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Tomorrow's Tides

High	2:22 a.m.	23.0 ft.
	15:10 p.m.	20.8 ft.
Low	9:00 a.m.	0.9 ft.
	21:06 p.m.	5.0 ft.

War Time Budget Is Introduced

Beer And Tobacco Taxes Are Stepped Up And Postal Rate Is Increased By One Penny

Chancellor Asks People to Accept New Levies "For Sake of Victory"—Revenues Exceed Estimates and Expenditures Are Lower

LONDON, April 23: (CP)—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a war budget of £2,667,000,000 (11,879,000,000) for the fiscal year 1940-41 in the House of Commons today and imposed a host of new levies which he asked the public to accept "for the sake of victory." They ranged from increased levies on beer and tobacco, adding one penny to the ordinary letter postal rate of 1½ pence.

Sir John said that steps would be taken to squelch tax dodging and predicted measures that would increase revenue by $101,000,000 to £1,234,000,000, leaving £1, 433,000,000 to be borrowed.

Immunity from large income surtaxes may be reduced from £2,000 to £1,500.

The basic income tax rate is unchanged at 37½ per cent.

The beer tax is increased one penny per pint and the whiskey tax is increased fifteen shillings per proof gallon.

The tobacco tax is raised three pence per ounce and matches and telephone tolls are increased.

Gloomy news was offset when the Chancellor asserted that revenues of the past year exceeded expectations while expenditures were below estimates.

FIGHTING IS MORE INTENSE

Allies Continue to Close in on Narvick and Trondheim With Sea and Land Forces

Germans Most Active In Air

Are Now Engaged in Indiscriminate Bombings, Laying Waste Norwegian Communities

LONDON, April 23: (CP)— All phases of the war in Norway are becoming more intense. Allied forces are continuing a determined drive by land, sea and air on Narvik and Trondheim. To the southeast there is also bitter fighting with directly contradictory reports as to its progress although the Allies appear to have made decisive gains. German denials notwithstanding.

Both the Allies and the Germans claim to have possession of Lillehammer which is evidently the focal centre of present fighting in the area to the north of Oslo.

There have been conflicting reports in regard to the possession of Hamar and Elverum but, as suggested by the British authorities themselves yesterday, it now seems that claim of Norwegians from Stockholm that they had been retaken from the Germans were premature.

Savage Air Attacks

Savage aerial attacks by swarms of fighting planes have featured the German campaign, their objectives being British troop concentrations although they are not hesitating at bombing civilians without warning. Five Norwegian towns are reported to have been virtually destroyed by explosion and flames. The ravaged towns include Hamar Elverum, Dombas, Steinkjar and Namsos.

With the British naval concentration off the Norwegian coast being increased and the landing forces greatly strengthened by almost continual arrival of troops, arms and ammunition, rings are being drawn gradually tighter around Narvik and Trondheim.

Narvik, faced by bombardment from the sea and closing in forces by land, is expected to fall within hours. In response to an Allied warning, the Norwegian civilian population has completely evacuated and trapped Germans are preparing to make a last desperate stand. One German force of 1500 men is said to be completely surrounded. In all, there are estimated to be 3500 German soldiers at Narvik. There was a snowstorm there yesterday.

British and French troops have been playing an important part in the forming of a spearhead of the drive upon Trondheim from Namsos in which area there is deep snow. Steinkjar has been occupied and from there the advance continues steadily southward.

An effort of Germans to land troops at Steinkjar, which lies at the head of Trondheim Fjord, failed yesterday.

Meantime, the Allies are also continuing the advance northward towards Trondheim from Molde, Andelsnes and Dombas and claim to now have control of railway lines leading from various directions into Trondheim. The Germans are hastily throwing up fortresses around Trondheim.

Further British naval activity against German transports in the Skagerrack area was reported today. The Germans claim that their shipments of men and heavy fighting equipment, including armored cars and tanks, to Norway are increasing. Berlin denies British advances in Norway.

