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Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—raining, southeast wind, twenty miles per hour; barometer, 30.13 (falling); temperature, 42; sea rough.

Memel In Limelight After Vote

Conspiracy To Oust Premier

Premier King Himself Supports Charges Of His Two Ministers

"Unnatural Alliance" Between Hepburn and Duplessis Seen to Change Dominion Liberal Leadership—Hepburn Denies it But is Ready to Fight

OTTAWA, December 12: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King today supported charges made Saturday night by two of his ministers, Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of transport, and Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of labor, that, during past weeks, a conspiracy had been in operation to force retirement of Mr. King from the national leadership of the Liberal party. The Premier declared in a prepared statement that references to alliance between Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario and Premier Maurice Duplessis to remove him (King) as Prime Minister were correct. The issue between federal and Ontario Liberals will be "discussed in all it implications" at a party cacucus to be held as soon as Parliament meets in January, the Prime Minister said.

The two federal ministers made their charges at Port Arthur Saturday night. Mr. Rogers said that an "unnatural political alliance" between Hepburn and Dupless's was planned to force King from the leadership with the evident purpose of setting up in Ottawa a government which would be largely controlled by the Ontario and Quebec provincial governments. He said that the Hepburn-Duplessis alliance was the greatest single threat to Canadian unity at this time. He said that the conspiracy had failed because the Prime Minister was never held stronger than today in the loyalty of the Liberal party and the respect and esteem of the Canadian people.

Hepburn's Statement

ST. THOMAS, December 12 (Canadian Press)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn today denied charges made at Port Arthur of conspiracy to oust Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King but declared that, if the Dominion government wants to make an issue over relations between it and Ontario, he was "prepared to go to the hustings and fight them to the limit."

Premier Dysart of New Brunswick and Premier Campbell of Prince Edward Island have said that they know nothing of the alleged conspiracy and gave assurance that they would oppose any such plan.

Mining Man Is Dead On Trail

SMITHERS, Dec. 12: (Special to Daily News)—A tragedy occurred in the Bulkley Mountains about 20 miles from Smithers on Saturday night when Martin Kane, formerly of Smithers but lately of Vancouver and who arrived here on Thursday to visit the Silver Pick mining claims, of which he was a half owner, collapsed and died on the trail when about two miles from a cabin which was his destination.

TO RESIST AGGRESSION

Collective Assistance Plan is Being Considered by Pan-American Conference

LIMA, Peru, December 12— The Pan-American conference is today considering a plan of collective assistance proposed by Venezulla to combat aggression from abroad. The expectation is that the conference will conclude about December 27.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve a number of scenes similar to that depicted above will take place in different parts of the city. Representatives of the Salvation Army will pass around with boxes or hampers of Christmas Cheer for those unable to procure such things for themselves. Funds to enable this to be done are asked. The fund now stands as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$48.95
Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council	10.00
G. W. Nickerson Co. Ltd.	25.00

Smoke Eaters On Ocean Now

Trail Hockey Team Sails for Europe To Play in Eleven Countries

HALIFAX, December 12 (Canadian Press)—Trail Smoke Eaters hockey team sailed Saturday night on the Duchess of York for a tour of Europe in the course of which they will visit eleven countries.

Hockey Scores

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Saturday
Portland, 2; Seattle, 6.
Sunday
Vancouver, 2; Spokane, 2 (overtime tie).

DOMINION CONDEMNED

Ottawa Government Denounced by Fishermen for Allowing Shipment of War Materials to Aggressors

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12: (CP)—Percy Fabin of Vancouver was elected president of the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union as the organization's third annual convention ended Saturday night.

The meeting condemned the Dominion government for allowing shipment of war materials to aggressor nations and approved a boycott on goods from Fascist countries.

Satisfaction was voiced at the amalgamation with the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union of the British Columbia Trollers' Association as approved by the latter Association at its meeting in Nanaimo last week.

EBRO RIVER IS FLOODED

As a Result Insurgent Military Operations Against Spanish Loyalists in That Area Held

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, December 12—Flood waters of the Ebro River are holding up military operations of Insurgent Gereralissimo Francisco Franco against the Spanish loyalists in that sector. Over the week-end, the Ebro is reported to have risen no less than ten feet.

Foreign Minister Of Hungary Will Pay Berlin Visit

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The Hungarian foreign minister is about to pay a visit to Berlin to discuss, among other things, the Magyar situation.

