

Tomorrow's Tides
High 4:54 a.m. 18.7 ft.
17:09 p.m. 20.0 ft.
Low 10:55 a.m. 5.5 ft.
23:40 p.m. 5.1 ft.

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Weather Forecast
Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Fresh to strong southerly winds, mostly cloudy with occasional light rains.

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Europe Having Another War Scare

JAPANESE RETALIATE

Pressure On Great Britain Being Increased As Result Of Rejection Of Demands
TOKYO, August 19: (CP)—Following the rejection by Great Britain yesterday of Japanese demands that economic questions be included in the Tientsin discussions, Japan prepared to take further retaliatory measures against Britain. New pressure will be put on the British settlement in Tientsin and there will be a boycott on British goods at Peking and elsewhere in China where the Japanese are in control. Japan was yesterday told by Great Britain that any discussion of economic questions must be referred to all signatories of the nine-power treaty and other related treaties. This is not to the liking of Japan.

C.I.O. WINS BIG FIGHT

Chosen By Detroit Automobile Workers as Bargaining Agency Over Federation of Labor
DETROIT, Aug. 19.—By a vote of 70 to one, automobile workers have accepted the Congress on Industrial Organization as their bargaining agency in preference to the American Federation of Labor. The early settlement of strike difficulties in some automobile manufacturing plants here is now anticipated.

Beam Station Is Ineffective

Extensive Changes Will Have to Be Made in Equipment at Gracina Island
KETCHIKAN, Aug. 19.—The Gracina Island radio beam station is not functioning satisfactorily and the equipment will be replaced as soon as possible, it is announced. One of the difficulties to the transmission of an accurate beam has been mineralization occurrences in the neighborhood, it is stated.

INVESTIGATE B.C. ELECTRIC

Public Utilities Commission Looking Into Charges of Company and Its Value of Properties
VICTORIA, Aug. 19: (CP)—The Provincial Public Utilities Commission has opened an investigation into the charges of the British Columbia Electric Railway and will make an appraisal of all holdings of the company and its subsidiaries.

Illinois Held To Blame For Low Oil Price

ORDMORE, Oklahoma, August 19.—Unlimited production in Illinois is blamed by the bloc of southern oil stations for upsetting the plan to restore a \$1 per barrel crude oil price. Four years ago Illinois produced no more than 10,000 barrels daily. Today it produces 250,000 barrels. The southern states are endeavouring to obtain Illinois co-operation in connection with their two weeks' shutdown plan in the effort to stabilize the price.

SINGAPORE IS STRONG

Great Britain Makes Island Fortress at Ocean Crossways Virtually Impregnable
SINGAPORE, Aug. 19: (CP)—The story of Singapore's ear-splitting 18-inch guns is still a good story, and very appropriate to the times. It comes forth, unflinchingly, as soon as you raise the question of modern-day military defence for this world-famous centre of the British Empire's shipping. "Well," says your host, smiling broadly, "we're supposed to have the three largest guns in the world here. "Really tremendous things, these guns. Made during the Great War and intended for a super-battleship and then sent out here instead. So large that the military people have to issue a warning in the newspapers when they intend firing them for practice—so that people living within a radius of several miles can get their pictures off the walls and get cotton in their ears."

A Joke, But— This is offered as a mild joke, as you look across the open hotel verandah at the palms, with the ship-crowded harbor only a short distance away. But even in little jests like this you sense the serious concern in Singapore over the state of affairs in the Far East. Also, the public satisfaction with the manner in which Singapore is being fortified against possible attack.

For the famous 18-inchers, guaranteed to burst eardrums at 100 yards, are but a small part of the armaments the British have assembled at this amazing ocean crossways. And this tropical island, about 20 miles long and 15 wide, commanding the nine-mile-wide sea passage and connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans, today is regarded as virtually impregnable. It is no secret that this extravagant attention has had in mind the possibility of a clash between British and Japanese interests. It was Japan's advance as a world power after the Great War that gave Britain her first real worries about Singapore. To Nipponese hopes of "southward expansion by water," Singapore is an obstacle. Now, with Japanese troops in South China, and the Japanese flag on Hainan Island, south of Hong Kong, the defence of Singapore is more important than ever.

It is notable that Singapore's defence is solely a land and air combination. The theory is that Singapore must leave British naval forces free to go where needed.

To Any Lengths Singapore's defences include the most modern anti-aircraft weapons. An air force is building rapidly. Ten thousand British soldiers are garrisoned there. And the great new naval base at Selat, 15 miles from Singapore City, in an area cleared from tropical jungle, is nearly completed. One of the weak links in this defence, in common with that of Hong Kong, is food supply. Singapore must import most of its food. Even if the entire Malay Peninsula could be turned to food production, it is said, it would not suffice. In Singapore now are some 6,000 Japanese—small merchants and skilled laborers and fishermen. Their position has its difficulties. They are watched closely. But there has been no trouble between Chinese and Japanese here, despite a fairly lavish patriotism on the part of the former. Singapore is too well policed, and too cautiously interested in the future to permit anything like riots.

