

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and
Lotte Islands—Strong
or moderate gales, un-
mild with rain.

The Daily News

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1940.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 0:56 a.m. 20.1 ft.
12:41 p.m. 23.0 ft.
Low 6:44 a.m. 6.9 ft.
19:27 p.m. 1.0 ft.

SUSPEND BOMBING

Lull Over Christmas Season—Is Starting Up Again Now, However

ACTIVITY TODAY
LONDON, Dec. 27: (CP)—Following the quiet of the Christmas holidays, there was considerable air activity over the southeast coast today. British reconnaissance planes were seen patrolling the coast and the English Channel. A single German raider dropped a few bombs harmlessly near a small patrol vessel two miles offshore. German big guns from Cap Gris Nez fired towards shipping in Dover harbor and the Channel.

LONDON, Dec. 27:—The unofficial truce between Germany and Great Britain which brought two days and two nights during which there were no aerial attacks on either side ended yesterday afternoon when a Nazi plane came up over the southeast coast of England and attempted to bomb shipping near the Isle of Sheppey in the Thames estuary, being however, chased back home by anti-aircraft fire and British pursuit planes. No damage was done and there were no casualties. Last night the Royal Air Force bombed Bordeaux and other Channel bases but all England had a quiet night.

Christmas day in England was marked with weather which would have been perfect for an invasion attempt by way of the straits of Dover but, despite elaborate precautions and most exacting patrol, nothing materialized. The only incident of Christmas day was the appearance of a German bomber over the Orkney Islands which was brought down and the crew of four taken prisoner.

Under the tacit three-day truce as far as air bombing was concerned during the Christmas season between Germany and Great Britain, sides were ground. The truce proposal was made by Germany and transmitted through the United States to Great Britain. There were no official announcements either in Berlin or London.

While Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have been free of air raids, Britain was on guard against a possible surprise move such as an invasion.

In Berlin it was threatened that the truce might be followed by an even heavier assault on Britain, other German leaders making Christmas statements along similar lines to that of the commander-in-chief of the Nazi army who stated that the Reich army only awaited the word of Hitler before going to direct grips with Britain.

After the two nights of respite from aerial raiding, London celebrated Boxing Day in the usual way. Great crowds jammed the streets, particularly in the West End, and moving picture theatres and restaurants were jammed. There was cheerfulness and sense of confidence everywhere notwithstanding the general feeling that the lull would probably be followed by heavier and fiercer blows. Come what may, however, Britons are supremely confident that they will be competent to meet it.

Message Of Appreciation

Gift Of C. N. R. Employees Is Acknowledged By London's Lord Mayor

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27:—A kindly message of grateful and heartfelt appreciation from the Lord Mayor of London was received in Winnipeg on Christmas Day by D. R. Devenish, general manager, western region, Canadian National Railways. This was in acknowledgement of the Christmas present of \$13,700 sent by the employees of the western region to the Lord Mayor's fund. The message:

"Gratefully acknowledged magnificent gift from staff Canadian National Railways to my air raid distress fund. Your support gives us strength and courage."

Fire Destroys Naval Barracks; One Life Lost

AT AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, Dec. 27:—One Canadian naval rating is dead and ten sustained burns as a result of fire sweeping a Royal Canadian Naval barracks at an Eastern Canadian port. The cause of the fire was not revealed.

MESSAGE OF KING

British Feet On Ground of Victory—Italy Already Beaten

LONDON, Dec. 27.—King George, in a Christmas Day broadcast to the Empire, declared that Italy was already a beaten foe.
His Majesty said that difficult times lay ahead but British feet were firmly planted in the ground of victory and the Empire had already made progress on the way to lasting justice and peace. Britain might look forward to the new year with sober confidence. Grave crises had already been surmounted but considerable dangers and difficulties undoubtedly still lay ahead.
The King expressed appreciation to American friends for taking care of British children.

War News

ITALIAN ADMITS DEFEAT
ATHENS—A high Italian officer, captured by the Greeks, said that, as far as Italy is concerned, "the war is lost" and he did not see how Premier Mussolini could hide the fact much longer.

PETAINE'S STAND
VICHY—While Premier Petain may co-operate in certain ways with Germany, those close to the aged general are sure he will refuse to go so far as to become actively involved against Great Britain.

BALKANS RESTLESS AGAIN
BELGRADE—Speculation is rife in the Balkans as to the purpose of rumored new movements of Nazi troops through Hungary into Rumania during the last few days. Whether this is associated with the Albanian situation is the moot question. Interest also centres on a reported friendship pact between Bulgaria and Turkey. Already Germany has 100,000 troops in Rumania. Meanwhile Russian forces are massing along the Rumanian border.

