

American Gunboat Sunk By Japs

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Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)

Prince Rupert — raining, south-east wind, 18 miles per hour; barometer, 29.64 (falling); temperature, 42; choppy sea.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 10:03 a.m. 21.0 ft.
23:00 p.m. 18.0 ft.
Low 3:27 a.m. 8.3 ft.
16:46 p.m. 4.6 ft.

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BUSINESS IS BETTER

Condition in Canada At End of October Not Excelled Since August 1930—Public Revenue Up

OTTAWA, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Business conditions up to the end of October in Canada were better than at any time since August 1930, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in a review covering the first ten months of the year.

The Canadian Treasury issues a statement showing total revenue for the first eight months of the current fiscal year at 260,000,000 an increase of \$57,000,000 over the corresponding period last year.

ARE NOW RESCUED

Passengers of President Hoover At Manila—Salvage Being Attempted

MANILA, Dec. 13: (CP)—The liner President McKinley arrived here today from the Island of Formosa with between 380 and 400 passengers of the stranded liner President Hoover. They had spent a couple of days on Formosa after being landed.

A skeleton crew had been left on board the President Hoover which is reported to be leaking badly.

Salvage tugs from Manila are at the scene of the stranding and will endeavor to pull the Hoover from the reef. Divers were today endeavoring to ascertain extent of damage.

The Hoover was enroute from San Francisco to the Philippines and the stranding occurred during the run from Yokohama to Manila. To keep clear of the Oriental war zone, she was using the "outside" instead of the "inside" passage.

Two American destroyers, Alden and Baker, are standing by.

Tell-Tale Dead Men

Old Jamaicans Deported Creditor's Corpse On Debtor's Dorstep

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 13 (CP)—Dead men may tell no tales but in the late 80's before slavery was abolished in Jamaica they frequently "dunned" their creditors. It was the custom, then, for the relatives to deposit the corpse of the erstwhile creditor on the step of the unhappy debtor and to leave it there until a satisfactory settlement had been arranged.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Wheat was trading at \$1.28 on the Vancouver market Friday, advancing to \$1.29 Saturday and to \$1.29½ today.

AN OLD MISTAKE

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 13: (CP) It can—and did—happen here. An elderly rural visitor attempted to mail a letter in the fire alarm box here during a Saturday noon hour traffic rush.

Dr. Neal Carter, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, returned to the city on the Catala Sunday evening from a trip to Vancouver and Vancouver Island. Dr. Carter was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter who will spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season here.

Aberhart Not Discouraged

OTTAWA, Dec. 13: (CP)—Subordinate legislation will be passed if the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council decide unfavorably on the three acts upon which assent was withheld by the Lieutenant Governor, Premier William Aberhart said in an address at the week-end.

BULLETINS

XTMAS RELIEF BONUS

Persons on relief in Prince Rupert will receive a Christmas bonus, as authorized recently by the provincial government, it was announced today by City Commissioner W. J. Alder. Families will get \$3.20 extra and single persons, \$1.20.

RUSS ELECTION

MOSCOW—Ninety million Russians yesterday voted in the first general election to be held with secret ballots in the Soviet Republic. The result was but a mere ratification of the government's hand-picked nomination. There were only government nominees with no real opposition candidate, for 1133 seats in the two chambers. Dictator Joseph Stalin was the unanimous choice for one of the seats. Polling booths were fitted up like clubs with chess games, lunch counters and orchestras.

MUSSOLINI ACCLAIMED

ROME—Addressing a hysterical assemblage of thousands of Roman citizens from the balcony of his official residence, Palazzo Venezia, following a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council, Premier Benito Mussolini Saturday night made the expected announcement of Italy's resignation from the League of Nations.

FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO—Three days of torrential rains in Northern California have resulted in 5000 persons being rendered homeless, four deaths, thousands of acres of fertile farm lands inundated and millions of dollars damage.

SCHMELING VS. THOMAS

NEW YORK—Max Schmeling, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, tipped the scales at 196 pounds even today and Harry Thomas of Chicago was one-quarter of a pound more when they weighed in for their fifteen round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. The 32-year-old German is a heavy favorite to beat the westerner and expects himself to win by knockout.

SESSION NEXT MONTH

OTTAWA—Announcement of the date of the next session of Parliament is expected to be made this week. It will probably open on the third or fourth Thursday in January. Premier King is due back from Florida this week. Opposition Leader Bennett returned Saturday from the west.

ARGOS WIN OVER PEG

TORONTO—Toronto Argonauts won the Canadian senior rugby football championship on Saturday by defeating Winnipeg Blue Bombers by a score of four to three in a hard fought game on the frozen field of University of Toronto Stadium.

