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## Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Clear, southwest wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 30.32; sea moderate.

## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 11:19 a.m. 17.3 ft.  
23:12 p.m. 21.1 ft.  
Low ..... 5:02 a.m. 3.5 ft.  
16:56 p.m. 7.9 ft.

## FIRE MORE FIERCE YET ON ISLAND

One Hundred Thousand Acres Now Being Swept—Flames Mile High—Ashes Fell in Vancouver

VICTORIA, July 23: (CP)—Forest fires are sweeping Vancouver Island more fiercely than ever today. The area covered is now over 100,000 acres, centring in and north of the Comox Valley. The flames are now covering Constitution Hill and are menacing the famous Forbidden Plateau.

Two hundred loggers last night were keeping the village of Head-Quarters, north of Courtenay, soaked with a constant stream of water in the hope of saving that modern little settlement with its railway shops and neat homes from destruction.

Settlers have commenced to evacuate their farm homes and, up to last night, thirty families had sought shelter in Courtenay.

The residents of Campbellton and Elk Falls were ready to leave as those logging communities were menaced by flames.

The tongues of fire, were reported to be leaping into the air and ashes were falling in the streets of the city of Vancouver, one hundred miles distant across the Gulf of Georgia.

Destroying Virgin Timber  
The giant fire is now raging over an area twenty-five miles long and five to ten miles wide. More than ten thousand men are endeavouring to fight the conflagration which is racing through one of the province's greatest tracts of virgin timber.

Locomotives were standing by to evacuate miners and families from Bevan should the wind change and send the fire towards that town, which appears to be immediately threatened.

## Pioneer Deputy Attorney General Of Alberta Dead

KELOWNA, July 23: (CP)—Sidney Brown Wood, who was the first deputy attorney general of the province of Alberta, died here while visiting his sister, Mrs. Fry.

## Today's Weather

(Government "Telegraph")

Triple Island—Clear, northerly wind, fifteen miles per hour; sea choppy.

Langara Island—Clear, northwest wind, twenty miles per hour; barometer, 30.30; temperature, 52; sea choppy.

Dead Tree Point—Clear, light northerly wind; barometer, 30.33; temperature, 62; light swell.

Bull Harbor—Overcast, northerly wind, twenty miles per hour; barometer, 30.16; temperature, 53; sea choppy.

Alert Bay—Overcast, westerly wind, twelve miles per hour; barometer, 30.16; temperature, 49; light chop.

Estevan—Clear, northwest wind, twenty miles per hour; barometer, 30.04.

Victoria—Calm, smoky; barometer, 30.04.

Vancouver—Clear, northwest wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.02.

Prince George—Clear, southwest wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.14.

Terrace—Calm, temperature, 64.

Aiyansh—Clear, calm, 60.

Alice Arm—Clear, calm, 57.

Anyox—Clear, calm, 54.

Stewart—Clear, calm, 52.

Hazelton—Clear, calm, 64.

Smithers—Clear, calm, 61.

Burns Lake—Clear, calm, 56.

## WINNIPEG WHEAT PRICE

WINNIPEG, July 23: (CP)—July wheat was up 1/4c at \$1.01 1/2 on the Winnipeg market yesterday.

## Japan Now Backing Up

O. July 23.—(CP)—Russia's sharp re-erger the Nipponese regard to the Si-Manchuokuan border dispute. Japan has adopted a conciliatory attitude. A Japanese spokesman, in a statement last night, denied that Japan had made any threat of force. Despite news of another border clash, Moscow officials believed today that there was little danger of conflict with Japan in the border dispute.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

### Vancouver.

B. C. Nickel	09 1/2
Bib Missouri	34
Bralore	9.55
Aztec	07
Cariboo Quartz	2.55
Dentonia	04 1/2
Golconda	(ask) 09
Minto	03 1/2
Fairview	08
Noble Five	03
Pend Oreille	2.20
Pioneer	2.95
Porter Idaho	03
Premier	2.33
Reeves McDonald	41
Reno	45
Relief Arlington	15
Reward	03 1/2
Salmon Gold	13
Taylor Bridge	03
Hedley Amalgamated	05
Premier Border	01 1/2
Silbak Premier	1.95
Home Gold	01
Grandview	08 1/2
Indian	01 1/2
Quatsina Copper	04
Haida Gold	03 1/4

### Oils.

A. P. Con	20
Calmont	35
C. & E.	2.61
Freehold	06 1/4
Hargal	18
McDougall Segur	17
Mercury	11 1/2
Okalta	1.56
Pacalta	08
Home Oil	1.38