Raid Air Base

The Air Ministry announced that Royal Air Force planes again bombed German air bases in Denmark and Norway last night. One plane failed to return.

President May Visit Alaska

WARM SPRINGS, Georgia, Opril 23.— President Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that he plans a speaking tour to the Pacific Coast in June. The trip may extend up the inside passage to Juneau, Alaska. The chief executive would visit the Golden Gate International Exposition and dedicate Mount Rainier National Park.

War News

NO CANADIANS THERE

OTTAWA— Hon. C. G. Power, acting minister of national defence, officially announced today that no Canadian troops are operating in Norway with the Allied expeditionary forces.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON

LONDON—The War Office announces a "sharp engagement" being fought between Allied and German forces north of Trondheim. Heavy casualties have been suffered by both sides. The Stockholm newspaper Allehanda reports from the Swedish coast two violent naval battles raging in the Skagerrak. The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet reports from Kaunas that comprehensive military preparations are in swing on Germany's Baltic coast with troops etc. arriving at Memel region ports.

GREAT NEW WARSHIPS

LONDON—Hector Bywater, noted naval authority, writing in the News-Chronicle, said today that Great Britain's five new battleships of the King George VI class were "now undergoing trials" and would be the largest and most powerfully armed and strongly protected in the world.

ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS—There was scouting activity east of the Moselle River yesterday but otherwise it was a quiet day on the Western Front.

NEUTRAL SHIPS MINED

LONDON — The Norwegian freighter Bravor, 1400 tons, struck a mine off the south coast of England yesterday and sank with loss of twenty lives, only four of the crew being rescued. The Dutch steamer Bernice struck a mine and sank off the coast of Norway, the crew being saved. The Dutch trawler Betty hit a mine and sank in German waters. Still another Dutch trawler, Erin, was bombed and machine-gunned but succeeded in making port.

NAVAL CASUALTIES

LONDON— Twenty-four German units are numbered as naval casualties since the war began, not including submarines. Great Britain has had eighteen casualties including five submarines.

DIVIDING WAR WORK

LONDON—Assistants to the high commands in the three major arms of war—navy, army and air force—have been appointed in order to ease up the pressure on the heads.

AIR RAIDS IN BRITAIN

Various Parts of United Kingdom Visited Yesterday by German Planes

LONDON, April 23: (CP)—German planes visited various parts of the British Isles yesterday. Off the estuaries of the Thames and Humber Rivers and the southeast coast they were believed to be attempting to sow mines. They were driven off by British anti-aircraft guns and pursuit planes. Explosions were heard at sea. Shrapnel fell in the streets of an east coast town.

There were air raid alarms in the Orkney Islands last night following the visit to the Shetlands of two German planes earlier in the day.

In Berlin it was claimed that successful photographic and reconnaissance flights had been made over the Shetland and Orkney Islands, movements of British naval craft being observed.

UNCLE SAM PROTESTS

Complains That Blockade of Tientsin Concessions is Working Hardship on Americans

TOKYO, April 23: (CP)—United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew today made representations to Masayuki Tani, Japanese vice-foreign minister, charging that Americans at Tientsin were suffering hardships as a result of the tightening up of the Japanese blockade on the British and French concessions.

DEFERRED ELECTION

Robert Ryan, Liberal, is Successful At Three Rivers—Alberta Result Reversed

THREE RIVERS, April 23: (CP)—Robert Ryan, Liberal, was yesterday elected Member of Parliament in the deferred Three Rivers election. He defeated Wilfrid Gariepy, Independent Liberal member of the last House, by a comfortable margin. Ryan makes the 179th Liberal member at Ottawa.

The Three Rivers election was deferred because of the death of a candidate, Willie Poisson, on the eve of the regular election last month.

