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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong east winds, part cloudy and somewhat colder tonight.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High	1:04 a.m.	19.2 ft.
	12:49 p.m.	21.0 ft.
Low	7:00 a.m.	7.0 ft.
	19:29 p.m.	3.0 ft.

War At Sea Strikes At Dominion

Canadian Steamer Is Sunk by Torpedo Off British West Coast

Canadian Pacific Freighter Beaverburn Goes to Bottom After Submarine Attack—All But One Member of Crew Known to be Saved

LONDON, February 6: (CP)—Six of the crew of seventy-seven aboard the torpedoed Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s transAtlantic freighter Beaverburn are reported rescued. Company officials said there was a possibility that the one man, although unaccounted for in first reports, may yet be safe. The only Canadian-born member of the crew was safely rescued. There were no passengers on board.

The Beaverburn, a vessel of 9874 tons, built at Dumbarton, Scotland, in 1927, and registered out of London, is the second Canada-bound vessel to have been torpedoed since the war commenced, the first having been the Athenia. The Beaverburn was bound for Saint John, New Brunswick, and the torpedoing occurred off the southeast coast of Ireland and west of Cornwall Peninsula, indicating that a German submarine is in action in the main transAtlantic shipping lane.

Capt. Thomas Jones was in command.

Rescue vessels were speedily at the scene to pick up the survivors

GOVERNOR IS HURT

Lord Tweedsmuir Suffers Concussion as Result of Fall in Government House

OTTAWA, Feb. 6: (CP)—Governor General Lord Tweedsmuir fell and suffered a concussion, it was announced today at Government House. He was said to be resting comfortably.

A private physician examined His Excellency immediately after the fall which occurred in Government House and a statement on the extent of the injuries is expected later.

SITUATION IN BALKANS

Each Of Four Nations To Work Out Its Own Relations With Larger Powers—All To Sign With Italy?

BEDGRADE, Feb. 6: (CP)—Balkan Entente diplomats, after their three - day conference here at which Roumania, Greece, Turkey and Jugoslavia extended their entente for seven years pledging continuance of the present neutral status so as to preserve this part of Europe from the trials of war, have returned home, each determined to work out relations with larger powers and one another on an individual basis.

The conference is believed by foreign observers to have failed to unite the four nations except for broadly worded decisions on neutrality, independence and promotion of trade within the entente. There were no absolute guarantees.

Expectation is voiced among some international political observers that separate accords may be negotiated with Italy by the four Balkan powers and also possibly with Bulgaria or Hungary.

In Rome today the newspaper Giornale d'Italia stated that "the last word has not been said" when it became known that some difficulties in regard to Italian purchases of oil had come up through the raising of the exchange rate by Roumania.

BRITONS IN FIGHT

Had Skirmish With German Patrol On Western Front During Night

PARIS, Feb. 6: (CP)—A section of the Yorkshire Regiment had a skirmish during the night with an enemy outpost patrol, the barking of a dog having drawn it to attention. Fire was exchanged and one British private was wounded. No enemy dead or wounded were found in the morning but there was a patch of blood-stained snow.

French military authorities reported yesterday that a German attack on French advance lines east of Blies River had been repulsed yesterday with hand grenades. Today the western front was dormant with nothing to report.

War News

GERMAN PEACE BID

OSLO—The Stockholm correspondent of the Oslo newspaper Tidens Tegn said that rumors of a German peace plan were taking shape. It was said that some neutral state would offer a six-point plan.

DEATH PENALTY PROPOSED

LONDON—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that legislation providing for the death penalty for disclosure or leakage of information to the enemy was under consideration.

TAKE GERMAN OFF SHIP

CAPETOWN—A Portuguese vessel was intercepted by a British warship and six Germans, considered liable for war service, were removed, later being landed here.

