

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh north winds, part cloudy and colder with some light rain or sleet.

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Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide times: High 2:04 a.m. 20.1 ft., 13:44 p.m. 21.9 ft.; Low 7:55 a.m. 7.1 ft., 20:23 p.m. 2.3 ft.

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Premier Chamberlain Is Militant

Great Britain's Aid To Finland Will Be No Mere Formality, Says British Premier In His Speech

War So Far Has Been "Merely Preliminary" To Main Struggle Yet To Come—Britain's Mastery of Sea Is Still Unimpaired and Country is Ready To Repel Any Invader From Air

LONDON, January 9.—Britons must be prepared to sacrifice their blood and their treasure if the forces of right are to prevail, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declared this afternoon in a speech at a Lord Mayor's luncheon at Mansion House.

In opening Prime Minister Chamberlain reiterated a statement he had made several times previously that he had hoped war might have been averted at least in his time. But since it had come all his efforts had been and would continue to be to do all he could, in conjunction with the dauntless French allies, to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Chamberlain then turned to Finland which was being attacked by the nation with which Germany had made an unholy pact and which was now following its example.

"This New Year will probably be a fateful one in the history of the world," continued the Prime Minister. The course of war to date he considered as a "quiet before the storm. We are at war. Vast numbers of men, armed with the most powerful weapons of destruction, are watching each other from behind their defences.

It was only on the sea as yet that war might be said to be in full operation. There had also been in the air where gallant and daring men were daily playing their part with reconnaissance across the sea and over the enemy's territory and water.

In the air, as on land, however, we know that what is now happening is only preliminary to the main struggle. So far the results, I am sure, have not been unsatisfactory. The oceans of the world have been swept clear of German shipping. The German fleet has lost by sinking or scuttling 228,000 tons and the rest of it is either bottled up in foreign ports or in the Baltic.

The defeat of the Graf Spee in one of the finest naval actions in all history, following by the self-destruction of that ship, had not only cleared the South Atlantic of that raider but had inflicted irreparable damage upon German naval prestige.

War News

GORF HONORED PARIS—The French Legion d'Honneur was today conferred upon General Viscount Gort.

OFFER NOT ACCEPTED LONDON—Great Britain finds it impossible to accept a proposal that 100,000 unemployed British be sent to France to work in war industries there.

AIRFORCE COMMAND LONDON—The war cabinet recommended that Royal Air Force be united with the B. E. F. in France be placed under R. A. F. command, thus forestalling any move to give control to the army.

LULL IN FIGHTING HELSINGFORS—A high Finnish official said today that the lull prevailing on all fronts indicated that the invading Russian forces were "momentarily exhausted" and were gathering strength for a new assault.

TO KEEP FARMERS

Premier Of Quebec Asks Dominion To Suspend Recruiting In Rural Districts of Province

MONTREAL, Jan. 9: (CP)—Premier J. Adélard Godbout said yesterday that he has asked the Dominion authorities to suspend recruiting campaigns in Quebec rural districts because of the necessity of keeping young farmers upon the land.

Recruiting began yesterday at depots throughout the Dominion.

Great Britain To Extend Building

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)—Great Britain's already large wartime shipbuilding program is expected to be extended soon. Provision may be made for the carrying out of shipbuilding in Canadian yards.

REFUSED TO SALUTE

Communist Deputies Expelled From Chamber of Deputies During Uproar

PARIS, Jan. 9: (CP)—A fight between rightist members and a handful of former Communist deputies marked a riotous beginning of the 1940 session of the French Parliament.

BATTLE IS GREAT ONE BOMBERS ARE BUSY

Defeat of Russian Division Was Climax of Biggest Single Military Engagement Since World War

HELINGFORS, Jan. 9: (CP)—The destruction of the 44th Russian Division by the Finns on the central front in the Russo-Finnish war is described as the culmination of the greatest single military engagement since the First Great War.

Thousands of terrified Russians, facing death or capture, are aimlessly roaming the bleak regions east of Suomassalmi in central Finland as a result of the destruction of the division.

Patrol Activity Is Resumed After Quiet On Monday

PARIS, Jan. 9: (CP)—There was little, if any, activity on the Western Front Monday. "Nothing of importance to report," said a French communique. Today, however, there was renewal of patrol activity after a night during which French military authorities said, German patrols attacked advance posts west of the Vosges Mountains using machine guns and hand grenades but being easily repulsed.

Paris Hears Of U-Boat Sinking

Great Britain, According to Paris Reports, Disposes of Another Nazi Undersea Craft

PARIS, Jan. 9: (CP)—It was asserted here today that the British had sunk a German submarine yesterday.

Today's Exchange

United States funds—Buying, spot, 10 percent premium; selling, spot, 11 percent premium. Sterling funds—Buying, spot, \$4.43; selling, spot, \$4.47.

Hore-Belisha To Make Statement

Will Speak Next Week in Regard To Retirement as War Secretary

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)—Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, at the opening of the session of Parliament on January 16, is expected to make an official statement in regard to his retirement as Secretary of War.

First Division Gets Xmas Mail

ALDERSHOT, Jan. 9: (CP)—The first Christmas mail from home for the First Canadian Division was being distributed today. Parcels and letters were eagerly received.

Use Of Elevator, Subsidy Of Ocean Shipping, City Manager Important Points

Were Outstanding Matters Dealt With By Chamber of Commerce Last Year, Presidential Reports Shows—Progress Made By Industries

"Perhaps the three matters of greatest importance which were dealt with during the last year concerned the resumption of operations by the local grain elevator, the matter of a subsidized steamship service from this port to the United Kingdom and the question of city management for the city," said the report of J. T. Harvey, retiring president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting last night.

Bulletins

JOINT MEETING WASHINGTON—Representative Magnuson announced here that the Canadian-Alaska Highway Commissions will be holding a joint meeting in Ottawa on January 24.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY OTTAWA—A statement issued at the conclusion of a two-day discussion between United States and Canadian experts on the St. Lawrence waterway said: "The discussions resulted in the clarification of various engineering and financial problems involved."

TANKER IS MINE-SUNK

Vessel Goes Down In North Sea And Twenty Members of Crew Believed Lost

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)—The British tanker Liberty, 8000 tons, sank in the North Sea at the week-end after striking a mine. Twenty members of the crew are missing and probably lost.

AXIS MAY BREAK UP

This Seen As Result of Military Defence Alliance Between Italy And Hungary

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)—A break in the Rome-Berlin axis is seen as a result of the new defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary by which Italy pledges its support to Hungary in the event of invasion by either Germany or Russia.

TO TRAIN AVIATORS

Large Royal Air Force Staff To Leave England Soon For Canada Under New Scheme

OTTAWA, Jan. 9: (CP)—A large number of staff officers, technical men and instructors of the Royal Air Force will shortly leave England for Canada for service in connection with the Empire aviation training scheme in Canada. Services of instructors and technical men of Canadian civilian aviation clubs have also been accepted by the Canadian government.

BAR GOLD

LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal price of bar gold on the London market was unchanged today at \$35.54 per fine ounce.

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