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Weather Forecast
Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands— Fresh to strong northwest winds, mostly cloudy and cool becoming unsettled at night.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITIS H COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:16 a.m.	16.9 ft.
	22:42 p.m.	18.5 ft.
Low	4:15 r.m.	8.0 ft.
	16:21 p.m.	7.1 ft.

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Italy Says Not Planning For War

SITUATION IN NORWAY NOT CLEAR

Allies Claim To Be Holding Their Own Although Position Appears To Be Dangerous

LONDON, May 1: (CP) — The British War Office announced last night that British troops have "resisted further German advances in the Dombas area" and that fresh British landings in Norway had taken place.

Meantime, there was no denial of the German claims that Dombas and Storen, important junctions on the Oslo-Trondheim railway, had been captured by the Germans. While the situation in central Norway is admittedly serious for the Allies, the Nazis, it is declared, have not, as they claim, gained control of the railway line leading to Trondheim. Indeed, Allied demolitions and bombings behind the advancing German lines have rendered their positions difficult.

A dispatch from Stockholm says that the Germans have been driven out of Roros, that there have been British successes around Narvik as well as southeast of Trondheim and that the Germans are in a serious plight at Narvik.

Bases Bombed

The Air Ministry announced today that the Royal Air Force had bombed airdromes at Stavanger, Fornebu in Norway and Allborg in Denmark last night, doing heavy damage. The communique said that seven British planes had been lost and three German planes are known to have been shot down. In view of heavy concentrations of German aircraft at all these points, the raids were resumed today.

Stockholm reports that an Allied air raid on Hartvik resulted in the destruction of a German occupied airdrome there as well as the destruction of eleven German planes.

German aerial bombings continue heavy in the Namso area where extensive damage has been done. A British destroyer is said to have been sunk, blowing up after a direct hit on the stern. Other British naval craft are also said to have been damaged by direct bomb hits, these including a cruiser and transports.

North of Lillehammer there are reported to have been wholesale surrenders by the Norwegians with the enemy capturing large quantities of fighting equipment including cannons, machine guns and motors.

There was a Stockholm report yesterday that Royal Air Force planes had sunk a German submarine in Oslofjord and that further fighting was taking place in the Skagerrack.

NEW YORK WHEAT

NEW YORK, May 1.—New York wheat prices were 7/8c to 1 3/8c lower yesterday with September closing at $1.06 5/8.

Is Back From Western Front

LONDON, May 1: (CP) — Hon. Norman Rogers, Canadian minister of national defence, flew back to London today after completing a whirlwind trip to France including the western front. The trip gave him an insight into what he termed the "Allies' thorough and realistic preparations for the task ahead."

Dull Trading In New York

One of Quietest Days of Year on Stock Market Yesterday

NEW YORK, May 1.—Yesterday's was one of the dullest sessions of the year on the New York Stock Exchange. Transactions totalled 590,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was 148.43, up .02; rails, 30.65, off .05, and utilities, 25.10, up .12.

Bulletins

NO "GAS" ELECTION

VICTORIA—Premier T. D. Pattullo said today that no election would be called on the gas issue. He is also reported to have rejected the proposal for a 72 hour truce. Meanwhile Dr. W. A. Carrothers wired Mayor Lyle Telford of Vancouver permission to truck in gas from the United States to be sold by private Vancouver retailers. The retailers are putting up the cash to bring it in from a Seattle firm.

MAY DAY IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW—Defence Commissar Voroshilov, addressing a huge May Day gathering in the Red Square today, expressed satisfaction that Russia was not involved in the European war. Dictator Joseph Stalin was among those in attendance. There was a great demonstration of military might.

TO STAY NEUTRAL

STOCKHOLM — Come what may, Sweden intends to maintain its neutrality, declared Premier Per Albin Hansson in a May Day speech today.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy E D Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .09.
Bralorne, 10.40.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.60.
Dentonia, .01 1/4.
Fairview, .01 1/4.
Gold Belt, .24.
Hedley Mascot, .43.
Minto, .02.
Noble Five, .00 5/8.
Pacific Nickel, .08.
Pend Oreille, 1.75.
Pioneer, 2.20.
Premier, 1.17.
Privateer, .57.
Reno, .25.
Relief Arlington, .06.
Salmon Gold, .03.
Sheep Creek, 1.07.
Cariboo Hudson, .03 7/8.

