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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 4:32 a.m. 19.1 ft.
17:55 p.m. 17.2 ft.
Low 11:20 p.m. 4.3 ft.
23:35 p.m. 9.0 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southeast winds, part cloudy with not much change in temperature.

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Faced With Prospect Of Running Up Cars As Result Of Government's Price Cut Order

With oil companies refusing to sell to the retail trade the new fuel ordered by the fuel control board, local motorists are running down their stocks at the high prices. Prince Rupert motorists were faced today with the possibility of having to tie up their cars and take to the hoof. This was the situation as it appeared this morning following the going into effect of the lower gas prices. Of course, there may be new developments at any time.

LOSSES BY GERMANY

Sixty-Six Transports and Supply Vessels and 200 planes Lost in Norwegian Campaign

LONDON, April 26: (CP)—According to official estimates just received in British naval quarters, Germany has had 26 transport and supply ships sunk since commencement of the campaign in Norway. Others have been hit and damaged. This is in addition to the losses of warships as a result of which the German Navy has put out of business. The Reich has, in addition, lost 200 planes in the Norwegian campaign through combat and as a result of Allied raids on Nazi air bases. Thirty British planes were shot down at the same time.

Bulletins

SWEDEN UNDER PRESSURE

BERLIN—Nazi authorities claim that Sweden is under pressure of Great Britain and France and declare that the country has no demands to make on Sweden.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

QUEBEC—The Legislative Council has approved the bill of Premier Melard Godbout granting the franchise to women and the bill now goes to the Lieutenant Governor for Royal Assent. The Assembly passed it on April 18. The law will become effective January 1.

BLACKMORE LEADER

EDMONTON—J. L. Blackmore, P. who led the Social Credit group in the last Parliament, at a caucus here yesterday of ten members, was named leader of the New Democracy group in the House.

SWEDEN BUYS DESTROYERS

ROME—Sweden is purchasing four destroyers from Italy, it is announced.

ARK TRAVELLER RELEASED

SEATTLE—Paul Setko, essayist on a trip to Alaska in his "Ark of Juneau" with wife and seven children, has been released on bail of \$25 pending hearing of charges of failing to send his children to school. Local physicians have testified that the ark was sufficiently sanitary to house the children.

IS UP TO ITALY

PARIS—Premier Reynaud said last night that France had extended a friendly hand to Italy. Needs and interests of Mediterranean peoples could be harmonized, if they were not, it would be Italy's fault.

BELGIUM CABINET RESIGNS

BRUSSELS—Defeated in Parliament on an issue concerning educational policy, the cabinet of Premier Pierlot resigned. Pierlot has been asked by King Leopold to form a new ministry.

NEPAL'S HOME GUARD

KATMANDU, Nepal, April 26: (CP)—Two brigades of Nepal soldiers offered Britain for wartime use will probably relieve troops in India to serve overseas. A similar arrangement was made in the First Great War.

FRENCH POILUS MAKE IT TOUGH FOR NAZI TANKS



French engineers are shown at work on one of the gigantic ditches they have constructed along the Western Front as a barricade against German tanks. The ditches are dug with steep walls that give a tank a drop of about 15 feet and make them easy prey for the anti-tank guns.

MILLIONS INVOLVED

Regime Of Force For 150,000,000 In World Today

WASHINGTON, April 26: (CP)—Conquests abroad are calling to the attention of United States officials an impasse created by the United States' doctrine of non-recognition of territory acquired through force. The doctrine enunciated by former Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson is placing the United States in the position of refusing to recognize an ever-expanding portion of the world's area. At present, the populations of countries—or former countries—embraced within the doctrine total around 150,000,000 persons.

The list follows: Manchoukuo, 34,200,923; Ethiopia, 7,600,000; Albania, 1,003,124; Poland, 32,347,300; Czechoslovakia, 14,000,000; China—under-Japan, 60,000,000. Stimson, Secretary of State under former President Herbert Hoover, stated his policy in January, 1932, when Japan seized Manchuria, and set it up as a so-called independent state named Manchoukuo, saying:— "It (the United States) does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the covenants and obligations of the Pact of Paris (the Kellogg Anti-War Pact)."