Result Reversed

EDMONTON, April 23: (CP)—The election of Victor Quelch, New Democracy candidate, in Acadia riding is announced by the returning officer after the official count from the general election of March 26. Quelch's victory reverses the result of the unofficial count completed on April 5 which showed Dr. A. M. Day, Liberal, to be leading by two votes. Dr. Day has asked for a recount.

Conciliation Agreed Upon

Prof. H. F. Angus, W. D. McLaren And P. R. Bengough to Settle Dry Dock Strike

VANCOUVER, April 23: (CP)—Federal conciliation has been agreed upon in the dispute between the Burrard Dry Dock Co. and machinists, plumbers and sheet metal workers. W. D. McLaren represents the company and P. R. Bengough the men, these two naming Prof. H. F. Angus as chairman.

MUST WAR TO DEATH, HE URGES

Battle Not Only Against Hitler But Whole German People, Declares Alfred Duff-Cooper On St. George's Day

LONDON, April 23: (CP)— War to the death against the whole German people and not merely the Nazi regime was urged by Rt. Hon. Alfred Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty, in an address before the Royal Society of St. George at St. George's Day banquet in Grosvenor House tonight. Duff-Cooper's subject was "The Toast is England." He was substituting for Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who was unable to keep the appointment owing to pressure of war duties.

Duff-Cooper said that the German attacks on Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Denmark and Norway were "crimes of the whole people. "The Allies should not be deceived, he warned, into later accepting any explanation that unrepresentative politicians had committed the crimes. "Let us not underrate our antagonists," he said It was "wishful thinking, dangerous thinking, to believe we can drive a wedge between the German government and the German people. We have got to defeat them first in battle and it may be a formidable and fearful task How long the war will take no one can say but victory is certain to be ours in the end." No nation that had command of the sea had ever been beaten in a great war. Great Britain had command of the sea when this war started and its command was even stronger today. Great Britain had access to all the raw materials of the world. It also had the best wishes of every civilized and liberty loving people in the world and the strong arm of its own services. With firm determination and grim confidence, Britons were going laughingly and gaily into battle by land, sea and air and victory would surely be theirs.

Germany in the past had appeared in many ugly forms but never more ugly than today under their gang of blood-stained money-makers and murderers."

Duff-Cooper's speech was punctuated with many rounds of applause.

MILL RATE UNCHANGED

Prince Rupert to Pay 47.5 Again This Year

Prince Rupert's city tax rate for 1940 will be 47.5 mills on one hundred per cent of taxable land and thirty-five per cent of improvements, it was announced today by City Commissioner R. S. Gilchrist following a meeting of the city council at which the tax rate by-law for the year was introduced.

The rate is unchanged from last year.

The bylaw will receive further readings tomorrow.

Halibut Sales

Summary

American—None.

Canadian—25,500 pounds, 9c and 6.5c and 9.3c and 6.5c.

Canadian

Gony, 14,000, 9.3c and 6.3c, Storage.

Reward, 10,000, 9.3c and 6.5c, Atlin.

Point May, 1,500, 9c and 6.5c, Storage.

WARDEN IS RETIRING

Inspector John Macdonald Succeeds Walter Owen at Okalta

VICTORIA, April 23: (CP)—Walter Owen will retire as warden of Oakalla Prison at the end of May, his successor to be Inspector John Macdonald of Nelson, it is announced.

Warden Owen entered the provincial police at Atlin in 1898 and for some years was district chief at Prince Rupert. He was assistant superintendent before becoming warden at Oakalla.

Inspector Macdonald was for some time located at Prince Rupert.

Three police inspectorships are now awaiting appointment—Kamloops, Nelson and Prince George.

ALLIES IN WAR MEET

Supreme Council In Session At Paris Yesterday With Chamberlain And Reynaud Present

LONDON, April 23: (CP)— New decisions "designed to guarantee effective co-operation of the Allies" were reached at a meeting of the Supreme War Council in Paris yesterday and today, it was announced here. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain and Premier Paul Reynaud of France attended.

