

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southeast winds, cloudy and cool with occasional showers.

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1940

Tomorrow's Tides

High	11:56 a.m.	17.4 ft.
	23:49 p.m.	20.5 ft.
Low	5:45 a.m.	4.0 ft.
	17:40 p.m.	7.9 ft.

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Great Britain Braced For Big Attack

Conservative Leader Urges All To Unite In War Effort; Decries Subversive Elements

In a brief address to the Conservative Association of Prince Rupert at a dinner given in his honor last night, R. Maitland K.C., Leader of the Opposition in British Columbia, made it clear that he was not electioneering or addressing public meetings while on this tour of Northern and Central British Columbia, the one aim today being the winning of the war. He said all energies must be turned to that work, much as he might like to criticize the patronage and other things that he said were going on. However, when the time for an election approached, he proposed to tour the province and let the people know exactly what he had found and what the Conservative party stood for. He hoped to be able to show that the party which he was leading was ready to place the country before party.

DRIVES FOR AMBULANCES

American Woman Plans Campaign For "Thumbs Up" Units For Britain

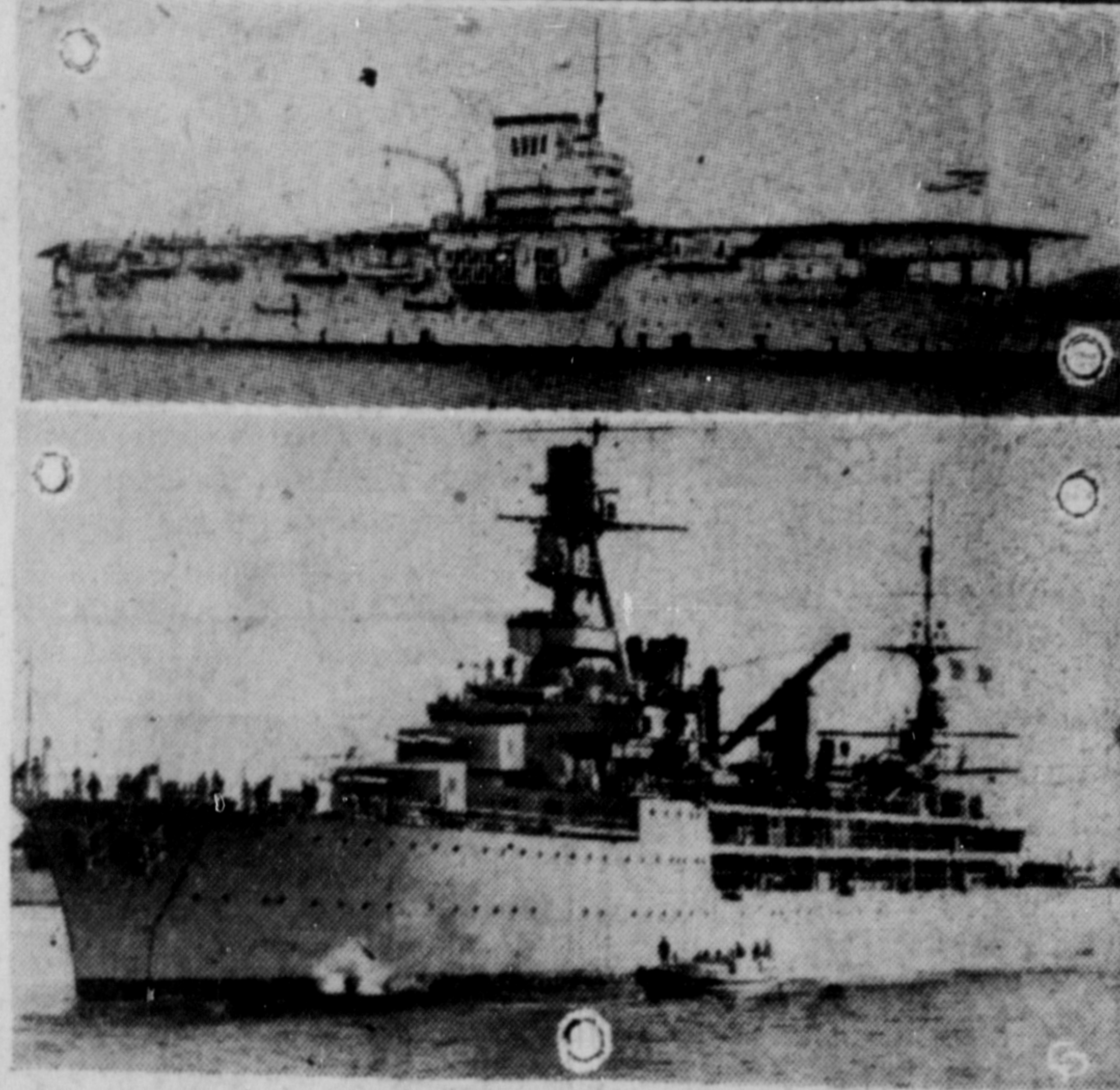
NEW YORK, July 31: (CP)—A young woman, who became interested in volunteer mercy work after a friend asked her to give it a try, is the leader of the British-American Ambulance Corps' drive to purchase ambulances to aid in Britain's fight against Germany. Mrs. Spaulding Kirkbride of New York and Boston sits in her mid-town office directing the campaign aimed at sending to England hundreds of units to replace the ambulances left behind or destroyed during the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Flanders. She is the corps secretary. Although the corps was organized and began its drive only on June 17, it already has raised nearly 125,000 and has received delivery of the first ambulance from an initial group of 22 to be known as the "Thumbs-Up Unit." The unit, completely equipped, will be shipped to Britain early in August. An ardent flying fan, Mrs. Kirkbride made a flying tour of Europe before the war started. She has been piloting her own airplane for several years—since a friend in Victoria, B. C., asked her to try it while she was visiting there.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRARS

So Far Fifty In This District Have Offered Services—Will Be Big Job

Fifty volunteers—thirty in the city and twenty outside—have already offered their services in connection with the taking of the national registration of all men and women in Canada over the age of sixteen years next month, it was announced today by T. W. Brown, registrar for Skeena riding. The principal requirement of those who would assist in the registration is that they should be able to write well, Mr. Brown stressed. The machinery for the receiving of the registrations will be somewhat along the lines of that of a general election but the process will be a more laborious one in view of the long questionnaires which are required to be answered. Many of the registrars will, no doubt, need assistance and this will be where the volunteers will be of assistance. With Mr. Brown as registrar and J. S. Wilson as assistant registrar, there will be 150 deputy registrars throughout the riding, two for each polling division. There are eighteen polling divisions in Prince Rupert. Those appointed as deputy registrars will be required to be on hand for the full three days of the registration. Many of the volunteer helpers can only be in attendance part time during those days. Mr. Brown's law office is the headquarters for preliminary organization of the national registration in Skeena.

FRENCH WARSHIPS HELD IN MARTINIQUE



British naval units carrying out the admiralty's announced intention of preventing any French warships from reaching German or Italian hands, have reportedly bottled up the aircraft carrier "Bearn" and the cruiser "Jeanne D'Arc" in the harbor of Martinique, French-owned island in the West Indies. The move involves a touchy point since the area is well within the "safety zone" proclaimed by the United States and South American nations. The "Bearn" centre, is said to be loaded with American-built airplanes and the "Jeanne D'Arc" reportedly carries many millions of dollars in gold.

CARNIVAL PLANNING

All Arrangements To Be Perfected By First Of Next Week—Meantime Progress Being Made

By Tuesday of next week plans for the forthcoming carnival to be held in Prince Rupert in support of the civic centre project are expected to be largely perfected. At a meeting of committee chairmen last night with the general chairman, Norton Youngs, in the chair, progress in the way of preparations for a varied program with a number of novel features, was reported. Considerable enthusiasm for the affair appears to be developing. One of the most interesting features is expected to be a military demonstration in which various local units have been asked to participate. Another event already drawing attention will be a public wedding in connection with which \$50 in cash and a splendid lot of wedding gifts is to be presented. The lucky couple has not yet been selected. Other attractions will include a sports program in which there is expected to be softball, football and baseball games, field sports and competitions for native teams. Exhibits will include a flower show and other displays. Entertainment along vaudeville lines is also being organized and preparations for the carnival attractions are well under way. Refreshment stands on the main floor will be handled by the Imperial Order. Daughters of the Empire. A tea room on the balcony is also contemplated. Entries for the Carnival Queen contest, in which certain organizations are interesting themselves are to close tomorrow. Announcement was made at last

SABOTAGE IN AIR

PRETORIA, July 31: (CP)—Believing recent "jamming" of British news broadcasts throughout South Africa was caused by an illegally operated transmitter, police are combing the country for the offender. J. A. Frew returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from a trip to Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Frew.

Massing Of Enemy Forces Along Channel And Biscay Coast Taken As Blow Hint

MET WITH RAID SHIP

British Armed Merchant Cruiser Was Unable, However, To Prevent Her Escape

LONDON, July 31: (CP)—The British armed merchant cruiser Alcantara fought a battle with a German raider—a fast converted merchantman—in the South Atlantic but was unable to prevent the raider from escaping, the Admiralty announced today. It is said that the German ship, when hit, turned away, using a smoke screen to escape. The Alcantara gave chase until a German shot reduced her speed. British casualties consisted of two killed and seven wounded.

MORE ARE ARRESTED

Further Detentions of Britishers Are Made By Japanese in Round Up of Alleged Espionage Conspiracy

TOKYO, July 31: (CP)—The Japanese Army officially announced yesterday that several more foreigners, names and nationalities of whom are not disclosed but who are believed to have been all British, were arrested in Korea in an extension of Japan's campaign against alleged foreign espionage in connection with which thirteen Britons were previously arrested in Japan proper. The prisoners are charged with spying. The Japanese foreign minister, admitting today that the number of arrests was increasing, intimated that any British protest against such arrests would be rejected. As far as he knew, the foreign minister said, there had been no arrests so far other than British. He did not state whether or not any Japanese had been arrested although vernacular newspapers said some had been. It was intimated that no British protest had yet been received although surprise was expressed in British quarters at this. R. T. Holder, president of the British Association in Japan and one of the thirteen Britons originally reported arrested, was reported today to have been released.

