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Tomorrow's Tides

High	0:00 a.m.	18.7 ft.
	11:54 p.m.	19.8 ft.
Low	6:01 a.m.	7.6 ft.
	18:25 p.m.	4.6 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong southeast to south winds, cloudy and mild with occasional rain.

British War Purchasing Criticized

BLOCKADE ENFORCED

Italian Ships Bound From Holland With German Coal Are Intercepted.

LONDON, March 5: (CP)—The blockade between Great Britain and Italy became more critical today as British contraband control stopped two Italian ships bound for Rotterdam to Italy with cargoes of German coal and prepared to intercept others. Rt. Hon. Ronald Cross, minister of economic warfare, told Parliament today that two Italian steamships had already been detained in compliance with the previously announced intention of extending the blockade to such cargoes. Mr. Cross made it clear that it was the intention to search shipments under the two-way German blockade. Any coal exported out of Rotterdam would be subject to seizure as contraband, said Mr. Cross, adding that such shipments had now ceased.

NEW TYPE OF POTATO BEING DEVELOPED NOW

CHILLIWACK, March 5: (CP)—Experiments are being conducted by the Department of Agriculture here with a new variety of potato, similar to the Nette Gem type, which may become a major crop in the Fraser Valley.

ASSASSINATION OF DICTATOR WAS REAL PLOT AIM

HAVANA, Cuba, March 5: (CP)—Fidel Castro, leader of the Realist Party, was killed and two others were wounded by shots fired into political headquarters of Col. Fulgencio Batista, military dictator and candidate for president, whose life is believed to have been aimed at.

THE FISHERIES ADVISORY BOARD IS ABSOLUTELY NOT A PRICE-FIXING BOARD

Its object is to assist the Minister of Fisheries in arranging an orderly supply of fish to the British market and, at the same time, reasonably maintain existing market contacts. In other words, it is to give Great Britain and France as much fish as we can, without unduly disturbing the supply for Canadian consumption. It will also advise the Minister of the possibility of increasing the production of the various species of fish not at present marketed to any extent.

VOTE FOR HANSON

Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.

South China War Resumed

HONG KONG, March 5: (CP)—Japanese warships shelled positions twenty miles north of the Portuguese port of Macao throughout the morning today and then landed a force for a new penetration of South China just across the mouth of the Pearl River from Hong Kong. The renewal of the Japanese offensive in South China was also marked by activity of war planes in resumption of the bombing of Chinese Communists in Canton area.

CITY HAS COLLAPSE

Buildings Crack and Homes Topple When Shenendoah Coal Working Cave In

SHENENOAH, Pennsylvania, Mar. 5: (CP)—Part of mid-city Shenendoah sank slowly yesterday, toppling homes and cracking business buildings, as abandoned anthracite coal mine workings below the town collapsed after a rainstorm. None were hurt. Mining experts said that the cave-ins might continue for two weeks. Two thousand people have fled from their homes.

Twister Visits Illinois State

HURRICANE CAUSES TWO DEATHS AND DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN EVANSVILLE DISTRICT

EVANSVILLE, Illinois, March 5.—A twister visited this part of Illinois at the week-end causing at least two deaths and doing considerable damage. A nine-year-old girl was killed here. A Works Progress Administration worker lost his life at Flat Rock where the entire town was almost demolished. At Shirley the High School building was blown down.

Enemies Mingle At High Mass

Various Dignitaries At Pontifical High Mass on Pope's Birthday

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 5.—Representatives of enemy governments mingled here Sunday at a service of Pontifical High Mass held here to observe the first anniversary of the coronation of Pope Plus. Ambassadors, high church dignitaries and government officials were in attendance including representatives from the British, French, German, Polish and Italian embassies.

Mistake Of Air Force

Went Into Action Against British Machine, Causing it to Crash in Flames

GRAVESEND, March 4: (CP)—Royal Air Force planes went into action by mistake against an unfamiliar blue and green colored plane which they forced down in flames. It turned out to be a British plane.

