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Today's Weather

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Prince Rupert calm; barometer, 30.08; sea

Tomorrow's Tides

High 6:35 a.m. 16.7 ft. 19:00 p.m. 17.2 ft. Low 0:30 a.m. 7.2 ft. 12:21 p.m. 7.7 ft.

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WARRING CANUCKS FIND LIGHT SIDE IN SPANISH WAR; FIGHTING REBELS

Baseball and Other Games Played by Members of Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion on Jarama Front—Insurgents Not Worse Menace

FRANCE ABANDONS NEUTRALITY

PARIS, July 14:—France is now abandoning the non-intervention patrol along the Franco-Spanish frontier. Observers stationed there by the French government are now leaving.

According to reports reaching here last night, the Spanish government has renewed energetic operations along three fronts with air and land attacks.

MADRID, July 13: (CP)—Except for lice and dysentery, which veterans have come to regard as more of a menace than the insurgents in the opposing trenches, the 300 Canadians of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, just moved up to the Jarama Front, should find life there rather like that in a summer camp for boys.

Behind a protecting ridge, only a few rods from the front line trench, are three ping-pong tables, a baseball diamond, an area for pitching horseshoes, a library and a canteen that sells everything from cigarettes to hair oil. These are some of the benefits they share with the Lincoln Battalion of Americans.

Soldiers of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion work a four-and-a-half-hour day. There is a two-hour day shift and a night watch of two-and-a-half hours, during which they look out for surprise raids. To make things more pleasant, the boys on the night shift get sandwiches and coffee.

Radio receiving sets operate day and night, bringing in BBC news-casts and musical programs. In addition to the library, a daily newspaper is mimeographed and a weekly is printed in Madrid and brought out to the line.

The daily carries war news, articles by experienced soldiers on army life, information on hygiene, a daily lesson in Spanish and poems and songs written by the volunteers. The weekly is political.

Rations of cigarettes are distributed free four times a week and on Sundays chocolate and cakes are served to all. The brigade developed the best kitchen of any fighting unit in Spain, and many of the soldiers never ate so well, even at home.

Now, sometimes, while the snipers are potting away from the rebel trenches about 300 yards distant, from behind the protecting hill comes the answering crack of a baseball bat on rawhide, the light fluid of boxing gloves as soldiers keep in condition by sparring, and the shouts of young men at play. Pay is 12½ peseta, or about 65 cents a day Canadian. The ghost walks every 10 days.

Defend Vital Artery

The Canadian unit on the Jarama front began with a nucleus of about 20 men who, with other members of the Lincoln Battalion and Spanish militiamen, successfully defended the Madrid-Valencia highway against a major insurgent attack last Feb. 27. The highway is a vital artery through which besieged Madrid receives virtually all its supplies, reinforcements and evacuates civilians.

Shortly after that engagement, in which many English-speaking volunteers were killed and wounded, replacements brought the number of Canadians up to 40. They remained in the front line for four months, with only one break of three days when they were relieved

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Eight Million Dollar Project To Employ 2500 White People Is Secured for Prince Rupert

British Ship Is Captured By Spanish Insurgents On Entering Santander Today

LONDON, July 14: (Canadian Press)—Alfred Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the British House of Commons today that a British ship had been captured while entering the Spanish government port of Santander, current objective of the insurgent northern campaign.

Cooper made the announcement as Opposition members criticized the government for warning British merchantmen from entering Santander, claiming that the warnings were unnecessary.

Later the Admiralty said that the British steamer Molton from London had been stopped outside of Spanish territorial waters by an insurgent cruiser which fired two warning shots.