Canada's Royal Guests—

EARLY SCHOOLING IN MEETING WITH EMPIRE PEOPLE GIVEN GEORGE

Their Majesties' Coming Visit to Canada Recalls Tour as Duke and Duchess to Southern Dominions

While the visit of the King and Queen to Canada next May will be the first ever made to a self governing British Dominion by a reigning sovereign and his consort, it will by no means be their Majesties' first Empire mission. As the Duke and Duchess of York, they made two important journeys to faroff parts of the Empire. In 1925, they visited Kenya and Uganda in East Africa, finishing up with a trip down the Nile to Port Sudan on the Mediterranean. With this introduction to the art of Empire touring, they were charged two years later with the important task of representing King George V. at the opening of the Parliament Buildings in Canberra, Australia's new-built federal capital.

The African affair was largely one of intimate receptions by British officials and settlers with plenty of recreation in the form of big-game hunting. But it was the six months' swing to Australia and New Zealand that really proved the couple as Empire envoys of the first rank.

The tour included a ceremonial voyage around the world in a battleship, weeks of high-pressure receiving and reviewing in the heat of an Australian fall and side trips to Empire outposts such as Fiji and Mauritius.

Incidentally, the ship in which the Duke and Duchess made the tour was the battle cruiser Renown, a sister ship of the Repulse which will bring them across the Atlantic as King and Queen next spring.

Specially commissioned for the voyage, the Renown sailed from Southampton in January with their Royal Highnesses and an imposing staff aboard. The sailing marked a sacrifice to duty for behind them the young couple left their first-born child, Princess Elizabeth, then only a few months old.

For the Duke it was almost his first trip in a battleship since illness forced him to give up active service in the navy during the Great War It was as a naval cadet, by the way, that he first saw Canada when the training ship Cumberland brought him, with other cadets, on a training cruise to Halifax, Quebec and Montreal

The Renown went out by Kingston, Jamaica and the Panama Canal to the lonely Marquesas Islands in the south Pacific, thence to Fiji where the Duke and Duchess received the homage of straw-skirted native chiefs, and finally to Auckland, New Zealand.

Tour the Antipodes

Then began the strenuous round. Before many days, the Duchess was a casualty with a sharp bout of tonsilitis. She remained at Nelson, N.Z., to recuperate while the Duke continued the tour to the South Island, doing the honors for both

The couple saw the famous hot springs at Rotorua and the magical "Glowworm Cave" at Waitome. Other experiences for the Duke were his ceremonial election as a Maori chieftain and driving his

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Greatly Enjoyed Visit To Port

H. C. Conley, Lieutenant-Commander of the United States Navy Air Squadron 16, which paid a visit to the port a couple of weeks ago writes as follows:

"On behalf of the squadron and myself I would like to express our appreciation of the very courteous treatment accorded us by the people of Prince Rupert, I may add that our report of our visit was so enthusiastic that it may bring forth an epidemic of trouble to be experienced by squadrons passing in the vicinity necessitating a stop

"We greatly enjoyed meeting all who made our stay so very pleasant."

Coup By Hitler To Absorb Port Of Lithuania Is Seen Following Election Sunday Favoring Nazis

Great Britain and France Join in Appeal to Reich Against Annexation of Baltic Sea Strip at This Time

MEMEL, Lithuania, December 12.—Disorders have broken out in Memel, now Lithuania's chief seaport which was German before the Great War, following elections yesterday for local Parliament in which the Nazi party won with a decisive majority. Now the Nazis are demanding full autonomy as a first move, it is believed, towards joining up with Germany. There is reason to believe that Chancellor Hitler's next expansionary move will be in this direction and that it will come soon.

Today it was declared by decree that Lithuanian police powers were ended in Memel and that only police of autonomous Memel would have authority in the district which adjoins Germany.

Memel's fuehrer, Ernst Neumann, said, after the election, that "the time is ripe for a decision in Memel."

Political observers declared that any decision as to a change in the territorial status of the district would be made in Berlin.

Meantime Great Britain has expressed to Germany the "hope" that the Reich will not annex Memel. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons.

The British government is joining France in representations concerning the possibility of a movement to absorb Memel as a sequel to the elections.

GOING TO ESQUIMALT

Local Fishing Vessels to Take Training Under Fishermen's Naval Reserve

Twenty Prince Rupert fishing vessels will attend at Esquimalt naval barracks commencing January 30 for courses of twenty-eight days' training in each case under the newly organized fishermen's reserve of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. Lieut.-Commander C. D. Donald R.C.N. is now in the city making final arrangements for the local vessels to go south. The following boats have been selected:

Finella, Capt. David Ritchie; Vera Beatrice, Capt. S. Pierce; Cape Beale, Capt. Edgar Arnet; Arctic 1, Capt. Petersen; Helen II., Capt. Peter Byrne; Capella, Capt. Dan Larsen; Tramp, Capt. Sam Haugen; Billmor, Capt. J. Donaldson; Embla, Capt. Anderson; F. H. Phippen, Capt. James Morrison; Sea Maid, Capt. Henry Doiron; Viner, Capt. W. J. Thomas; Signal, Capt. P. Ivarson; Oslo, Capt. Olsen; Teeny Milly, Capt. Cook; Relief, Capt. Merrill Sollows; W. R. Lord of Chief Legaic, Capt. C. Morrison; Chief Seegay or Chief Tapeet, Capt. H. Tattersal; Johanna, Capt. John Wick; Morris H., Capt. Giske.

