

Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:36 a.m. 20.8 ft. 14:20 p.m. 19.8 ft. Low 8:11 p.m. 2.9 ft. 20:23 p.m. 5.9 ft.

The Daily News

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh southwest to south winds, mostly cloudy and cool with showers.

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Chamberlain Fears War May Come

TAXES ON CHILDLESS

France Takes Steps to Encourage People to Have Children in That Country

PARIS, July 31.—In order to encourage the increase of the birth rate in France the French government has issued a decree that all childless couples, bachelors and others not having children to support shall be taxed from two to fourteen per cent of their incomes for childless couples and from three to twenty per cent on bachelors or others.

WILL WATCH WAR GAMES

Italians Will Be Only Ones Not Represented

NEW YORK, July 31.—All the major nations except Italy will send official observers to the United States Army manoeuvres that are to start next week at Plattsburgh N. Y., it was announced.

World's Fair Attendance Disappoints

NEW YORK, July 31.—The second "bargain" Sunday of the World's Fair yielded a crowd that was disappointingly small. It was believed in well-informed circles that the charge for admission to the fair grounds will be reduced from 75c to 50c.

POINT LOST BY JAPAN

Abrogation of Treaty Strengthens British Cause—Economic Action May Follow

LONDON, July 31.—The position of Great Britain in dealing with Japan has been much strengthened by the action of the United States in giving notice of the abrogation of the treaty between that country and Japan.

It is understood here that the news of the action, which was like a bolt from the blue, came as a decided shock to the government and the people of Nippon.

There is nothing to indicate what action may follow the abrogation of the treaty except that it is officially intimated that the government of the United States will be governed by conditions that exist at the time the treaty expires. It is thought probable that economic action will be taken by the United States if Japan continues her objectionable tactics in the Orient.

Anti-British Move

SHANGHAI, July 31.—Anti-British committees are springing up everywhere in this part of China with the object of giving notice to Great Britain that she had better evacuate Chinese territory now considered to be under Japanese control. Japanese are demanding the turning over of money in Chinese banks to Japan and this is one of the subjects up for discussion today in the conference between representatives of Britain and Japan.

Bulletins

PRISONERS BY AIR

Provincial Constable J. W. Blakistone-Gray of Telegraph Creek and Mrs. Blakistone-Gray arrived in the city Saturday afternoon from the north in a Wrangell seaplane piloted by James Rinehart, flying early yesterday afternoon on their return north. They brought out from Telegraph Creek three native prisoners—Ida Allen, Bronson Tom and Dan Loufts.

GREAT EXPLORER HERE

Sir Hubert Wilkins, celebrated explorer of the polar regions, and Lady Wilkins were visitors in Prince Rupert for a few hours Saturday afternoon. They arrived by the afternoon train from the East and sailed on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver.

INQUIRY ORDERED

VANCOUVER—The Vancouver police commission today ordered a public inquiry into charges of Mayor Lyle Telford against members of the city police force. The inquiry will be held before the police commission composed of the mayor, Judge Harper and Magistrate McQueen but it is not yet known whether the mayor will sit with the commission. The commission, referring to the mayor's charges against Chief W. W. Foster and other members of the force, instructed the mayor to "forthwith make them specific" after which a public inquiry into the charges will be held.

BANK PRESIDENT DIES

MONTREAL—Sir Charles Blair Gordon, 71, president of the Bank of Montreal, one of Canada's financial and business leaders and identified with many of the Dominion's greatest commercial and industrial organizations, died here Sunday. He had returned only last Thursday from a trip to England and his passing was very sudden.

WAR NEAR HONG KONG

HONG KONG—Japanese planes carried the war in China to within sight and hearing of this British crown colony today with the bombardment of Schumchun village, less than a mile from the territorial border and eighteen miles from the heart of the colony.

DISORDERS AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND—A club-wielding, brick tossing and tear gas bombing riot at the strikebound Fishera Body plant of General Motors Corporation today injured 34 persons, none seriously. A truce was finally effected but new violence broke out later in the day.

