

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong south winds, mostly fair and warmer and becoming unsettled.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY
Vol. X. 114
31 March 41
Parliament Bldg.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1940.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:15 a.m. 20.9 ft.
13:53 p.m. 20.1 ft.
Low 7:45 a.m. 2.5 ft.
19:59 p.m. 4.9 ft.

PRICE: 5 CENTS

United States And Canada Defence

NAZIS WINNING LITTLE AT GREAT COST; RAIDS ON BRITAIN CONTINUED

Enemy Loses 75 Planes On Friday While But Eighteen Defenders Are Brought Down—Reckless of Civilians—Germany Hit Again

LONDON, August 17: (CP)—Yesterday's air battle over England, the greatest in all history, did little material damage to the British defences and in proportion to the effort expended by the Nazi raiders, caused relatively few casualties. The whole thing was a costly failure for the Germans who lost, according to Air Ministry announcement, 75 planes during the day as compared with eighteen British fighters. Ten British pilots were shot. The toll of German planes from the terrific battle of Thursday has now been placed at 180.

While there was comparative quiet over the British Isles during last night, the Royal Air Force, with a large force of bombers, was again active in the raiding of Germany and German-occupied territory on the Continent, reaching as far as Italy. Heavy damage was done to military objectives of the enemy, especially to an important hydro-generation plant at Luena near Leipzig where very large damage was done. This is Germany's most important plant for production of oil from coal. Airplane factories, oil plants, munitions factories, and ships in Germany—all were successfully bombed. There were no air alarms at Munich.

Royal Air Force bombers last night made "widespread and successful attacks" on new objectives in Germany, including the Messerschmidt aircraft plant at Jena and the Junkers plant at Dessau, the Air Ministry announced. The enemy planes commenced to come over London at the rush hour of the afternoon yesterday and, for the first time, bombs were dropped in the suburban area of the world's greatest city. There were three separate thrusts by hundreds of planes across the English Channel and up the Thames River, the first of which was turned back before reaching the metropolis. The others got through but the would-be invaders were forced away before they had been able to do any damage of consequence to defences. However, there were several casualties and damage to civilian property.

The raids were over London suburbs and both sides of the Thames River but the main section of the Empire's capital was not touched. The British Air Ministry charges that German bombers made a "deliberate attack" on the residential town of Eastbourne, "killing several persons." The town was twice raided and a score of bombs were dropped. Two houses were demolished and fifty damaged. Two German planes were brought down. A railway station was bombed, a train struck and passengers on the platforms were machine-gunned. Yesterday the Nazis struck chiefly at the suburbs of London and at wharves, docks, and factories along the Thames estuary. The invaders were intercepted by the Royal Air Force as they attempted to drive inland. One report said that four hundred planes came over in waves of five minute intervals.

German planes, equipped with radio broadcasting equipment, sent a "bomb by bomb" description of the raids back to Germany which were broadcast over the German networks. A hospital and a sanatorium in southern England were wrecked by bombs. Many other parts of England and Scotland were also visited by the attacking planes. Bombs were dropped on the grounds of a boarding school in a west coast town, damaging buildings. Some boys were injured and some are missing. Reports told of British and German planes being engaged in combat at great heights over the English Channel and the southeast English coast. The planes were some four miles high, beyond visibility and the reports said they sounded like "the tapping of distant typewriters." All of the flyers were compeller to use oxygen at that great height.

Fairly Quiet Today There was comparatively little action over England today compared with what has been going on during the last few days. Nine bombs were dropped by a single raider on a southeast town but little damage was done. In raids on Wales during the night one person is reported to have been killed.

Demonstration Of Retreat Demonstration of the ceremonial retreat parade for evening lowering of the flag at the Post Office grounds drew out an interested crowd of spectators on Third Avenue last night. The ceremony was carried out with smoothness and precision by a detail of the Irish Fusiliers including the bugle and drum band.

"Smoking Ruins" Are Imaginary; London Laughs At Nazi Claims; No Conquest Progress Is Made LONDON, August 17.—"Smoking ruins of London exist only in the imagination of the official German news agency," writes H. R. Knickerbocker, noted American war correspondent, following this week's air raids. "Although this is one of the last desirable days upon which Germany could attempt an invasion, Londoners started their week-end holiday with more than usual good nature today and they had good reason."

Referring to the claims of the Germans of the results of the raids on Britain, such as fleeing and screaming tens of thousands of people, Knickerbocker said the only screaming in London were screams of laughter at the "incredibly fantastic" German propaganda claims. Not only was there no panic but it was difficult for the authorities to make the people observe air raid precautions, so anxious were they to see the German planes. Speaking of damage, Knickerbocker declared it was "so small as to play no part in any plans Mr. Hitler may have for a conquest of Britain."

HOSPITAL AT ATLIN

Attractive New Building to be Erected at Northern Mining Town

A new twelve-bed hospital is to be built at Atlin, according to word reaching the city. Construction will be of permanent character with local boulders being set into concrete to make a pleasing appearance. The construction is to be started next spring, it being too late now to get the work started.

