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Tomorrow's Tides		
High	9:30 a.m.	18.4 ft.
	21:55 p.m.	16.4 ft.
Low	2:42 a.m.	8.3 ft.
	15:48 p.m.	8.2 ft.

**Weather Forecast**  
 Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong east winds or gales, shifting to southeast. Continued unsettled and mild with rain.

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## ANY DIE IN PURGE

130 Persons Are Liquidated in Czechoslovakia

November 20:—Havas agency estimates that 130 persons have been executed in the Nazi authorities in the purge of Czech opponents of the regime. It is estimated that there have been 50,000 arrests. President Edouard Benes decried the names of the martyrs down in history as did that of Edith Cavell in the First World War.

General strike is threatened in protest at the execution of the Nazi authorities who are ready to act quickly.

Britain Blamed  
 November 20:—Hostile propaganda, principally from Great Britain, is blamed for the unrest in Czechoslovakia. It is pointed out that the Czechs, under General Benes, are enjoying freedom from war which Austria did not know in 1914.

## BRITAIN IS CONFIDENT

Belshia, After Visiting Front, No Doubt About Who Will Win War

November 20: (CP)—Great Britain is confident of winning the war. The British Secretary of War, Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belshia, in Paris following a visit to the Western Front where he conferred with the British commander-in-chief, Viscount Gort. "This war is a 'light' in the kind we have never known before," Hore-Belshia said. The Secretary for War expressed his satisfaction with the operations of the British forces. He paid tribute to the high morale of the French Army which he described as "the finest in the world."

Hore-Belshia is now conferring with Marshall Gamelin, Allied commander-in-chief, and Premier Chamberlain in Paris.

## British Liners Listed As Sunk

Several Vessels

November 20:—The British Aquitania, Mauretania, Queen Mary, Empress of Russia, Britannic, Caledonia are among vessels which have been listed by Germany as having been torpedoed and sunk without notice.

## German Planes Flying Over Holland

Several Aircraft

November 20:—German aircraft continue to fly over Holland and Belgium in disregard of the neutrality of those nations. Yesterday and yesterday Dutch planes opened fire on Germans which replied immediately. There was a battle between three Dutch and three German planes. Shortly after the firing the German planes disappeared in the direction of the sea.

Similar flights by German planes over Belgian territory are being protested by the Belgian government.

## Five Killed In German Railway Wreck On Sunday

Accident

November 20: (CP)—Nine persons were killed and twenty injured in an accident to the Berlin-Berlin Express train not far from Berlin.

## CONTACTING BATTLESHIP

German Rendezvous

LONDON, Nov. 20:—Liners, which had taken refuge in the war in Portuguese East Africa, slipped away. It is believed they may be making rendezvous with fuel and food for the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer which is now believed to be in Indian Ocean waters.

## HIGH WATER GOING DOWN

Vancouver Island People Are Now Able To Return To Their Evacuated Homes

ZEBALLOS, November 20: (CP)—Flood waters on Vancouver Island receded over the week-end. Residents of Privateer Flats near here were able yesterday to return to their homes which they had evacuated last week. Roads are being temporarily repaired.

On the East Coast of Vancouver Island the flood waters have also subsided. Evacuated homes at Campbell River, are being re-occupied.

## General Smuts Is Backed Up In Elections

South African Senatorial Elections

CAPETOWN, Nov. 20: (CP)—In South African senatorial elections, thirty-eight supporters of Premier Jan C. Smuts have been elected with an opposition of twenty-four.

## BOMBING IN PICCADILLY

Four Missiles Explode—Irish Republican Army Blamed

LONDON, November 20:—Four bombs exploded in Piccadilly, London, Saturday evening, doing some damage and injuring some persons. It is believed to have been the work of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The bombings took place during the theatre hour but, owing to the blackout, not many were on the streets.

## Chungking Is Bombed Again

Sixtieth Air Raid of War On Provisional Capital of Nationalist China

CHUNGKING, China, November 20:—Half a million residents of Chungking, provisional capital of China and seat of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government, took to air raid shelters late Saturday in the sixtieth Japanese air raid of the city. Neither United States or British ambassadors were in the city.

