

CHINESE IN GREAT VICTORY

JAPANESE LINES CRUMBLE AS DEFENDERS ADVANCE NO LESS THAN 7 MILES

Japanese Suffer Serious Reverse in Focal Shantung Province—Is Said to be First Thrust of General Counter-Offensive

SHANGHAI, May 3: (CP)—Chinese dispatches tonight reported a seven mile advance on the southern Shantung front, focal point of the Sino-Japanese war, and declared that Japanese lines had buckled completely under the Chinese onslaught. The advance is said to be the first thrust of a general Chinese offensive in which 500,000 men are ready to participate. Reports said that the advance had been made between Taierchwang, scene of the major Japanese defeat last month, and Pih sien, fifteen miles to the southeast in Kiangsu Province.

BANQUET ON MAY 19 CLIP WINGS OF OTTAWA

Executive of Horticultural Society Holds Meeting and Appoints Committees For Annual Event

There was a meeting of the executive of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society last evening when it was decided to hold the annual dinner meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 19. A committee consisting of President Charles Balagno, Mrs. C. J. Norrington and Dr. J. T. Mandy was appointed to have charge of all arrangements. The dinner is later than usual this year but it is expected that this may mean an increase in interest in gardeners in May than in March.

The ladies of the executive will have charge of table decorations. They are Mrs. R. M. Winslow, Mrs. Neal Carter and Mrs. C. J. Norrington, the understanding being that only Prince Rupert grown flowers will be used.

President Balagno will be in charge of the program for the evening. It being intimated that there would be musical numbers and that slides of local gardens will be shown if it is possible to arrange for this feature. Medals and trophies won at the last show will be formally presented.

A committee consisting of Charles Balagno, Frank Warne and F. Pullen was appointed to make recommendations for a slate of directors for the coming year. Officers to be chosen later from these. This is a change of procedure which it was thought best to introduce this year. It is understood that nominations may be made from the floor in addition to the recommended slate but in the past, so often members have been chosen who did not attend any of the meetings that it was decided to choose more carefully.

The outlook for the fall show was discussed at some length but no recommendation was made except that the show should be held at a later date than last year. The executive will have as its chief work the staging of the annual flower show.

A very interesting informal discussion took place in regard to the cases sustained by gardeners during the past winter. President Balagno told how he kept his dahlias so successfully that his losses on these was nil.

Those present at the meeting included C. P. Balagno, president; Frank Warne, secretary; Mrs. R. M. Winslow, Mrs. C. J. Norrington, Mrs. Neal Carter, Horace Duhamel and H. F. Pullen.

Stock Prices Still Falling
Values Drop For Fourth Consecutive Day on New York Exchange
NEW YORK, May 3.—Stock prices went down for the fourth consecutive day on the New York Exchange yesterday. The industrial average at closing was off 1.19; rails off .31, and utilities, off .10.

Federal Powers Should Be Curtained Rather Than Enlarged, Believes Ontario Premier

TORONTO, May 3: (CP)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn, in a submission to the Rowell Royal Commission on Dominion-provincial relations, yesterday declared his government's emphatic opposition to any enlargement of the power of the federal government. Any changes should be in the other direction, he declared.

Improvements To Smithers Streets

Gravelling Completed and Surface of Main Street is Now to Be Treated

SMITHERS, May 3.—The work of gravelling the streets at Smithers has been in rapid progress ever since the first of last week and was completed on Saturday night. A heavy coat of material has built up Main Street to replace the deterioration of a number of years and the streets of the town are now in better shape than they have been for a long time.
It is proposed to treat Main Street with a coating of calcium chloride to bind the gravel and lay the dust. A small application of this material was experimented with a year ago and gave good satisfaction.

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Their Majesties Tour Exposition Accompanied by Canadian Minister and Display Much Interest in This Dominion

GLASGOW, May 3: (CP)—King George VI opened the great Empire Exposition at Bella Houston Park on the banks of the Clyde today with a tribute to the vitality and initiative of the Scottish people. He spoke before 100,000 persons in the Stadium. Later he made a tour of the exhibition city, accompanied by Hon. Walter Elliott, Secretary for Scotland; Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, and escort of four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers with whom he chatted. Queen Elizabeth was also in the party.
Their Majesties showed special interest in the Dominion of Canada exhibit. They were attracted by the exhibit of the Canadian National Railways in particular and the enlarged photographs intrigued the Queen. "The parlor car chairs look very comfortable," she commented looking at a photograph of Canadian National equipment. "They are the ones that go 'round."