WORK TO START AS SOON AS ENGINEERS HAVE COMPLETED SURVEYS—SITE WILL BE WITHIN CITY LIMITS EITHER AT DRY DOCK OR SEAL COVE

Official Statement Made By Buckley On Big Undertaking

PLANT TO BE IN PRODUCTION BY END OF 1938—CONTRACTS MADE FOR ENTIRE OUTPUT OF RAYON PULP—DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED

Definite arrangements have been concluded for the building of a 250-ton daily capacity bleached sulphite mill at Prince Rupert for the manufacture of rayon pulp, it was announced here today by Frank L. Buckley on his arrival this morning on the Prince Rupert from Vancouver after a trip to New York and Eastern Canada. The total amount of capital involved in the undertaking, Mr. Buckley states is \$8,000,000, the greater portion of the capital being Canadian with New York, San Francisco and British Columbia capitalists also interested. Work on the project will be started soon as the engineers have completed surveys which they are now undertaking. Plans for the mill are well advanced and it is expected it will be brought into production by the end of 1938. Contracts for the entire output of the mill have been made. The mill will be established either on the dry dock site or at Seal Cove. The undertaking will result in the employment in mill and woods of some 2500 men. It is proposed to use all white labor.

"The company has extensive timber holdings on the Queen Charlotte Islands and the mainland," Mr. Buckley states. "The reason for locating at Prince Rupert is that it is an ideal situation on account of the surrounding district being heavily wooded with spruce, hemlock and balsam—woods especially suitable for the manufacture of high grade bleached sulphite pulp. An abundance of iron-free water is in close proximity to the mill.

"Hydro-electric power will be secured in large quantities from the Northern British Columbia Power Co.

"The mill, being built within the city limits of Prince Rupert, will eliminate the necessity of a housing program by the company. This will greatly benefit the city in view of the large number of men employed, the 2500 men supporting more or less that many families. Allied industries will follow this."

LARGEST PROJECT SINCE 1929

Mr. Buckley states that this is the largest project for the development of the natural resources of this province that has been accomplished since 1929. It will be the first pulp mill on the American continent designed and built from the start for the exclusive manufacture of high grade bleached sulphite (rayon) pulp.

The mill and plans, Mr. Buckley announces, are being so laid out by the engineers with a view to doubling the capacity within the next three years or sooner if the market so demands.

Mr. Buckley has been a prominent timber operator in British Columbia for a number of years, having had with the Imperial Munitions Board during the Great War the largest contract for the delivery of airplane spruce for the British and French governments awarded on this continent. He has been interested in the local pulp mill project for some years and is receiving hearty congratulations locally on bringing it to a successful fruition. He expects to be here for several days.

VARYING REPORTS

Plane Sighted in Central Interior Evidently Not Russian—Was Further East

Reports were received yesterday of a plane flying very high passing over Usk on the local line of the Canadian National Railways shortly before noon, a similar report coming from Priestly just east of Burns Lake about mid-afternoon. Some thought that this might have been the Russian trans-Polar plane bound from Moscow to United States but a check-up showed this to be hardly likely.

Shortly before noon the Russian fliers had wirelessed that they were 150 miles south of Fort St. John in the Peace River Block and east of the Rocky Mountains. The message at that time said: "Everything is all right." The pilots said, however, that they had not received an answer to a previous message asking which direction to turn. They had been told to turn east to avoid storms over the Canadian Rockies and it was thought they might make Chicago instead of San Francisco their destination. However, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon they were heard from again, definitely heading for California, being over Northern California at 10 p.m. with "all going well." They were believed to have passed over Quesnel at 4 p.m.

HEAT WAVE NOW ENDED

Rain Brings Relief to United States—Death List Placed At 350

NEW YORK, July 14:—Rain was general yesterday in the most of places in United States which had been subjected to the severe heat wave during the past week. The death list from the heat is placed at 350 with sixty-eight in New York alone.

NATIONALIZE RAILROADS

Leon Blum Says French Government Will do This Before End of August

MARSEILLES, July 14:—Deputy Premier Leon Blum said that the French government would nationalize the railroads of France before the end of August.

Wyoming Town Is Evacuated

Water of Creek at Rock Springs Rose Fifteen Feet After Cloudburst

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyoming, July 14:—Three or four hundred residents of this town abandoned their homes after the creek running through the place suddenly rose fifteen feet after a cloudburst. The water receded almost as fast as it had risen, doing little serious damage.

