Weather Forecast
Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands— Moderate southwest winds, part cloudy and moderately warm with a few light scattered showers.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides
High 4:40 a.m. 17.0 ft.
17:19 p.m. 18.0 ft.
Low 10:55 a.m. 5.9 ft.
23:39 p.m. 7.2 ft.

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Roumania Seizes Large Oil Wells

Germany's Great Blow Felt Imminent

NAZI SHIPS SHOT DOWN

Air Raids on Both Great Britain and German Are Continued

BLITZKREIG EXPECTED

LONDON, July 24: (CP)— A close guard is being maintained along the British coasts for a start of the German blitzkreig expected at any time now. Over sixty German and British planes clashed in a terrific battle over a southeast coast town today. Six German fighters were shot down, bringing losses to nine with three previously shot down in raids over Wales and southwest Scotland and attacks on convoys in the Thames Estuary. Some damage was caused in the raids. One German plane crashed in full view of many spectators in a street near a cottage. The plane was smashed into fragments, digging a fourteen-foot hole in the ground. The crew was instantly killed. The raiders were finally driven back home. Today's enemy raids were over a wide area. In Berlin Nazi spokesmen said that Germany was ready for the knock-out blow against England but was now taking advantage of a military lull to reinforce its economic position with the Balkans. Meantime, harassing air raids were being continued on the British Isles.

LONDON, July 24.— During the night and early today German planes continued their air raids on the British Isles. Starting last night around northwest England and southeast Scotland, they spread by morning to the southeast coast where the attack was again principally directed upon shipping. Several of the Nazi bombers were brought down, it was early reported.

Meanwhile, the Royal Air Force was also active in the attack on military objectives in Germany and German-occupied territory. Bremen, Paderborn and the Ruhn were among enemy points to be raided.

SQUEEZING ROUMANIA

Conference to "Stabilize Balkans" Is Being Called For This Week Under Axis Auspices

BUDAPEST, July 24: (CP)—Budapest newspapers displayed prominently today apparently inspired dispatches from Bucharest quoting political circles as saying that Roumania will shortly begin discussions regarding Hungary's claims on the province of Transylvania. The expectation is that Roumania will be asked to make a territorial sacrifice to Hungary.

An apparently Axis arranged Balkan conference is to held at Salzburg on Friday for the purpose of "stabilizing the Balkans."

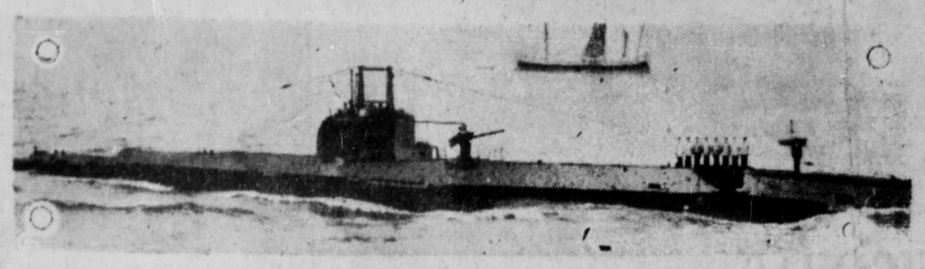
Roumania will also be expected to agree to concessions for the appeasement of Russia.

Canadians Decorated

Distinguished Flying Crosses Are Awarded To Two Prairie Fliers

LONDON, July 24: (CP)— Two Western Canada members of the Royal Air Force—Flight Lieutenant A. C. Brown of Winnipeg and Pilot Officer J. R. Whelan of Saskatoon—were rewarded with the Distinguished Flying Cross yesterday for courage and bravery displayed in action.

SUBMARINE SALMON, REPORTED MISSING



His Majesty's submarine Salmon which took heavy toll of German ships during the invasion of Norway and since, now missing and presumed lost. The Salmon carried six torpedo tubes and one three-inch gun. Her crew consisted of about 40 men.

MALTA IS ATTACKED

Italians Cause Civilian Casualties But Fail to Hurt Military Objectives Much

MALTA, July 24.— There were fairly heavy civilian casualties but little damage to military objectives as a result of further Italian raids on the British naval base of Malta. Two of the enemy planes were shot down and at least four were severely damaged, making twelve planes destroyed and nine damaged so far at Malta alone.

Red Cross Goods Not Sabotaged

Denial of Report is Made by Official of American Red Cross Society

NEW YORK, July 24.—Norman H. Davis of the American Red Cross denies rumors that Red Cross supplies directed to refugees in conquered European countries have been sabotaged by Germany and Italy. Precautions have been taken against this.

TO KEEP MANDATE

United States Would Take European Possessions In This Hemisphere Under Her Wing

HAVANA, Cuba, July 24: (CP)—The United States delegation placed before the Pan-American conference yesterday a project designed to set up machinery immediately for an inter-American mandate over European possessions in the western hemisphere. The mandate would become effective in case such possessions were menaced with a change in sovereignty.

