

Today's Weather

(8 A.M.) Prince Rupert—Overcast, showery; westerly wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 29.28; temperature, 36; light chop.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 3:31 a.m. 20.9 ft. 16:13 p.m. 18.0 ft. Low 10:08 a.m. 4.3 ft. 22:09 p.m. 7.3 ft.

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European Situation Easier Today

CONCESSION BY CZECHS

Demands To Be Met By Setting Up Of German Districts

PRAGUE, March 19: (CP)—The cabinet of Czechoslovakia was reported last night to have made a concession to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany in regard to the German minority in this country whereby German districts to be administered by German nationals would be established. Settlement is reported to be on the basis of giving over twenty-two percent of administrative post which would be the proportion of German population in the country.

Yesterday Chancellor Hitler issued a warning to Czechoslovakia that, unless Germans in Czechoslovakia were given full liberty of action, the same steps would be taken by which in Czechoslovakia as had been done in Austria.

Renounce Alliance Diplomatic sources asserted today that Chancellor Hitler had demanded that Czechoslovakia renounce its military alliance with Soviet Russia as the price of peace with Germany. End of the Russian alliance is said to be Hitler's basic condition for any talks to lessen Czech-German friction.

Informed persons said it was becoming increasingly clear that Czechoslovakia must become a satellite of Nazi Germany to avoid war.

CANADA IS NOT ASKED

Consultations Yet With British Government Regard To Europe, Says Premier

OTTAWA, March 19: (CP)—Commenting upon reports that the British government was awaiting the results of consultations with the Dominions before Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain made his definite statement of policy in regard to the European situation, Premier William Lyon Mackenzie King said that the Canadian government had been asked for no expression of opinion and none had been given.

Family Tradition Has Been Kept Up

For Three Hundred Years Alden First-Born Have Been Boys

HAMILTON, March 19: (CP)—The Alden family of Hamilton yesterday kept up a three hundred-year family tradition that the first-born of each generation shall be a boy. Mrs. John Alden gave birth to a boy. Her husband is a descendant of the John Alden who figures as a character in Longfellow's famous "Courtship of Miles Standish."

Tax On Farm Products To Relieve Land

EDMONTON, March 19: (CP)—The government is presenting a bill to the Alberta Legislature to provide for taxation on farm products rather than taxation direct on the land. A two per cent tax on first and second mortgages is also contemplated.

German Ship Is Blown Up And Founders

COPENHAGEN, March 19: (CP)—The German steamship Clause Boge, enroute from Oslo to the Spanish insurgent port of Huelva, sank in the North Sea off Hornsrev Light today after an explosion of undetermined origin. The Swedish steamer Sever Nergaard saved all of the twenty-one-man crew except the captain.

APPEAL TO SPANIARDS

Once Gay City Nothing But Shambles Now—British Freighter Destroyed

People Terrified

Great Britain and France Ask That Halt Be Called To Such Carnage

IS VITAL PROBLEM

Unemployment Has Become Question Affecting Peace, Order and Good Government, Says Farris

U.S. MUST PREPARE

Cannot Lay Country Open to Unpredictable Hazards, Declares Secretary of State

NEW YORK, March 19: (CP)—"It is my considered judgment that, in the present state of world affairs, to do less than is now proposed to do is to lay the country open to unpredictable hazards," declared Secretary of State Cordell Hull here in addressing the National Press Club. Mr. Hull said this in referring to the naval expansion program.

MORE AID IS ASKED

Municipal Convention Would Have Dominion Take Over Fifty Per Cent of Relief Now and All Later

OTTAWA, March 19: (CP)—The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities convention accepted from the resolutions committee, of which Mayor George C. Miller of Vancouver is chairman, a resolution asking the Dominion government to assume half the cost of relief in municipalities, pending taking over the entire cost including medical assistance and hospitalization.

The present plan provides grants-in-aid by the Dominion to the provinces which, in turn, assist the municipalities. In no case does the Dominion pay more than forty per cent.

Government Aids In Fight Against Floods In Fraser

VICTORIA, March 19: (CP)—The provincial government announces that pumping facilities in the lower Fraser Valley will be doubled as a flood precautionary measure.

REWARDS POSTED FOR RETURN OF TWO PRISONERS.

WINNIPEG, March 19: (CP)—Rewards of \$50 each have been posted for the return of two long term convicts who escaped from Stony Mountain Penitentiary ten days ago. Three in all escaped. One who was injured in making his getaway was recaptured but there was no success as yet in the hunt for the other two.

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 24-hour period ending 5 p.m. tomorrow.)

General Synopsis—The storm is dispersing after causing high winds on the coast. Pressure remains low over Northern British Columbia and mild weather prevails over the interior.

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The Commission will resume its hearing here on Monday.

BULLETINS

BABY DERBY SETTLED

TORONTO—Mr. Justice Middleton gave judgment in Ontario Supreme Court today ruling that the \$500,000 Charles Millar baby derby estate is to be divided between four Toronto mothers—Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Kathleen Nagle, Mrs. Isabel MacLean and Mrs. Alice Timlock. Each registered nine births within ten years of Millar's death in 1926. The judge threw out the claims of Mrs. Lillian Kenny and Mrs. Pauline Clarke.

MEXICO'S BOLD STROKE

MEXICO CITY—President Cardenas today expropriated British and American oil properties valued at more than \$400,000,000 in a bold stroke designed to end a two year conflict between labor and foreign capital. Simultaneously the Central Mexican Bank suspended dealings in foreign currency and the President indicated evaluation of the peso was under official consideration.

