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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh easterly winds, unsettled and mild with occasional showers.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	2:32 a.m.	21.0 ft.
	15:24 p.m.	18.4 ft.
Low	9:16 a.m.	2.9 ft.
	21:14 p.m.	7.1 ft.

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Fails To Form Coalition Gov't

Overtures Of Chamberlain Are Spurned By Labor Chieftains; Liberals Take Same Attitude

Minister is Agreeable to Making Sweeping Ministry Changes But Does Not Intend to Step Down Himself

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain attempted to form a coalition government on his own leadership today but, apparently, failed. It was reported authoritatively that Clement Atlee, leader, and Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader, told Prime Minister in a conference at No. 10 Downing Street that representatives of the party would not enter a government of which he (Chamberlain) was head.

It was understood that Opposition circles report that Chamberlain has agreed to make sweeping changes but has abandoned precipitate action over his resignation unless he is forced to do so.

ARMY WILL TAKE OVER RAILROADS

It is believed that some move will be planned in Germany over Whitsuntide

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—It is reported that the German army is taking command of the country's railroads over the week-end. For days past has been urging Germany not to travel over the Whitsuntide holiday. Now plans have been posted saying that train schedules cannot be guaranteed.

Official German quarters it is believed that Germany is ready to decide whenever and where the Allies may decide to enter the Reich.

Many Tourists Returning North

As the Alaska tourist season through Prince Rupert is opened, it will be limited in scope by the number of boats available to handle it. This was made statement is reported by Peter Lakie, C. N. R. freight and passenger agent who returned to the city today from a trip to Vancouver. All the Alaska boats are booked up almost completely.

tourist traffic on the route between Vancouver and Prince Rupert and over the railway to the Queen Charlotte Islands is also contemplated, says Mr. Lakie.

Little Dado Is Booked To Meet Little Pancho

FRANCISCO, May 9.—Little Dado, recognized as the world's fly-champion, has been matched for a title bout on June 24 in Francisco with Little Pancho. In Los Angeles, it is announced,

PREMIER TO STAY AT HELM

Present Indication is That Chamberlain Will Remain at Head of Government—Parliament Quietly Adjourns

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—With Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain indicating that it was his decision to remain in office as leader of the government, the House of Commons, after a quiet question period following two stormy days of debate over the Norwegian campaign which culminated in last night's division sustaining the government by a narrow margin of eighty-one votes, adjourned today until May 21 for the Whitsuntide holiday. The government reiterated its willingness to have Parliament called back immediately in the event of emergency. In answer to Clement Atlee, Labor leader, Mr. Chamberlain said there would be the opportunity after May 21 to discuss the war.

It is considered possible that Prime Minister Chamberlain may submit a technical resignation on the understanding that he would immediately be called back as head of the government. Such a step would lead to a reconstruction of the cabinet to meet the demand for a more aggressive war effort.

The Prime Minister, before the session opened today, gave up his customary morning walk in favor of a conference with Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax whose name as well as that of Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill has been mentioned as a possible successor in the Prime Ministership.

As Mr. Chamberlain entered the House he was cheered by government supporters. Labor members refrained from any demonstrations of their feelings.

After the vote had been taken last night on the technical motion which the Prime Minister had agreed he would regard as a lack of confidence vote, there were shouts from the Opposition benches of "Resign!" Government supporters cheered and "Rule Britannia" was sung. As the Prime Minister and members of the government walked out, there were further shouts of "Resign" "Go"

Final speaker for the government before the vote was taken yesterday First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill admitted that deficiency in the air would prevent the Allies from taking any initiative in the meantime. This condition might last for some time. He denied that the administration had overridden experts of the navy in regard to the campaign against Trondheim. All had been agreed on the indirect rather than the direct attack. He took full share of personal responsibility, however.