## Activities On Western Front

German Artillery Fire Is Lived Up—Nazi Soldiers Killed In Skirmish

PARIS, Nov. 20: (CP)—There was heavy German artillery fire south of Saarbruecken on the Western Front Sunday. German pursuit planes were also active. There were aerial reconnaissances as well. In one skirmish six German soldiers were killed and one taken prisoner. East of the Moselle River the Allies are continuing to dig in with heavy concentrations of troops and mechanized equipment.

# Nine Vessels Sunk By Mines In Neutral Shipping Lanes; Death List Placed At 177 Persons

Sinking of Dutch Liner Simon Bolivar, With Loss of 126 Lives, Worst Merchant Shipping Casualty Of War

LONDON, November 20: (CP)—Mines have at least temporarily supplanted submarines as the leading sea menace off the British coast today with nine vessels reported sunk in the North Sea over the week-end, 177 persons being dead or missing. The British Admiralty charges that the sinkings were in contravention of international law and of the dictates of humanity since the mines were placed in the channel used by both British and neutral ships without warning. Newspapers spoke of it as "bloody murder."

The sinkings included the following:  
 British trawler Wigmore with crew of sixteen.  
 British collier Torchbearer, 1267 tons.  
 British ship Pensilva, 4,258 tons.  
 British freighter Blackhill, 2,492 tons.  
 Dutch passenger liner Simon Bolivar, 8,309 tons.  
 Italian freighter Grazia, 5,887 tons.  
 Swedish freighter B. O. Borpesen, 1,586 tons.  
 Jugo-Slav freighter Carica Milica, 6,371 tons.  
 Lithuanian freighter Kaunas, 1,521 tons.

With estimated loss of 126 lives, the Dutch passenger liner Simon Bolivar was sunk in the North Sea by striking a German mine in the main shipping channel 20 miles off the British coast. The Simon Bolivar was enroute to the West Indies from Amsterdam with 400 persons, including many women and children, on board. There were two explosions, the first directly below the bridge, killing the captain. Two hundred and sixty survivors have been landed on the east coast of England. Some were seriously injured. The disaster is the worst suffered by merchant shipping since the war began.

The crew of sixteen was lost in the Wigmore.

Four of the Torchbearer's crew, reported to have numbered thirteen, were landed at an English port.

The entire crew of the Pensilva was saved.

Some lives were lost in the mining and sinking of the Blackhill.

Fred G. Brown of Vancouver was one of the members of the crew of the Carica Milica, having signed on at Victoria.

Five are reported to have perished in the Italian ship, six in the Swedish, four in the Lithuanian and one in the Jugo-Slav.

The Italian was the first ship of that nationality to become the victim of German marine warfare.

The laying of these illegal mines in utter disregard of neutral shipping by the Nazis is described by the British as gangster methods of sea warfare, exemplifying the extremes to which Germany is now resorting in its fury over the British blockade and the failure of its submarine campaign.

It is believed that the mines are being laid by submarines in the neutral shipping lanes.

A dispatch from Copenhagen states that the Danish-American Line motorship Canada was sunk two weeks ago by hitting a mine. This ship, it was previously thought, had been a torpedo victim.

## Bulletins

**NEW BRUNSWICK VOTES**  
 FREDERICTON—Voters of New Brunswick are at the polls in the provincial election today. There are 98 candidates for 48 seats. All candidates but two are Liberals or Conservatives. There is one C.C.F. candidate and one Independent Liberal.

**ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT**  
 LONDON—The London Daily Herald reports an attempt to assassinate President Hacha of Czechoslovakia. He was fired upon by young workers at Prague.

**GERMAN SHOT DOWN**  
 THE HAGUE—A German military plane was shot down by Dutch anti-aircraft fire today, the pilot being killed. The plane was flying over Dutch territory near the frontier. Official Dutch circles deny receiving a warning from Germany against shooting down Nazi planes over Dutch territory. German troops are still massed on the Dutch frontier and there is no sign of them being withdrawn.