B.C. Sawmills Work Overtime

Wartime Orders Causig Much Timber Activity In This Province

VANCOUVER, July 24:—Brtish Columbia sawmills are continuing to work overtime on orders due to war demands.

Armed Trawler Is Latest Loss

LONDON, July 24.— Loss of the armed trawler Campana is announced by the British Admiralty. The commander and ten members of the crew lost their lives. Three men were saved.

Russian Coup Is Denounced By Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24: (CP)—Announcing that it was not recognized by this country, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today denounced as "deliberate annihilation" the absorption of the three Baltic republics—Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania — by Soviet Russia. He said that the people of the United States were opposed to predatory activities whether carried on by use of force or by threat of force.

AMERICANS JOIN WITH AIR FORCE

More Than Score From Los Angeles District Coming to Dominion

LOS ANGELES, July 24.— More than a score of Americans have left Los Angeles to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. They will serve in Canada and will not lose their United States citizenship.

New Argument On War Slang

LONDON, July 24: (CP)— H. L. Mencken, American writer, thought he had something when he interpreted the "first crop of English war slang" for his countrymen. But Lionel Hale, in "The News Chronicle here, contradicts Mr. Mencken's translation of new colloquialisms.

To begin with, " 'Flap,' meaning a scare, originated with the airmen," according to Mencken. But Hale says the word originated in the Navy at the beginning of the century and has been in common use for years.

Mencken's " 'Bliztflu,' meaning a sudden attack of 'flu,' " is dismissed by Hale, who said he "never heard of it." "And I doubt if you have either," he challenges his readers. Mencken was too hasty in including "vackie" for evacuee. The word was used in the early days of the war but was not popular.

Mencken explains "to brown off" is "to be fed up." He's partly right but Hale says the phrase is "to be browned off.' It is an army term which derives from the hot suns of India.

There are some good slang terms Mencken has missed entirely, says the English writer. Two of them are "to get cracking," and "to lay it on." But he neglects to explain what they mean.

HEAT DEATH TOLL RISES

Fifty-five Succumb Directly And 166 Are Drowned

NEW YORK, July 24: — The death toll as a result of the heat wave is mounting. Sixty deaths directly due to the heat and 166 from drowning are now counted.

Scattered showers cooled some sections of the United States during the night.

Fixed Minimum In Wheat Price

Will Continue the Same as Last Year—Announcement Today

OTAWA, July 24: (CP)—A renewal of the fixed price peg of Canadian wheat of the past year is expected to be announced today by Hon. J. A. McKinnon, minister of trade and commerce. This provides for payment of 70c per bushel for No. 1 Northern at lakehead. Amendments to the Canadian Wheat Board Act are to be posted today and fixed price announcement will be made at the same time.

TOBRUK IS HIT AGAIN

Submarine Jetty and Airdromes At Italian Port Damaged by Royal Air Force

CAIRO, July 24.—British bombers successfully attacked the Italian port of Tobruk in Libya again. Direct hits were scored on a jetty where a number of submarines were moored. Heavy explosions were heard after the attack. Airdromes of the Italians were also attacked and considerable damage done. One British plane failed to return. Italian bases in East Africa were also attacked.

JAPS ARE AMBITIOUS

Look Forward to Day When They will share World With Germany And Italy

TOKYO, July 24: (CP)—The day must come when Japan can share the world with Germany and Italy. Such is the ambitious statement of the new Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoko.

Closer co-operation with the Axis powers and "surprise diplomacy" are included in Japan's foreign policy under the new Konoye cabinet.

BAR GOLD

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

WAR COST ENORMOUS

Is Much Greater In Britain Much More Than Had Been Anticipated

Sales Tax High

Impost Ranges From Twelve To Twenty-four Percent, It Is Announced

LONDON, July 24: CP) — Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, presenting his special war budget to Parliament yesterday, said it was plain Great Britain's war expenditure for the current year would be considerably greater than the estimate of £2,000,000,000 made in April in view of the current rate of expenditure of £57,000,000 weekly which might b e increased. The Chancellor placed the total budget at £3,467,000,000. The excess of expenditure over revenue, estimated at £2,200,000,000. Sir Kingsley described as formidable but not alarming.

The first impost of its kind in the country, a sales tax, ranging from twelve to twenty-four percent on retail prices and as high as 33 1-3 percent on wholesale prices, is imposed under the new budget. It will become operative in October. On luxuries such as furs, laces, silks, jewelry etc. there will be a 24 percent sales tax on retail prices and 33 1-3 percent on wholesale. On necessities, including clothing, newspapers etc., there will be a twelve percent tax on retail prices and 16 2-3 percent on wholesale.

Taxes on beer, wines, tobacco and entertainment are increased. Two shillings per pound is added to the tax on tobacco and a penny a pint on beer.