Press Wants Change The press appears to be agreed that reorganization of the war cabinet is necessary. The Times declared that the Labor party should have forced the division on Parliament. This, it claims, had not been the most efficacious way of obtaining "trenchant reorganization" of the government which it agreed was necessary. The Herald said that the Norwegian campaign had but "capped a mountain of errors" and joined in the appeal for a reorganization of the cabinet with new blood. The News-Chronicle asserted

More Men Called Up In Britain

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—King George signed a proclamation at Buckingham Palace today making men from twenty-seven to thirty-six year of age liable for military service, bringing the total of those subject to call up to an estimated 2,500,000 men. A further two million had already been called from men between nineteen and twenty-seven years of age.

CONTROL BUSINESS

Two Bills in Connection With Oil Industry Introduced at Special Session of Legislature

VICTORIA, May 9: (CP)—Under two bills introduced at the special session of the Legislature which opened yesterday the government is permitted to enter the gasoline distributing business and to seize the property of any one in the oil industry who refuses or fails to provide an adequate supply of any petroleum product to the public at a price fixed by the fuel control board.

The first bill was introduced by the Premier who described as "intolerable" action of oil companies in suspending deliveries last month rather than accept a three cent per gallon price cut.

The seizure bill, giving the government powers similar to those provided for in the public utilities act, was introduced by the Attorney General, Hon. Gordon Wismer.

REPORT IS NOT TRUE

Washington Denies Peace Plan Was Presented to Mussolini Who Turned it Down

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 9.—It was officially denied today that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had submitted a European peace plan to Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy and that it had been flatly rejected by Il Duce. Tomorrow night the President will make a speech which may reveal something of importance in regard to United States foreign policy.

NEW YORK WHEAT NEW YORK, May 9: (CP)—Wheat futures were 3/8c to 3/4c lower on the New York market today with September at \$1.04 1/2.

Death Penalty For Subversion

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—Death penalty for "grave" cases of espionage and sabotage is provided for in a series of measures presented to the House of Commons today by the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, who said that steps were urgently required to combat "fifth column" activities and subversive propaganda. Four amendments were presented to strengthen the hands of the authorities against treachery from within.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure remains low off the British Columbia coast and relatively high over this province. The weather has been mild and unsettled in all districts. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh southeast winds, part cloudy and mild with showers.

MR. JUSTICE MANSON SEES DEMOCRACY IN DANGER BY BUREAUCRATIC TENDENCIES

Real Principles Should Not Be Lost Sight of in Changing Age—Supremacy of Parliament and Rule of Law

"First we must fight to win the present war but later we may have to fight again to preserve in our own country the principles of democracy for which not a little blood has been shed in the past but against which a stealthy invasion has been going on even in our own country," declared Mr. Justice A. M. Manson in an address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday on the subject of "The Supremacy of Parliament and the Rule of Law."

HUNGARY EVASIVE

Does Not Give Great Britain Direct Answer In Regard To Moving Nazi Troops

BUDAPEST, May 9: (CP)—Great Britain is reported in diplomatic quarters to have asked the Hungarian government to state its attitude toward any German move to send troops through Hungary. Informants said that Premier Teleki had refused a definite answer, saying that Hungary's attitude would depend upon circumstances.

BLOCKADE GREEK COAST

ATHENS—British submarines are reported to have established a blockade in the Aegean Sea off the Greek coast.

ed that the vote indicated the government commanded the confidence neither of Parliament or the country. While the vote was in its favor, everybody knew it was not really a victory for the government, the Manchester Guardian declared.

Labor members in the corridors felt it was a moral defeat for the government, particularly the Prime Minister.

A general feeling appears to be that Mr. Chamberlain will eventually be forced to resign and that a new national government, including Laborites and Opposition Liberal representation, will be formed.

One hundred and fifty-one Conservatives did not vote in yesterday's division. Many of these were away on military service. Others abstained from voting.

NO MARTIAL LAW AS YET

Reports in Regard to Turkey Are Officially Denied by Government

ANKARA, May 9.—The Turkish government officially denies reports emanating from German sources that martial law has been declared in Turkey. Authority has been given for a state of siege in view of the international situation but it has not as yet been put into force.