ITALIAN PEACE OFFER?
LONDON—There is no confirmation in London of Italy having sent a peace offer to the British government. British officials, saying they have no knowledge of such an offer having been transmitted, are inclined to the opinion "it is extremely unlikely."

FREIGHTER TORPEDOED
NEW YORK — The British freighter Everleigh has not been heard from since 10:50 a.m. Christmas Day when she sent out two "S.O.S." calls saying she had been chased for four hours by a submarine 300 miles south of Iceland in the Atlantic Ocean. The Everleigh is well known on the Pacific Coast and is a vessel of 5250 tons.

FREIGHTERS FOR BRITAIN
WASHINGTON, B.C., President Franklin D. Roosevelt is expected to soon approve the sale of forty-four more American merchant vessels to Great Britain. It is stated that under a 1917 law the government is enabled to seize foreign vessels in American ports and dispose of them as it sees fit.

Bulletins

SCHOONER IS MISSING
VICTORIA—There has been no further word since last Monday of the lumber-laden five-masted schooner City of Alberni which was reported in distress on Monday in a storm outside of Cape Flattery. There have been several casualties to boats off the Washington, Oregon and California coasts in the recent stormy weather.

WHIRLWIND IN CUBA
HAVANA—Forty persons are believed dead and more than 100 injured with considerable property damage from a whirlwind which centred in a village twenty miles from here yesterday.

BULGARIA'S DEMANDS
SOFIA—Bulgaria is reported to have renewed her demands upon Greece for an outlet to the Aegean Sea.

TRANSPORT BOUND NORTH
SEATTLE—A United States Army transport left here yesterday for Fort Richardson, near Seward, Alaska, with 1000 soldiers, mostly from Spokane, on board. They will take up garrison duty in the north.

MELEE AT SHANGHAI

Italian Warrant Officer Killed And American Marine In Serious Condition

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27:—An Italian naval warrant officer died of injuries and an American marine is in a serious condition with brain concussion as a result of a fracas, between Italian and American sailors in the American section of the international settlement at Shanghai. Fifty Italians and forty Americans took part in the melee. An apology is already said to have been sent on behalf of the Italians.

PASSED ON 'XMAS EVE

Capt. J. M. Morrison, Prominent Halibut Boat Operator, Died

One of Prince Rupert's best known pioneer halibut boat owners and skippers is dead in the person of Capt. John Murdoch Morrison who passed away on Christmas Eve at his home, 823 Borden Street. He had been in failing health for the past few months and two or three weeks ago his condition took a more serious turn.

Capt. Morrison had been engaged in halibut fishing on this coast since the old steam trawler days. For years he operated the boat D. S.T. and later owned the Nornen. It was well over ten years, however, since he had actively engaged in fishing himself, having been for some time agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and more recently secretary of the Canadian Halibut Marketing Board.

The funeral will take place on Saturday.
The late Capt. Morrison was sixty-nine years of age and was a native of Nova Scotia. He had been on the British Columbia coast for forty years.

Besides his widow, Capt. Morrison is survived by two sons—John, in the naval service at Esquimalt, and Daniel, in Prince Rupert—and two daughters—Mrs. Alex Macdonald of Vancouver and Mrs. T. H. Hatchard of Melville, Saskatchewan. There are also three grandchildren and Capt. James Morrison of this city is a brother. The bereaved will have the deep sympathy of many friends.

In addition to his other activities, Capt. Morrison was prominent in affairs of the Moose and Oddfellows Lodges.

PEG PRICE OF BUTTER

Government Body Orders That it be No Higher Than at December 12

OTTAWA, Dec. 27: (CP)—Wholesale butter prices throughout Canada will be pegged tomorrow at the maximum wholesale price prevailing in each locality on December 12 last. The fixing of the price was announced today by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and means an appreciable reduction from the prices now prevailing. The board said the step had been under consideration for weeks but action was withheld in the hope that increased prices would attract imports sufficient to meet the shortage. (In Prince Rupert the retail butter price for first grade is 45c per pound, having been advanced to this two weeks ago. The wholesale price here today is 39c.)

UNCLE SAM IS WARNED

Germany Again Sounds Note Against Extending of Shipping Aid to Great Britain

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The German press again warned United States vigorously today against taking any action to help Great Britain which might hamper Germany's prosecution of the war. Particular reference was made to shipping.
Any United States boats which enter waters declared blockaded by Germany, and these include Elze, would be subject to all the hazards of war, it was declared.