London newspapers criticize the Chancellor for not going far enough in taxation and financing too heavily on borrowing.

Under Great Britain's latest income tax, married men without children receiving $3000 per year will pay $1300 whereas n Canada they would pay but $200.

Mercury Property In Omineca To Be Given Road

VICTORIA, July 24:—A road will be built from Stuart Lake to a mercury property of the Consolidate Mining and Smelting Co. in Pinchi Lake, it is announced by Hon. W. J. Asselstine, Minister of Mines.

Halibut Sales

TUESDAY'S SALES
American

Constitution, 40,000, 12.3c and 7.5c, Storage.

Yukon, 25,000, 12.7c and 7.5c, Atlin.

Trere were no arrivals today.

Mickey Rooney Is In Victoria

Juvenile Screen Star Spending Holiday In British Columbia

VICTORIA, July 24: — Mickey Rooney, screen star, arrived here yesterday. After a few days he will proceed to Banff to spend a vacation. Crowds were at the pier to see him as he arrived.

Holdings Of British Company Confiscated; Flimsy Excuse Given

Concern Charged With Failing to Provide Information As to Production—Output May Now Go to Germany

BUCHAREST, Roumania, July 24: (CP)—The Roumanian government has confiscated the largest British oil company in Roumania—the Astra-Romane company—which consistently refused to ship oil to Germany. The government order said that the company had failed to provide information on production as required by Roumanian law.

Under terms of a recent oil decree, the Roumanian government may now send the company's production to Germany for use by Nazi forces.

Bulletins

ARRESTED AT HAZELTON

Two men giving names of Jack Logan and Phillip Roberts were arrested at Hazelton yesterday afternoon by Constables Grant of Smithers and Olsen of Hazelton and are now in custody at Smithers charged with the recent burglary of the Riley drug store at Terrace when $400 in goods was stolen. These men are also suspected in connection with the robbery of $600 from the Hudson Bay store at Kitwanga and a $280 robbery from John Berg's store at Burns Lake. They will be taken to Terrace for trial. Two other men who are believed to have been associated with Logan and Roberts are also being sought.

HULL IS SUPPORTED

HAVANA— The United States' Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, has been elected head of a Peace Commission at the Pan-American Conference. This Peace Commission is to deal with the economic security of the Western Hemisphere. All of the twenty-one American republics represented at the conference, with the exception of Argentina, have given their full support to all the proposals of Secretary Hull. Argentina has been very hesitant about making any commitments because of fear that her European trade may be injured. Some observers go so far as to believe that the government of that country may perhaps be undermined by "fifth columnists" who are known to be strong in some sections of South America, the result being the present stand taken by Argentina.

FINLAND DEMOBILIZED

STOCKHOLM—It was announced in Sweden yesterday that Finland had received and accepted an ultimatum from Russia to completely demobilize her army. Some sources believe that this is the first move on the part of Russia to absorb Finland as was done recently with the three Baltic States.

RAIDS ON CHINA

HONG KONG— Chinese military officials stated yesterday that Japan made extensive bombing raids over several Chinese cities. In two towns alone near Chungking over one thousand Chinese were either killed or wounded during the raids.

FRENCH INVESTIGATION

VICHY— The Petain government announces it will make an investigation to establish responsibility for taking France into the war and losing it. Former Premier Edouard Daladier, landing at Marseilles from French Marrocco, and others are being held. Cesar Campinchi, former minister of the Navy; George Mandel, former Minister of the Colonies, and Yvon Delbos, former minister of Education, are also under fire.

SURVIVORS AT CAPETOWN

CAPETOWN, South Africa— A British ship yesterday landed twenty-four members of the crew of a Greek freighter which had been sunk by a German raider. They had been at sea for days in lifeboats before being picked up and had suffered considerable hardship.

Recruiting Response Is Gratifying

HALIFAX, July 24.—Minister of National Defence J. L. Ralston, speaking at Halifax, while on a visit to Atlantic coastal defences, declared that the response to recruiting in Canada had been beyond all expectations. For the time being recruiting has been suspended.

Pitched Battle Near Hong Kong

Clash Between Chinese Guerrillas and Regulars and Japanese Forces

HONG KONG, July 24.—Chinese guerrillas and regulars fought a pitched battle with Japanese forces twenty miles north of Hong Kong.

More Machinery For West's Use

Combine-Harvesters On Increase Both In Prairies And East

MONTREAL, July 24: (CP)—The use of the combine in Canadian agriculture is increasing notably. Sales of these harvesting implements rose 97 percent last year.

Most of the combines are used in the prairie provinces but they are coming into extensive employment in eastern Canada. In 1939 an official bulletin reported over 400 combine harvesters in use in eastern Canada.

WORRIED OVER INVASION

LOWESTOFT, Eng., July 24: (CP)—Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed was the verdict of a coroner's jury investigating the hanging of a Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, "worried over his family if the country were invaded."