### Toronto.

Beattie	1.25
Central Patricia	2.66
Gods Lake	53
Little Long Lac	3.60
McKenzie Red Lake	1.23
Red Lake Gold Shore	09 1/2
Pickle Crow	4.90
San Antonio	1.28
Sherrit Gordon	1.44
Smelters Gold	05
McLeod Cockshutt	3.65
Oklend	20
Mosher	19
Madsen Red Lake	37
Stadcona	62
Francœur	38
Moneta	1.90
Bankfield	80
Preston E. Dome	80
East Malartic	1.95
Hutchinson Lake	03
Dawson White	03
Aldermac	56
Kerr Addison	1.85
Uchi Gold	2.14
Inter'l Nickel	51.75
Noranda	71.25
Con. Smelters	61.50
Athona	08
Hardrock	2.65
Barber Larder	28
Mandy	17
Rand Malartic	39

## CONSISTENT WINNER

CAPE TOWN, July 23: (CP)—For the 14th consecutive year Mrs. Hockey (formerly Miss Angela Burr) won the Royal Cape Golf Club women's annual tournament. She had rounds of 80 and 81 this year.

## ACCLAIMED ON RETURN

King and Queen Home After Visit To France—Important Results Seen

LONDON, July 23: (CP)—King George and Queen Elizabeth were cheered tumultuously last night as they returned to London after their four-day state visit to France. Their Majesties appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace soon after their return. With them were the two little princesses. Thousands of loyal subjects acclaimed them.

Two principal results were seen by London observers from the royal visit to France—first, further co-ordination of French and British plans for military co-operation, and second, joint influence upon Germany to ease the tension in Europe.

Not without significance was taken a forty-five minute conference yesterday between Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and German Ambassador Count von Ribbentrop.

Peace Talk Heard  
Talk of new "peace preserving" alignments swirled over Europe today as British, French and German leaders discussed means of relieving the Sudetan German problem in Czechoslovakia. Some quarters mentioned the possibility of a non-aggression pact among France, Germany and Russia. Renewed emphasis on Anglo-French friendship is believed to have strengthened the possibilities of such an alignment.

## SHIP PLAN POSTPONED

New Vessels for Vancouver-Sydney Run Cannot Be Built Economically Now

LONDON, July 23: (CP)—Sir Edward Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Lord Craigmyle, British shipowner, issued a joint statement last night saying that the Canadian-Australian Line had decided not to build two new ships for the trans-Pacific service between Vancouver and Sydney at present because of uneconomic shipbuilding prices.

## RUSSIAN PROGRESS

New Yorker Returns With Story Of Soviet of Happy People

NEW YORK, July 23: (CP)—Improving economic conditions in Russia, employment for all able-bodied men and women and happy faces everywhere were some of the things reported by Corliss Lamont on his return from a tour of the Soviet Union. Lamont, who is chairman of the American Friends of Soviet Russia, compared conditions with what he saw when he visited Russia in 1935.

"Any able-bodied man or woman who wants a job can have one," he reported. "Everyone gets vacations with pay, with a three-week minimum. People on their holidays are dancing in the public squares. The theatres, the opera, the ballets and the movies are filled nightly with workers."

Lamont also told of increased efficiency in public services. Trains run on time, restaurants are modernized, shops have a greater variety of better quality goods and "there is a greater feeling for style in women's clothes."

Social insurance cares for old age, accident and sickness. Education is free from the kindergarten through the Universities for those who can pass examinations and the age for compulsory schooling is being increased.

## Sees Twenty Thousand People In Prince Rupert Soon After Highway To Interior Is Built

Californian Urges People To Wake Up And Get Road Built and Make Themselves Prosperous Along With People of Interior

"What is wrong with you people? Why don't you get together and demand that the highway connecting Prince Rupert with the outside be constructed at once? If there were a highway leading into the city, thousands of tourists would come here from all parts of the United States and especially from California. All that would be needed would be a fairly passable road and cars would be coming in by the dozens and hundreds and Prince Rupert would receive such a shock, your languidly quiet local merchants would never get over it. The city would really become a part of the North American world."