REGULATING OF FISHING

Local Halibut Boat Owners' Hear What Was Asked at Recent Commission Meeting in Seattle

The Canadian Halibut Vessel Owners' Association held a meeting yesterday to receive a report from its delegates, Capt. J. M. Morrison and Capt. Charles Giske, to the recent conference in Seattle with the International Fisheries Commission. All the fleets were agreed on the following representations to the Commission in regard to future regulations:

1. That the yearly quota be raised to 54,000 pounds.
2. That Commission be asked to handle curtailment providing that it be subject to an advisory board of boat owners and fishermen and that control by the commission may be terminated by the request of the majority of boats fishing five trips or more the preceding year.
3. That all halibut boats, regardless of size, be registered. (Now only boats of five tons or over are registered.)
4. That the landing of all halibut under five pounds in weight with the head off be prohibited.
5. That the use of hooks smaller than 62-83 and 62-84 be prohibited.
6. That there be only a clearance date for Area No. 3. (This year there was also a date for closing of fishing.)
7. That the Commission be requested to take steps to exterminate sea lions.

Other recommendations by individual fleets were placed before the Commission which promised to take the representations into consideration in the drawing up of future regulations. Capt. Giske returned last Wednesday from Seattle, Capt. Morrison getting back on Friday.

Revenues Rise In Australia

Substantial Increase In Customs Collections Down Under

CANBERRA, Dec. 13 (CP)—Customs figures issued here indicate the buoyancy of Australian revenue.

Customs revenue for the four months ended October 31 amounted to £15,892,000 (\$63,568,000) an increase of £1,015,000 (\$4,060,000) on the amount collected in the corresponding period last year, and £512,500 (\$2,060,000) more than the budget estimate for the period.

Revenue in October amounted to £3,975,000 (\$15,900,000)—an increase of £292,000 (\$808,000) over October 1936.

Franco Stamps Not Accepted

International Incident Occurs At Costa Rica—Letters Marked "Postage Due"

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 13 (CP)—Postage stamps caused an international incident here when Spanish insurgents protested because letters bearing stamps of the Franco Government were marked "postage due" and the postage collected before delivery.

The government of Costa Rica says the stamps are not recognized by the International Postal Union.

Mrs. Richard Woods returned to the city on the Catala last night from a trip to Vancouver.

British War Vessel Is Struck Four Times In Yangste River; Constitute Serious Incidents

French Plotter Canadian Born

PARIS, Dec. 13: (CP)—A man born in Saskatchewan, Charles Tenaille, has been arrested as French police continue their investigation of Les Cagoulauds, secret hooded men, who are accused of plotting to set up a monarchy and dictatorship in France. Born in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, in 1905, Tenaille is now an engineer in Paris. He is a brother of Andre Tenaille who was arrested on December 4 as the alleged leader of the armament section of the conspiracy.

CARNEGIE BENEFITS

Steel Magnate's Legacies Continue To Assist Canadian Social Enterprises

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (CP)—The income of the huge fortune accumulated by Andrew Carnegie who rose from lowly birth in Scotland to a steel empire in the United States, still is being poured year by year on the educational projects dear to his heart.

In his annual report, just published, Frederick P. Keppel, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, announced organization of the Canadian Association for Adult Education and reviewed the progress of the work in Eastern Canada. He said:

"The unique program in adult education and in rural economy centering in the Roman Catholic College of St. Francis Xavier in Nova Scotia and supported by the corporation since 1932 has now spread to Prince Edward Island. "There the work is being directed from St. Dunstan's College, also Roman Catholic, and more recently word has come that the government of Newfoundland has called a group of men trained at St. Francis Xavier's to spread the movement in that island."

Contributions from Canadian sources to the newly-formed council give solid evidence of Canadian interest in the work, Mr. Keppel added.

In the past five years the corporation has contributed \$180,000 toward the expenses of a comprehensive study of the relations between Canada and the United States, now being prepared by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Though the study is not yet completed, Mr. Keppel said, the four volumes so far published at last summer's conference on Canadian-American Affairs at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., in which many leaders in both countries participated, have proved the value of the enterprise.

The work is being supervised by Prof. James T. Shotwell, Canadian-born director of the foundation.

WARNING GIVEN THAT ALL SHIPPING MUST REMAIN STATIONARY ON PAIN OF BEING FIRED UPON WITHOUT REGARD TO NATIONALITY

Three American Tankers, Refugee Laden, Also Sunk

AT LEAST SIX ARE KILLED ON UNITED STATES VESSEL AND ONE ON BRITISH—NANKING OBJECT OF FIERCE ASSAULT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13: (CP)—Constituting what are regarded as the most serious international incidents which have so far arisen out of the Sino-Japanese conflict, the United States gunboat Panay was bombed and sunk in the Yangste River by Japanese war planes today with feared loss of at least six lives, two Standard Oil Co. tankers were sunk at the same time while shortly previous the British gunboat Lady Bird had been struck four times by Japanese artillery projectiles, one seaman being killed and other members of the crew injured. Japanese diplomatic and naval authorities, on behalf of the government, communicated with the American naval command in Shanghai, assuming full responsibility for the attacks on the Panay and tankers and offering official apologies. In Tokyo Foreign Minister Hirota expressed "profound apologies" for sinking of the United States gun boat. Japanese naval authorities, however, reiterated a previous warning for all shipping to remain stationary in the Yangste River as orders had been issued to fire on all ships no matter what their nationality.

