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## Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh northeast winds, mostly fair and cooler with scattered showers at night.

## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 1:54 a.m. 22.6 ft.  
14:04 p.m. 23.0 ft.  
Low ..... 8:04 a.m. 3.0 ft.  
20:26 p.m. 1.1 ft.

# Allied Blockade Being Extended

## Steps Taken To Prevent Russia Both On North and South From Giving Assistance to Germany

Spread of War Both Directions is Being Risked—Other Nations Preparing to Get In—Reports of Russo-British Conflict Unconfirmed

ISTANBUL, Turkey, February 23: (CP)—The Russian steamship Svanetia was stopped and searched by a British cruiser near the southern entrance of the Dardanelles, it was learned today. Italian freighters were also searched in the first such general British action in these waters.

COPENHAGEN, February 23: (CP)—Allied warships began blockade of Russian waters off the Russian port of Murmansk today, the newspaper Berlingski Tidende reported. This report is in line with predictions that the Allies contemplated extending the blockade to prevent passage of German supplies through Norwegian waters and also through the Black Sea to the south. By both of these routes, it has been claimed that Russia has been co-operating with Germany.

There were rumors today that British war vessels had already come into conflict with Soviet naval craft but there was no confirmation. The Copenhagen newspaper said that British craft were strung out for a considerable distance to prevent shipment of Russian supplies to Germany and to halt any possible attempt to deliver Russian submarines to the German navy.

Setting up of an Allied command control in the Black Sea with the co-operation of Turkey is authoritatively reported to be contemplated. Diplomats in London said they had no information bearing out a dispatch for a Stockholm newspaper representing Soviet leaders as warning that interference by the Allies with Russian shipping would result in armed conflict. Nevertheless it is evident that Great Britain and France intend to proceed with the extension of the blockade in spite of any Russian warnings and will use their fighting arm in enforcing it.

The Allies have already charged Russia with aiding Germany by refueling Nazi ships at Murmansk and informed quarters at London said they had reason to believe that the same had been done recently in the vicinity of Petsamo on the Finnish Arctic coastal region held by Russia.

This accounts for the presence of units of the Royal Navy in Arctic waters. Some reports say that British warships are now concentrated in considerable numbers in these waters to insure that German vessels are prevented from using either Russian, Finnish or Norwegian waters in carrying out of their commerce. Meanwhile, Russia appeared to be preparing for action both in the Black and Caspian Sea areas. Naval, coastal defence and aerial forces are being put in readiness. At Baku, principal port of the Caspian Sea, blackouts have been ordered as a precaution against air attack. Interference with oil supplies from the Roumanian, Caucasus and other areas thereabouts would further strangle Germany. It is with this end in view that the Allies are now moving.

All of this may very probably involve Roumania, Turkey and possibly other countries in a spreading conflict drawing in Russia. Roumania continues to increase its armed forces and has banned the export of certain products which would be essential in warfare. Turkey is also taking wartime measures in connection with the control exports and imports and regulation of prices.

## War News

**NO BIRTHDAY VICTORY HELSINGFORS**—The twenty-second birthday of the Red Army was observed today without any spectacular victory in Finland, such as the capture of Viipuri, as Dictator Stalin had ordered. The Finnish command announced that the Mannerheim Line defenders had beaten back attacks along the entire width of Karelian Isthmus, killing about two battalions, or two thousand men, at one point and eight hundred at another. Northeast of Lake Ladoga the Finns captured "large quantities of war material" and wiped out Russian patrols farther north.

**TO MEET HITLER**—BERLIN—It was announced today that United States Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles will have a conference with Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Secretary Joachim von Ribbentrop next Wednesday or Thursday. He will be told about Great Britain's "piracy on the high seas" and other things.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Big Missouri	.09 3/4
Bralorne	10.40
Cariboo Quartz	2.45
Dentonia	.01 1/4
Fairview	.01 1/4
Gold Belt	.25
Hedley Masoot	.50
Minto	.01 1/4
Noble Five	.01 1/2
Pioneer	2.10
Premier	1.28
Privateer	.68
Reno	.36
Relief Arlington	.11 1/4
Salmon Gold	.03
Sheep Creek	1.08
Oils	
A. P. Con.	.16
Calmont	.36
C. & E.	1.96
Freehold	.02
Home	2.55
Pacalta	.05
Royal Can.	.17 1/2
Okalta	1.08
Mercury	.06 1/2
Prairie Royalties	.18
Toronto	
Aldermac	.30
Beattie	1.12
Central	2.34
Cons. Smelters	44.50
East Malartic	3.75
Ferland	.03 1/2
Francoeur	.45
Gods Lake	.57 1/4

## TRAWLER IS SUNK

Twenty-one Members of Crew Lost After German Bombing—Three Nazi Planes Lost—Finn Ship Torpedoed

LONDON, Feb. 23: (CP)—Sinking of the naval 540-ton trawler Fifeshire in the course of renewed German aerial bombing attacks on North Sea fishing vessels was disclosed last night by the Admiralty. Twenty-one officers and men of the Fifeshire were lost, there being only one survivor. Another armed trawler was badly damaged but was able to make port safely. Berlin admitted that three German planes failed to return home.