CAMPAIGNS FOR HUBBY

Conservative Contest In Yukon Again Family Affair Between Blacks

OTTAWA, Feb. 6: (CP)— Mrs. George Black is travelling back to the Yukon to campaign for her husband, Capt. George Black, who will contest the Yukon seat as Conservative candidate in the forthcoming federal election. Mrs. Black was elected as independent Conservative in the last election when her husband was forced to retire due to illness. Now she has withdrawn in his favor. Capt. Black was formerly Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons.

WEARY OF BADGERING

President Roosevelt Tells Reporters He Will Make Third Term Pronouncement When Ready

NEW YORK, Feb. 6: (CP) — President Franklin D. Roosevelt said at a press conference yesterday at his Hyde Park home that he was getting tired of attempts to sound him out on third term possibilities. When anything was said it would be at his time and choosing and his alone, the chief executive declared.

Meanwhile the Democratic national committee yesterday, by a margin of one vote, chose Chicago as the venue for the Democratic national convention, the exact date and other arrangements to be made by Postmaster General James A. Farley, national committee chairman.

Farley let it be known today that he was willing to let his hat go in the ring for the Demorcatic nomination. He is said to have the support of New York and New England which would be a powerful start.

Vice-President John Nance Garner has also indicated his willingness to be presidential candidate.

Much will depend, of course, on what President Roosevelt decides to do about the third term.

POOR BOY MADE TOP

Samuel Vauclain Rose From Apprenticeship To Be Captain Of Industry

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6: (CP)—Samuel Matthews Vauclain, who is dead here, typified the American tradition of a poor boy climbing to the rank of industrial captain.

From an apprentice boy in the railroad shop he rose to head the vast Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia and became an authority on railroad transportation.

Hangar Contract At Aliford Bay

Bennett & White Construction Co. Of Vancouver Awarded Contract

Bennett & White Construction Co. have been awarded the contract for the construction of a single land plane hangar at the Royal Canadian Air Force air base at Aliford Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands.

TO EASE CONTROL

Premier of Japan, After Hearing Protests, Announces Press Will Get More Latitude

TOKYO, Feb. 6: (CP)—After protests had been heard in both Houses of Parliament today, Premier Yonai said that relaxation of press control would be attempted. Speakers in both chambers suggested that, through such rigid censorship as was being imposed, the government was losing the confidence of the people.

David Niven In Officers' Reserve

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 6:— David Niven, popular English moving picture actor, has been admitted to the British officers' emergency reserve for war service but does not expect to be in uniform before next fall.

CLAIMS OF NAZIS ARE FANTASTIC

Not Satisfied With Truth in Regard to Results of Their Air Attacks On Shipping at Week-End

LONDON, Feb. 6: (CP)—German claims that Nazi bombers sank a mine-sweeper, four outpost boats and nine merchantmen over the week-end are described as "absurd" here although the loss of the mine-sweeper Sphinx is admitted together with a least four and very possibly more, merchantmen, some of which were neutral.

As reported Monday, the week-end casualties from wave after wave of airplane attack included the Norwegian Tempo, 629 tons, which was sunk, several others being badly damaged but reaching port.

Attack on a tenth vessel Saturday was disclosed when members of the crew of the trawler Willa said that German planes had machine-gunned their boat.

Sinking of the British steamship Portelet, 1064 tons, by mines during the week-end was disclosed Two of the crew were killed.

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

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .10.
Bralorne, 10.50.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.45.
Dentonia, .01¼.
Fairview, .01¼.
Gold Belt, .22.
Minto, .01¼.
Noble Five, .01½.
Pend Orielle, 1.70.
Pioneer, 2.10.
Premier, 1.35.
Privateer, .78.
Reno, .38.
Relief Arlington, .12½.
Salmon Gold, .02¼.
Sheep Creek, 1.18.
Cariboo Hudson, .04¼.

Oils

A. P. Con., .18.
Calmont, .38.
C. & E., 2.08.
Freehold, .02.
Home, 2.75.
Royal Can., .17.
Okalta, 1.07.
Mercury, .06½.
Prairie Royalties, .20.