CONTINGENT SAFE OVER

Further Canadians Arrive in England—Canadian Corps Formed

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 27: (CP)—The eighth large contingent of Canadian troops to reach the United Kingdom in little more than a year arrived safely and was welcomed by representatives of Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, and Lieut. General A. G. McNaughton, commander of the newly formed Canadian Corps. The convoy was unmolested by submarines but experienced a rough crossing.

Announcement was made at the week-end of the formation of a new Canadian Army Corps in England. It includes the first and second divisions and is under command of General McNaughton.

First Australian fliers trained in Canada under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan also have arrived in Britain.

CAPT. HALSEY IS PROMOTED

Local Army Officers Rewarded For Good Work

Captain and Mrs. Ivan Halsey, who have been in charge of the local corps of the Salvation Army for the past three and one half years, have just received word from territorial headquarters in Toronto that they have been promoted to the rank of adjutant.
Captain and Mrs. Halsey have been officers for the past ten and one half years and have served in various districts of the four western provinces.

Hockey Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday
Americans 1, Boston 8.
Toronto 2, Detroit 3.
Chicago 3, Rangers 3.
Thursday
Chicago 5, Canadiens 7.
PACIFIC COAST
Wednesday
Seattle 3, Vancouver 3.
Thursday
Portland 3, Vancouver 2.

DESTROYER HAS SUNK

Admiralty Announces Loss of H.M.S. Acheron But Gives No Details

LONDON, Dec. 27: (CP)—The Admiralty announced last night the sinking of the destroyer Acheron but gave no details.

Roosevelt To Speak Sunday

Chief Executive of United States Will Address Nation By Radio

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Next Sunday night from 6:30 to 7:30 President Franklin D. Roosevelt will address the nation by radio, his secretary, Stephen Early, announces. The chief executive is expected to discuss the national defence program and aid to Great Britain. He will it is understood, be particularly specific in regard to aid to Britain.
The President remained at the White House over Christmas but there was the usual family observance of the festive occasion.

Boys' Band Out Christmas Eve

Excellent Music Played for Crowds Downtown and Many Favorable Comments Heard

The Prince Rupert Boys' Band, under Bandmaster Robert Greenfield, turned out and played at downtown points on Christmas Eve, the boys thus playing their part in enhancing the Yuletide spirit. Carols and lively airs were played and favorable comments were heard at all hands.
The Boys' Band, war conditions notwithstanding, continues its valuable function with enthusiasm and is making splendid progress.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)
Vancouver
Big Missouri, .05.
Bralorne, 10.15.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.30.
Dentonia, .0012 (ask).
Fairview, .0012.
Gold Belt, .28.
Hedley Mascot, .56.
Noble Five, .0012.
Pend Oriole, 1.76.
Pioneer, 2.17.
Premier, .00.
Privateer, .55 (ask).
Reeves McDonald, .15.
Reno, .13.
Relief Arlington, .0212.
Salmon Gold, .02.
Sheep Creek, .85.
Cariboo Hudson, .01.
Oils
A. P. Con., .0812.
Calmont, .24.
C. & E., 1.40.
Home, 2.38 (ask).
Pacalta, .04.
Royal Canadian, .0812.
Okalta, .70.
Mercury, .06 (ask).
Prairie Royalties, .0712.
Toronto
Aldermac, .15.
Beattie, 1.17.
Central Pat., 1.90.
Cons. Smelters, 37.12.
East Malartic, 2.85.
Fernland, .0412.
Francœur, .43.
Gods Lake, .39.
Hardrock, 1.06.
Int. Nickel, 32.12.
Kerr Addison, 4.00.
Little Long Lac, 2-10.
McLeod Cockshutt, 2.30.
Madsen Red Lake, .54.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.23.
Moneta, .56.
Noranda, 56.00.
Pickle Crow, 3.00.
Preston East Dome, 3.50.
San Antonio, 2.65.
Sherritt Gordon, .82.
Uchi, 32.12.
Bouscadillac, .0212.
Mosher, .07.
Okland, .09.
Smelters Gold, .0112.
Dominio Bridge, .2612.

FIRE UPON ISLAND IN SOUTH SEA

Raider, Disguised as Jap But Believed to be German, Makes Attack

CANBERRA, Dec. 27: (CP)—The British administered island of Maunu, 1300 miles northeast of Australia, has been heavily shelled and considerably damaged by a raider believed to be German although it had a Japanese name and was flying a Japanese flag. It is announced by Prime Minister R. G. Menzies of Australia. Maunu was formerly a German island but was taken from Germany during the last war and has since been under British mandate. It lies 600 miles northeast of the Solomon Islands.