DRUMS ON THE STREET
HULL, England, May 3: (CP)—A Salvation Army adjutant in charge of a Sunday street march apologized to a Church of England vicar who claimed his service was disturbed. The army officer said he thought the church service was over.

RUSSIAN SUSPECT

Nephew of Leon Trotsky Questioned in Regard to Murder of Two California Women

WHITMAN, New Mexico, May 3:—Lyman Trotsky, a nephew of Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian Bolshevik leader, held here on a charge of wife desertion, is also being questioned in connection with the brutal murder a month ago in the west Texas bush country of Mrs. Weston Frome, socially prominent Berkeley, California, woman and her daughter, Nancy. Mrs. Frome and her daughter, it will be remembered, were motoring across the continent for a visit when they were clubbed to death and their partially stripped bodies left by a desert roadside.

No Fire Damage Here In April

Alarms So Far This Year Total 33 As Compared With Twenty In 1937

The city fire department responded to five alarms during the month of April this year. There were two grass fires, one chimney fire, one false alarm and one gas-boiler explosion. There was no damage in any case. Alarms so far this year have numbered 33 in comparison with 20 during the first four months of 1937.

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—A storm centered off the Queen Charlotte Islands is causing rain with high winds on the British Columbia coast. The weather has been mostly fair inland.
Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Strong winds or moderate gales mostly southeast cooler with rain.
West Coast of Vancouver Island — Southeast to southwest winds increasing to moderate gales, cool and showery.

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Tomorrow's Tides
High 3:40 a.m. 21.0 ft.
16:48 p.m. 18.2 ft.
Low 10:30 a.m. 2.4 ft.
22:40 p.m. 7.6 ft.

Hospital Contract Is Awarded

Reopening Of Anyox Mine Now Likely
The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. officially announces that "there appears to be a definite possibility of a future operation" at Anyox. A program of diamond drilling, the company intimates, has shown the existence of 3,750,000 tons of ore in the mine, the copper value being slightly higher than was at first anticipated. Preparations are now under way for a more intimate exploration of the deposit.

LOG SCALE HOLDING UP
Month of April Not So High As Year Ago But 1938 To Date Keeps Ahead
Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of April this year totalled 2,694,684 board feet as compared with 3,315,899 board feet in the same month last year. Despite the decrease in the month's scale, the aggregate for 1938 to date is still well ahead of a year ago at 7,856,926 board feet in comparison with 4,439,396 board feet.

Bennett And White Are Given Job; New Unit Cost \$105,000
Plan is to Start Construction as Soon As Victoria Has Given Final Approval to Revised Plans
The board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, in special session last night, accepted a tender from the Bennett & White Construction Co. of Vancouver for the construction of a new 47-bed unit to the local hospital. The original tender of Bennett & White, the lowest of five submitted, was \$114,688. Certain changes were made which brought this figure down to \$104,388 on the basis of which the board intends to proceed with construction.

TODAY'S STOCKS
(Compiled by D. Johnston Co.)
Vancouver
B. C. Nickel, 16.
Big Missouri, 36.
Bralorne, 8.75.
Aztec, .07.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.18.
Dentonia, .08.
Golconda, .04.
Minto, .02 1/4.
Fairview, .03.
Noble Five, .02 1/2.
Pend Orielle, 1.52.
Pioneer, 3.00.
Porter Idaho, .02 1/2.
Reeves, 1.98.
Reeves McDonald, .26.
Reno, .52.
Relief Arlington, .15.
Reward, .04.
Salmon Gold, .07.
Taylor Bridge, .04.
Premier Border, .01.
Sib'ak Premier, 1.65.
Home Gold, .01 1/4.
Grandview, .06 1/4.
Indian, .02.
Quatsino Copper, .02 1/2.
Haide, .07.
Oils
A. P. Con., 21.
Calmont, .40.
C. & E., 2.50.
Freehold, .06.
McDougall Secur., 19.
Mercury, .10 1/2.
Okalta, 1.67.
Pacalta, .09.
Home Oil, 1.30.
Toronto
Beattie, 1.10.
Central Patricia, 2.50.
Gods Lake, .43.
Little Long Lac, 4.10.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.02.
Red Lake Gold Shore, .19.
Pickle Crow, 4.60.
San Antonio, 1.22.
Sherritt Gordon, 1.07.
Smelters Gold, .01.
McLeod Cockshutt, 3.45.
Okland, .20.
Moshier, .37.
Madsen, .30.
Stadacona, .74.
Francour, .38.
Moneta, 2.08.
Thompson Cadillac, .30 1/2.
Bankfield, .73.
East Malartic, 1.67.
Preston E. Dome, .77.
Hutchinson Lake, .05.
Dawson White, .04 1/4.
Aldermac, .45.
Kerr Addison, 1.75.
Uchi Gold, 1.55.
Int. Nickel, 45.75.
Noranda, 57.50.
Cons. Smelters, 54.50.
Athona, .10.
Hardrock, 2.18.
Barber Ellis, .38.
Rand Malartic, .40.

