leather Forecast

southeast winds, unsettled and mild with rain,

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITIS H COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides 11:10 a.m. 19.1 ft. High 5:12 p.m. 8.7 ft. Low 17:46 p.m. 5.1 ft.

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Action Beginning nother Sea Dis 5 4 Of War When German Bomber Attacks Passenger Liner Attack on Belgian Planes Was Case

LONDON, March 4.-The heaviest casualty list for merchant shipping in the war at sea since the torpedoeing the first day of the war of the Canadian-bound Ath- a complete apology, Germany has enia with loss of 113 lives one hundred and eight persons expressed its official regret to Belbelieved to have perished when the 844-ton British-Indian liner Domala was attacked by a German Heinkel

the moonlight early Sunday mornwas officially announced by British Admiralty yesterday. tine-gunned and, although set and badly damaged, she was at sunk. Later the hulk was towto a Channel port where she was mehered. Ie was the first German attack of the war in the Eng-

channel. The attack occurred while the sea rough and made resuce work alt. However, 193 of 301 on were rescued, some, however, badly injured. Three bombs four dropped by the plane the ship and she was set amidships. The captain was

outright. passengers included 253 Brit-Indian subjects who had been on board at Antwerp after been released by Germany had held them prisoners. had been seamen on German at the outbreak of war and released from internment, it to save the cost of keeping Eighty-eight of these were

Other Victims

Other week-end victims of the ses were: nish Albano, 1176 tons, mined sunk in North Sea. therlands Limberg, 345 tons,

rlands Eliziena, bombed in

Cato, 710 tons, mined off

unidentified Bhitish ship ported sunk.

Start from Meteorlogical Standpoint

anuary preceding it, make London governments. 75.4 hours in the first two 1907. 47.1 hours in the same month to Great Britain. n February 1939.

at 3,500 with 1300 missing. GERMAN SHIP BACK ARUBA. Dutch West Indies-Following the capture of the Heidelberg and the scuttling of the Premier to Speak in Prince Rupert

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Mail and Times suggested today

that changes may be necessary in

the war leadership. The news-

paper asked the Prime Minister to

consider such changes. The Ad-

miralty is believed to be aimed at.

STA LOSSES HIGHER

LONDON-Sea losses in the

present war for the first six

First Great War. The rate of

loss has been about 8,000 tons per

day as compared with less than

4500 tons in the last war. So far

430 ships have been lost with an

LONDON- The London Daily

capture by Birtish naval vessels, the German freighter Antilla has slipped back into this port. The three vessels had attempted to reach home by running the Allied

blockade.

ROME, March 4: (Canadian) Getting Off to Excel- the Allied contraband control PETERSBURG blockade to German coal shipments to Italy, the Italian government has sent protest to Great the finest February Britain, warning that the blockade Prince Rupert has ever en- endangered "economic and politi- Changes in Voluntary Curtailment combined with an equally cal" relations between Rome and regulations Will Not Be Impor-

Rupert weather conditions Italy strikes at the entire system

hs of 1939. The precipitation One member of the Facist Grand would be little changed from last anuary and February has to- Council characterizes the exten- year, only a few minor amend-8.40 inches as against 21.54 sion of the blockade to coal from ments being decided upon. The loin the corresponding period Germany to Italy as an "act of cal delegates to the conferenceyear. The sunshine total of arrogance and indulgence" actua- Capt. O. J. Hansen and Capt. J. M. hours this February compared ted by Italy's refusal to sell arms Morrison, representing the boat

while the precipitation Great Britain is reported reliably George Anderson, representing the this February was but 3.79 in- to have made a counter protest fishermen-returned to the city on as compared with 11.03 in-lover the way the matter is hand- the North Coast yesterday morning led by the Italian press.

THE DRY DOCK

The pessimists are always with us and Prince Rupert is at resent receiving the attention of this class. Or is it Mr. Hanon's opponents who are circulating malicious rumors about our dry dock?

"Housing accommodation" was one of the problems placed before Mr. Hanson back in Ottawa. He assured the authorities here that we in Prince Rupert could provide accommodations. ur pessimists are now saying this is impossible. We hereby tate that a survey has been made and it has been found that all tside help required on these vessels can be accommodated.