Toronto

Aldermac, .31.
Beattie, 1.12.
Central Pat., 2.40.
Cons. Smelters, 46.00.
East Malartic, 3.90.
Fernland, .04¼.
Francoeur, .49.
Gods Lake, .55¼.
Hardrock, 1.26.
Int. Nickel, .43¼.
Kerr Addison, 2.41.
Little Long Lac, 2.93.
McLeod Cockshutt, 2.27.
Madsen Red Lake, .46.
Moneta, .80.
Noranda, 73.50.
Pickle Crow, 3.95.
Preston East Dome, 2.16.
San Antonio, 2.42.
Sherritt Gordon, .98.
Stadacona, .08.
Uchi, .86.
Bouscadillac, .04½.
Mosher, .08.
Oklend, .13¾.
Dominion Bridge, 37.00.

ITALIANS AID FINNS

Fifty Carloads of Airplanes Are Sent Through France to Beleaguered Northern Nation

PARIS, Feb. 6: (CP)—Shipment through France of some fifty carloads of Italian made airplanes for the Finnish Army is disclosed by sources near the government.

Looks Like Settlement

LONDON, Feb. 6: (CP)—British decision to turn over nine of twenty-one German seamen seized from the Asama Maru is regarded in informed quarters as a step towards a face-saving compromise with Japan without sacrifice of British belligerent rights. While the Japanese government has not yet finally accepted the plan, it was expected it might. Meantime the British are regarded as having gained a major point in the Japanese announcement that Japanese steamships had been instructed to refuse to carry citizens of belligerent nations liable to war service.

MORE REDS ARE SLAIN

Russians Are Still, Apparently, Having Bad Time North of Lake Ladoga

Big Victory Unconfirmed

Helsingfors Fails to Give O.K. to Persistent Report

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 6: (CP)—The Finns, northeast of Lake Ladoga, killed over five hundred Russians yesterday and captured much booty in repulsing three Russian attacks, it was declared in an official communique last night.

Persistent reports of the entire eighteenth Russian division having been completely wiped out of action in the Kitela sector are not confirmed officially. This is a highly trained and well equipped division consisting of 20,000 men. It was the object of an encircling movement by the Finns. The unconfirmed reports said that seven thousand had been killed, thousands of others captured while the remainder were in frantic and disorderly retreat, facing the prospect of freezing or starving to death. Newspaper correspondents said that as many as forty-two Russian tanks had been destroyed with large amounts of arms and ammunition left behind in the flight.

Meantime, the Russians continued their fierce artillery onslaught against the Mannerheim Line with heavy casualties and unsuccessful in making a breach. Three thousand Russians are said to have been killed here.

Quiet was reported early today on all the Finnish fronts.

During the past week in aerial attacks on Finland, hundreds of Russian planes participated, dropping an estimated 6800 bombs, killing 150 civilians and injuring 179, in addition to doing extensive damage in many cities and towns.

West Summerland Man Passes Away

Muir Stewart, For Years Manager Of Fruit Co-operative, Passes Away At Mayo Clinic

WEST SUMMERLAND, Feb. 6: (CP)—Muir Stewart, for years manager of the Summerland Co-operative Fruit Growers and well known gruit grower of this district, is dead at Mayo Clinic, Rochester., Minnesota, according to word received at his home here yesterday. He had retired a few years ago as manager of the co-operative.

BOMBINGS AGAIN IN OLD LAND

Explosions In London, Birmingham and Manchester on Eve of Executions Tomorrow

LONDON, Feb. 6: (CP)— Bombs exploded in public buildings of London, Birmingham and Manchester on the eve of the scheduled execution of two Irish Republican Army members. Bombs burst in mail bags at Euston Station in London, injuring four persons. The bags were bound for Birmingham where the two condemned men, Peter Barnes and James Richards, are in jail awaiting execution for a bombing at Coventry on August 25 when five persons were killed and one hundred hurt. A mail sorter was injured in an explosion in the Birmingham general post office where a bomb was also planted in a mail bag. No one was hurt in the Manchester post office blast. Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, has refused to recommend to King George the granting of a reprieve to Barnes and Richards.