Father Champagne Is Army Chaplain

Well Known Local Priest Has Received Military Appointment

Father P. Champagne, well known district priest of the Roman Catholic Church, variously located at Anyox, Terrace and a number of other points hereabouts, has been appointed a part time chaplain of the local garrison area with the rank of captain.

night's meeting that arrangements had been made with the Canadian National Railway for special railway excursion fares to the city from the interior for the carnival. T. J. Williams, on account of other activities including the treasurer'ship of the carnival, asked to be relieved as chairman of the house committee.

However, Authoritative Fascist Editor Says It May Be Delayed—Air Raids Back and Forth Are Being Continued

LONDON, July 31: (CP)—Britons braced themselves today for a threatened Nazi invasion after hearing Swiss reports of elaborate preparations for a blow in which Italians are reported to be taking a share. Italian fighting planes and German-trained Italian troops are reported to be massing along the English Channel and Bay of Biscay coast for the attack. Reports along this line have come from France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Last minute preparations for the offensive are said to be practically complete. Large numbers of paratrooper forces are reported to have been flying across France. From Rome, however, came a report that Virginio Gaya, who frequently expresses the views of the Fascist government, warned Italians today not to expect an immediate attempt to invade Great Britain. He said that a lightning campaign such as Germany waged against France was not feasible against Great Britain but predicted that the invasion of Great Britain would be attempted later. He said that gradual tactics designed to wear Great Britain down had been decided upon. German planes attacked shipping off the southeast coast of England today. Exploding bombs were heard inland, indicating that some damage might be caused. Waves of Nazis bombers flew over southeast and southwest England and Wales from midnight to dawn today but were said to have done little damage and no casualties were reported. Southeast of Scotland dive bombers of the enemy unsuccessfully attempted to break up a convoy. Meantime Over Germany The Air Ministry announced that German air men revisited their targets and dropped at least nine high explosive bombs on two areas. Two enemy planes were brought down and Monday's total has been set at twenty-five German planes. Meanwhile, the Air Ministry announced that British bombers had made daylight and night attacks over a widespread area in Germany. In the daylight raids an enemy ship at Flushing was damaged and barges and other craft were attacked at Emden and Hamburg. Other German ships were hit off the Island of Terschelling as well as oil refineries in the Ruhr and airdromes in other parts of Germany. One British bomber was missing. French airmen took part in the raid.

NEW BANK MANAGER

G. R. S. Blackaby, Coming to Local Branch, Has Long Service—War Veteran—Other Activities

G. R. S. Blackaby, who comes from Williams Lake as manager of the Bank of Montreal in Prince Rupert in succession to F. A. MacCallum, who has been appointed to the managership of the branch at Kamloops, has had long experience in banking in this province. He entered the service of the Bank of Montreal at its London, Eng., office and was transferred to Canada in 1911. Prior to the Great War he served in various capacities in the bank's branches at Fredericton, Merritt, Rossland, Vernon and Kelowna. Mr. Blackaby served in the Great War from 1915 to 1919 with the Canadian Machine Gun Corps and was wounded at Passchendaele and gassed at Hill 70. Rejoining the bank's staff after demobilization, he was attached to offices at Armstrong, Summerland, Vancouver and Cloverdale. Later he served as manager of the bank's branches at Terrace and Williams Lake from which latter office he has been transferred to Prince Rupert. At Williams Lake Mr. Blackaby was president of the Board of Trade. He was for a time a director of the Cariboo Fall Fair and Livestock Association for seven years was secretary-treasurer of the Cariboo Stockmen's Association and for three years was president of the Williams Lake and District Branch of the Canadian Legion. He is interested in church work and, when stationed in Summerland was choir-master and conductor. Mr. Blackaby has also frequently filled assignments as a public speaker in the Cariboo district. Mrs. Blackaby is also an active worker in community affairs, having been president of the Williams Lake Hospital Auxiliary, the Ladies' Guild, and a member of the executive of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross. It is expected that the new manager will take over his duties early in August.

BIG MUSTER GETS DRILL

Prince Rupert Canadian Legion Defence Corps Goes Through Paces

The Prince Rupert Canadian Legion Defence Corps held its first drill last night at the Armory with a muster of over eighty men ranging in age from downy youths to grizzled veterans, all anxious to get in shape to engage in active defence should the necessity arise. After being lined up and given a lecture, the volunteers were put through paces in the rudiments of squad drill. Sergeant Major Simpkins of the Irish Fusiliers was an efficient instructor. It is planned to have such drills each Tuesday night.

Portland Canal Recruits Here

Thirty-Six Men From Stewart, Premier And Big Missouri Joining Canadian Scottish

Thirty-six recruits from Stewart, Premier and Big Missouri, going through to Victoria to go into military training were here aboard the Catala last evening bound south. Piper Alex Macdonald of this city was on hand with his pipes to greet and farewell the recruits. Arthur Macdonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald was among the recruits.