Poor Give Savings For British Cause

LONDON, Aug. 17: (CP)—A poor woman's gift of \$707—and a working girl's entire savings, \$445—are but two of the generous offers which have been received by the National Savings Committee and the Red Cross respectively.

In a clumsily tied paper parcel the poor woman, who refused to give her name and any other identification, left £159 in old Treasury notes and a scrawled message which read: "Please will you share these notes for the Red Cross and help win the war."

The other case came from a working class girl who lent her entire savings £100—to the government free of interest for the duration of the war. In her message she wrote: "I only wish I could give more, but I am only a working girl."

WHAT NEXT?

HICKORY, N.C., Aug. 17: (CP)—Officers in Hickory are seeking a man charged with biting his girl friend on the nose.

"Smoking Ruins" Are Imaginary; London Laughs At Nazi Claims; No Conquest Progress Is Made

LONDON, August 17.—"Smoking ruins of London exist only in the imagination of the official German news agency," writes H. R. Knickerbocker, noted American war correspondent, following this week's air raids.

"Although this is one of the last desirable days upon which Germany could attempt an invasion, Londoners started their week-end holiday with more than usual good nature today and they had good reason."

Referring to the claims of the Germans of the results of the raids on Britain, such as fleeing and screaming tens of thousands of people, Knickerbocker said the only screaming in London were screams of laughter at the "incredibly fantastic" German propaganda claims. Not only was there no panic but it was difficult for the authorities to make the people observe air raid precautions, so anxious were they to see the German planes.

Speaking of damage, Knickerbocker declared it was "so small as to play no part in any plans Mr. Hitler may have for a conquest of Britain."

Britons were now thoroughly convinced that the Royal Air Force could permanently beat off any German attack.

Effect of the air raids had been only to lift the morale of the British higher.

Air Ministry figures on the air fighting was as nearly accurate as "humanly possible," Knickerbocker declared. They showed a ratio of four to one against Germany in planes destroyed, the score for the past eight days having been 539 German planes downed against 130 of the Royal Air Force.

Service Flags Are Being Sold Here Mrs. Craig of Vancouver, who is here visiting with her son, Fusilier Craig, is introducing in the city the new active service flags used by all units of the Canadian forces. It was designed by the mother of one of the local fusiliers. The centre piece is a maple leaf on a red field with white and blue frame. These flags are being sold locally and the proceeds of the sale go to provide comforts for men of the active service units and nursing sisters.

Halibut Sales American Arrow, 35,000, 10.4c and 8c, Booth. Diana, 22,000, 11c and 8c, Storage. Canadian White Hope, 23,000, 11.8c and 8c, Atlin.

Mrs. W. Finlay arrived in the city yesterday on the Prince George from Vancouver to attend the Cartwright-Cameron wedding last night. While here Mrs. Finlay is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron.

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare Is Resorted To; Empire Trade Halt Plan

LONDON, August 17: (CP)—A military correspondent of the Daily Express today said that details were known of a German plan to attack Great Britain's trade routes by encirclement. It said that attacks upon the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and then Newfoundland were contemplated under the plan. Any German attack on Iceland would find Canadian troops ready to meet it.

Meanwhile the German government today declared a "total blockade" of Great Britain in answer to what it claimed was Great Britain's "illegal" sea warfare by refusing to permit food to reach neutral countries and civilian population and by arming merchant ships. The declaration, warning that shipping approaching the British coast would be sunk on sight, amounts to unrestricted submarine warfare. Neutral governments are asked by Germany to take action similar to the United States forbidding vessels to sail in the War Zone.

WOMEN JOIN THEIR JOB NAZI WATCH IMPORTANT

Patrol Suffolk Area By Day While British Patrol Vessels Constantly Husbands Do Night Duty On The Alert For Nazi Bombers

BENHALL, England, Aug. 17: (CP)—If Nazi parachutists make an undetected landing near this pretty Suffolk village it will happen only as a result of everyone going blind suddenly because the men patrol the district at night and women take over by day.

Pretty Diana Holland organized the women, ranging in age from 17 to 70, into a volunteer force. They work in two-hour shifts and patrol in pairs. Those not working help with the domestic duties of the female patrol and any husbands with nothing to do also aid in the house-keeping.

Diana's father, for instance, was busy keeping the luncheon dishes warm while she went out on patrol and volunteered the information that the 30 women members of the squad were "as keen as can be on doing their bit."

The vicar, Rev. H. L. Connor, was another meal warmer-upper. He expressed himself as proud of the way the women had organized themselves, said it was their own idea and they were "doing a good job of work."

"They are armed only with knitting needles. They knit all the time they are on duty—my wife has made dozens of Balachava helmets since she joined."

The women work seven days a week and when the weather is bad do their observing from a wooden hut erected on a hilltop.