Oils

A. P. Con., .14.
Calmont, .39.
C. & E., 1.90.
Freehold, .02 5/8
Home, 2.45.
Pacalta, .04.
Royal Can., .18.
Okalta, 1.10.
Mercury, .06.
Prairie Royalties, .17.

Toronto

Aldermac, .25.
Beattie, 1.05.
Central Pat., 2.15.
Cons. Smelters, 40.00.
East Malartic, 3.45.
Fernland, .03.
Francoeur, .43.
Gods Lake, .42.
Hardrock, 1.00.
Int. Nickel, 36.00.
Kerr Addison, 2.43.
Little Long Lac, 2.60.
McLeod Cockshutt, 1.86.
Madsen Red Lake, .41.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.35.
Moneta, .67.
Noranda, 68.00.
Pickle Crow, 3.00.
Preston East Dome, 2.11.
San Antonio, 2.30.
Sherritt Gordon, .88.
Uchi, .60
Bouscadillac, .03 1/2.
Mosher, .07.
Oklend, .06 1/2.
Smelters Gold, .01.
Dominion Bridge, 35.00.

Nazi Bomber Brought Down In Essex Town Of Clacton; Crew And Civilians Killed

LONDON, May 1: (CP)—Crash of a German bomber shot down by anti-aircraft guns and explosion of its deadly load of mines and bombs at the east coast resort town of Clacton-on-Sea today killed the Nazi crew of five and caused England's first civilian air raid casualties—three dead and more than one hundred injured. The explosion destroyed three houses, damaged fifty others and left a huge crater in a residential district street.

Marauding German planes also visited the Hull district at the mouth of the Humber River yesterday but were chased out to sea where machine gun fire was later heard.

WILL MAKE STATEMENT

Chamberlain To Talk About Norway Tomorrow—Criticisms Are Heard

LONDON, May 1: (CP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today informed the House of Commons that he will make a statement on the Norwegian situation tomorrow.

Last night, speaking at Edinburgh, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal leader, demanded a oational inquest ioto the war effort. If the government had muddled the Norwegiaan campaign, then Parliament must act "objectively, fearlessly and resolutely." Neutral nations, Sinclair suggested, were becoming doubtful about the effectiveness of the British war effort and might "climb aboard the German band wagon."

"Nothing less than the greatest effort of the British people will defeat Nazi Germany," declared Dominions Secretary Anthony Eden today. "Nothing is to be gained by wishful thinking. Our resourses are better but there must be effort. Time is on our side but it must be saddled."

The Daily Mail and other newspapers criticized the Prime Minister yesterday for failing to make a statement on Norway.

WEATHER IMPROVED

Month of April Continues Good Record Being Set Up So Far in 1940

There was more sunshine and less rain than usual during this April in Prince Rupert. The sunshine totalled 99.3 hours as compared with 61.6 hours in the same month last year. The precipitation this April was 9.65 inches in camparison with 11.43 inches in April 1939. The sunshine so far this year aggregates 289.2 hours compared with 206.6 hours in the first four months of 1939 while the precipitation this year to date is 26.21 inches as against 40.42 inches in the corresponding period last year.

The April weather summary, as announced this morning by S. G. Mellor, Dominion meteorologist, Digby Island, was as follows:

Maximum barometer reading at sea level, 30.404 on April 21.

Minimum barometer reading, 29.625 on April 28.

Maximum temperature, 69 on April 22.

Minimum temperature, 32 on April 1.

Mean temperature, 47.3.

Total precipitation, 9.65 inches.

Total sunshine, 99.3 hours.

Maximum wind velocity, easterly, 46 miles per hour, April 16.

Log Scaling In This District Shows Large Increase; Spruce Output Is Tremendously Higher

Log scalings in Prince Rupert for the month of April this year amounted to the high total of 8,101,486 board feet as compared with 2,536,031 board feet in the same month last year and the aggregate for 1940 to date bounded up to 11,965,077 board feet as against 3,969,316 board feet in the first four months of 1939.