JAPANESE ADVANCING

Claim To Have Penetrated Ningsia Province—Great Battle In Kwangsi

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6: (CP)—Japanese announced today that their northern forces had penetrated Ningsia Province in far northwest China for the first time.

The Japanese invasion of China rounded out its thirty-first month today with rival armies in southern Kwangsi Province locked in battle which both sides indicated was one of the war's greatest.

MEAT ON RATIONS

Supply Will Be Limited In Britain After March 11, It Is Announced

LONDON, Feb. 6: (CP)—W. S. Morrison., minister of food supply, announced today that meat rationing will be commenced on March 11. Each person over six years of age will be allowed one shilling ten pence worth of meat per week and each person under six years eleven pence worth.

Ham and bacon are already rationed.

Bulletins

SAVING CERTIFICATES

OTTAWA—The Canadian government is to issue savings certificates, with denominations as low as $5 and $10, through the Post Office. Another war loan is expected before the end of the year.

STORM IN CALIFORNIA

REDONDO BEACH—A violent sea storm pounded the shore here during the night, damaging beach homes and stores and carrying away a portion of the popular beach.

GANDHI LEAVES

NEW DELHI—Unsatisfied with the proposal of the ViceRoy, Lord Linlithgow, for a settlement of differences regarding self-government of India, Mahatma Gandhi left Delhi without awaiting the outcome of similar conferences with Moslem leader.

PROMINENT RAILROADER

Fred Sargent Headed Chicago Northwestern for Fourteen Years

CHICAGO, Feb. 6: (CP)— Fred Wesley Sargent headed the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company for 14 years. Until ill health forced him to retire May 24, 1939, he also served as president of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company and as a director of the Continental Illinois National Bank, one of the largest financial institutions in the country; the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and several smaller railroad companies.

He found time as well for a wide range of civic duties. These included services as trustee for the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, Northwestern University, the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry, Lake Forest Academy and Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Balances Budgets

In 1933, when the city of Chicago and Cook county were struggling with financial problems of increasing seriousness, he was chosen by a committee of 100 business men to direct a campaign to balance municipal budgets, Sargent and his fellow workers accomplished their purpose.

A finished after-dinner speaker, Sargent spent considerable time traveling to address clubs, business organizations and audiences at the educational institutions in which he was interested.

Commercial groups often called on him for help and he was director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. He served for several years as chairman of the Mount Rushmore Memorial Commission formed to co-operate with Gutzon Borglum on the huge presidential sculptures in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Sargent was born May 26, 1876, in Akron, Iowa, a Plymouth county town founded by his father, Edgar Wesley Sargent. As a boy he worked in his father's flour and grist mill and on the family's farms. His interest in farms persisted throughout his life and in addition to his Evanston home he maintained a farm near Mount Vernon.

After being graduated from the Akron public schools, Sargent studied at the State University of South Dakota and the law school of Iowa State University. He earned a legal degree in 1901 and started at once to practice law in Sioux City, Iowa. A year later he was married to Miss Mary Minier of Flandreau, S.D. They had three children, Minier, Haskell and Frederika, now Mrs. Fred E. French.

City Attorney

In 1906 he was elected city attorney of Sioux City and re-elected in 1908. Four years later he gave up a rather lucrative practice to accept a position as state attorney for the Rock Island Railroad, with headquarters at Des Moines.

He remained there until 1920, when he was invited to come to Chicago as general solicitor for the North Western. In 1924 he was elected vice president and general counsel and in 1925 he was chosen to head the company and its subsidiaries, comprising approximately 10,000 miles or railroad lines.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A deep depression on the British Columbia coast is causing rain in the vicinity of Vancouver Island. The weather has been mild with light snow in the interior.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southeast winds, shifting to southwest, mild with scattered showers occurring tonight.