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Today's Weather

(8 A.M.)
Prince Rupert—Snowing; south-east wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 29.58; temperature, 34; sea smooth.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:11 a.m. 20.4 ft.
18:08 p.m. 16.5 ft.
Low 12:00 a.m. 5.4 ft.
23:51 p.m. 8.1 ft.

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MANITOBA IN BAD FINANCIAL SHAPE

CANADIAN DEFENCE PLANS DISCLOSED

Bank of Canada Issues

Alarming Report About Condition of Province

Raids on Ports Are More to be Feared Than Mass Invasion

Hon. Ian Mackenzie Discloses Details of Proposed Strengthening of Military, Naval and Air Forces—C. C. F. Keeps up its Opposition

OTTAWA, Feb. 16: (CP)—Efficient military, naval and air forces for the defence of Canadian territory and Canadian neutrality are the objectives of the federal government in increasing expenditures of the National Defence department. Members of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation group who attacked the government's policy yesterday will renew their attack today.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, yesterday told the House of Commons that the policy of the government concerned only the defence of Canada and not participation in military operations abroad. Sporadic raids on Canadian ports or grain elevators were more to be feared than mass invasion, the minister said, and the defence policy was aimed at combating such raids. The Air Force would be equipped with fast fighting machines which could be moved to threatened points in a few hours. Coastal artillery defences would be strengthened. Anti-aircraft guns would be acquired. The Navy would be provided with four new mine sweepers to assist in keeping Canadian ports clear of mines.

Plans Defences



Hon. Ian Mackenzie

Today's Weather

(Government Telegraphs)
Triple Island—Overcast; south-east wind, 10 miles per hour; visibility, eight miles; light swell.
Langara Island—Part cloudy; southerly wind, 4 miles per hour; barometer, 29.26 (falling); temperature, 32; light swell.
Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy; calm; barometer, 29.39; temperature, 28; sea smooth.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 20 above.
Smithers—Cloudy, calm, cool.
Burns Lake—Bright, calm, 17 above.
Terrace—Light snow, calm, 26 above.
Aiyansh—Snowing, calm, 26 above.
Anyox—Snowing, calm, 24.
Stewart—Snowing, calm, 24 above.
Prince George—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.42.
Victoria—Raining, southwest wind, 24 miles per hour; barometer, 29.44.
Vancouver—Cloudy, southeast wind, 8 miles per hour; barometer, 29.48.
Estevan—Cloudy, northwest wind; barometer, 29.58.

READY TO ARBITRATE

Dr. Weir Would Not Oppose This Course in Dispute Over Health Insurance Payments

VICTORIA, Feb. 16: (CP)—Personally I should not be opposed to seeing the dispute over payment to doctors under the health insurance scheme referred to arbitration, Hon. Dr. G. M. Weir, provincial secretary and minister of health, said in a statement yesterday.

Referring to letters from friends urging him to resign he said: "If I was convinced that I could do more good for the people of British Columbia outside rather than inside the government, my resignation would not be delayed. However, I am not thinking of resignation now."

Weather Forecast

Published 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 remains low on the north coast with strong westerly gales prevailing south of the Queen Charlotte Islands.
Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong southwest to west winds, somewhat cooler with light snow or rain.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Feb. 16: (CP)—Wheat was quoted at \$1.28 3/4 on the Vancouver market today.

Fascists Beaten Back at Madrid

Socialist Forces Halt Drive On Capitol From Southeast

MADRID, Feb. 16: (CP)—Government advisers yesterday said that Socialist troops had beaten back an insurgent assault on the southeast front.

POPE PIUS GODFATHER

Agrees to Sponsor New Heir Apparent to Italian Throne

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 16:—Pope Pius XI has agreed to act as godfather for the newly born son of Crown Prince Humbert and Princess Marie Jose. The new heir apparent, who will be named Victor Emmanuel after his grandfather, the present King of Italy, was born last Friday on the fifteenth anniversary of the crowning of the Pontiff.

SOLDIER IS DEAD

Major General Sir Frederick Loomis Succumbs to Heart Ailment at Montreal

Noted Career

Served with Distinction in Canadian Expeditionary Force in France

MONTREAL, Feb. 16: (CP)—Major General Sir Frederick Oscar Warren Loomis, aged 67, who was commander of the Third Canadian Division at the close of the Great War, died in Montreal last night of a heart ailment.