United States naval officials in Shanghai were informed later today by the British gunboat that twelve Europeans, possibly survivors from the Panay, had been sighted on the Yangste River shore. The report alleviated early fears that at least eighteen lives might have been lost in the sinking of the gunboat, and the two Standard Oil craft.

There was no excuse for the bombing of the Panay, it was declared in American quarters. The incident occurred between Nanking and Wuhu in broad daylight and the vessel was flying American flags both fore and aft as the diving Japanese planes swooped down and attacked her. At the same time as the Panay was blasted out of the water, the tankers were also struck. All four vessels were engaged in transporting refugees from Nanking to points further up river for safety. On board were Americans, British, Italians and French. Fifty-four persons are known to have been rescued from the gunboat but it was not immediately known how many had perished in the destruction of the tankers. Lieut. Commander J. J. Hughes, skipper of the Panay, suffered a broken arm and the first officer was also injured. The rescued were landed at Huchien, which has now been declared a safety zone by the Japanese.

Near Shanghai United States warships are reported concentrating today in the Yangste River stripped for action. A flotilla is ready to proceed up the Yangste at a moment's notice. At Washington President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull are keeping in constant touch with the situation. An official protest will undoubtedly be made at the sinking of the Panay.

The British Incident Yesterday the British gunboat Lady Bird was hit four times by Japanese land battery shells, one seaman being killed and one officer and one seaman injured. The Lady Bird was in the Yangste River at Wuhu, sixty miles above Shanghai, which is one of the objectives of Japanese attack.

Vigorous protest having been made by the British to Japanese naval officers on the spot as well as at Shanghai, Col. Hol. Hashimoto, senior Japanese officer, said he had received orders to fire on every vessel in the river. This is believed to be the reason for indiscriminate strafing of all craft twenty-five miles above Nanking.

Japs Being Halted In a telephone message to Hankow, the new provisional capital of Nanking's defense against the Japanese invaders was reported Saturday night to have declared that his forces were holding on effectively against the Japanese onslaught and that their morale was still high. The Japanese, the general is purported to have announced, had captured the southeast gate of the abandoned capital but had been unable to make further headway.

Bitter fighting continues with heavy casualties on both sides. The Chinese claim 6000 Japanese have been slain. Meanwhile the Japanese military command officially announced the occupation of Nanking. Troops completed the occupation at sunset today, the announcement said. There was bloody street fighting with the Chinese contesting every foot of the Japanese advance, the Japanese said.

VICTORIA REGRETS

Passing of Lady McBride Mourned In Capital Where She Was Long Prominent

VICTORIA, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Passing in Vancouver at the week-end of Lady Margaret McBride, widow of the late Sir Richard McBride, former Premier of British Columbia, brought expressions of regret from numerous friends in this capital city where Lady McBride had resided for so many years and where she was so highly esteemed by all. Lady McBride was born in Bruce County, Ontario, sixty-seven years ago, the daughter of Neil McGillivray. Educated at Anna Wright Seminary and Tacoma Public School in Bruce County, Lady McBride came west as a girl and in 1896 was married to the then Richard McBride of New Westminster. She is survived by six daughters, four of whom are married.

Lady McBride was a honorary regent of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, and of the Women's Canadian Club. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Funeral Of Fred Reich Held Today

Requiem Mass in Church of Annunciation Followed By Burial in Fairview Cemetery

Following requiem mass this morning in the Church of the Annunciation, at which the celebrant was Rev. Father Moriarty, interment was made in Fairview Cemetery of Frederick W. Reich, whose death occurred last Thursday night after an illness of considerable length. Many friends were in attendance to pay their final tributes of respect to the memory of deceased.

Pallbearers were O. Martinson, G. Brochu, W. A. Pilfold, J. Shields, B. Carlson and George Holmes.

Those sending flowers were: His loving sons, Fred and Carl, William Miller, Rance and Hardy, officers and staff of Northern B.C. Power Co., Canadian Longshoremen's Association, Pauline and Walter Anderson, (Portland, Ore.), W. M. Watts, Yvonne and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jenner, Reta and Eileen Taft, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Schubert and family, John Schild and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Vandersluis, the staff of Kelly Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pilfold and family, Mr. Mulhern, Tommy Mulhern, John Kilz, Victor Miller, Frank Comadina and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon and family.

Card of Thanks

The bereaved family wish to express their deep appreciation of the attention and care given by the staff of the General Hospital and the doctors to the late Frederick Reich.

Fred and Carl Reich and Family.

Sunday was a dull, murky day in Prince Rupert with low clouds. It was mild and there was no rain until night fall.

HOCKEY SCORES

Saturday
Americans, 3; Canadiens, 4 (overtime).
Rangers, 6; Toronto, 3.

Sunday
Canadiens, 4; Americans, 4 (overtime).
Rangers, 5; Detroit, 2.