VOTE FOR HANSON

Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C. over by Harold Wasvick of Peters- secretary.

GERMANY EXPLAINS

of Mistaken Identity-Brussels Skeptical

BRUSSELS, March 4-Presenting gium over the shooting down of dian Press) - Following torrentia two Belgian pursuit planes over rains, weather has cleared in Nor-Belgian territory on Saturday, in- thern California and the flood wavolving the killing of one Belgian ters moved off down the Sacrapilot. Explanation is made that the mento River, overflowing the banks pilot of the German bomber mis- and breaking levees as they went took the Belgian machines for to flood large areas of land. Colu-British Hurricane bombers and ba- sa and Meridian were among the lieved that he was over French worst sufferers. ed by three planes.

ndignation over the incident, from a broken dyke. pointing out that it was the German plane that started firing. One newspaper described it as "deliberlate aggression" and declared that nothing that could be said would explain away the "odious act."

The Belgian foreign minister, in a statement, declared that Belgium asked for nothing but respect months were about double those of its neutrality and to be allowed to live in peace. of the opening six months in the

In spite of protestations numerous unidentified foreign planes again flew over Blegium vesterday and drew fire from Belgian antiaircraft guns.

aggregate tonnage of about 1,500,-000. Loss of life is estimated D COMING

Troja rather than submitting to Next Week on Behalf of O'of Hanson

Premier T. D. Pattullo will pay a visit to Prince Rupert next week, addressing a federal election campaign meeting on behalf of Olof Hanson. The Premier will arrive in the city Wednesday morning on the steamer Prince George and will sail the next evening on his return INDIGNANT to Victoria. On the Tuesday evento Victoria. On the Tuesday even-Pattullo will speak at Ocean Falls.

tant, Delegates Report

in 1940 compare in a highly of contraband control generally, Representatives of the halibut ble way with anything pre- and seconds the United States boat owners and fishermen of the! on record for this time of protest at interception of the mails Pacific Coast, in conference at Pe-So far this year sunshine ag- at sea which it charges is a viola- tersburg, Alaska, last week, decides 115.9 hours in comparison tion of the Hague Convention of ed that voluntary conservation regulations for the 1940 season! owners, and W. H. Brett and after attending the conference.

Other delegates to the confer-Juneau-Peter Hildre, represent- City This Year Juneau Pa ing boat owners, Harold C. Aase, representing fishermen.

Petersburg-H. A. Anderson and K. Skuggevik, representing boat owners; M. H. Molver and Arnold Wasvik, representing fishermen.

sen representing fishermen.

senting fishermen. Seattle-P. H. Loft and P. H. Jorgensen, representing boat own-

FLOOD IS

California Surveys Losses Following Torrential Rains and High Water Last Week

SACRAMENTO, March 4 (Cana-

scouting flight over France, it is ed five with the drowning of an explained, when he was surround- occupant of a car which overturned at Meridian. The car was The Belgian press has expressed caucht in a torrent which gushed

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver Big Missouri, .0934. Bralorne, 1060. Cariboo Quartz, 2.55 XD. Dentonia, .011/4. Fairview, .0114. Gold Belt, .25. Hedley Mascot. 45. Minto, .101/4. Noble Five, .101/2. Pend Oreille, 1.80. Pioneer. .15. Premier, 1.26. Privateer, .64. Reno. .37. Relief Arlington, .10. Salmon Gold, .03. Sheep Creek, 1.09. Cariboo Hudson, .05.

A. P. Con., .15. Calmont, .35. C. & E., 1.98. Freehold, .02. Home, 2.58. Pacalta, .05. Royal Can., .18. Okalta, 1.05. Mercury, .06. Prairie Royalties, .18.

Terente

Aldermac, .281/2. Beattie, 1.10. Central Pat., 2.30. Cons. Smelters, 44.00 East Malartic. 3.70. Fernland, .031/2. Francoeur, .42. Gods Lake, .54. Hardrock, 1.10. Int. Nickel, .43. Kerr Addison, 2.30. Litle Long Lac, 3.05. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.00. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.26. Noranda, 72.00. Moneta, .68. Pickle Crow, 3.90. Preston East Dome, 2.05. San Antonio, 2.20. Sherritt Gordon, .95. Uchi, .73. Bouscadillac, .031/2. Mosher, .08. Oklend, .06. Smelters Gold. .011/2.