In the great canvas which hangs in the Senate Chamber of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, Edgar Bundy, the noted English artist, has painted the figures of a number of Canadian officers in a scene depicting "The Landing of the 1st Canadian Division at St. Nazaire." In the forefront is General Loomis (then Lieutenant-Colonel), who is shown watching his own unit, the 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada march past. This was the command held by Sir Frederick when Canada sent her first division to France in February, 1915, but it was as a major-general, leading a division, that he returned to the Dominion four years later.

The battalion commanded by Loomis had not long been operating on the West Front before it established for itself an enviable reputation. Its first real engagement was at Ypres, 10 weeks after the landing at St. Nazaire. On the night of April 21, 1915, the 13th Battalion had relieved its sister unit from Montreal, the 14th, in the front line trenches fronting Poelcappelle, about four and a half miles northwest of Ypres. On their left were units of the 45th French Algerian Division. Sir Frederick himself had been named "commandant" of St. Julien and his chief responsibility was to defend that village against all aggression. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon of April 22 the enemy projected chlorine gas on the Algerians, following this with an infantry attack. The French Col-

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FREIGHTER IS WRECK

Zapora, Well Known at This Port, Is Total Loss in Southeastern Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 16:—The well known old coast freighter Zapora, which has operated for many years between Seattle and Alaska ports, is reported a total loss following a stranding on a rocky point 15 miles south of Angoon early Sunday while enroute from Juneau to Hoonah and Petersburg. The vessel was on a voyage to Alaska with cargo. She had been one of the first vessels to leave Seattle following the recent maritime workers' strike.

When the Zapora became two days overdue, an airplane was sent out to look for her. It ascertained that she had been wrecked and that crew of seven and nineteen persons had escaped in the lifeboats. Later a coastguard vessel was dispatched to bring them to port.

The stranding occurred during a blinding snowstorm and heavy gale. The vessel had left here early Saturday.

The Zapora was a well known vessel in Prince Rupert through frequent visits here. She was 155 feet long with beam of 24 feet and depth of 11 feet. She was built in 1905 and Tacoma was her port of registry. She was a wooden vessel.

General Motors Employees Back At Work Again

DETROIT, Feb. 16:—One hundred thousand employees in various plants of the General Motors Corporation throughout the country returned to work today following settlement of the strike dispute last week.

Collapsed While Hiking on Track

Police Boat Goes to Billmor To Bring in Middle-Aged Man

The provincial police boat P. M. L. 8 went out to Billmor yesterday afternoon to bring in a 52-year old man named George Schaeffer who had collapsed there while endeavoring to hike in from the interior where he is understood to have been working on one of the creeks. Schaeffer is now in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Being in a state of collapse, it has not been possible as yet to obtain much information regarding him.

COLD IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16:—Weather is moderating in the west following the recent severe cold snap. Winnipeg is the coldest place on the prairies with seven below. Alberta points reported from 14 to 32 above.

BAR SILVER

NEW YORK, (CP)—Bar silver was unchanged at 44 3/4 per ounce on the New York metal market today.

Twenty-Three Men Quit Forest Camp

Six Discharged From Errington Establishment and Others Laid Off in Sympathy

NANAIMO, Feb. 16:—Twenty-three men have arrived here from the provincial government's forestry camp at Errington. Six of the men had been discharged and the 17 others quit in sympathy.

MANY DIE IN STORM

Blizzard in Japan Takes at Least 132 Lives With Countless Others Injured

TOKYO, Feb. 16: (CP)—A blinding snowstorm raging across Northern Japan is believed to have killed at least 132 persons and injured countless others.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.

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| Vancouver | | |
| B. C. Nickel, 31. | Big Missouri, .63. | |
| Brairorne, 8.60. | B. R. Cons., .06. | |
| B. R. X., .13. | Cariboo Quartz, 1.65. | |
| Dentonla, .19. | Golconda, .12 1/2. | |
| Minto, .22 1/4. | Noble Five, .14 1/2. | |
| Pend Oreille, 4.30. | Pioneer, 6.30. | |
| Porter Idaho, .12. | Premier, 3.85. | |
| Reeves McDonald, 1.33. | Reno, 1.19. | |
| Reward, .15. | Salmon Gold, .11. | |
| Taylor Bridge, .12. | Wayside, .06. | |
| Hedley Amalgamated, .90. | Premier Border, .03 1/4. | |
| Silab-Premier, 3.25. | Congress, .12. | |
| Home Gold, .03 3/4. | Oils | |
| A. P. Cons., .80. | Calmont, 1.25. | |
| C. & E., 4.50. | Freehold, .30. | |
| Hargal, .29. | McDougal Segur, .55. | |
| Mercury, .60. | Merland, .25. | |
| Okalta, 2.85. | Pacalta, .31. | |
| United, .55. | Toronto | |
| Beattie, 1.50. | Central Patricia, 4.80. | |
| God's Lake, .89. | Inter, Nickel, 64.50. | |
| Lee Gold, .06. | Little Long Lac, 7.55. | |
| McKenzie Red Lake, 1.83. | Pickle Crow, 8.50. | |
| Red Lake Gold Shore, 1.41. | San Antonio, 2.08. | |
| Sherritt Gordon, 3.25. | Siscoe, 5.85. | |
| Smelter Gold, .08. | McLeod Cockshutt, 2.85. | |
| Oklend, .40. | Mosher, .40. | |
| Gilbec, .06. | May Spiers, .26. | |
| Sullivan, 1.95. | Stadacona, 1.50. | |
| Franciacon, 1.28. | Manitoba & Eastern, .13. | |
| Moneta Porcupine, 1.75. | Bouscadillac, .85. | |
| Rubec, .08. | Balfor, .07. | |
| Bankfield, 1.40. | East Malartic, 1.76. | |
| Preston East Dome, 1.37. | | |

