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Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide times: High 1:30 a.m. 20.5 ft., 13:49 p.m. 20.7 ft., Low 7:47 a.m. 4.0 ft., 20:07 p.m. 3.9 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to southeast to south winds, and cool with showers.

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Britons Are Far Superior In Air

DRAFT IS NOW LAW

Presidential Signature Given To Important United States Measure Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16: (CP)—Setting in motion machinery to send 75,000 draftees to camps in November, President Franklin D. Roosevelt today gave his signature to peace-time draft legislation requiring registration of approximately 16,500,000 men from 21 to 35 years of age for military service.

President Roosevelt, in a statement Saturday, said that due arrangements had been made to protect insurance, all social gains and rights of workers under the selective service legislation.

SPEAKER IS DEAD

William B. Bankhead Succumbs To Hemorrhage At Baltimore—Prominent Alabamian

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16: William Brockman Bankhead of Jasper, Alabama, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives died early yesterday in a hospital here. Sixty-six years of age, Mr. Bankhead had been a sufferer from sciatica. He had come to Baltimore last Thursday to deliver a speech on behalf of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign and there he suffered a hemorrhage from an abdominal blood vessel. His critical condition took a turn for the worse Saturday and he expired at 1:35 a.m. Sunday. He was sixty-six years of age and was the father of Tallulah Bankhead, noted screen actress. A state funeral was held here today and burial will take place at Jasper. President F. D. Roosevelt leading the nation's tribute to both services.

Congressman Sam Rayburn, long supporter of the administration and for thirteen years a member of Congress from Texas, was today named as successor to Mr. Bankhead.

Gayda Forecasts More Intensive Axis Assault

ROME, Sept. 16.—A new and more intensive phase of the attack of the Axis powers on Great Britain is impending, declares Virgilio Gayda, authoritative Fascist editor. There is no point in the British Isles that can consider itself exempt from air attack, declares Gayda.

Plumbing Let For Seal Cove Airport Buildings

Work At Bella Coola Also To Be Established With Two Hangars

The contract for the plumbing at the Seal Cove Airport has been let to Barr & Anderson Ltd. of Vancouver.

This is part of the contract of \$200,000 for erecting nineteen buildings including a double sea-plane hangar, fifteen bed hospital, canteen, workshop, stores, 12-car garage, officers' quarters, officers' mess, N. C. O.'s quarters, men's mess, guard room, and military guard room.

MINISTER OF FINANCE CALLS UPON CANADIANS TO MAKE LOAN SUCCESS

J. L. ILSLEY, Minister of Finance

Last Monday we began the task of raising \$300,000,000 to arm and equip Canada's fighting forces. That task is still uncompleted. I have therefore asked the press of Canada for their co-operation in enabling me to make this serious appeal to all Canadians.

Grave events transpire across the seas; grave events impend. In the ultimate issues our all is at stake.

Canada needs you to put your money behind your men, for airplanes, tanks, ships, guns, munitions. That is the reason you were asked to subscribe the Second War Loan.

I urge all of you at home who have not yet subscribed, to hasten that important duty. Hearten our comrades. Delay can only hearten our foes.

To those who have subscribed I say: Buy more bonds, unless your subscription really reflects your ability to lend.

Especially do I direct this message to all those hundreds of thousands of men and women of moderate earnings and modest means. It is for them that the books are open.

Their subscriptions, in vast numbers, not only register this nation's patriotic unity, but help ensure a wider and healthier war-time and post-war distribution of purchasing power in the form of earnings.

Safe and income earning investment though your subscription is, it is in another sense the greatest, soundest investment opportunity you could seize; an investment in human freedom, for you and your children.

In this hour we fight to save all we have from destruction, ourselves from enslavement. We fight for the precious, priceless, right to live our lives in liberty.

It is for this country, this freedom, that our men in arms are risking—giving—their lives, in the air, on the sea, and on the land. Those of us who do not bear arms must bear our dollars to the colors to support those who do.

Large subscribers, institutions, corporations, responded quickly and encouragingly—sure evidence of their sense of safe investment value as well as their sense of patriotic duty.

To those of more modest means, as to all Canadians I stress this solemn appeal: recruit your earnings, your savings, quickly to the colors. Buy War Loan Bonds.

Invest now in human freedom.

THIS CALL TO SUFFICE

Classes 21 To 24 Years Should Meet Canada's Needs In Meantime

OTTAWA, Sept. 16: (CP)—Hon. James G. Gardiner, minister of national services, said last night that it was expected the four classes of men 21-24 now being called up for training would provide all the recruits needed by Canada for military service this year. It is expected that some 400,000 men will report in these four classes.