New Planes For Trans-Canada Service On Way

VANCOUVER, July 14:—Three new planes are about to be delivered here from California where they were built especially for the new transCanada air service.

Late Telegraphs

Russian Fliers Land SAN JACINTO. — Russian transpolar fliers landed in a pasture near here at 6:26 this morning. They shattered the long distance flight record, doing 6234 miles in all from Moscow. They had been lost in a fog and were forced down by a leaky gas tank.

Bubonic Plague on Coast VANCOUVER.—Preparations are being made in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to resist the entry of dread bubonic plague a case of which is reported to have occurred in Washington after breaking out a few days ago in California. A warning has been issued by Dr. J. W. McIntosh, medical health officer here.

Little Hope for Amelia HONOLULU.—Hope for the safety of Amelia Earhart Putnam and her flying companion, Fred Noonan, now missing for twelve days on the New Guinea-Howland Island hop of a projected equatorial flight around the world, has reached a low ebb. Although a widespread search is being continued as in different weather permits, it is now conceded that there is little, if any chance of the couple still being alive.

Hatfield Committed OTTAWA. — Capt. Freeman Hatfield was committed for trial yesterday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences in connection with the collection of reparations for the schooner Gypsum Queen which was allegedly attacked and damaged by a German submarine during the war. Recently Capt. Hatfield was extradited from the United States.

Writs Issued VANCOUVER.—Writs were issued out of Supreme Court yesterday by D. E. McTaggart, local barrister, on behalf of a Chinese client to recover the sum of \$1000 in bail money which disappeared a few days ago from the safe at police headquarters. Several defendants are named including the mayor, city council, police commission and chief of police.

CANADIAN GOLD PRICE

MONTREAL, July 14: — The Canadian gold price dropped 20c yesterday, closing at \$34.78 per ounce.

BAR SILVER

NEW YORK, (CP)—Bar silver continues unchanged at 44¼c per ounce on the New York metal market.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, July 14:—The price of July wheat closed at \$1.49½ on the Winnipeg market yesterday.

Planning To Settle War

PEIPING, July 14: (Canadian Press) — Peace negotiations are under way at Peiping, a high Japanese source said today, to settle the North China crisis without consulting the Nanking Central government. Conferees are said to be the Chinese Hopeh-Charar political council and Japanese military authorities. The Japanese say that no further demands will be made upon the Chinese over fighting in the Peiping area. The Japanese high command, however, has sent two thousand reinforcements from Tientsin to Peiping where Japanese troops were turned back in fighting yesterday.

Big Flying Boat On Its Way Home

Imperial Airways Ship Caledonia Lands at Betwood, Newfoundland—Next Hop Across Atlantic

BETWOOD, Nfld., July 14:—On its return transatlantic flight to England, the Imperial Airways flying boat Caledonia landed here yesterday. From here it will make the next hop to Ireland enroute home.

FAR EAST DISCUSSED

British Government Communicates with United States, Secretary of State Discloses

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 14:—Secretary of State Cordell Hull made it known yesterday that he had had a communication from the British Government in regard to the situation in the Far East. He did not, however, disclose the exact nature of the contents.

Gershwin Funeral In New York City

Famous Composer of Modern Music Returned to His Birthplace for Burial

NEW YORK, July 14: (CP)—The remains of George Gershwin, aged 38, who rose from New York's "Tin Pan Alley" to win the esteem of the music world as a composer of modern music, are on their way here from Hollywood for burial. Gershwin succumbed in Hollywood following an operation for brain tumor. His best known work was "Rhapsody in Blue" written when he was twenty-five years of age.

SENATOR IS DEAD

Joe Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic Leader, Passes Away In Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 14: (CP)—Senator Joseph Taylor Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic party leader in the Senate, was found dead in his bed today. He was sixty-four years of age. A heart attack was found to have been the cause of death.