It was in words much like this that a Californian addressed a Daily News representative this week. He was enthusiastic and emphatic over the possibilities. It was argued, in rebuttal of the suggestion, that the province had no money for the purpose and that every district was urging the building of other roads just as loudly and insistently as were the Prince Rupert people. In some places, even, they were building the roads by volunteer labor in order that they might be in a position to get places. This did not satisfy our visitor who continued somewhat along these lines:

"Highways are necessities these days and any place that does not connect up with the system of the continent is bound to be as dead as Prince Rupert seems to be. It is inevitable. Down in our state (California) we build highways through the desert and cut our way through and over mountains that seemed impassable a few years ago. Thousands of people drive over roads that are anything but good and are often dangerous. It would be no trick at all to build along the Skeena River to Terrace and the distance to be covered, I am told, is only about eighty miles. The road would pay for itself in gasoline tax in no time. I suggest this highway be built while negotiations are going on for the Alaska Highway so that I can bring my car in here in 1940 instead of having to leave it in Hazelton as at present. I think it is a disgrace to the province of British Columbia that a city of the size and importance of Prince Rupert cannot be reached by automobile.

"Yes, you are right, people do not like to return over the same road on which they came, if they can possibly help it. But you have a splendid triangle route. The visitors could drive in over the road and take their cars south on the steamers, thus combining a road tour with a beautiful cruise. The steamship company would benefit tremendously if the highway were opened. While the railway might lose a little business from vegetable peddlers and others bringing their produce in by car instead of shipping them on the railway, yet this is petty stuff and does not amount to anything. To offset this you would have a city of twenty-thousand here within the next few years, if the highway were opened, and the railway would make up in a week on the long haul what it makes in a year from the vegetable peddlers."

"Think, too, what you would get from Ketchikan and Portland Canal," continued the visitors. "Boats bring their fish to Prince Rupert for shipment over the railway and, if it were possible, they would bring their cars across in the same way and drive south over the road. There would be money spent here for hotels and food and articles of clothing."

"Indirectly you Prince Rupert people would benefit from the increased prosperity that would come to the interior towns and villages. Open that highway and immediately Hazelton, Smithers, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof and the other places along the highway would be making progress and that would feed Prince Rupert. You would all grow together and this little town would soon develop into a real seaport. I have a picture in my mind of progress such as you have never even thought about. Forget Sir Wilfrid Laurier and these other things you talk about as you look back and regret that something did not happen in the past. Set your minds on the future and build. Wake up, you Prince Rupert people. I understand you have a wonderful country there in the Peace River district that is being connected with the system at Vanderhoof. Insist that you have connection too. You can get it if you talk loud enough and are insistent. We did it in California and I am sure you can but it is no good to sit down and wall about business being bad. That never helped any place. You have to bestir yourselves and make things happen."

By this time the visitor, who evidently seemed well informed, had pretty well talked himself out but he gave a parting shot as he walked away:

"You are an editor aren't you? Tell your people what I say. I like this town and I see its possibilities. If you can waken the people from their coma I might come here some day and open up in business. But I tell you this I would never settle down in sleepy town with a bunch of Rip Van Winkles. No place where the people are always asleep ever amounts to anything."

## Halibut Sales

Summary	
American—40,000 pounds, 7.6c and 6c.	
Canadian—6,000 pounds, 6.5c and 4.5c to 7.3c and 5c.	
American	
Liahona, 40,000, Pacific, 7.6c and 6c.	
Canadian	
P. Dorreen, 16,000, Cold Storage, 7.3c and 5c.	
Gony, 12,000, Cold Storage, 6.5c and 4.5c.	
May West, 19,500, offered 6.5c and 4.5c by Cold Storage, going to Butedale.	
Oslo, 14,000, Cold Storage, 6.5c and 4.5c.	
Johanna, 16,000, Atlin, 7.2c and 5c.	
Tramp, 15,000, Atlin, 6.5c and 4.5c.	
Rose Sp. 14,000, Cold Storage, 6.5c and 4.5c.	

## Cold Storage Head Is Here

J. A. Boyd of Montreal Pays Visit To Local Plant

J. A. Boyd of Montreal, president of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. Ltd., and Mrs. Boyd arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert yesterday morning from Vancouver. Mr. Boyd paid his annual visit to the company's local plant and office and they sailed by the Princess Adelaide last night on their return to Vancouver.

C. F. Dawson, federal architect from Victoria, arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide last evening from the south to inspect progress of work on the new federal building here.

## BIG DRIVE COMMENCED

Japanese Assault on Kiukiang, Key Point to Hankow, Is At Last Started

SHANGHAI, July 23: (CP)—The Japanese today began their long-awaited assault on Kiukiang, key point in the push toward Hankow. Landings were effected at several points along the Yangtze River.