**DENIES RESPONSIBILITY**  
 BERLIN—The German Admiralty denies responsibility for the laying of mines in neutral shipping areas in the North Sea and declares that the mines were laid by the British in order to influence neutral nations to take sides against Germany.

**WILHELM NEAR DEATH**  
 DOORN—Former Kaiser Wilhelm had a narrow escape when three large trees were uprooted in a storm and fell across a path over which he had just passed. The former Emperor displayed considerable nervousness after the incident. Nine seamen lost their lives in the storm.

**HIGH WATER AT FRONT**  
 PARIS—Flood waters stalled overland war operations along the entire front today, forcing Germans to evacuate a number of inundated positions. An artillery exchange south of Saarbruecken was one of the day's features. Violent storms kept German troops busy yesterday removing uprooted trees, a German news agency reported today.

**GERMANS DRIVEN OFF**  
 LONDON—German planes visited the Firth of Forth and the Thames Estuary today. They soared at great height and were driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

## Nazi Spies In Turkey Arrested

Also Charged With Disseminating Propaganda—Germans Who Have Been With Air Force Ordered To Leave

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Nov. 20:—Eight Germans, charged with espionage and disseminating Nazi propaganda, have been arrested here.

Germans, who have been serving with the Turkish air force, as well as others, have been ordered to return to the Reich.

## WHEAT PRICES

WINNIPEG, November 20: (CP)—Wheat futures were 1/4c to 3/8c lower on the Winnipeg market Friday with December closing at 70c. In New York Saturday the wheat market turned stronger 1/4c to 1/2c higher with May at 85 1/2c.

## Submarines On Pacific?

ROME, November 20: (CP)—There are reports here of a secret agreement between Soviet Russia and Germany whereby the former would supply the latter with submarines at Vladivostok, the undersea craft to be used for harassing British shipping on the Pacific Ocean. The possibility of the report being German propaganda is not overlooked.

## HIS STORY NOT LIKED

So Beach Conger, New York Herald-Tribune, Accepts Suggestion To Leave Germany

AMSTERDAM, November 20: (CP)—Beach Conger, Berlin correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune, arrived here yesterday and announced that the German authorities had informed him "it would be best to leave" because of a story he wrote.

## Egypt Fully Co-Operating

Full Support To Great Britain is Pledged in Speech From Throne at Cairo

CAIRO, Nov. 20:—Whole-hearted co-operation with Great Britain in the pursuit of the war was the keynote of Egyptian policy as enunciated in the Speech from the Throne in the presence of King Farouk at the opening of the Egyptian Parliament.

## ATTACK ON DESTROYER

Exploit Of German Bomber In North Sea, However, Proves Ineffectual

LONDON, November 20: (CP)—The Admiralty announced today that a German airplane had made an unsuccessful bombing attack on a British destroyer in the North Sea.

## First American Military Planes

Five Ships, First of Many To Be Delivered, Arrive In Canada From United States

OTTAWA, November 20: (CP)—Delivery has been made of five military aircraft by United States manufacturers to Canada. These are the first of many which will be used in connection with the Imperial aviation training program in Canada.

## Another Turkish Delegation For Great Britain

Government of Turkey Is Sending Another Mission To London To Discuss Trade and Finance

ISTANBUL, Nov. 20.—The government of Turkey is sending another mission to London to discuss trade and finance.

## ESSEX IS ALARMED

Air Raid Signals Given But No Bombs Dropped

LONDON, November 20:—Passage of unidentified aircraft caused air raid alarms to be sounded on the Essex Coast of England early Sunday. Thirty minutes later the "all clear" signals were given. No bombs were dropped.

There were raid alarms for twenty minutes over the Firth of Forth on the appearance of German planes flying high.