FRONTIER IS CLOSED

GERMANS GIVE NO EXPLANATION OF ORDER AFFECTING NETHERLANDS FRONTIER

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Son Of Former U.S. President Raising Force

LONDON, March 5.—Kermit Roosevelt, son of Former President Theodore Roosevelt of the United States, who will lead an international brigade of volunteers to Finland to fight against Russia, has resigned his majority in the standing British army and again becomes a reserve colonel. Roosevelt has now enlisted 500 men for the brigade and expects to have three thousand. Roosevelt says that the menace to the world today is not a question of communism or fascism. What really threatens the world is the force of evil.

MASTER OF ORCHESTRAS

Dr. Karl Muck Was Regarded As Classical Conductor in Truest Sense

STUTTGART, Germany, March 5 (CP)—Dr. Karl Muck is dead here at the age of 80. Having the reputation of being a classical conductor in the truest sense of the term, Dr. Muck for more than three decades was considered by many music lovers of Germany and the United States as the best qualified interpreter of the German masters and especially of Wagner. By reason of his never failing portrayal of every score exactly as it was written, he was chosen by Frau Cosima Wagner as musical chief of the Wagner festivals at Bayreuth where for more than thirty years his conducting of "Parsifal" and "The Ring" were outstanding features. Twice Dr. Muck was the conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra: From 1906 to 1908 and then again from 1912 to 1918. (Continued on Page Four)

Stock Market Little Changed

Fluctuation Continues Slight in Trading in Securities at New York

NEW YORK, March 5.—Turnover in yesterday's short trading session on the New York Stock Exchange totalled 460,000 shares. The industrial average was up .10 at 146.43; rails up at 30.46, and utilities up .03 at 24.19. In the first hour today trading was dull and price range narrow, industrials advancing .12c to 146.55 and rails .08 to 30.54.

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Police Officials Conferring Over Strike At Mine

VICTORIA, March 5: (CP)—Inspector John Shirass and Sergeant S. D. Woods-Johnson, provincial police, are in Victoria to confer with Premier T. D. Pattullo and Attorney General Gordon Wismer in regard to the Pioneer Gold Mine strike which culminated last week in a sixty-hour sitdown strike deep in the mine.

Nanaimo Wage Dispute Will Be Arbitrated

NANAIMO, March 5: (CP)—It has been decided to submit to arbitration a dispute between the Canadian Collieries and the mine workers' union over the rate in pay for loading coal on cars.

Roosevelt Is Leaning To War

SO SAYS SENATOR TAFT OF OHIO IN REGARD TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 5: (CP)—Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican, Ohio, declares that President Franklin D. Roosevelt is leaning more and more towards war.

Windsors Leave Paris To Visit Zone Of Battle

PARIS—March 5.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have left their Paris home for a visit to the war zone. The Duchess is wearing a Red Cross uniform.

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New Marketing Board Formed

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Only Two Cases In County Court

CALNDAR FOR THIS MONTH LIGHT, BOTH ACTIONS BEING SET OVER UNTIL APRIL

In the absence of Judge W. E. Fisher, Court Registrar was in charge of County Court yesterday when it convened for setting of cases. There were only two actions on the list and they were set over until April. The consideration of a naturalization application from Frank Redmond was stood over until the return of the judge. The two cases are: Charles Bibeau vs. Carl McEachern, \$279. T. W. Brown for plaintiff, W. O. Fulton for defendant. Michel Coco vs. John Anderson, \$40.08. W. O. Fulton for plaintiff, T. W. Brown for defendant.

Salvation Army And Espionage

EVANGELICAL ORGANIZATION UNDER FIRE IN JAPANESE DIET

TOKYO, March 5 (Canadian Press)—War Minister Hata declared before the Japanese Diet today that the Salvation Army must be placed under proper regulations for prevention of "espionage".

WARNINGS SOUNDED

VICTORY WILL NOT BE CHEAP AND EASY, SAYS JOHN SIMON

LONDON, March 5: (CP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon, reviewing the first six months of the war, warned against the conclusion that victory would be "cheap and easy." The lull in fighting had been of consolidation with France. He warned against a feeling of false security. Herbert Morrison, prominent Laborite, speaking at Bristol, said: "We should not be easy going and wait for something to turn up."