AUGUST WAR UNLIKELY

ROME—The world need not worry about war in August, it is said in Rome. This opinion of the Romans is based on the information that Virginia Gayda is then going on his vacation. If there is to be war the well-informed Gayda would remain at his journalistic and propaganda tasks, the Romans argue.

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 hours ending at 5 a.m. tomorrow.) General Synopsis—Pressure continues high west of Vancouver Island and appears low northwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands. The weather has been unsettled on the coast. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southwest wind, shifting to west winds, partly cloudy and cool with scattered showers.

SHOULD BE OFFENSIVE

Retiring Chief of U. S. Naval Operations Urges Aggressive Policy

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—Admiral Leahy, retiring Chief of Naval Operations, declared in his last report to the Secretary of the Navy that the naval policy of the United States must be an offensive one. Admiral Leahy, who is to become Governor of Puerto Rico, declared in the report that the fleet should be of such a character as to make impossible an attack in force against the United States by any navy in the world, provided the American fleet takes the offensive.

PLANES ARE EFFECTIVE

Italian Fighting Aircraft Prove Efficiency in Mass Manoeuvres

ROME, July 30.—The Italian air ministry announced Saturday night that Fascist warplanes had demonstrated complete effectiveness in mass manoeuvres just completed in the Mediterranean Sea. Bombers were capable of flying 900 miles with full war loads. Night flying was carried out with perfection.

Vancouver Man Won Golf Title Quebec Saturday

ST. BRUNO, Quebec, July 31.—Ken Black of Vancouver won the Canadian amateur golf title on Saturday, defeating Henry Martell of Edmonton eight and six in the 36-hole final.

AGREEMENT COMING UP

Expected To Be Little Delay Now In Pact With Russia—Democracies Ready

LONDON, July 31.—Long drawn out conversations between Great Britain and Russia have so far advanced that it is believed certain that some sort of an alliance between Britain, Russia and France will soon be reached. Many expect that an announcement will be forthcoming within the course of the next few days. Then may follow disarmament conversations and a common peace plan providing the dictator nations are brought to reasonable terms which an alliance between such a powerful combination as Great Britain, France and Russia, it is believed, would compel.

Meantime as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War was reached last night, the picture was much changed as far as the preparedness of the democracies to meet another central European threat was concerned. Great Britain, which wondered twenty-five years ago if she could send six divisions to Europe, today has thirty-two ready to cross the Channel at a moment's notice and her great naval and aerial fleets are ready for instant action. France has a great new navy ready in the western Mediterranean and has preparations under way to ensure her of the position of fourth ranking naval power in the world. United States has a great naval fleet and aerial armada which she declares second to none in the world ready to defend all her shores.

WEAVER IS NOMINATED

Will Be C. C. F. Candidate For Skeena In Forthcoming Federal Election

George W. Weaver of New Westminster, who unsuccessfully contested Prince Rupert riding against Premier T. D. Pattullo in the last provincial election, will again say his political fortunes here in the forthcoming federal election. He was chosen as candidate of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation for Skeena at a nominating convention here Saturday night. The only other name placed before the convention was that of Joseph E. Penner of Smithers who was candidate for Skeena in the last federal election. Mr. Weaver is a member of the provincial executive of the party.

G. W. Rutherford acted as chairman of the convention and there were delegates from Prince Rupert, Terrace and Smithers with proxies from other points. Mr. Weaver will oppose Olof Hanson M. P. who will undoubtedly be renominated as Liberal candidate. It is also expected there will be a Conservative candidate in the field.

Opportunity was taken by the delegates, while assembled, to outline and prepare a policy for carrying on the election campaign throughout the riding. It being felt that the size of the riding warranted an early start in election preparations.

Halibut Sales

Summary American—247,100 pounds, 7.5c and 5.5c and 7.9c and 5.5c. Canadian—184,500 pounds, 6c and 5c to 6.9c and 5c.