TWEEDSMUIR GOING HOME

OTTAWA—While no official announcement will be made until nearer the time of his departure, it is reported here that the Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir, will spend a holiday early this summer in England and Scotland.

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

OTTAWA—The House of Commons last night finally approved the War Veterans' Allowance Act pension extensions and sent the measure on to the Senate. South African veterans are now added to those who receive pensions of \$40 and \$20 per month after reaching sixty years of age.

HAPPY ONTARIO

TORONTO — For the second consecutive year, Premier Hepburn reports a surplus in ordinary accounts. This time the surplus is \$3,000,000. The Premier budgets for a surplus next year of \$287,677. There will be no increase in taxes and no new forms of taxation.

STAY WITH UNCLE SAM

People of Philippine Islands are Agreed Upon Inadvisability of Independence—Dominion Idea Favored

MANILA, March 19: (CP)—Government leaders of the Philippine Islands are agreed with President Manuel Quezon of the advisability of United States sovereignty being continued over the Philippines instead of complete independence which it had been agreed to grant in 1946.

A form of autonomous Dominion government for the Philippines under the United States is favored by a majority of the assembly. A plan somewhat similar to that of Canada in relation to Great Britain is pointed to.

Business and government leaders are agreed on this. Complete independence for the Philippines in view of the present international situation would be inadvisable, it is conceded, and might make a battleground of the country.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Table of stock prices including Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa markets.

FACTS OF RAILWAYS

Senator Murdock Suggests Plan to Save Taxpayers Without Endangering Employees

OTTAWA, March 19: (CP)—Senator James Murdock, speaking in the upper chamber on the Canadian railway situation, said that much propaganda was being broadcast about Canadian National deficits but nothing was said about the fact that Canadian railway rates were the lowest in the world.

Senator Murdock moved that a committee be appointed to investigate and recommend to the Senate plans whereby Canadian taxpayers would be saved \$75,000,000 annually in connection with the railways while at the same time railway labor was protected.

Canada Still Has Advantage

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19: (CP)—Even with equal tariff, it is stated, Canada would still have the advantage in the United Kingdom lumber market. It is contended, due to lower labor costs.

Polish-Lithuanian War Is Averted By Latter Giving In To Demands

Nothing Will Be Done to Humiliate Lesser Nation, Says Warsaw—Atmosphere Was Tense Pending Answer to Ultimatum

WARSAW, March 19: (CP)—War was apparently averted between Poland and Lithuania through unconditional acceptance by Lithuania of all Polish demands. News that there would be no war caused great satisfaction here. The Polish government has determined to do nothing that will humiliate Lithuania. The Lithuanian government has reportedly decided to establish normal diplomatic relations with Poland for the first time since 1920.

Pending an answer to the ultimatum to Lithuania last night, Polish troops had been moving up all day to the Lithuanian border in large numbers and were poised to commence an invasion should a satisfactory reply not have been given by the deadline. Among other things, Poland demanded that Lithuania relinquish all claims to the port of Vilna. There was a fever of excitement in Warsaw which died down today.

The neighboring nations of Latvia and Estonia were watching with grave alarm.

SEARCH IS GIVEN UP

Every Time Big Ship Gassed Up It Cost \$8000

EDMONTON, March 18: (CP)—The search for Alaska for Sigismund Levaneffsky, Russian transpolar flier, and his five companions, missing since last August on a projected flight from Moscow to the United States, having been abandoned, Sir George Hubert Wilkins and his two pilots, Herbert Hollick-Kenny and Al Cheeseman, arrived here yesterday from Aklavik enroute to New York.

REGINA, March 19: (CP)—Every time Sir Hubert Wilkins filled his huge ship with fuel at Aklavik, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, it cost the Soviet government \$2000. C. J. McFarlane, gasoline company representative, said in an address here.

Mr. McFarlane travelled 7000 miles by air, 1000 miles by boat and 1000 miles overland to carry gasoline and batteries for the searchers. Gasoline costs between \$4 and \$6 a gallon in the far north, because of transportation difficulties.

At Fairbanks, Alaska, he said, earthquakes occur sometimes at the rate of 70 a day. Aside from broken dishes and cracked walls, little damage was done.

FISHERMEN ORGANIZING

Central Assembly for Province is Being Formed—Prince Rupert Heard From

VANCOUVER, March 19: (CP)—A committee elected by representatives of seven British Columbia fishermen's organizations has laid plans for the formation of a central fishermen's assembly in the province. A committee was named at a meeting here attended by delegates from organizations chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada or affiliated with the Co-operative Union of Canada.

Two Prince Rupert organizations—the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative—were not represented but sent full reports to the meeting.

Well Known Flier Dies

W. Hunter Wells, Head of Wells Air Transport, is Victim of Heart Attack in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 19: (CP)—W. Hunter Wells, aged 42, manager of the Wells Air Transport and well known British Columbia flier, collapsed and died in Vancouver last night. Death is believed to have been due to heart failure.

Saskatchewan Redistribution

Size of Legislature in Prairie Province Reduced From 55 to 52 Seats

REGINA, March 19: (CP)—The government has presented to the legislature of Saskatchewan a redistribution bill which would make the membership of the provincial house fifty-two instead of fifty-five seats. Eight of the present constituencies disappear while five new ones are carved out.