BARDIA TO FALL SOON

Only Final Word Of General Wavell Awaited For Final Assault

AUSTRALIANS WIN
CAIRO, Dec. 27: (CP)—Australian units of the Royal Air Force repulsed an Italian attempt to gain control of the air over Bardia. It was stated here today. Two Italian planes were shot down and four were severely damaged.

CAIRO, Dec. 27:—British forces are closing in on the Italian port of Bardia in Libya for a decisive frontal blow. Only the final word of General Sir Archibald Wavell is awaited. A large scale artillery duel is developing. Italian planes are ineffectually trying to relieve the beleaguered port where 20,000 Italian forces face destruction or surrender.

British artillery is still pounding at Bardia while infantry and other land forces continue to move closer for the final assault. The Royal Air Force also continues the offensive in Libya. The entire country around Bardia is in British hands and Sidi Barrani and Sal-cum are in ruins. Italian guns at Libya have replied to the British artillery and a long range battle would appear to be in prospect. Scores of Fascist planes are endeavouring to assist in the rescue of beleaguered defenders of Bardia.

Souvenir Of Air War Is Received

Piece of Barrage Balloon Received In Prince Rupert Is Interesting Relic

An interesting souvenir of the war in England has been received by Mrs. H. M. Harper of this city from her brother, Gunner George A. Wilkins of Campbellton, New Brunswick, who is serving with the Canadian Active Service Force in Great Britain. The relic is a small rectangle of the fabric from which had been shot down during combat in the air.

The fabric is of a steel grey color, somewhat rubbery on one side and canvaslike on the other. The texture is light but strong so as to withstand the effects of winds, fogs and storms such as visit the British Isles.
Gunner Wilkins, who served in the last war, enlisted from Calgary.

Having been late in leaving Vancouver Monday night, C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Neil McLean, did not arrive in port until 1:45 Wednesday afternoon, sailing at 5 p.m. for Ketchikan and Stewart whence she returned here last evening southbound. The Prince Rupert brought forty passengers for Prince Rupert and points north.

GREEKS ARE VICTORIOUS

Bad Weather Does Not Prevent Them From Pressing Italians in Albania

FIERCE BATTLE ON
ATHENS, Dec. 27: (CP)—One of the fiercest battles of the Greek-Italian war is reported to be raging today in the Kilsura sector of Albania where the Italians are said to have concentrated huge reinforcements to defend a vital mountain pass gateway to north and west. A heavy snowstorm and bitter cold is severely handicapping military operations but fighting is reported to be developing on an increasingly large scale. Despite determined Italian resistance, the Greeks are said to have captured new positions.

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—Rain and snow is slowing up the fighting in the Albanian war between Italians and Greeks. Desperate attempts by the Italians to stem the tide of the Greek advance towards Valona appear to be futile, the Fascist rear-guard counter-attacks from the surrounding heights proving futile in the effort to protect the important coast port.

The fiercest fighting in the Italo-Greek war still centres in the Tepeleni-Kilsura area.
Thirty Italian and nine British planes are reported to have been shot down in the latest air fighting. The Italians bombed a defenceless village in the island of Corfu, killing fifteen persons and wounding thirty.

Over Christmas fresh triumphs were claimed by the Greeks in Albania beyond Chimara and towards Valona on which the Italians are continuing to fall back, losing more prisoners and supplies.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A deep disturbance is centred off the Queen Charlotte Islands. The weather has been unsettled and mild throughout British Columbia with rain on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh southwest winds shifting to south, part cloudy and unsettled with showers.

KINCOLITH ELECTION

Herbert Doolan Chief Councillor at Naas River Village for Coming Year

Indian Agent J. Gillett visited Kincolith, native village at the mouth of the Naas River a few days ago to conduct the election of village councillors for the coming year which resulted in the choice of the following:

Chief Councillor—Herbert Doolan.
Councillors—Percy Alexander, Edward Haines, Jeffery Benson, Matthew Stewart, W. F. Stewart and Albert Haldane.
Constables for the year are Josiah Tait, Richard Watts, Solomon Doolan, William Venn and Francis Watts.

SOME WARM JOB

LONDON, Dec. 27: (CP)—When a time-bomb fell in central London, 10,000 pairs of telephone wires were damaged. Engineers worked through air raid and barrage to repair the damage.

LIKE OLD TIMES

RICHMOND, England, Dec. 27: (CP)—Members of the New Zealand All-Black Rugby team which toured England in 1935-6, E. W. Tindill and C. Pepper played on an N. Z. Expeditionary Force team here.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. John Boden, is due in port at 6 o'clock this evening from the south and will sail at 10:30 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Henry Anderson, is due in port at 6 o'clock this evening from the south and will sail at 10:30 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.