Italy Has Great Show For Hitler
ROME, May 3.—Receiving the greatest welcome accorded a foreign visitor by Italy in modern times, Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and his retinue arrived in this country today. A mighty display of armed strength on land, water and in the air will be staged for the benefit of Der Fuehrer.

Missionary Head Visits District
Rev. Dr. George Dorey Preached Here and at Port Simpson Sunday
Rev. Dr. George Dorey of Toronto, assistant secretary of home missions for the United Church of Canada, is paying a visit to this district on official duties. He arrived on Saturday night's train from Hazelton, preached in First United Church here Sunday morning, was at Port Simpson Sunday evening and, aboard the mission boat Thomas Crosby, was here again yesterday morning on his way down the coast. At Port Simpson Sunday evening he preached in the new Grace United Church and, while there, inspected church missionary property including the hospital, schools etc.

Halibut Sales
Summary
American—None.
Canadian — 36,000 pounds, 6.9c and 4c and 7c and 4c.
Canadian
Clipper II, 17,000, Cold Storage, 6.9c and 4c.
Atli, 14,000, Booth, 7c and 4c.
Joe Baker, 5,000, Atlin, 7c and 4c.

Today's Weather
(Government "Telegrams")
Prince Rupert—Light showers southeast wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 29.51 (falling); temperature, 41; sea smooth.
Triple Island — Raining, east southeast wind, 16 miles per hour; moderate chop.
Langara Island—Raining, southeast wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.16; temperature 40; light swell.
Dead Tree Point — Part cloudy, showery, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.59; temperature, 43; light chop.
Bull Harbor—Light rain, southeast wind, fifteen miles per hour; barometer 29.70; temperature, 39; moderate swell.
Alert Bay—Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 29.80; temperature, 38; sea rough.
Estevan — Raining, southeast wind, 32 miles per hour; barometer, 29.88.
Victoria—Cloudy, westerly wind, 12 miles per hour; barometer, 30.00.
Vancouver — Raining, southerly wind, eight miles per hour; barometer, 30.00.
Prince George—Cloudy, northerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.74.
Terrace—Cloudy, southeast wind, temperature 42.
Alyansh—Cloudy, calm, 42.
Alice Arm—Cloudy, calm, 46.
Anyox—Cloudy, calm, 41.
Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 43.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 46.
Smithers—Cloudy, calm, 44.
Burns Lake—Light snow, calm, 33.

NEW SWISS FAMILIES
Settlers From Alps Country Arrive in Smithers District—Farm Near Lake Kathlyn Taken
SMITHERS, May 3.—Several families of Swiss settlers arrived in Smithers at the beginning of last week to make new homes in the Bulkley Valley.
They have been looking over the country and visiting with their compatriots who came here a year ago and think that this district is especially adapted for their nationals.
One of the new arrivals, Mr. Detwiler, has already arranged to purchase the Mesich farm near Lake Kathlyn and will take possession immediately.

VICE-CHAIRMAN QUILTS
LONDON, May 3: (CP) — Disagreement with the Chamberlain government's foreign policy led to resignation of Harold Nicholson, National-Labor M.P. (Leicester) from the vice-chairmanship of the foreign affairs committee of government supporters in Commons.

HOW INSKIP SPEAKS
LONDON, May 3: (CP)—Observing attitudes of Sir Thomas Inskip in a speech it was noted the British defense co-ordinator for the first three minutes stood on tiptoe and for the last 12 stood like a stork on his left foot, his right cocked up on a chair behind him.

BAR SILVER
NEW YORK: (CP) — Bar silver was unchanged at 42 3/4c per fine ounce on the New York metal market today.