Commissioner Returns South

R. S. Gilchrist Well Pleased With Way in Which City Business Being Handled

R. S. Gilchrist, city commissioner, who leaves this afternoon by the Prince George on his return to Victoria after spending a few days in the city on official business, expresses satisfaction with the way in which he found civic affairs from an administrative standpoint and was particularly well pleased with the showing being made in the collection of the year's taxes.

Mr. Gilchrist presided yesterday at a meeting of the city council when, among other matters, ratification was made of the sale of the property at the southeast corner of Second Avenue and Sixth Street to Alfred Rivett.

The city commissioner expects to be back here again in October.

Charles Ross, well known as cook at the Port Clements Cafe on Third Avenue, died early this morning at his residence there. He was a brother of Louis Ross.

Mrs. Steve King and daughter, Faith, are on their way home from England where they had been for the past year.

President Roosevelt And Premier King In Important Meeting

Would Bulwark Western Hemisphere Against Aggression—Negotiations Between Washington, Ottawa and London Under Way

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 17: (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt followed up the announcement that the Canadian and United States Governments were discussing "defence of the American hemisphere" by disclosing that Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada would dine with him today at Ogdensburg, New York. The plan whereby United States would obtain naval and air base sites on the Canadian coast as well as in the Bahamas, Barbadoes and British Honduras to "bulwark the Western Hemisphere against aggression" will be discussed.

The President announced yesterday that the United States was holding conversations with Great Britain on the acquisition of naval and air bases by the United States "with special reference to the Panama Canal." He also disclosed that the government was carrying on conversations with the Canadian government "looking toward defence of the western hemisphere."

United States proposals for leasing air bases on British West Indies Islands will certainly be received "with interest and sympathy," a Foreign Office spokesman in London said.

Bulletins

GRADS ARE PLAYING

Edmonton Commercial Grads and members of the crew off s.s. Prince George are playing a softball game at Gyro Ball Park this afternoon.

FIGHT OFF ITALIANS

CAIRO—French airmen, operating with the Royal Air Force, fought off an attempted Italian bombing raid on Berbera, capital of British Somaliland, today, the Royal Air Force announced. One Italian bomber was shot down and others were chased off. It was also announced that direct hits had been made on an Italian submarine, naval oil tanks and jetties in a Royal Air Force raid on the harbor of Torbruk in Libya. The Admiralty announced tonight that a strong force of British battleships and cruisers had bombarded Bardia, Fort Capuzzo and other objectives in Italian Libya this morning. The fleet suffered no damage or casualties in bombing attacks by bombing planes, at least two of which were shot down.

ANOTHER R.C.A.F. CRASH

NORTH SYDNEY, Nova Scotia—Three fliers were killed yesterday when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane crashed into the sea. The victims are Flying Officer T. C. E. Lay, Regina; Leading Aircraftsman A. J. Hurley, Vankleek Hill, Ontario and Aircraftsman G. R. Raymond, Norton, New Brunswick.

MORE EVACUEES OVER

AT AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT—A British steamer, with 154 children evacuated from England under government sponsorship, entered the harbor today.

GRANT McNEILL CANDIDATE

POWELL RIVER—Grant McNeill, former Member of Parliament, has been nominated C.C.F. candidate for Mackenzie in the provincial by-election. He will oppose Mannfred McGreer, Liberal candidate.

JAPAN SEEKS CONTROL

SHANGHAI—Authoritative Japanese sources predicted yesterday that Japan will make efforts to have her own viewpoint prevail in seeking full control over the British defence sector in Shanghai when British troops are withdrawn.

MORE TORPEDOING

NEW YORK—A large British tanker was torpedoed in the Azores yesterday. Fifteen lives were lost. Two Greek freighters were torpedoed in the South Atlantic enroute from South America to South Africa.

Boost Pensions For Disability

British Soldiers Get Increased Rates Because Of Higher Living Costs

LONDON, Aug. 17: (CP)—Higher disability pensions for British soldiers are now in force to meet higher living costs. Ernest Bevin, minister of labor, estimates living costs have gone up 17 percent since the war started.

The rates apply to officers not holding permanent regular commissions, warrant officers and men. Totally disabled non-permanent officers may be granted disability retired pay ranging from \$1,557 annually for a major-general to \$779 for a captain or subaltern. Warrant officers totally disabled will get \$10.36 weekly.

Family allowances will be paid to totally disabled officers if they can satisfy the pensions minister they are in need.

For women members of the forces total disability payments range from \$7.79 weekly to \$5.37. Rates for soldiers' widows range from \$2,670 a year for a field marshal to \$5 for a private.

Gratuities for minor injuries also are issued. An officer losing the top of his left thumb is entitled to \$534, other ranks get \$267. Compensation for the right index finger is at the same rate but a left index finger is rated worth only \$356 for an officer and \$178 for other ranks.

Baseball Scores

American League
Washington 6, Boston 15.
Chicago 13, Detroit 4.
St. Louis 3, Cleveland 8.

National League
Philadelphia 3, New York 5.
Boston 2, Brooklyn 1.
Cincinnati 9-6, Chicago 4-3.
Pittsburg 6-5, St. Louis 5-9.