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Tomorrow's Tides

High 9:39 a.m. 18.8 ft.
22:32 p.m. 18.0 ft.
Low 3:02 a.m. 9.0 ft.
16:05 p.m. 5.1 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh south to south-west winds, cloudy and cool with showers.

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Lining Up War Camps For Europe

IS PEACE OR GREATER WAR AIM OF MUSSOLINI—HITLER BORDER PARLEY?

Important New Developments in European History May Well Be Forthcoming From Meeting on Railway Siding Near Brenner Pass

ITALY GOING WITH GERMANY
BERLIN, March 18: (CP)—Extension of the Rome-Berlin axis to Moscow and possible eventual participation of Italy in the war on Germany's side were cited today by excellently informed Berlin circles as the main apparent results of today's meeting at Brenner Pass between Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy. The statesmen appear to have worked on plans for complete reorganization of Europe with Russia as a partner. Berlin is filled with rumors, one of which is that Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop will confer with Premier Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of Russia as soon as possible. Hitler and Mussolini conferred for two and a half hours at Bennero on the Italian side of Brenner Pass before each returned to his own capital. A communique described the talks as cordial.

ROME, March 18: (CP)—At the Italian village of Bennero near the vital Brenner Pass on the Italo-German frontier Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy and Chancellor Adolf Hitler met today in a hastily arranged conference which may well portend important new developments in the European situation. Whether the purpose of the conference was a new peace offer or to arrange a more active alliance between Germany and Italy prior to a commencement of comprehensive warfare was at first uncertain.

It was possible that the conference might have had some relation to the recent visit to European capitals of Sumner Welles, United States Under Secretary of State, whose departure for home from Rome is expected to have been delayed from Tuesday to Wednesday.

It is understood here that the conference was arranged by Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, on his recent visit to Rome. It was the first meeting of Hitler and Mussolini since the historic Munich conference in September 1938.

Hitler is accompanied by von Ribbentrop and Mussolini by his foreign minister, Count Ciano. He was still insisted in authoritative quarters in Rome that Italy had no intention of being drawn into closer relations with Russia and that this country intended to maintain its attitude of non-belligerency. This lent support to the view that Mussolini might again be attempting to act as a peace intermediary.

The instigation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt through Under Secretary of State Welles. There is not a great deal of optimism in official Italian circles, however, as to the prospects of peace as there is no indication whatever that the Allies are in any mood to accept any overtures from Hitler.

Mussolini left Rome suddenly by special train yesterday in the direction of Milan and it was not until after his departure that announcement was made that he had come to meet Hitler. The conference took place in a military guarded private railway city.

WE wish you to review the taxation plan of the Liberal Government as presented by Col. Ralston and adopted in the emergency session last fall.

Industry is allowed its normal peace time profit with a normal tax but excessive profits are to be taxed to such an extent that it is COMPARABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSCRIPTING WAR TIME INDUSTRY.

We venture to predict that election of a National Conservative Government would mean changing this tax for the benefit of the few.

VOTE FOR HANSON
Who Stands For No Profiteering
Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.

Bulletins

FAMILY IS BURNED
CHICOUTIMI, Quebec — Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hebert were fatally burned last night in a house fire at nearby Port Alfred.

LEGION MEMORANDUM
OTTAWA—In a memorandum of the Canadian Legion to the government, it is pointed out that lessons drawn from the last war should be needed in taking care of veterans of the present one. Nor should the needs of the veterans of the First Great War be forgotten in concentrating on the present effort. Unemployment, it is pointed out, still persists and it is asked that veterans be given the preference in war contracts.

LADY TWEEDSMUIR'S FAREWELL
OTTAWA—Lady Tweedsmuir said farewell to Canada yesterday on leaving for England to take up future residence. She said she would always be proud to count herself a part of Canada. She would have always warmth in her heart and gratitude for the affection she had been shown in Canada.

MORE RUSSIAN DEMANDS
STOCKHOLM—A Moscow dispatch to a Stockholm newspaper says that the Soviet is to demand free ports in Sweden and Norway and also non-aggression treaties with those countries.

FINNS TO MOSCOW
HELSINKI—A Finnish delegation left today for Moscow to conclude the peace treaty with the Soviet. Exact lines of the new frontiers will be set, trade treaty negotiations will be opened and the desirability of reopening diplomatic representation between the two countries discussed.

TRAIL WINS
NELSON—Trail won the West Kootenay hockey championship Saturday by winning the deciding game 3 to 1.

