

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to east winds, cloudy and lately cold with rain or light snow.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 2:19 a.m. 21.8 ft. 14:16 p.m. 23.0 ft. Low 8:20 a.m. 5.0 ft. 20:49 p.m. 0.9 ft.

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Immediate Election Being Called

DARK WAYS OF ORIENT

Chinese Plot Against Life of United States Ambassador Suggested by Japanese

HONGKONG, January 25 (Canadian Press)—A Japanese Army spokesman said last night that he had received information from Nanking of a Chinese plot against the life of the United States ambassador, Nelson T. Johnson, who left Nanking this morning on the American gunboat Luzon en route to Hankow.

BATTLESHIP BACK HOME

Deutschland Returns to Reich and Will Be Given New Name, German High Command Says

BERLIN, Jan. 25 (CP)—The German high command claimed in a communique today that the pocket battleship Deutschland "returned home recently." It was also said that the vessel would be renamed Leutow in order that the name Deutschland might be reserved for a larger ship.

VITAL TO GERMANY

Supply of Roumanian Oil is Matter of "Life and Death" to Reich

BUCHAREST, Jan. 25 (CP)—A high authority said today that German envoys had told the Roumanian government in vigorous terms it must supply more oil to the Reich and that obtaining an increased supply of Roumanian oil was a "matter of life and death" for Germany.

The German insistence is said to have been a counter move to the British-French warning in which Roumania was told not to force British and French companies to produce oil for shipment to the Reich.

Roumanians were said to be given to understand Germany would be compelled to "seek other methods" in case the government fails to see that the shipments go freely.

Tis Side-Saddle For Stone Godiva

Despite Argument That Good Queen Anne Started the Custom for Women

COVENTRY, Eng., Jan. 25 (CP)—History or no—Lady Godiva will ride side-saddle when the historical event is perpetuated in stone here. J. B. Shelton, local historian, argued the nude lady must have made her ride astraddle because it was not until 200 years later that Queen Anne introduced side-saddle riding for women in England.

RETURNING OFFICER T. W. Brown of Prince Rupert will be returning officer for Skeena in the federal election to be held before the end of March.

OFFICERS INSTALLED; FAREWELL

Gyro Club Has Combined Event With Prominent Departing Member as Guest of Honor

The affair taking the form of a reception, dinner dance and theatre party, which proved delightful for members of the club and their friends to the number of nearly one hundred in all, the Prince Rupert Gyro Club last night at the Commodore Cafe combined its annual installation of officers proceedings with a formal farewell to W. H. Tobey, prominent Gyro since inception of the service club here, having served in all capacities including the district governorship, and Mrs. Tobey who are about to leave Prince Rupert to make their future home in Vancouver where Mr. Tobey will assume new and greater responsibilities as a railway executive.

Greetings from the Rotary Club were brought to the gathering by the president, Peter Lakie; from the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce by F. A. MacCallum, in the absence of the vice-president, W. R. McAfee, and from the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce by the vice-president, Ross Ingram, in the absence of the president, A. S. Nickerson.

Installation

The installation of the 1940 officers in the persons of G. A. Hunter, president; W. J. Scott, secretary; William Cruickshank, treasurer and Orme Stuart, director, was carried out by Mr. Tobey, in his capacity as past district governor in the absence of Roy Sharp of Seattle, the district governor, who was prevented at the last minute from attending owing to illness. W. F. Stone, another director, being absent from the city could not be installed. Continuing directors are Frank Dibb and Cecil Fitzgerald.

Prior to the installation, the retiring president, W. M. Watts, gave a comprehensive review of the activities of the club and its members during his year of office, alluding more particularly to a large program of community service including supervised playground work during the summer and war activities since September.

The new president, G. A. Hunter, congratulated the retiring executive on its work and accomplishments in 1939 and bespoke a continuation during his year of the support and enthusiasm which had featured the twelve-month just ended. He took occasion to announce standing committees for the year as follows:

Playgrounds—W. F. Stone, Croft Brook, L. M. Asemissen. Club activities and civic relations—Dr. R. G. Large, Dr. J. H. Carson and C. C. Mills. War Activities—Frank Dibb, D. G. (Continued on Page Four)

SEA WAR VICTIMS

More Vessels of Various Nations are Added to List of Casualties Today

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25 (CP)—Twelve passengers and twenty-six members of the crew lost their lives when the Norwegian ship Biarritz, 1572 tons, struck a mine in the North Sea.

The French naval vessel Forfait, 662 tons, is in distress in the Mediterranean from an undetermined cause.