BRITISH SHIP SEARCHED  
HONG KONG, July 23: (CP)—It was reported here today that the British freighter Leana had been stopped and searched by a Japanese warship ten miles off Hong Kong after a warning shot had been fired across her bow.

## BULLETINS

RESULTS NEXT WEEK  
VICTORIA.—Senior and junior matriculation and normal school examination results are to be released on Monday or Tuesday.

HOPPERS IN REGINA  
REGINA.—Myriads of grasshoppers swarmed into Regina yesterday, causing people to scurry indoors. They were believed to be the advance guard of millions of the flying insects on their way from the Saskatoon district. Parts of Saskatchewan are also having a scourge of the beet web worm.

PLANES OF NATIONS  
PORT WASHINGTON, New York.—Trans-Atlantic planes of three nations were tied up here yesterday. One was the Imperial Airways Mercury, having completed her flight from Ireland; another the German ship which had just completed an experimental flight via the Azores, and the third an American clipper ship leaving for Bermuda.

JAPAN TO STATES  
TOKYO.—Plans were disclosed here yesterday whereby Japan and United States will be linked up by connecting flying boat services of the two nations across the Pacific Ocean. The time would be two-and-a-half days.

HOT IN ALBERTA  
CALGARY.—Record high temperatures for the year were reached in Alberta yesterday with Edmonton reporting 89, Calgary 92 and Lethbridge, the hottest point in the province with 98. Danger of forest fires in Northern Alberta has become increased.

PARALYSIS OUTBREAK  
CALGARY.—Dread infantile paralysis has broken out in southern Alberta. Three cases are under observation.

## Today's Baseball

National League  
Philadelphia, 9; Cincinnati, 10. Brooklyn, 4; St. Louis, 3.

U. S. GOLFER WINS  
DIEPPE, France, July 23: (CP)—An 18-year old Walker Cup team reserve, R. Dunkelberger, won the French Amateur Golf Championship, defeating A. L. Bentley, Southport, England, 3 and 2 in the 36-hole final.

Inspector John Macdonald, whose transfer from Nelson to Prince Rupert to take command of "D" Division of the provincial police was announced in the Daily News yesterday, will arrive from the south on the Princess Alice Monday morning to assume his duties here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hudson of London, England, were among round trip passengers aboard the steamer Cardena which was in port this morning. Mr. Hudson is interested in salmon buying.

## HERE FROM DOWN SOUTH

Two Hundred Mississippians Pay Goodwill Visit To Prince Rupert

Met by J. T. Harvey, vice-president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, and a number of members as well as representatives of various other organizations in the city two hundred prominent men and women of the state of Mississippi arrived here on a special train yesterday at 2:30 and left for Stewart and Hyder on the Prince Rupert two hours later.

The party was in charge of Ex-Governor Dennis Murphree and was thoroughly representative of all classes of the community. They brought with them an exhibition car showing the products of the state, the chief of which is cotton, although fruits and vegetables and timber are also important.

Speaking of the exhibition car, one of the prominent members of the party said they had taken these trips each summer for a number of years and they found it to be good publicity. They sold approximately two hundred tickets and the price included the exhibition car so that there was no cost to the state. They did not consider the car had any commercial value in Canada but it was educational and cost nothing extra.

At the station a formal welcome on behalf of the city was extended by M. P. McCaffery who expressed the hope that all would enjoy the visit. He drew attention to the fact that, while they came from the United States, they were not looked upon as foreigners. Of late, while all the world was talking of war, Canada and the United States were drawing closer together in the cause of peace.

On behalf of the visitors W. F. Bond, state welfare director, thanked Mr. McCaffery for the welcome given him. He reciprocated the plea for closer co-operation and spoke of the neighborly feeling between the two countries. He then presented Mr. McCaffery with a huge water melon, which he said was one of the small ones, the others being too big to bring along. He made a happy speech and there was much enthusiasm. The trip was described as a good-will trip, taken chiefly for enjoyment and education.

The party will arrive back in Prince Rupert this evening and, after another two hour stop, will continue through to Vancouver where they will again be met by their special train after they have visited Victoria.

## 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 30 hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.)  
General Synopsis—The pressure continues high on the Pacific Coast. The weather has been somewhat cool off Vancouver Island while it continues fine over the interior.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, fair with no change in temperature.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southwest winds, fair and moderately warm.

## Jap Boats Have Left This Coast

SEATTLE, July 23: (CP)—Frank C. Bell, United States commissioner of fisheries, said last night that the Alaskan fishing grounds have been abandoned by all Japanese boats in accordance with an agreement to suspend Alaskan fishing.