Mr. Gardiner advised industry to make arrangements to take on men to relieve those absent to be called up.

CONFERENCE ON BOMBING

Canadian Charge d'Affaires Asks Further Explanation In Regard To Empress Of Asia

TOKYO, Sept. 16:—The Canadian charge d'affaires has asked and will receive another conference with the Japanese foreign minister, Yosuke Matsuoka, in regard to the bombing last week of the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Asia off Yokohama. The Japanese have already officially apologized for the incident which they declared accidental.

Nazis Take Worst Defeat So Far In War As No Less Than 185 Of Their Planes Are Brought Down

QUARTER BILLION IS SUBSCRIBED

Books On Second War Loan To Be Kept Open Into This Week

OTTAWA, Sept. 16:—Subscriptions to Canada's second war loan up to last night had reached \$248,200,000 out of \$300,000,000. Books will be kept open until the early part of this week.

Russo-Finnish Railway Pact

Agreement In Connection With Transportation Is Signed

MOSCOW, Sept. 16:—A railway agreement has been signed between Russia and Finland. This will simplify operation of railway traffic through to Sweden.

Straits of Dover Stormy Today as Attempt of Germans to Stage Invasion of England Still Considered Imminent

CHURCHILL ENCOURAGED

LONDON, Sept. 16: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today that successes of the fighter command against the Luftwaffe on Sunday "exceeded all expectations and give just and sober confidence for the approaching struggle." The fifth air raid alarm today sounded at 8:09 tonight (11:09 Pacific Standard time). The Germans dropped bombs blindly out of an overcast sky. An official statement said that air raid casualties in London area during last night's bombing were a little greater than the recent toll of air attacks but much less than on the opening night, September 7-8, when they were 300. German shells shook Dover today with the British heavy guns replying. Shells fell in Dover streets and injured eleven persons as correspondents reported movement of German troop carriers close along the French and Belgian coasts under cover of night and mists. Liverpool was also heavily bombed yesterday.

LONDON, Sept. 16: (CP)—Royal Air Force and ground defences on Sunday shot down 185 German raiders as Great Britain entered the week which many qualified observers believe may bring the attempted invasion. The British plane losses numbered only twenty-five with twelve pilots safe. German bombs hit Buckingham Palace for the third time yesterday, damaging the private apartments of Queen Elizabeth who, with the King, was absent at the time. None were hurt. British bombers struck heavily Saturday night and early Sunday at German shipping, barge concentrations, military equipment and stores which the Nazis had assembled in Channel ports of Holland, France and Belgium.

A Royal Canadian Air Force Hurricane squadron shot down three bombers and probably destroyed at least three more Sunday in contributing to what the Air Ministry called the British fighter command's "greatest victory over the Luftwaffe." Spitfires and Hurricanes wiped out one-third of the bombers as the fighters massed for what the enemy evidently intended to be the heaviest attack on London. Enemy losses of planes were seven to one to the British. Instead of dumping wholesale destruction on London, the raiders had to fight a major battle. The twelve British pilots who were saved parachuted without mishap to earth.

The bag of 185 German planes brought down yesterday was the largest for any single day since the war began. The previous high day had been August 15 when 180 were downed. In addition to the planes, the Germans lost 450 trained flying men. Anti-aircraft guns accounted for seven of the enemy raiders and Royal Air Force fighters for the balance. Two waves of some 400 planes came over yesterday but, finding the cost of mass attack again too dear, the Germans once more changed their tactics and came over singly and in small formations.

Weather conditions on the English Channel today are most unfavorable for the projected invasion of England by the Nazis. Although this is the night of the harvest moon and the tides are at their highest, the sea is very rough and choppy. There are low clouds and mist. There were unconfirmed reports yesterday that the invasion had already been attempted but had failed owing to the activity of the British Navy and Royal Air Force.

While the Royal Air Force continued its merciless pounding of invasion bases of the Nazis along the Channel coast and to the rear, in the Lowlands and Germany, the Nazis kept up their air raids on London and elsewhere in England but with somewhat less intensity last night owing to the growing effectiveness of the British defences. No less than 186 Nazi planes have been shot down in the last twenty-four hours, bringing the total since June 16 to 2609.

Disastrous Sunday During the disastrous Sunday for the German raiders over Britain the Royal Air Force, in addition to shooting down 175 German planes, made large scale raids on Channel ports as well as interior cities and across the Alps into Italy.