MOUNTIE SLAIN
CARNOUSTIE, Sask.—Sergeant A. J. Barker R.C.M.P. was shot to death in a hotel here, several bullets being fired. One man is being held.

NAZI PLANE WRECKED
COPENHAGEN—Burned wreckage of a German fighting plane has been found on a Danish island. Berlin explains that it was a training plane which lost its way and made a forced landing. The crew of four escaped.

Market Depressed By Peace Rumors

Values Continue to Sag All Along The Line in New York

NEW YORK, March 18.—The stock market continues to sag on account of peace rumors from Europe. Industrials were down .77 at 145.76 on Saturday. Rails were down .23 at 29.78 and utilities were off .08 at 24.02. The decline kept up in the first hour today when 180,000 changed hands, industrial being off .13 at 145.63 and rails off .03 at 29.75.

Mothers And Seven Children Perish

HEBER SPRINGS, Arkansas, Mar. 18: (CP)—A young mother, Mrs. Sally Allen, and seven of her ten children were burned to death when their farm home near here was destroyed by fire.

DISASTER IN MINE

Four Men Killed in Vain Attempt To Rescue Some Thirty or Forty Others Entombed

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, March 18: (CP)—Four men were killed while trying to rescue some seventy miners trapped and now believed dead in the Willow Grove mine, four miles south of here. Some two hundred other miners, imprisoned in the workings, found safety behind barricades and later were brought out. The latest statement was that hope of rescuing 71 men still in the mine was practically nil and that they were probably victims of deadly fire damp. One hundred and fifteen of the rescued are suffering from gas fumes.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Toronto
Aldermac, 25.
Beattie, 1.08.
Central, 2.12.
Cons. Smelters, 43.50.
East Malartic, 3.55.
Fernland, .03.
Francoeur, .43.
Gods Lake, .50.
Hardrock, 1.01.
Int. Nickel, 43 1/2.
Kerr Addison, 2.33.
Little Long Lac, 3.10.
McLeod Cocksutt, 1.81.
Madsen Red Lake, .45.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.90.
Moneta, .68.
Noranda, .70.
Pickle Crow, 3.75.
Preston East Dome, 2.01.
San Antonio, 2.28.
Sherritt Gordon, .95.
Uchi, .73.
Bouscadillac, .03.
Mosher, .07.
Oklend, .06 1/2.
Smelters Gold, .01.
Dominion Bridge, 37.50.

CRASH OF AIR LINER

Fourteen Lives Lost When Italian Plane Hits Mountain In Mediterranean Island

NAPLES, March 18: (CP)—Fourteen persons—ten passengers and the crew of four—were killed yesterday when an Italian air liner bound from Italy to Tripoli crashed into the side of a volcanic mountain on Stromboli Island north of Sicily.

Big Loan Is All Sold Out

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—Great Britain's new £300,000,000 three percent war loan was oversubscribed, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon told the House of Commons today.

Venerable United Church Pastor Is Dead In Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 18: (CP)—Rev. J. S. Henderson, aged 82, widely known Unitarian Church minister and winner of Vancouver's "Good Citizenship" medal for 1939, died after a brief illness. (Dr. Henderson was no stranger to Prince Rupert people. His last visit here was a few years ago in his capacity as Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge for British Columbia.)

NEW TYPE OF WARFARE IS STARTED BY REICH IN ORKNEY AIR VISIT

One Civilian is Killed—One British Warship Struck—Incendiary Bombs Used—German Claims More Extensive

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—German claims of an aerial raid on a naval anchorage at Scapa Flow at 7 p.m. Saturday were confirmed by British authorities although some time ago First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill stated that Scapa Flow was no longer being used as a naval base. Fourteen Heinkel bombers engaged in the attack and, according to the British statement, one man-of-war suffered minor damage, one civilian was killed and there were fourteen other casualties—seven naval and seven civilian, including two women. Five cottages were damaged and haystacks were burned. Shore guns and pursuit planes went into action and shot down one of the Nazi bombers and damaged others, one so badly that it is believed it could not have reached home.

The boldest stroke of the war by Germany, it marked the first time in the conflict that British civilians have been killed by German bombings. Also it was the first time that incendiary bombs have been used, indicating that the objective included land as well as naval marks. Thus a new phase of warfare is commenced.

The raid lasted about twenty-five minutes and it is estimated that at least one hundred explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. No military objectives were struck, it is announced, although the countryside was showered with missiles.