American Norby, 36,000, Cold Storage, 7.5c and 5c. Pierce, 15,000, Pacific, 7.9c and 5.5c. Atlas, 32,000, Booth, 7.6c and 5.5c. Arrow, 36,000, Atlin, 7.6c and 5.5c. Electra, 40,000, Cold Storage, 7.5c and 5.5c. Lituya, 32,000, Cold Storage, 7.5c and 5.5c. Norona, 22,000, Royal, 7.7c and 5.5c.

Rapid, 8,600, Royal, 7.5c and 5.5c. Alki, 8,500, Cold Storage, 7.5c and 5.5c. Gloria II, 7,000, Booth, 7.5c and 5.5c. Chelan, 10,000, Pacific, 7.6c and 5.5c.

Canadian Toodie, 15,000, Cold Storage, 6.9c and 5c. Capella I, 17,000, Atlin, 6.8c and 5c.

Kalen, 14,000, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c. Gulvic, 14,500, Atlin, 6c and 5c. Oslo, 12,000, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c.

Borgund, 10,500, Pacific, 6.7c and 5c. Atli, 11,000, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c. Thelma H., 4,500, Atlin, 6c and 5c.

Oldfield, 11,000, Pacific, 6.3c and 5c. Balsac I, 11,000, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c. Domino II, 2,500, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c.

Fannie F., 10,000, Atlin, 6c and 5c. Morris H., 8,000, Atlin, 6c and 5c. Melville, 9,000, Booth, 6.9c and 5c. Blue Boy, 2,800, Booth, 6.1c and 5c.

Jupiter, 3,000, Atlin, 6c and 5c. Tramp, 10,000, Cold Storage, 6.6c and 5c. Mother II, 10,000, Pacific, 6.1c and 5c. Signal, 8,500, Cold Storage, 6c and 5c.

Still Hopeful, However, Of Way Being Found To Escape From Nightmare Of Arms Race

SHIPMENT TO PLANT

Ten Tons Of Ore Arrives Here From Glacier Gulch Property

Ten tons of ore from the Glacier Gulch property near Smithers arrived over the week-end at the sampling plant at Prince Rupert. It is expected that this shipment will carry the same high gold values that have characterized other shipments from this property and that there will be several other shipments to follow during the current season.

COOGAN DIVORCE

Betty Grable Seeks Decree From Former Juvenile Star

HOLLYWOOD, July 31.—Jackie Coogan, one-time juvenile luminary of Hollywood, today accepted with man-like calmness a suit for divorce filed against him by his screen star wife, Betty Grable. The wistful "kid" of silent films announced simply: "I still love Betty." The blond actress charged Coogan with extreme mental cruelty and said he had neglected her by remaining away from home. "Naturally I'm sorry it had to turn out this way but I won't contest her suit," Coogan said. "Anything she does is all right with me."

Mexico Offering Settlement Terms

New Terms to be Offered For Settlement of Oil Dispute

LONDON, July 31.—It was reported here last night that the Mexican ambassador was on his way to Washington with fresh proposals for the settlement of the oil dispute with United States and Great Britain.

Fines In Police Court Are Higher

Total For This Year To Date Is Considerably In Excess Of Last

Police court fines for the month of July, ending today, have totalled \$391, bringing the total for the year to date up to \$2421. These figures compare with \$205 in the same month last year and \$1512 for the first seven months of 1939. During this July fifty-three cases were handled in city police court.

Home Interest Rate Reduced

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—A reduction of the interest rate on mortgages for small homes insured by the Federal Administration was announced by the administrator. This will reduce the present five per cent rate to four and one half per cent. It was also announced that the rate on large scale housing projects will be reduced to a maximum of four per cent.

Prime Minister Speaks in House of Commons of International Situation, Referring to Many Difficulties Facing World

LONDON, July 31: (CP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, in a comprehensive statement on the international situation today, said it was "difficult to see" how the world armament race could be solved except "by war itself." But he added he had hope "we might yet find a way to escape from the present nightmare."