The presence of a German submarine operating off the west coast of Eire was revealed last night with the picking up of an "S. O. S." message from the 2600-ton Finnish ship Rita, 50 miles south of Cape Clear, south-western point of Ireland, announcing that they had abandoned ship after torpedoing by a submarine.

The French high command in Paris today reported a "new wave" of German submarines operating against Allied warships and merchant shipping in the North Sea. Naval experts expressed the belief that the force is composed largely of recently constructed craft.

## Use Of Marines Flatly Denied

"Utter Nonsense" Is Way Report They Boarded Clipper Plane Is Described

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 23: (CP)—British officials at Bermuda yesterday termed as "utter nonsense" a report that armed British marines had boarded a Pan-American Airways clipper to enforce removal of mail for censorship.

## British Planes Over Germany

One Side Says They Are Successful—The Other Says Not

BERLIN, Feb. 23: (CP)—A Berlin communique claimed yesterday that an enemy attempt to fly over Germany had failed. A British plane was brought down over Heligoland, it was claimed. Nevertheless, the British claimed having made successful reconnaissance flights over Austria and Bohemia.

Hardreck	1.12
Int. Nickel	.44
Kerr Addison	.44
Little Long Lac	3.10
McLeod Cockshtt	2.08
Madsen Red Lake	.44
McKenzie Red Lake	1.37
Moneta	.73
Noranda	73.25
Pickle Crow	3.90
Preston East Dome	2.10
San Antonio	2.30
Sherritt Gordon	.98
Uchi	.80
Bouscadillac	.04 1/2
Mosher	.08
Oklend	.08
Smelters Gold	.01 1/2
Dominion Bridge	38.25

## Bulletins

### TONGASS IN TROUBLE

The Alaska Transportation Co.'s steamer Tongass, northbound to southeastern Alaska points, struck a drifting log off Cone Island in Finlayson Channel between Milbank and Queen Charlotte Sound and is disabled. Tugs were summoned to the aid of the vessel and the steamer Princess Adelaide stood by, later proceeding. The vessel's tailshaft is broken and the engine room is leaking. The deep sea salvage vessel Salvage King sailed from Victoria early today to assist the Tongass which was at first reported to be ashore.

### MAN AND WOMAN HANGED

MONTREAL—Achille Grandin and his wife, Marie Louise Cloutier, were hanged at Montreal jail today for the murder in August 1937 of the woman's first husband, Villemond Borehu.

### SANTA ANITA DERBY

LOS ANGELES—Sweepida won the sixth running yesterday of the mile and one-eighth \$50,000 Santa Anita Derby. Royal Crusader was second and Weigh Anchor third. It was an upset victory. Sweepida being a 30 to 1 shot. The horse paid \$68, \$60, \$21, \$20 and \$10, Royal Crusader \$23 and \$13 and Weigh Anchor, \$6.60.

### ON BANK BOARD

OTTAWA—Austin C. Taylor of Vancouver has been appointed a director of the Bank of Canada.

### SPIES ARRESTED

AMSTERDAM—Twenty-two alleged German spies have been arrested in Holland. Similar arrests in Belgium are reported. Unidentified war planes flew over Holland yesterday and were fired upon.

### NAZI FORAYS AGAIN

LONDON—Nazi planes resumed forays in raids on the east coast today, one plane being reported off Essex and another off Norfolk. The first plane was reported, without confirmation, to have been shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Fighters pursued a second. A third bomber flew low over Sunderland.

## TRIBUTES IN OLD LAND

London, Aldershot and Edinburgh Pay Final Tribute to Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 23: (CP)—There were three memorial services for the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, yesterday. In Westminster humble citizens mingled with the nation's great. The Lord Chamberlain represented the King at the rites which were also attended by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and members of his cabinet. Lord Baldwin, the former Premier, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner. Favorite hymns of Lord Tweedsmuir—"I Vow to Thee, My Country" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—were sung. Also present was Lord Tweedsmuir's second son, an officer of the staff of the First Canadian Division and successor to the baronetcy. The First Canadian Division had military service at Aldershot. In Edinburgh a service was held at St. Giles' Cathedral.

The Department of Transport announces in a notice to mariners that the Rose Spit gas and whistle buoy, northeast of Overfall Shoal on the Queen Charlotte Islands, has broken away from its moorings and will not be replaced until further notice.