Monthly Plan Of Collecting Taxes Is Being Proposed

In an address before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday, with Colonel J. W. Nicholls presiding, R.S. Gilchrist, city commissioner, stated that he was working on a plan whereby taxes could be paid monthly instead of yearly as at present. He felt that such a scheme would make the payment of city taxes seem less formidable than at present. The scheme had not yet been adopted by any municipality in British Columbia but it was possible it might be arranged.

The formal election of the new officers of the club under Dr. Neal Carter as president took place but the new officers will not take over for a couple of months. Guests at the luncheon included W. T. Moodie, general superintendent of the C.N.R., Norman Nelson, M. H. McLean and W. Lisson-Smith officials of the B. C. Packers.

BAR GOLD

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

War News

ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS—Allied artillery broke up German working parties constructing breastworks in the Saar Valley, according to an official French communique. A German patrol fell into a trap in the Vosges Mountain sector and suffered heavy casualties. The French claim naval and land successes over the enemy.

INVOKES NEUTRALITY ACT

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has invoked the neutrality act against Norway, admitting that it is in a state of war against Germany. This places Norway on a cash and carry basis like Great Britain, France, Germany and other belligerent nations. A \$10,000,000 loan which was to have been made to Norway is cancelled. Bank advances to that country are made illegal. Recruiting in this country for the Norwegian Army is forbidden as is outfitting of armed Norwegian ships and travelling of Americans on Norwegian ships.

NAZI SHIPS BLOW UP

MALMO, Sweden—Two German freighters between Malmo and Copenhagen are reported to have been seen blown up.

DENIES STATEMENT

WASHINGTON—Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the United States Senate foreign relations committee, denies having said that "The Allies must chase the Germans out of Norway within thirty days or lose the war." The newspaperman responsible for publication of the statement insists this was what Pittman said and that further he authorized publication of the statement.

HUGE WAR ORDERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Allied purchasing mission announces that, during the last two weeks, contracts for \$200,000,000 worth of United States airplanes and engines have been made.

AMERICAN KILLED

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico—Harry B. Wilson, who served with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry in the First Great War, has been killed while serving in the Norwegian war, according to word reaching his home here.

Ketchikan Uses Street Sprinkler

Necessary to Lay Dust After Warm and Dry Days

KETCHIKAN, April 26.—It has been so warm and dry here the last few days that it was necessary to sprinkle the streets yesterday to lay the dust.

Halibut Sales

Summary
American—59,000 pounds, 9c and 7c and 9.1c and 7c.
Canadian—17,900 pounds, 9.1c and 6.5c and 9.3c and 6.7c.

American
Irene, 37.00, Storage, 9c and 7c.
Federal, 22,000, Storage, 9.1c and 7c.

Canadian
Atlin, 14,000, Storage, 9.3c and 6.7c.
K. Y., 1700, Atlin, 9.1c and 6.5c.
Daniel S., 2200, Atlin, 9.1c and 6.5c.

Francois Lake Man Fractures Leg By Tractor

FRANCOIS LAKE, April 26.—John Zelkie, tractor driver for the provincial Department of Public Works, broke his right leg above the knee while engaged in loading a disabled tractor on a truck. He was immediately taken by Verne Taylor to the Burns Lake Hospital where he is reported to be progressing favorably.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure is high from Vancouver Island southwestwards but low off the north coast. The weather continues mild in British Columbia with showers inland.
West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh northwest winds, mostly fair and mild.