The Finnish Onto, 133 tons, sank Tuesday; the Swedish Patria, 1188 tons, sank Saturday; the Norwegian Ila, 1580 tons, Sunday, and the Estonian Nautic, Saturday, all in the North Sea.

CONFIRMS LOYALTY

Message Sent By Prime Minister of New Zealand to Secretary of State For Dominions

WELLINGTON, Jan. 25 (CP)—In a message to Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions, Premier M. J. Savage of New Zealand confirms the steadfastness of New Zealand to Great Britain in the war against Nazi aggression.

Massett Native Is Feared Lost

Johnson Mark's Empty Boat Is Found Near Bar With No Trace of Him

Fears are held that Johnson Marks, a well known native of Massett, about forty years of age, may have been lost. His drifting boat was found near Massett Bar but there was no trace of him. It was Tuesday morning that the empty boat was found.

KING SEES CANADIANS

His Majesty Pays Visit to Aldershot Camp and is Well Pleased With First Division

LONDON, January 25 (Canadian Press)—King George spent five hours yesterday visiting the First Canadian Division at Aldershot. He met many of the men informally and conducted inspection of some of the units. Wearing the uniform of a field marshal with a fur collar and cap in the bitter cold, His Majesty drove for fifty miles and walked five more. He assured General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief, that he looked forward to future visits at frequent intervals on some of which he would be accompanied by the Queen. He paid tribute to the appearance and spirit of the Canadians. A miniature flag which had been flown on the commander-in-chief's car was presented to the King.

The King was so enthused by the appearance of the Canadians that he departed from his usual custom to send a special message following yesterday's inspection. The note, appearing in divisional orders, said: "His Majesty is pleased with what he saw. He was greatly impressed by the smartness of the troops, their excellent drill and their steadiness on parade."

DEGREES DOWN UNDER CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z., January 25 (CP)—Lowest temperature in a year here was 24 degrees below zero—in June—and highest 11 degrees—in December—according to the New Zealand Year Book.

War News

OTTAWA—Seventy-one officers and two hundred airmen of the Royal Air Force have arrived in Canada to assist in training pilots, air observers and air gunners under the Empire air training plan, it is announced.

MORE CLASSES CALLED LONDON—The government announces that 250,000 men aged from 20 to 23 will be registered February 17 for military service which is considered likely to start the middle of March.

GUSTAV TO MEDIATE STOCKHOLM—At a Finnish relief meeting here it was decided to ask King Gustav of Sweden to take the lead in a mediation move between Russia and Finland.

BRITAIN TO AID BELGIUM LONDON—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declared yesterday that Great Britain was ready to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in event of unprovoked aggression by Germany.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS OVER LONDON—A contingent of 170 Newfoundland and Labrador men arrived at a west coast port yesterday to engage in the dangerous task of mine-sweeping duty with the British Navy. Eighteen to twenty-eight years of age, they are led by Capt. M. G. Dalton of St. John's.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

- Vancouver: Big Missouri, 10 1/2. Bralorne, 11.00. Cariboo Quartz, 2.45. Dentonia, 0.1 1/2. Fairview, 0.1 1/4. Gold Belt, 23. Hedley Mascot, .55. Minto, 0.1 1/4. Noble Five, 0.1 1/2. Pacific Nickel, .10. Pend Oreille, 1.95. Pioneer, 2.10. Premier, 1.35. Privateer, .85. Reno, .45. Salmon Gold, .02 1/2. Sheep Creek, 1.17. Cariboo Hudson, .03 7/8. Hedley Amalgamated, .003 1/2. Oils: A. P. Con., .18. Calmont, .41. C. & E., 2.10. Freehold, .02 1/2. Home, 2.80. Pacalta, .06 1/2. Royal Canadian, .18 1/2. Okalta, 1.20. Mercury, .06 1/4. Prairie Royalties, .20 1/2. Toronto: Aldermac, .33. Beattie, 1.10. Central Pac., 2.48. Con. Smelters, 45.87. East Malartic, 3.90. Fernland, .04 1/4. Francoeur, .56. Gods Lake, .80. Hardrock, 1.28. Int. Nickel, .44 3/8. Kerr Addison, 2.49. Little Long Lac, 3.05. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.22. Madsen Red Lake, 1.42. Moneta, .85. Noranda, .77.00. Pickle Crow, 4.00. Preston East Dome, 2.22. San Antonio, 2.38. Sherritt Gordon, 1.04. Stadacona, .09 1/2. Uchi, .90. Bouscadillac, .04 1/2. Mosher, .08 1/4. Oklend, .15. Dominion Bridge, 38.00.