Halibut Sales American Majestic, 28,000, Pacific, 8.3c and Frisco, 7,000, Cold Storage, 8.3c and 6c.

Alaska Cannery Tender Founders

KETCHIKAN, Aug. 19.— Coastguard and other rescue vessels rushed last night to Coronation Island where the New England Fish Co.'s cannery tender W. C. Arnold, carrying a crew of seven to nine men, had foundered.

PERMISSION FOR FLIGHT

Big Japanese Plane to Come This Way in Course of Tokyo to New York Trip
WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 19.—Permission has been given by the United States for a twin-motored Japanese airplane to fly over Alaska and other United States territory in the course of a round-the-world flight this fall. The flight is to commence from Japan before September 30. The route will be northward from Tokyo via the Aleutians to Fairbanks and thence down the Pacific slope towards New York. The plane will carry six men, two of whom will be Japanese diplomats.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC

Another Central Chinese City Affected With Malady
CHUNGKING, China, Aug. 19.—A severe epidemic of cholera is reported at Wuchang. Foreign sources said Chinese are not permitted to pass in or out of the city and that foreigners are subjected to a disinfectant bath.

New Egyptian Gov't Formed

Alemar Pasha Continues as Premier, Holding Principal Cabinet Portfolios Himself
CAIRO, Aug. 19.—Premier Alemar Pasha, whose administration recently resigned, has formed a new cabinet in which he himself holds the principal portfolios. The panel has been submitted to King Fuad for his approval.

Northwest Fires Checked By Rain

Situation In Yellowknife Mining District Less Serious Now Than It Was
EDMONTON, August 19: (CP)—Heavy rains of the past few days are reported to have effectively checked serious forest fires in the Yellowknife mining district of the Northwest Territories.

Thanksgiving Day Date Change Not Wholly Favored

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 19.—Twenty-six of the forty-eight states have accepted the new Thanksgiving Day date of November 23 as set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Twelve have definitely repudiated the date and would stay by November 30. Others are on the fence.

OFFICERS ACQUITTED

Charges Of Mayor Telford Against Two Vancouver Policemen Thrown Out
VANCOUVER, August 19: (CP)—Constables Eldon Pinkerton and Hugh Hamilton of the Vancouver city police force were acquitted in County Court yesterday on charges of demanding and receiving two bottles of rum from Harvey McKibbin, taxi driver, to halt speeding charge proceedings against him. The charges were based on information obtained by Mayor Lyle Telford. The case was heard by Judge David Whiteside of New Westminster.

"I have no hesitation in acquitting both these officers," Judge David Whiteside said, adding that he did not believe the evidence of McKibbin or Frank Godber.

Wide Gains Made In Air Traffic

Trans-Canada Airplanes Travel 1,278,626 Miles In Six Months
MONTREAL, August 19: (CP)—A distance equivalent to more than 51 times around the world was flown by airplanes of TransCanada Airlines in the 1,278,626 revenue miles travelled during the first six months of 1939.

Statistics released by T. C. A. headquarters here show a mileage increase in each succeeding month. June's total of 252,186 was greater by 28,676 miles than the May total, which topped April by 7,507. Further increase has resulted from the new daytime service now operating between Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

Mail totalling 192,148 pounds, or more than 90 tons, was carried by T. C. A. planes during the six month period. The transcontinental air mail service, in operation only four months of the six, handled about 12 tons more mail than the aggregate tonnage of the 15 planes in the fleet. Each of the T. C. A. Super Electras weighs 11,200 pounds.

Retired Admiral Back in States

Harry E. Yarnell, Late Commander-in-Chief in Orient, Lands Home At San Francisco
SAN FRANCISCO, August 19:—Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, who has just retired as commander-in-chief of the United States Navy in Far East waters, arrived here on the President Coolidge yesterday. Piled with questions by newspapermen in regard to the Oriental situation, Admiral Yarnell had no comments to make other than that the chief event as far as the United States was concerned had been the sinking of the gunboat Panay.

Mrs. Yarnell was more communicative. She said that her husband had been the mainstay of the whole international situation in the Orient and that all foreign nationals regarded him as such.

Campbell's New Boat Is Fast

Bluebird II Covers Measured Mile At 141 Per Hour
CONISTON, Eng., Aug. 19.—Sir Malcolm Campbell, in the first test of his 1800 horsepower speedboat Bluebird II on Coniston water, covered a measured mile at 110 miles an hour. He later shattered his own record of 129.5 miles per hour by travelling at 141.74 miles per hour.

U.S. Government Is Buying Cotton

Purchases 1,670,000 Bales to Complete British Barter Deal
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19: (CP)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace announces that the government has secured title to 1,670,000 bales of 1934 cotton. This will be used to complete the cotton-rubber barter deal with Great Britain and make delivery to Spain, France and Switzerland.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—Pressure remains high off the B. C. coast and westward. Light showers have occurred on the North coast, but the weather has been fair and warm throughout the interior. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate to fresh north-westerly winds, fair and warmer.