The civilian victim was a man named James Isbister who was

War News

ROOSEVELT ON PEACE
WASHINGTON — No lasting peace can be established unless based on moral values and respect of guaranteed rights of smaller nations by larger, declared President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States in an international radio broadcast Saturday night. There can be no peace with oppression, starvation, cruelty or domination by armed camps. There must be religious and educational freedom. Similar sentiments were expressed by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland who spoke on the same broadcast.

TROOPS DISBANDED
STOCKHOLM—Sweden has ordered the disbandment of troops in the north which were mobilized during the crisis of the Russo-Finnish war. Officers released from this duty will be employed in the training of more Swedish troops.

FINLAND STILL DEFIANT
HELSINKI—"Finland will go forward with a sword in one hand and a trowel in the other," declared Premier Risti in a defiant speech. New and modern towns will be built and named after those which had to be abandoned to Russia. There will be a new Viipuri which will be the most modern town in the world. Another defence line will be prepared in readiness for the day when Finland may again have to protect itself from the aggressor. A Helsinki newspaper advocates that General Gustav von Mannerheim take over the government of Finland.

RUSSO-JAPANESE CRISIS
SHANGHAI—Armed Japanese and Russian forces still face each other on Sakhalin Island which has become the focal point of latest differences between Nippon and the Soviet. Relations between the two nations are declared to be in a perilous position.

ON WESTERN FRONT
PARIS—German patrols attacked French outposts on the western front west of the Saar and east of the Moselle. Some French prisoners are claimed to have been taken by the Germans. They dropped leaflets on the Maginot Line advising the French: "Don't waste yourselves for Great Britain."

AIR FORCE ACTIVE
LONDON—Royal Air Force planes bombed German patrol ships yesterday and virtually lifted one out of the water. Exact extent of damage was not stated.

LANDED IN GERMANY
LONDON—A young Royal Air Force flier tells how he landed in an open field in Germany recently when he lost his way. After he discovered he was in enemy territory he took off again and, in spite of fire from soldiers, got away safely and returned home. The landing was sixteen miles behind the frontier.

WAS ANTI-HITLERITE

Samuel Untermeyer, After Noted Career In Law, Spent Latter Years In Cause of Internationalism

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., March 18 (CP)—Samuel Untermeyer, famous New York corporation lawyer and crusader for Jewish rights, died here Saturday at the age of eighty-two years after an illness of several weeks. The body will go East for burial.

TALKING TURKEY

Allies Lining Up Aid They Will Give In Case of War—Not Interested In Peace Any More

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—Great Britain, France and Turkey are consulting on the form of aid the western powers will give Turkey in the event she becomes involved in hostilities. Foreign Under Secretary Richard Butler told the House of Commons.

The government at the same time turned down a suggestion that it ask the League of Nations to set up a neutral commission to examine responsible peace proposals. The suggestion was made by Arthur Woodburn, Labor member.

PREMIER'S BIRTHDAY

Chamberlain "Fresh and Healthy"—Obstinate for Victory—Planning More Dynamic Cabinet

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—As fresh and healthy in appearance as before the war began, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain celebrated his seventy-first birthday today.

Tomorrow the Prime Minister will present to Parliament a comprehensive explanation of the war effort to date. Policies will be explained and it is expected something will be said about the ministry of supply which has been under fire of late in connection with charges of improper influences having been brought to bear in connection with contracts.

In political quarters, there are expressions of belief that the Prime Minister is planning cabinet changes to institute a more dynamic war policy. As for Mr. Chamberlain himself, he is believed to be more firmly entrenched at the head of the government than ever. First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, formerly one of his chief critics, says: "Mr. Chamberlain is as obstinate now for victory as he was before for peace."

Kamloops Man Gets Fortune

Thomas Derby Receives \$11,000 from Estate of Brother in California

KAMLOOPS, March 18: (CP)—Thomas Derby has been advised that he inherits \$11,000 as a result of the recent death of a brother in California.

MORE SHIPS TO BOTTOM

War at Sea Continues With British and Neutrals Suffering Losses

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—The toll of the war at sea for Saturday included two British patrol vessels, a British freighter, a Dutch collier, two Greek freighters and a Jugo-Slav steamer in Bristol Channel, all being mine victims.

Nazi bombers attacked four British armed trawlers with bombs and machine gun fire yesterday in the North Sea but the surface craft were able to drive the planes off. Sinking of a British patrol vessel by aircraft in another raid on patrol ships and armed merchant ships off the British East coast was claimed in a German communique today.