RED DEER HAS FIRE

Damage of $35,000 is Done As Result of Outbreak in Business District

RED DEER, Alberta, December 12—Fire swept through the business district yesterday doing damage estimated at $35,000. A short circuit in electric wiring in a butcher shop is believed to have been the origin.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Triple Island — Raining, south wind, 25 miles per hour; sea moderately rough.

Langara Island—Overcast, southwest wind, 26 miles per hour; barometer, 30.05; temperature, 47; moderate swell.

Dead Tree Point — Showery, strong southerly wind; barometer, 30.10; temperature, 44; sea choppy.

Bull Harbor—Part cloudy, easterly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.38; temperature, 36; light swell.

Alert Bay—Clear, calm; barometer, 30.32; temperature, 33; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy, northerly wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 30.44.

Victoria—Clear, northerly wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 30.42.

Vancouver — Clear, northeast wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.44.

Prince George—Cloudy, southerly wind, 14 miles per hour; barometer, 30.26.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh south winds, increasing at night, unsettled, showery, and possibly sleet at night.

BOYCOTT OF AGGRESSORS

Resolution to This Effect is Passed by Mass Meeting in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, December 12—At a mass meeting here yesterday a resolution was passed favoring boycott of goods of aggressor nations, Germany, Italy and Japan being specifically named. A collection of more than $300 was taken up at the meeting.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Toronto

Pacific Nickel, .25 ask.
Big Missouri, .25.
Bralorne, 10.40.
Aztec, .05.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.31.
Dentonia, .06½.
Golconda, .05.
Minto, .02½.
Fairview, .04.
Noble Five, .03⅛.
Pend Oreille, 1.75.
Pioneer, 2.60.
Porter Idaho, .03.
Premier, 2.26.
Reeves McDonald, .26.
Relief Arlington, .14¼.
Reward, .06½.
Salmon Gold, .08.
Taylor Bridge, .04.
Hedley Amalg., .03¾.
Premier Border, .01.
Silbak Premier, 1.75.
Home Gold, .00¾.
Indian, .01.
Quatsino, .03.

Oils

A. P. Con., .19.
Calmont, .42.
C. & E., 2.20.
McDougal Segur, .14½.
Mercury, .06½.
Okalta, 1.27.
Pacalta, .08½.
Home Oil, 1.90.

Vancouver

Beattie, 1.35.
Central Pat, 2.53.
God's Lake, .28½.
Little Long Lac, 2.75.
McKenzie Redlake, 1.19.
Pickle Crow, 5.10.
San Antonio, 1.24.
Sherritt Gordon, 1.30.
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Smelters Gold, .03.
McCled Cockshut, 2.90.
Oklend, .18.
Mosher, .16.
Madsen Redlake, .49.
Stadacona, .52.
Francoeur, .23.
Moneta, 1.30.
Bouscadillac, .10.
Thompson Cadillac, .27.
Bankfield, .25.
East Malartic, 2.71.
Preston E. Dome, 1.41.
Aldermac, .46.
Kerr Addison, 1.93.
Uchi Gold, 1.38.
Int. Nickel, 78.75.
Cons. Smelters, 59.50.
Athona, .07.
Hardrock, 1.70.
Barber Larder, .13.

PACT WITH ROUMANIA

Balkan Nation to Supply Wheat and Oil to Germany in Return For Manufactured Goods

BERLIN, December 12— Despite recent restrained relations over political matters, a trade arrangement has been completed between Roumania will supply oil and wheat Roumania will supply il and wheat to Germany in return for manufactured goods. Roumania is now making arrangements to send the oil and wheat.

Gaston Means, Extortionist, Dies In East

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, Dec. 12.—Gaston B. Means, notorious former federal agent, who had been serving a penitentiary sentence for extortion in connection with the Lindbergh kidnapping case and who was the author of "The Strange Death of President Harding," died in a Springfield hospital yesterday at the age of fifty-eight years.

WINNERS IN BASKETBALL

Gamma Takes First Half of High School League

The first half of the High School Basketball League ended on Saturday with Gamma winning for the period only two points ahead of Beta.