Appeal To Electorate To Be Made At Once, Throne Speech At Ottawa Announces Today

TO STAY NEUTRAL

Foreign Minister Van Kleffens of Holland Does Not Think This Policy Should Be Abandoned

THE HAGUE, Jan. 25 (CP)—Foreign Minister Van Kleffens said that the Netherlands was not obligated to depart from a policy of strict neutrality. He did not mention Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, who last Saturday voiced contention that safety of the small states depends upon united action with the Allies. It is suggested, however, that Van Kleffens was referring to this suggestion.

German Aerial Activity Is On

High Command Reports Movement of Planes Over W stern Front and Britain

BERLIN, January 25 (Canadian Press)—Continued activity over the Western Front and Great Britain is announced by the German high command. It was mostly of a reconnaissance nature.

STIRS UP JAPANESE

British Ambassador's Appeasement Attempt Only Arouses Further Ire

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (CP)—Members of the Japanese Patriotic Society hurled stones through the windows of the British embassy here in protest over the Asama Maru incident in which twenty-one German seamen of military age were removed from the Japanese liner by a British warship. Sir Robert Craigie, British ambassador, caused the publication in the Japanese press of a statement declaring that the whole row between Japan and Great Britain was due to a misapprehension. This irked the Japanese Foreign Office which felt the explanation should have come to it rather than be made in the press.

The British ambassador, in his press communique attempting to appease the Japanese, further explained that Great Britain considered the act of seizure within the rights of a belligerent and had no thought of damaging Japanese prestige. Instead of obtaining appeasement, however, the envoy found himself a centre of a new storm of protest.

A Japanese Admiralty spokesman, declaring that Japanese naval sentiments had been "outraged" by the incident, said that the Navy was making preparations to prevent such incidents.

Today's Exchange

LONDON, January 25 (CP)—"Detector discs" purporting to indicate presence of poison gas, are not reliable, because of their small size, the Ministry of Home Security announced. Larger discs are painted on pillar boxes.

Surprise Announcement Made This Afternoon at Opening of Dominion Parliament in Ottawa—Exact Date Is Not As Yet Intimated

OTTAWA, January 25 (CP)—An "immediate appeal to the country" was announced in the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of Parliament by Lord Tweedsmuir today. The announcement came as a complete surprise and indicated there would be a winter general election, something which has rarely happened in Canada. The exact date was not intimated.

Bulletins

HENRY ARMSTRONG WINS NEW YORK—Henry Armstrong stopped Pedro Montanez in the ninth round by a technical knockout last night, retaining his welterweight title before a near sell-out crowd of 19,000 in Madison Square Garden. Montanez was floored thrice before the bout was stopped. Armstrong now expects a bout with Al Davis before abdicating as welterweight champion to enter middleweight division.

JUGO-SLAV SHIP LOST BELGRADE—A Jugo-Slav destroyer of 1400 tons was lost when it struck a submerged reef. Three hundred members of the crew were saved. The commander committed suicide. It was a new vessel and its loss is a severe one to the Jugo-Slav Navy.

AGREEMENT REACHED WASHINGTON—United States and Canadian engineers have reached agreement on the feasibility of the St. Lawrence Waterways project which it was stated would take seven years to finish. Next will be the question of agreeing on policy.

PLOT OF GERMANY LONDON—Discovery of a plot by Nazi sympathizers to use the United States mails to send millions of dollars of currency, jewelry, etc. to Germany in order to supply it with badly needed foreign currency is announced by the British contraband control as a result of large interceptions which have already been made.

REDS STILL LOSING OUT Suffer Heavy Losses as Attacks Fail—Two Divisions Reported Trapped and in Danger of Starving to Death

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 25 (CP)—Further heavy losses by the Red Army in continued attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga which have been thrown back and resumption of long range shelling of Viborg is reported in a Finnish communique. Two Red Army divisions are threatened with being trapped and starved to death. They are reported to have resorted to slaughtering their horses in order to keep alive. They were engaged in trying to flank the Mannerheim Line.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. This forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and covers the 36 hour period ending at 5 p.m. tomorrow.) General Synopsis—The pressure continues low off the British Columbia Coast and is quite high over Alberta. Strong winds have been general on Vancouver Island while over the interior light snow has been reported. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southeast winds, cloudy and mild with showers.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT According to unconfirmed reports in Edmonton papers, James Clark, assistant superintendent there, is to be the new superintendent of the Canadian National Railways here succeeding W. H. Tobey. No official announcement is yet available.

BAR GOLD LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal price of bar gold on the London market was unchanged today at \$35.54 per fine ounce.

W. H. Tobey, C.N.R. general superintendent, who is leaving the city to assume the general management of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway at Vancouver, was the guest and speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club today. President Peter Lakie was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members with several guests.