Mr. Chamberlain said that Great Britain and France would send military missions to Moscow probably this week to start military staff talks with Russia.

Speaking before the House of Commons the Prime Minister acknowledged today that definition of the term "indirect aggression" was the major snag holding up conclusion of the proposed Anglo-French-Russian mutual assistance pact.

Anti-British agitation in North China might make a successful outcome of the current British-Japanese negotiations on the Tientsin dispute very difficult.

The Danzig situation "requires very careful watching but we do not feel undue concern."

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, 12. Bralorne, 11.75. Cariboo Quartz, 2.25. Dentonia, .02 3/4. Fairview, .03. Gold Belt, .33. Hedley Mascot, .76. Manto, .11 3/4. Noble Five, .01 1/2. Pioneer, 2.40. Premier, 1.85. Privateer, 1.21. Reno, .45. Relief Arlington, .13 1/2. Reward, .01 3/4. Salmon Gold, .06. Sheep Creek, 1.20.

Oils

A. P. Con., 14. Calmont, .35. C. & E., 2.00. Freehold, .03. Home, 2.20. Royal Canadian, .18. Okalta, 1.03. Mercury, .06 1/2. Prairie Royalties, .25.

Toronto

Aldermac, .30. Beattie, 1.20. Central Pat., 2.50. Con. Smelters, 44.75. East Malartic, 2.73. Fernland, .03. Francoeur, .56. Gods Lake, .36. Hardrock, 1.08. Int. Nickel, 50.00. Kerr Addison, 2.01. Little Long Lac, 3.05. McLeod Cockshutt, 1.98. Madsen Red Lake, .37. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.27. Moneta, 1.05. Noranda, 83.00. Pickle Crow, 4.70. Preston E. Dome, 1.55. San Antonio, 1.97. Sherritt Gordon, 1.02. Stadacona, .53. Uchi, 1.16. Oklend, .07 1/2. Dominion Bridge, 28.75.

Fred Scadden, who has been on a trip to Vancouver to attend a Moose convention, returned to the city on the Catala last night.

SPANIARDS MUST WORK

Government of Francisco Franco Demands Fifteen Days A Year Work or Pay

BURGOS, Spain, July 31.—General Franco decreed that all Spanish men between the ages of fifteen and fifty must work fifteen days a year for the state or pay an equivalent amount in salary. The move was described as a plan to cause the Spanish nation to work harder to speed national reconstruction and to stop idling.

DIES ON STEAMER

City Solicitor E. E. Jones Passes Away While On Way To Vancouver

City Solicitor Edward F. Jones of Prince Rupert, who sailed from here Saturday evening on the Prince Rupert for a business trip to Vancouver, was found dead in his berth aboard the ship near Alert Bay yesterday afternoon. He had expired from a heart attack as the vessel steamed down the coast. The remains were taken on to Vancouver aboard the Prince Rupert.

The late Mr. Jones had been city solicitor here for sixteen years, having come to Prince Rupert in 1923 from Vancouver where he had been city solicitor and corporation counsel for sixteen years.

Mr. Jones was born in Halifax and, as a boy, moved to Saint John, New Brunswick, where for years his father was manager of the main office of the Bank of Montreal. He attended Edinburgh University and read law in Saint John and practised for a while in Montreal before coming west. He was a well read man and an authority on municipal law. For some time he was a law partner in Vancouver of former Justice W. A. Macdonald.

For the past few years Mr. Jones had suffered from diabetes and his health had been gradually failing.

Mr. Jones was to have met in Vancouver a sister who resides in England and Italy.

Italians Glad To Dwell In France

Two Hundred Thousand of Them Pledge Their Loyalty

PARIS, July 31.—A million Italians living in this country have contributed to make a presentation to Edouard Heriot. It is pointed out that 200,000 of the Italians in this country have expressed their loyalty to the country and their willingness to serve in her defence.