DOES NOT SIGNIFY

No Question of American or Canadian Policy Involved in Mackenzie King's Call Upon Roosevelt

WARM SPRINGS, Georgia, April 23: (CP)— President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized his secretary, Stephen Early, to say today that the visit of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King had no political significance and there was "no question of American or Canadian policy involved." It was merely the friendly call of the head of one government upon that of another.

New York Stock Mart Is Steady

Yesterday's Turnover 870,000 Shares With Values Slightly Upward

NEW YORK, April 23.— Yesterday's turnover on the New York Stock Exchange totalled 870,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was up .34 at 148.01; rails up .03 at 30.63, and utilities up .02 at 24.65.

WHEAT PRICES

WINNIPEG, April 23: (CP)—Winnipeg wheat futures were ⅛c lower to ⅛c higher yesterday with May closing at 95c. New York wheat prices were ¼c higher to ⅝c lower with September closing at $1.09¼.

Bulletins

POLICING GERMANY

PARIS — Georges Bonnett, French minister of blockade, has submitted to Rt. Hon. Ronald Cross, British minister of economic warfare, a plan for the aerial policing of Germany. This is announced in Petit Parisien.

BACK TO MEDITERRANEAN

CAIRO— There is no further danger in the Mediterranean following the return of the British fleet from Norwegian waters, the Premier of Egypt said yesterday.

SWEDEN DENIES RUMOR

STOCKHOLM — Rumors that Sweden has been allowing the passage of belligerent troops and war materials through her territory are absolutely false, it is officially stated. Such movements are being stricty prohibited in line with Sweden's effort to maintain neutrality.

GERMANY IS SORRY

STOCKHOLM— Germany has expressed regret over "accidental flights" of Nazi fighting aircraft over Sweden. Such flights have not been as numerous as suggested, however, the Reich declares.

ITALY AND BRITAIN

LONDON—Major constructive decisions in regard to relations of Italy and Great Britain may be expected before the week is out, it is forecast here. There seems to be no indication that Premier Mussolini intends renunciation of his own particular policy of neutrality.

MEATLESS DAYS

BRUSSELS—A weekly meatless day in Belgium is to be declared.

WESTERNS WIN AGAIN

VANCOUVER — Vancouver Westerns scored a second victory in basketball over Edmonton Gradettes last night, the score being 46 to 31. On Saturday the Westerns had won 40 to 26.

BRITISH VICTORY

LONDON—Great Britain is reported to have won an important diplomatic victory with Soviet Russia agreeing under the new agreement which is being negotiated not to re-export to Germany goods imported from Great Britain.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

BUCHAREST— The new trade agreement between Roumania and Germany was signed yesterday.

Constable D. O. McKay of the local provincial police boat P.M.L. 8 and Constable W. W. Deans of P. M. L. 7 at Ocean Falls will be leaving this week for Victoria to attend the provincial police training school They will sail Thursday on the Prince George.

VOTE FOR STRIKING

Tomorrow Night Set as Deadline For Walk-Out at Oshawa

OSHAWA, April, 23: (CP)—Eighty-one per cent of the employees of the General Motors automobile plant here voted yesterday in favor of striking. Wednesday night has been set as the deadline.

Strike votes are being taken today at St. Catherines and Windsor.

Horse Killer Being Sought

Provincial Police Searching for Gunman Who Has Shot Six Animals

PENTICTON, April 23: (CP)—Provincial police are searching for a gunman who has shot six horses in the White Lake area near here with a 22-calibre rifle.

Picketing Is Ruled Legal

California and Alabama Laws Prohibiting Practice Found Un-Constitutional

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 23.—The Supreme Court of United States yesterday ruled the California and Alabama anti-picketing laws to be unconstitutional.

BAR GOLD

LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal price of bar gold on the London market was unchanged today at $37.54 per fine ounce.

James Sadler, former provincial welfare officer here and now working out of Prince George, left by last evening's train on his return to the interior after spending a few days here.