There was an increase of almost 100 per cent in the scale of spruce while the hemlock scale was more than three times greater than in April 1939.

The scaling per species this April was as follows:

Fir, 22,491 board feet.
Spruce, 3,168,187 board feet.
Cedar, 299,199 board feet.
Hemlock, 4,325,241 board feet.
Jackpine, 286,358 board feet.

The production of poles and piling in the interior this April amounted to 64,002 lineal feet—62,815 lineal feet cedar and 1,187 lineal feet hemlock— as compared with 9,180 lineal feet in April 1939.

Ties counted this April numbered 11,485 pieces which was an increase over 1,752 pieces in the same month last year.

The cordwood scale this April was 115 cords as compared with 67 in the same month last year.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure continues low west of Vancouver Island and is relatively low over Idaho. The weather has been cool throughout British Columbia and rain is reported in the southern districts.

West Coast of Vancouver Island— Strong southeast to south winds, cloudy and mild with occasional rains.

BAR GOLD

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

CONNAUGHT NOW NINETY

Canada's Popular Governor-General At Opening of Great War Spent Day Quietly

By PAT USSHER
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, May 1: (CP)— The Duke of Cannaught, known throughout Canada for his long and close connection with the Dominion, was 90 today. He spent the day quietly at home like most other days.

There were many messages of congratulation and visits from members of the Royal Family. His Royal Highness is the King's great uncle and is the sole surviving son of Queen Victoria. Princess Beatrice, 83, is the Duke's sister.

Despite his age, the Duke continues to take a keen interest in Canadian affairs and particularly in the Canadian Active Service Force training in England. He was the popular governor-general of Canada at the outbreak of the First Great War. Appointed in 1911 he was to have been succeeded in 1914 by the Earl of Athlone, the present governor - general designate, but the Duke's term was extended till 1916 and the Earl joined the British forces in France. In 1916 the Duke of Connaught was succeeded at Ottawa by the Duke of Devonshire.

The Duke's Health

Senior field-marshal of the British Empire, the Duke drove to Aldershot a few days after the arrival of the first Canadian contingent to see their parade grounds and barracks and to meet Major-General Andrew McNaughton, general officer commanding. Subsequently he was host at a luncheon to General McNaughton and two of his senior brigadiers.

For months the Duke of Connaught was in poor health and unable to leave his house at Bagshot Park, Surrey. On the occasion of the visit to the C.A.S.F. he could not leave his car. But lately his condition has shown marked improvement. Friends and members of his household have been impressed by his vigor. During Easter week he walked daily in the grounds at Bagshot Park.

To aid his hearing, the Duke has a special listening apparatus at his dinner table. Not long ago a friend noticed that the Duke was joining in the conversation, missing nothing that was said, although he wasn't using the apparatus.

"Clearly, sir, you can hear perfectly well when you wish," he remarked.

"You and I understand each other much too well, my friend," was the smiling reply.

The Duchess of Connaught died in 1917.

SEEDING IS VERY EARLY

Bulkley Valley Farmers Well Advanced With Crops, Reports Olof Hanson—Spring Pole Drive Finished

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, arrived in the city on last night's train from Smithers and will be here until Friday when he will return to Smithers, leaving there next Tuesday to attend the session of Parliament opening at the middle of the month.

Mr. Hanson reports that crop seeding is well under way in the Bulkley Valley now, a good deal of grain having been sown last week. This is earlier than in many years.

The spring drive of poles from Skeena River camps to the booming ground at Nash was successfully completed on Saturday, Mr. Hanson reports.

Assurance Is Given By Premier Mussolini To United States Envoy

William Phillips Conferred With Il Duce This Morning to Receive First Hand Information on Position of Affairs

ROME, May 1: (CP)— United States Ambassador William Phillips was understood today to have been assured by Premier Benito Mussolini that no war move is contemplated by Italy at present. Mr. Phillips conferred with Il Duce this morning to receive first hand information on Italy's position in view of disquietening reports.