Fines Higher In

Dominion Bridge, 38.00.

Are Running Well Ahead of Figures in 1934

Police court fines in Prince Rupert for the first two months of this Ketchikan-A. Blendheim and O. year have amounted to \$799.50 as Knutson, representing boat own- compared with \$620 in the corresruary 1939.

Bulletins

MAY SEE KING LONDON- King George may grant an audience to Sumner Welles, United States Under Secretary of State, on the forthcoming visit of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal envoy to London, it was reported in diplomatic circles today. Welles is now at Lausanne, Switzerland, after concluding his Berlin visit. He proceeds to Paris Wednesday.

SEA BISCUIT WINS

SANTA ANITA-Sea Biscuit set new track record in winning Sea Biscuit, after a lay-up of a more restricted. year, making the horse a new all time record track money maker at a grand total of \$437,000.

BIG PLANT BURNED NEW WESTMINSTER - The British Columbia Co.'s box factory and veneer plant at New Westminster was destroyed by fire Saturday night with damage estimated at \$250,000. Two firemen were overcome in fighting the flames. The plant employed 250

POPE HAS BIKTHDAY VATICAN CITY- Pope Pius gave his blessing at Pontifical Mass yesterday on the occasion of the double anniversary-the Pontiff's sixty-fourth birthday and the end of the first year following his coronation. He delivered a message of peace, summoning all the Christian nations to strive for peace and tranquillity of the world.

TURKO-GERMAN TREATY LONDON-A surprise development in the European picture yesterday was the signing of a commercial treaty between Turkey and Germany. It is estimated to represent an annual trade value of £11,000,000.

TO POLE IN SUBMARINE MONTREAL Sir George Hubert Wilkins, noted explorer, is here on his way west. He is now working on a plan to reach the North Pole by use of a midget ice-breaking submarine. The undersea craft would be 48 feet long and 81/2 feet in diameter, carrying a crew of four men. The conning tower would have a special electric heating device to melt ice. If possible. Wilkins will start his expedition from Edmonton and travel northward via the Mackenzie River. If this proves impraccable, he will proceed to the Pacific and make the trip by way of the Bering Sea.

GREEK SHIP IN TROUBLE NEW YOR- The Greek ship Makos sent out an S.O.S. message Of Despotism Ocean about 1000 miles east of rushing to her aid.

VIIPURI HOLDS OUT sians were killed.

WEATHER FORECAST

province.

rains.

VOTE IN ELECTION

British Subjects, 21 Years Old, Including Women of all Provinces, Eligible

> By CARL REINKE Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, March 4 (CP)-Universal suffrage will operate in the general election this March 26 just as it has done since 1920. Approximately every adult British subthe Santa Anita race Saturday. ject will be able to vote, regardless territory. He was returning from a The California death toll reach- Kayak II. was second, Whichcee of property or other qualification, third and Wedding Call. fourth. although it is comparatively few The victory frought \$86,000 to years since the suffrage was much tish.

The Dominion Elections Act ing marked week-end activity on makes it all pretty clear, even to a the western front. On Saturday layman. It states there that the two German planes were brought vote may be exercised by a British down by the French, it was fesubject (by birth or naturalization). ported, in addition to two by the man or woman, who is 21 years of British. Sunday's victim of the age on or before polling day, provid- | Royal Air force was a Heinkel ed the voter has been "ordinarily bomber which was set on fire by resident" in Canada for the 12 her crew after a landing between months preceding polling day and the lines, the Germans escaping is voting in the electoral district | The Germans, on the other where he was "ordinarily resident", hand, claimed destruction of five at the time the election was called. Allied planes, one a French ma-

Some Disqualified There are certain specific exceptions to that rule, however. The patrol parties occurred with the chief election officials and return-! French victorious over superior ing officers may not vote, for in- forces, although in one clash stance. Neither may judges. Esqui- west of Vosges they lost some maux and Indians on reservations prisoners, staging a successful have no vote unless they served in ambush at another point. the armed forces in the First Great War. Persons confined in penal, or mental institutions and persons disqualified for corrupt of illegal practices are not on the lists either.