## DR. MANION TO RESCUE

Dominion Conservative Leader Ministers to Injuries of Fireman in Kamloops Train Collision

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20: (CP)—Trainmen described today how Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Dominion Conservative leader, used doctor's skill to aid Fireman O. A. Cross who was injured when he jumped from the cab just before a freight train sideswiped a Canadian National Railway passenger train at Kamloops. Cross suffered an injured shoulder and severe head cuts, Dr. Manion bandaging him up before he was sent to hospital.

The locomotive and express car of the passenger train were derailed. The passengers were all hurt by the collision but none were hurt seriously.

Dr. Manion, who is here on an informal tour of the west, declined to make any political comments.

## Young Men Hurt When Home Made Car Overturns

Two Young Men Were Injured When a Home-Made Automobile Overturned Yesterday on Marine Drive in North Vancouver. One Suffered a Fractured Skull and is in Rather a Serious Condition

VANCOUVER, November 20: (CP)—Two young men were injured when a home-made automobile overturned yesterday on Marine Drive in North Vancouver. One suffered a fractured skull and is in rather a serious condition.

## To Prosecute Fruit Combine

Orders Are Given by Attorney General to Vancouver Barrister to Institute Proceedings

VICTORIA, Nov. 20: (CP)—Attorney General Gordon Wismer has instructed H. I. Bird, Vancouver solicitor, to prepare indictments against persons allegedly involved in the Okanagan fruit combine.

## Swiss Hurt By Anti-Aircraft Shell Splinters

Basle, Switzerland, November 20:—A Swiss soldier and a young woman were among three persons who were injured on Saturday by splintering anti-aircraft shells after foreign planes, flying high over Switzerland, were fired upon by Swiss anti-aircraft batteries. Protest has been delivered to the French government.

## Fired Upon By Trapped Bandit

Victoria Man Has Narrow Escape In Automobile Sales Office At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, November 20: (CP)—Bruce Lowe of Victoria escaped death when a burglar, trapped in an automobile sales office, fired a shot at him. He had entered the building with H. C. Lupton, manager, to investigate an open door.

## JAPAN AND SOVIET IN FRIENDSHIP

Agree To Settle Border Dispute And Negotiate Trade Agreement of Common Interest

MOSCOW, November 20: (CP)—Soviet Russian official sources reported progress today in negotiations to improve relations with Japan while the press continued to attack Finland for "increasing preparations for war."

The official News Agency announced that agreement had been reached on "composition and functions" of a mixed commission to establish a boundary between Outer Mongolia and Manchoukuo, which has been the subject of recent clashes. The commission is to meet in Siberia soon.

It is also announced that Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov and the Japanese ambassador to Russia have found a "community of interest" with a view to negotiating a trade agreement.

## M'NAUGHTON IS PLEASED

Commander-in-Chief of First Division Pays Tribute To Men He Will Lead To European War

OTTAWA, November 20: (CP)—Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief of Canada's first division for overseas service, in a joint press conference at the week-end with Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of national defence, said, following a trip across Canada, that the Canadian Expeditionary force, when it took its place in France, would be as well equipped as possible and certainly quite as good as the British force. It was being organized without haste, General McNaughton said, but with thoroughness and dispatch. He was highly pleased with the morale of the various units and had been impressed with the high quality of the men and their seriousness. They were not looking upon overseas service as a great adventure as had been the case in the last war, but with a keener realization of the threat against democracy and civilization which they were resolved upon fighting.

Mr. Rogers said that all essentials would be in the hands of the Canadian troops at an early date.

## Newfoundland To Raise Forestry Corps For War

LONDON, Nov. 20: (CP)—The British government has asked Newfoundland to raise a forestry corps of two thousand men. The ages will be between eighteen and fifty years.

## Escaped German Prisoners Have Been Recaptured

LONDON, November 20:—Three young German prisoners of war, two seventeen years of age and one only fifteen, were recaptured after having escaped Saturday from an interment camp in southern Scotland. The boys are members of a submarine crew which was captured by the u-boat had been sunk by the British Navy.

## Prominent Doctors Meet In Victoria

Victoria, Nov. 20: (CP)—Prominent physicians and surgeons of United States and Canada are gathered here for the convention of the North Pacific Surgical Association now in session here.