opposed Opposition to the suggested sales tax came from W. L. McQuarrie, secretary of the Retail Merchants' (Continued on page three)