Committee Of Senate Passes Court Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 16: (CP)—The United States Senate judiciary committee today approved the Sumner Bill to permit the retirement of federal judges with full pay on reaching the age of seventy years. The measure is proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of his higher court reorganization program.

CAPTAIN IS QUESTIONED

Japanese Authorities Want To Know More About Sinking Of Freighter by Empress Liner
Kobe, Japan, Feb. 16: (CP)—Capt. J. F. Patrick of the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Russia was summoned before the Japanese police on his arrival here from Shimonoseki for examination concerning the reported sinking of Monday by the Empress of the Japanese freighter Akahi Maru off Shimonoseki.

Atlantic Coast Gets Gales Too

Small Shipping Scurries For Shelter—Warnings of Icebergs Send Steamers South
NEW YORK, Feb. 16:—Strong westerly gales swept the Atlantic coast from Virginia Cape to New England, causing many vessels to scurry for shelter and doing damage to some. Iceberg warnings have been issued from the most northerly trans-Atlantic shipping route and vessels have been advised to take the more southerly and longer lane.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WINS

SEATTLE, Feb. 16:—British Columbia defeated Washington State in the most of the events of a badminton tournament staged here on Sunday.

HAS GOLDEN JUBILEE

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 16: (CP)—Rev. Sister Mary Judith, who was for 43 years at the Immaculate Conception Convent and St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, is celebrating her golden jubilee at the Academy of the Holy Names here, where she is superior.

UNCLE SAM AND FLOODS

New Tactics of Experts Emphasize Importance of Attacking Menace at Sources

DANGER NOW OVER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 16:—Flood waters of the Mississippi River continue to subside and all danger of the breaking of any of the major seawalls is now declared to be over. Work of clearing the flood debris is proceeding and many cities are actively planning rehabilitation.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16: (AP)—Congress passed an omnibus flood-control bill last spring which authorized expenditure of \$310,000,000. Why, then, are hundreds of thousands homeless, hungry, cold and wet today in the Ohio and Mississippi River Valleys?
"Wait a minute," say federal flood experts. "There is nothing magic about stopping these annual disasters. It takes hard work, time, and lots of money; nobody knows how much." But on one point they agree: No matter what it costs, it is worth many times the amount.
Flood waters not only wreck homes, tear up roads, wash out bridges, drown people and kill them off from exposure, but also wash life-giving top-soil away from farms. Destruction strikes in two directions, says H. H. Bennett, chief of the soil conservation service: In the cities, where waters inundate the streets, and back on the farms, where millions of little trickles of water carry off the soil.
So the theory of beating floods is changing in government councils. Last spring's flood-control bill is an excellent example. It provided \$310,000,000 not only for the building of dams, as such bills used to do, but for soil-conservation work back at the source of streams. That inclusion of soil-conservation is new. Dams formerly seemed to be the only answer to floods. But look at the Ohio River now. It has 50 dams. Army engineers, extremely expert in such building, constructed 49 of them at a cost of \$125,000,000. So there must be another half to the answer of the puzzle, and Bennett thinks he has it in a slow, tedious but important change in the way Americans use their land.

Soil Conservation

Bennett believes the volume of (Continued on Page Four)

Roman Catholic Churches Resume

Bells Peal in Mexican Cities For First Time in Years

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16:—For the first time in years, bells of the Roman Catholic Church pealed in Mexican cities on Sunday. The government offered no interference in the resumption of public services and the churches promised there would be no demonstrations.