Those are also unqualified who are ineligible to vote in a provincial election because of race (such as Orientals) who did not serve in the armed forces in the last war: GOV'T HAS cause they are inmates of governmont-maintained institutions for! the poor or those provincially ineligible because of recognized conscientious objections to military Considerable Political Significance

Steps to Franchise

The electoral laws of the provinces governed all elections to the! House of Commons from Confederation in 1867 to 1885 when Parlia- of Premier R. G. Menzies lost a ment prescribed uniform land-own-, seat in the Coris by-election in ership qualifications for voters Victoria yesterday, the Labor canthroughout the country in Domin-Ididate capturing it by a narrow ion elections. In 1898 provincial margin. As a result, there is bequalifications again were made ap-lieved to be a possibility of a coplicable to Dominion voting and alition between the government continued until 1920.

Manhood suffrage - 'that is, bor. This would give Premier Mengranting the vote to all men-was zies Parlimentary control. The (Continued on Page Three)

German People Are Deserving

New York saying she was leaking. TORONTO, March 4 (Canadian Menzies says the by-election was badly. Another Greek vessel was Press)-In his speech here at the decided by local rather than naweek-end, Air Marshall W. A. Bis- tional issues. hop, warning Canadian not to let themselves believe war was being HELSINGFORS— The Finnish carried out against Chancellor Ad- German Demands command announces that its olf Hitler and not against the Gerforces, fighting the Russians alman people, said: "We must not upon Roumania bury our heads in the sand. We Upon Roumania pelled attacks aimed at the city are fighting Germany. Thirteen from three sides. The Finns al- million young people bow to Hit- BUCHAREST, March 4 (CP) so reported fighting near Pet- ler as their God. The people get Germany's latest demands on Rousamo and northeast of Lake La- the government they deserve. The mania's natural resources, for fuldoga where it is said 1200 Rus- German people have, appar- fillment of which the Reich says ently, deserved two despots in the it would guarantee the country's last three decades."

Vancouver-John Penny, repre- \$572.50, compared with \$545 in Feb- tish Columbia and appears low off the Royal Canadian Air Force in an agressor. the Queen Charlottes. The weather connection with the British Com-| Instead of yielding to the Ger-

has been unsettled throughout this monwealth air training scheme. man demands, however, two huners, and Harold Grotle and Nels burg with Harold Lokken, manager West Coast of Vancouver Island enty-two German planes in the at the week-end answered Rou-Stenvaag, representing fishermen, of the Puget Sound Halibut Ves- Fresh to strong southwest winds, last war to establish himself as mania's call to the colors, raising The conference was presided sel Owners' Association, acting as unsettled and mild with occasional No. 1 ace, pledged Royal Canadian the army to a strength of 1,600,-Air Force services to England.

AIR FIGHT INTENSIVE

Allies Claim to Have Brought Down Seven German Machines - Western Front Active

PARIS, March 4 (Canadian Press)-With the evident intention of cutting off Allied reconnaissance flights over German territory which have been getting increasingly frequent and daring of late, the Germans are throwing a large number of pursuit planes into action over the Westwall, it became apparent yesterday. Two German planes were shot down yesterday by the French and one by the Bri-

Much more intensive air fight-

chine in an air battle over Metz. On the ground clashes between

More German Troops

French dispatches reported fresh divisions entering German lines amid the mounting western activity. Other German units are reported moving into the region facing Switzerland.

LOST SEAT

Seen in Australian By-Election -May Lead to Coalition

CANBERRA, Australia, March 4 (Canadian Press)—The government and Country parties against Lastanding of seats has been 29 each for the government party and Labor and sixteen for the Country party.

Labor hails the result of the byelection as an endorsation of its opposition to compulsory military service and to the sending of troops overseas.

On the other hand, Premier

lintegrity, would mean the taking It was his first public address of a million men out of the army

ers; Gus Poulson and Emil Greger- ponding period of last year. Fines General Synopsis-The pressure since Marshal Bishop's appoint- for production work which would for this February, amounting to continues high over Southern Bri- ment as director of recruiting for leave the country at the mercy of

Bishop, who brought down sev- dred thousand Roumanian citizens an aggressor.