Royal Air Force Bolsters Up Its Strength In Norway War; French Foreign Legion Lands

Struggle For Control of Area Between Oslo and Trondheim Continues With Latter Port as Main Objective

LONDON, April 26.—Greatly increased activity of the Royal Air Force and landing of crack units of the French Foreign Legion at Namsos to fight alongside the British and Norwegian forces are the latest developments in the Scandinavian war. Control of the key port of Trondheim on the west coast of Norway still appears to be the principal objective of both sides. Heaviest fighting continues in the valleys between Hamar and Trondheim and Roros is reported today to have been recaptured by the Allies after having been in the hands of the Germans for a few hours yesterday.

HAVE LOST WAR TRICK IN NORWAY

Great Britain Freely Makes Admission But Is Confident Of Ultimate Outcome Of Battle For Trondheim

LONDON, April 26 (CP)—Military sources today conceded the loss of the "first trick" in Norway but expressed confidence in the outcome of a decisive battle for Trondheim for which both sides are concentrating men and guns. At the same time the War Office said that Allied troops, heavily engaged south of the key Norwegian railway point of Dombas, had been forced to make "limited withdrawals." The Air Ministry announced that British planes and anti-aircraft guns downed eight enemy planes yesterday. It was stated that five British aircraft were missing and others damaged in bombing attacks.

From Stockholm it was reported that British troops were moving south to meet a mechanized German column driving toward Trondheim. Reports reaching Swedish newspapers in Stockholm late today indicated that Allied—Norwegian forces on the front below Trondheim had inflicted considerable losses on German advance units, forcing them back five miles south of Roros. Allied troops, coming down the Glomma Valley from a concentration point at Storen, brought light artillery into action and were aided by reinforcements of aircraft.

Advices from Roros, reached yesterday by the Nazis, said they had been held up and had withdrawn to a point ten to fifteen miles distant where they were digging in. Reports reaching Swedish newspapers in Stockholm late today indicated that Allied—Norwegian forces on the front below Trondheim had inflicted considerable losses on German advance units, forcing them back five miles south of Roros. Allied troops, coming down the Glomma Valley from a concentration point at Storen, brought light artillery into action and were aided by reinforcements of aircraft.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Overcast, southwest wind, two miles per hour; visibility eight miles; barometer, 29.84 (falling); temperature, 45; sea smooth.
Triple Island—Overcast, southwest wind, five miles per hour; visibility, 25 miles; light swell.
Langara Island—Light showers, southwest wind, five miles per hour; visibility, 25 miles; barometer, 29.87; temperature, 44; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast, calm; visibility, fifteen miles; barometer, 29.90; temperature, 47; sea smooth.
Vancouver—Raining, easterly wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.76.

Landings In Southeast

It was reported last night that the British had been successful in landing mechanized forces to the extreme southeast of Norway near the Swedish frontier to drive against the Germans in the attempt to foil their effort to slice across Norway.

German authorities claimed to be mopping up in the Bergen area, making further advances from Oslo towards Trondheim. Eleven British planes are claimed by Nazis to have been destroyed yesterday. As a result of German bombing attacks, it was further claimed that two submarines had been sunk in the Skagerrack with a mine layer and transport driven ashore. A destroyer had been set afire and another damaged, the Germans claimed.

Today's Later Reports

Late today the Norwegian front had become quieter with both sides digging in for a major battle involving communication between Trondheim and Oslo. British military authorities are reported to have admitted that the Germans may possibly succeed in joining up forces at Trondheim with those driving up from Lillehammer. This admission came in connection with the official announcement by the British War Office that there had been a third retreat by the British forces today near Dombas after a sharp engagement with strong enemy forces. This retreat follows similar strategic withdrawals from Stenjkjar and Lillehammer. The strong German forces at Dombas received effective support from artillery, mechanized equipment and low-flying aircraft.

Force in this area is being strongly bolstered up and more effectively organized.

In the event of the German forces connecting up between Trondheim on the west coast and Oslo to the south the Allies will reorganize the campaign with a view to holding northern Norway while the battle for control of Trondheim continues.

Meanwhile the strategy on both sides appears to be in the way of fast outflanking movements with episodes of heavy fighting resulting in alternate claims of victorious engagements.