In North Africa also the British forces have been very active. Italians have entered Egyptian territory but have already suffered considerable losses. At 11:30 yesterday morning 200 fighters came across and were at once attacked by British fighters. Numbers of people stood and (Continued on Page Two)

ADMIRATION OF GANDHI

Indian National Leader Pays Tribute to London Under Stress

SIMLA, India, Sept. 16.—Addressing the All-India Congress, Mahatma Gandhi yesterday paid tribute to the conduct of the British people in the time of crisis. All the world watched the Battle of London with bated breath and admiration, he said.

Gandhi expressed belief that not only would Great Britain hold out but that London would provide the explosion to liberate the nations which were now under the heel of Nazi domination.

Gandhi promised that if he could prevent it, there would be no mass civil disobedience campaign to embarrass Great Britain while the war was in progress.

The Congress invited Gandhi to resume leadership and passed a resolution praising Great Britain for its courage and endurance.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, arrived in port at 3:30 Saturday afternoon from Alaska and sailed at 5 p.m. for Vancouver. The vessel was twenty-four hours late going north but made up the time and was running right on time again southbound. The vessel had aboard 155 passengers, most of them northerners going outside for the winter. Seventeen disembarked here while eight went aboard at this port for the south.

Local Official and Wife Drown

IMPOSING BUILDINGS

Local Headquarters Of Irish Fusiliers Being Rushed To Completion—An imposing array of buildings

is being speedily run up on both sides of Sixth Avenue on the two blocks just west of McBride Street for the local "war station" of the Irish Fusiliers, headquarters of which were recently moved from Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

Largest of the structures is a model cook kitchen with two wings which, on completion, will have accommodation for between four hundred and five hundred men in one sitting. The site of this is immediately below English Hill.

In all, there will be between fifteen barrack or sleeping huts, three of which were completed some time ago and have since been in use.

Still other structures include administration and quarters-masters stores buildings.

At the northeast corner of McBride Street and Sixth Avenue ground has been prepared for a military hospital building.

Meantime in Westview near Seventeenth Street construction of signallers' headquarters buildings is proceeding.

Four Persons Lose Lives As Small Boat Swamps South Of Burns Lake Sunday Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crerar, O. Palumbo and Alex Erickson Victims of Tragedy in Tchesinkut Lake

Donald Crerar, local freight agent for the Canadian National Railways at Prince Rupert, and Mrs. Crerar, Ottaviano Palumbo, roadmaster for the Canadian National Railways at Burns Lake, and Alex Erickson, also of Burns Lake, lost their lives by drowning at noon yesterday at Tchesinkut Lake, eight miles south of Burns Lake.

The quadruple tragedy occurred when a small boat capsized and they were thrown into the lake. Two others who were in the boat escaped with their lives. The bodies had not been recovered up to noon today but provincial police officers were converging on the scene of the tragedy from Burns Lake and Smithers to conduct dragging operations.

Survivor Tells Story Details of the accident, as related over long distance telephone last night from Burns Lake to Prince Rupert by L. McLennan, clerk to the roadmaster at Burns Lake and one of the survivors, revealed that the tragedy occurred between 12 and 1 o'clock about a mile from shore. McLennan's story was to the effect that a large Labrador dog belonging to Don Crerar became excited when the boat turned sharply. Mrs. Crerar, seated beside the dog in the bow, grabbed for the animal. The boat thereupon turned over suddenly throwing all into the water. As far as McLennan knows all four of the six people went down in the deep water of the lake immediately.

McLennan, describing his own escape, told of clinging to the stern of the boat while the other survivor, T. J. Everett, section foreman at Tintagel, clung to the bow. The wind blew the overturned craft towards shore and about an hour later the two men were picked up by a cabin cruiser which also took the capsized rowboat in tow. There were no traces of the four other persons after it was turned right side up on being taken ashore.

Gum boots and heavy hunting and fishing clothing was being worn by some of the people. Mr. and Mrs. Crerar had left Prince Rupert only last Friday evening for the interior on a holiday fishing and hunting trip to the Lakes District south of Burns Lake. It was in the course of this that the tragedy occurred. Mr. Crerar was an ardent angler and hunter.

All Well Known

News of the tragedy came as a great shock to many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Crerar for both were pioneer residents of Prince Rupert. Mr. Palumbo, long identified with the railway service in this district, was also very well known in Prince Rupert.

Born at Pitlochry, Perthshire,