Mother Widow Has Triplets

BLACKBURN, England, May 9: (CP)—Mrs. Edith Reay, 36, who has given birth to triplets, two girls and a boy, now has 12 children, including twins. Her eldest child is 16. The triplets are healthy and the mother is making good progress. Her husband, John William Reay, who joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps after the outbreak of war, died six weeks ago when home on leave.

German Convoys Are Successfully Hit By Great Britain's Navy

One German Ship Sunk and Another Destroyed While Others Are Damaged—Air Bases Raided—Enemy Plane Down North of Scotland

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—The Admiralty today announced the sinking of a German ship, the destruction of another and hits on a number of others in convoy by German submarines. The Admiralty said that in an attack on one convoy ten enemy ships and six torpedoes had found their mark. Six hits were made on another convoy and two on a third. Further raids have been made by Royal Air Force on German air bases in Norway and Denmark.

In Control Of Narvik

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill announced last night that the British forces are in control of the northern Norway iron port of Narvik. No British warships have been withdrawn from the area. The Admiralty announced that six naval trawlers were lost in the recent Allied withdrawal from the Trondheim area. Norwegians are reported to have surprised and dispersed a detachment of Germans laying bombs on the Narvik railway. Germans are reported routed from a mountain stronghold.

FACTS AND NOT WORDS

Premier Mussolini Says Actions Will Speak Henceforth—Indicates No Immediate Change In Policy

ROME, May 9: (CP)—Speaking from a balcony today to 80,000 Fascist followers in the celebration of Army and Empire Day, Premier Benito Mussolini said that "only facts" would break his self-imposed silence on the European war. He told his listeners to accustom themselves to his silence. Only by actions would he henceforth speak. He said, however, to the massed assemblage that Italy's policy of non-belligerence remained unchanged until there was some new development in the conflict.

Meanwhile the Italian press, including official newspapers, railed against Great Britain and France.

SITUATION IS EASIER

Although Suspense Still Exists in Lowlands—Further Precautions Taken

AMSTERDAM, May 9: (CP)—Intense military preparations, accompanied by partial suspension of communications with the outside world again last night, continue to keep Holland in a state of suspense although tension both in Holland and Belgium may be said to have relaxed to some extent following statements in Berlin denying reports that two German columns were converging on the Dutch frontier, a reliable New York source having given this as the cause of unusual precautions. German authorities explained that crack Nazi armies had been stationed for months along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers not with the intention of invading the lowlands but to guard against an Allied invasion of the Reich.

Further special defence measures have, however, been invoked in Holland, including the barring of all foreign commercial air services, meaning Germany's because no others have been operating; the placing of civilian air facilities under military control and the arrest of more suspicious characters. There was no confirmation of a report published in the London Daily Star that prominent Dutchmen had gone to Berlin to discuss German demands.

Bulletins

RUSSO-JUGOSLAV PACT

BELGRADE—Russia and Jugoslavia last night reached a trade agreement with far-reaching implications including recognition at last of the Soviet government by Jugoslavia. A Jugoslavia military mission is reported to be leaving soon for Moscow as a result of which there may be a military alliance providing for co-operation in the Balkans, possibly with the Allies.

GARNER DROPS OUT

WASHINGTON—Garner presidential forces now concede that a third term nomination for President Roosevelt at the Chicago convention is a foregone conclusion if he will take it. Talk of a Roosevelt-Garner ticket is heard. Others who have been inclined to oppose the President are also accepting the view that no one can possibly beat Roosevelt for the nomination.

KOHT IN PARIS

PARIS—Foreign Minister Koht of Norway is in Paris and has conferred with Premier Reynaud and other French authorities in regard to the campaign against the German invasion in Norway.

MAPLE LEAFS WIN

MONTREAL—Vancouver Maple Leafs defeated Young Men's Hebrew Association last night in the first game of the Canadian senior basketball finals, the score being 33 to 26. The half time score was 19 to 11.

APPEALS TO I.R.A.

DUBLIN—President Eamon de Valera today made a fervent appeal against further Irish Republican Army activities. If disorders continued, civil war might ensue, making the country an easy prey for invasion.

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