Germany Said To Be Moving Toward Military Occupation Of Slovakia Against Pledge

Danzig Coup Coming Soon

BERLIN, Aug. 19:—Nazi quarters contended today that settlement of the Danzig problem is a question of days. They compared the present status of the Danzig issue to that of ten days or two weeks before the Sudeten settlement last year. Premier Mussolini, still hoping to keep Italy at peace, is reported to have sent a message to Chancellor Hitler urging moderation and a get-together with Poland.

IS READY FOR TEST

Los Angeles Aircraft Firm Progressing With Bomber Contract
SANTA MONICA, Aug. 19.—The first of 100 fast fighting planes for the French Air Corps is ready for flying tests today at the Douglas Aircraft plant. France is paying \$10,000,000 for the ships which will fly faster than 300 miles an hour with a full load of bombs.

New Indian Agent Former Missionary

William Christie, Named to Bella Coola, Was With Roman Catholic Church
William Christie of Southbank, whose appointment as new Indian Agent at Bella Coola is announced, is a former missionary of the Roman Catholic Church. While new in the service of the department, he is understood to have had considerable experience with the Indians. He is a married man with five children.

Betty Lowman In Canoe Again

Leaves Ketchikan For Port Alexander After Her Trip In Halibut Boat
KETCHIKAN, August 19.—Betty Lowman, canoe girl of Anacortes, who arrived here a few days ago from Juneau after making a sixteen day trip with the halibut boat Norland and getting her share of \$100 like the rest of the fishermen, has taken to her canoe again. She left here for Port Alexander.

Alabama Flood Proves Serious

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, Aug. 19:—Serious flood conditions on the Alabama River, centering around Selma and also affecting the capital city, have rendered 3500 persons, homeless and have done extensive damage.

Troops Being Deployed Along Polish-Slovak Frontiers—Concern Felt in Official Circles in France—Pope Prays to God to Prevent Outbreak

BRATISLAVA, August 19: (CP)—A Bratislava broadcast last night said that, because of the "existing situation," Germany was taking military possession of Slovakia but this could not be confirmed in Berlin. German troops were deployed along the Polish-Slovak frontiers for at least one hundred miles, a far greater zone than that fixed by treaty last March when Germany guaranteed Slovakia's independence for twenty-five years. In Paris concern was felt in official quarters over reports of German military preparations. Informants said the government "from now on is taking necessary measures to meet any eventualities." British-French resolution to oppose "any attempt at a blow of force under whatever form it may appear" was stressed anew. At Castel Gandolfo, the Papal summer residence, Pope Pius appealed to God to prevent outbreak of a new war and to statesmen not to take lightly "the serious responsibility of making an appeal to force."

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Clear, west wind, 2 miles per hour; barometer, 30.30; temperature, 54; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.43; temperature, 50; sea smooth.
Bull Harbor—Clear, west wind, 2 miles per hour; barometer, 30.28; temperature, 55; sea smooth.
Triple Island—Overcast, south-east wind, 5 miles per hour; sea smooth.
Langara Island—Overcast, south wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 30.25; temperature, 58; light chop.
Dead Tree Point—Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 30.32; temperature, 60; sea smooth.
Victoria—Calm, clear; barometer, 30.20.
Estevan—Calm, clear; barometer, 30.17.
Vancouver—Clear, northwest wind, 15 miles per hour; barometer, 30.19.
Prince George—Clear, south wind, 2 miles per hour; barometer, 30.42.
Bull Harbor—Clear, west wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 30.29.

PLANE DISABLED

A Ginger Cootie Airways seaplane, carrying H. R. MacMillan, president of B. C. Packers, and party on a cannery inspection tour, was unable to get off the water on account of motor trouble and taxied back into Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon. Mr. MacMillan and party left last night on a company boat for the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the plane waited over to await arrival of parts with which another plane arrived from Vancouver late this morning.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT

British Policeman Kills Two Japanese Police After Being Shot in Back
SHANGHAI, Aug. 19: (CP)—A British policeman, armed with a machine gun, tonight killed two members of a Japanese-controlled Chinese police squad and wounded six others before he dropped from a bullet in the back in a fight on the international settlement border. He was not seriously wounded. International settlement police said the Briton was shot in the back before he opened fire.

NEW CHIEF AIR LINES

P. G. Johnson, Retiring As Vice-President in Charge of Operations, Succeeded By D. B. Colyer
VANCOUVER, August 19: (CP)—P. G. Johnson, vice-president in charge of operations, TransCanada Air Lines, is retiring September 1 and will be succeeded by D. B. Colyer, chief technical adviser, S. J. Hungerford, president of the Air Lines, announced last night following his arrival from Winnipeg. Johnson is returning to his business interests in the United States but will continue to serve TransCanada Air Lines in a consulting capacity.

SUBMARINE COMES UP

British Navy Had Another Scare But Fears Were Unfounded
LONDON, August 19.—British sailors on shore leave at Weymouth and Portland naval bases were recalled due, according to the Admiralty, to a brief scare over the safety of a submarine. The craft was reported to have been late in coming to the surface after a dive but finally arose normally.