## BOMBINGS IN LONDON

Further Incidents Laid At Door Of Irish Republican Army

LONDON, Feb. 23: (CP)—There were further bomb explosions in London yesterday attributed to activities of the Irish Republican Army. Twelve persons were injured in the busy Oxford Street shopping area. At Marble Arch there was an explosion in a men's lavatory but no one was injured.

## AMERICANS ARE FREED

Harold E. Dahl, Whose Case Became Notorious, Freed By Franco Government In Spain

MADRID, Feb. 23: (CP)—The United States embassy announced today that the last eight American citizens held as Spanish civil war prisoners had been released. The group included Harold E. Dahl, American aviator, whose case received wide publicity when his wife got General Franco to spare him from execution by writing a letter with her photograph enclosed. Dahl was captured while serving for the Spanish loyalists.

## HEROES IN OLD LONDON

Men of Ajax and Exeter Entertained by Lord Mayor and Hear Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 23: (CP)—Seven hundred and seventy heroes from H.M.S. Ajax and H.M.S. Exeter, home after the battle in which the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee was so badly damaged that she scuttled herself, were entertained at a Lord Mayor's banquet in the guild hall today. Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the captains of the Ajax and Exeter were speakers.

Paying tribute to the officers and men of the Ajax and Exeter, Mr. Churchill said that Great Britain had lost nearly three thousand men in sea warfare and he described the Graf Spee victory as "almost a relief." Mr. Churchill said that naval auxiliary vessels now totalled about 1700 and the number was increasing rapidly. He said that the rescue of merchant seamen from the German prison ship Altmark proved that "the long arm of British sea power can be stretched out not only for foes but for faithful friends."

## Fifty Women Are Signed Up; More, However, Needed

Approximately fifty Prince Rupert women have already signed up in the British Columbia Women's Service Club but more recruits are still needed and the executive of the club has, therefore, decided that recruiting will continue for two meetings—one tonight and another on March 1. Mrs. G. Wharton, the organizer, is still confident that the women of Prince Rupert will respond to the appeal for support at the time of national emergency. Col. S. D. Johnston, officer commanding the Prince Rupert garrison area, has consented to the use of the Armory for drill purposes.

## Million Dollar Contract Given Local Dry Dock

TWO MINE SWEEPERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT YARD HERE—WILL GIVE WORK TO 400 OR 500 MEN—PLANT TO BE OVERHAULED

Word was received today at the office of Olof Hanson that the contract had been signed at Ottawa whereby two new type mine sweepers will be built in the Canadian National Railways dry dock at Prince Rupert at a cost of some \$1,250,000. Canadian Press and special dispatches received by the Daily News, confirmed the announcement. The dry dock management itself had not been advised up to shortly before noon but it was expecting word momentarily. It is expected that work will be started almost at once in getting the plant in readiness to handle the work.

The work will involve the employment of some five to six hundred men.

Adequate facilities for the carrying out of the work already exist including foundry, machine shop and woodworking departments. Overhaul of wharves and other parts of the plant would be required but this could be speedily effected. The vessels would be built in the same berths where the old C.G.M.M. boats Canadian Scottish and Canadian Britisher were built twenty years ago. Special framework, as then, would have to be erected.

It is estimated that it would take about three months to get the plant in readiness for the carrying out of the work. Construction of the two mine sweepers would be carried out simultaneously and would probably take eight or nine months.

## WORK FOR OTHER B.C. YARDS

Canadian Press dispatches said that additional contracts, amounting to more than \$8,000,000, had been awarded to British Columbia shipbuilders for the construction of fourteen mine sweepers. This was revealed in Vancouver shipping circles. Burrard Dry Dock representatives said that two of the vessels would be built at Prince Rupert in the Canadian National Railways dry dock. The Burrard company and North Vancouver Ship Repairs Ltd. had each been allotted six vessels. Previous contracts, amounting to \$6,000,000, had been awarded Vancouver and Victoria firms for constructing submarine chasers.

## H.M.S. Achilles In New Zealand

Ship Which Participated in Battle With Graf Spee is Given Great Reception

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb. 23: (CP)—There were scenes of great enthusiasm here today when H. M. S. Achilles, which participated recently in the battle off the coast of Uruguay, which resulted in the destruction of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, arrived here.

## Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A shallow depression off Vancouver Island is causing rain on the coast and light snow in the interior. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh shifting winds, mostly easterly, showery with not much change in temperature.

Judge W. E. Fisher sailed last night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver.

## Conservatives Consider Fight

Local Executive Meets to Discuss Possibility of Entering Federal Election Contest

To consider the possibility of running a candidate at the forthcoming federal election, the executive of the Prince Rupert Conservative Association held a meeting last night but arrived at no definite decision in the matter. R. W. Cameron, president of the Association, was in the chair.

## Artillery Fire But Otherwise Front Is Quiet

PARIS, Feb. 23: (CP)—The Western Front was quiet today except for artillery fire. Twelve French prisoners were reported to have been taken by the enemy.