The sailing today of the Italian liner Rex from Naples on schedule for New York was taken as an indication by some that Italy planned no immediate change in its policy of non-belligerency.

Meantime Pope Pius is known to be making special efforts to keep Italy at peace and to prevent the spreading of war.

One of the disturbing reports has been in regard to heavy Italian troop movements towards the Yugo-Slav frontier.

"It is not neutral but an ally of Germany" was the statement last night of Virginio Gayda.

ITALY IS ALARMING

Great Britain Considers Mediterranean Situation Serious Enough To Divert Shipping

PARIS, May 1: (CP) — The Italian attitude toward the Allies "has become definitely alarming" in the last two days, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman declared today. He said the apprehension was due to the general atmosphere in government and diplomatic circles in Rome rather than to specific facts.

Meantime, "precautions," which it was authoritatively announced yesterday in London were being taken by Great Britain were later learned to include naval preparedness.

British shipping has been ordered diverted from the Mediterranean, passenger and freight vessels being instructed to proceed via Cape of Good Hope.

Halibut Sales

American

Tordenskjold, 39,000, 9.3c and 7c, Storage.

Electra, 40,000, 9.3c and 7c, Booth.

Reliance I, 14,000, 9.3c and 7c, Pacific.

Remos, 7,000, 9.5c and 7c, Pacific.

Ranier II, 7,000, 9.6c and 7c, Booth.

Serious, 13,000, 9.3c and 7c, Atlin.

Pierce, 14,000, 9.1c and 7c, Storage.

Canadian

Clipper 11, 17,000, 9.4c and 6.5c, Storage.

Borgund, 8,500, 9.2c and 6.5c, Edmunds & Walker.

Finella, 16,000, 8.9c and 6.5c, Atlin.

Dovre B., 21,000, 9c and 6.5c, Storage.

Embla, 17,000, 9c and 6.5c, Pacific.

L. R., 5,000, 9c and 6.5c, Atlin.

Rio Rita, 5,000, 9.1c and 6.5c, Atlin.

Tugwell, 38,000, 9.2c and 6.5c, Edmunds & Walker.

ZOUAVE CASUALTY

PARIS, May 1: (CP)—Bobbie, an Alsation dog brought from Tunis with a regiment of Zouave soldiers, has been killed. Bobbie was active in carrying despatches at the front until a German bullet picked him out.

C. L. Gibson of the Forest Branch is leaving on tonight's train for Smithers to take over the duties of I. Martin, forest ranger, who has been transferred to the Peace River district. Mrs. Gibson is leaving a week later to join her husband.

IN FAVOR OF TRUCE

Statement is Made on Behalf of Oil Companies

NO FEDERAL ACTION

OTTAWA, May 1: (CP)—Hon. Norman McLarty, minister of labor, indicated today that the Dominion government does not intend to intervene in the dispute between the British Columbia government and major oil companies. "It is purely a provincial matter," he said. "The Supreme Court has upheld the legality of the board's price fixing powers."

VANCOUVER, May 1.—Complete endorsement of the proposal made by the Vancouver Retail Merchants Association that there should be a truce in the gasoline sales deadlock was given by R. M. Pidgeon speaking this morning on behalf of the oil companies. Mr. Pidgeon suggested, however, that the truce need not be limited to seventy-two hours as far as the oil companies are concerned but could go on while the parties arrive at a mutually satisfactory solution.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Pidgeon said, "what the Retail Merchants Association and the Downtown Merchants Association are asking of the government is exactly what the oil companies ask. The companies are prepared to resume deliveries at once, provided they do not have to accept the principle and the losses incidental to selling, for an indefinite period at the lowest price level on the entire Pacific Coast.

"The retail merchants of all people should sympathize with our present position for, if we can be arbitrarily ordered to sell at a ruinous loss by unscientific action of a government board, so can they."

"In the meanwhile, however, the urgency of getting this deadlock broken must be apparent to everyone and we hope that the retail merchants of Vancouver will prevail upon the government to accept the proposal which their organizations have made."

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, May 1.—Copper was off .01c yesterday with September closing at 10.12c per pound.