

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh north winds, clear and colder.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:15 a.m. 21.7 ft.
13:20 p.m. 23.0 ft.
Low 7:20 a.m. 4.2 ft.
19:46 p.m. 1.0 ft.

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Two German Bombers Are Downed

RED ARMY POUNDING AT FINNS

Are, However, Still Being Repelled With Heavy Losses at Mannerheim Line—Blizzard Helps Defenders

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 22: (CP)—Red armies hammering at the Mannerheim Line were still being repelled today with heavy Russian losses, Finland announced as she called up a new batch of older men from forty-four to forty-six years of age and received help from a February blizzard. Two thousand Russians were killed at Taipale, in the eastern sector of the Karelian Isthmus. The Finns acknowledged, however, that fighting on the western end of the line had reached Karmara railway station, twelve miles southeast of Viipuri, where the Russians were repulsed.

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 22: (CP)—There have been simultaneous Russian attacks on both ends of the Mannerheim Line, two Red Army divisions being thrown against one sector alone. These were repulsed in fighting which lasted far into the night, Finland reported. The Reds smashed at the western end of the line, where control of the Citadel of Koivisto is in dispute, and at Taipale on the eastern sector where two divisions launched a fierce attack.

Russian claims that Fort Koivisto, anchoring the line on the west end, had been captured are still denied by the Finns.

The huge Russian force at Taipale was strongly supported by artillery and aircraft but the Finns asserted they were holding the positions to which they had withdrawn near the week-end.

Russian casualties were reported to be enormous and the Finn losses comparatively light. Nevertheless, there seemed to be an unending stream of Russian soldiers.

In southern Finland blizzards have hampered aerial bombing operations but to the north in the Petsamo region the air raids have been renewed with intensity by the Soviet, fifty-two planes having engaged in bombing yesterday.

Near Kuhmo another Russian division is reported trapped by the Finns, the swirling blizzard and Finnish thrusts threatening it with destruction. "They will be stopped by cold and hunger, if not by bullets," said the Finns.

VOTERS ARE ABOUT SAME

Prince Rupert City Shows Considerable Increase—Principal Loss Is Anyox

It is estimated by the returning officer, T. W. Brown, that there will be about 11,000 persons registered for the forthcoming federal election in Skeena riding. This will be about the same as in the 1935 election.

There will be about 3600 voters in Prince Rupert, it is estimated, as compared with some 3200 in 1935.

Ocean Falls shows an increase from 891 in 1935 to 1020 on this occasion. Other notable gains are at Tulsequah, from 18 to 150, and at Allison Harbor, from 48 to 120.

The principal loss is at Anyox where 1037 were registered in 1935 and where today there are but twenty.

Little change is to be noted in the number of voters at interior points.

Hockey Scores

Pacific Coast League
Portland 5, Seattle 2.

War News

GERMANS ATTACKED
LONDON—Royal Air Force planes today are reported to have attacked German torpedo boats in continuing reconnaissance flights over Borkum and Heligoland. Details were not available immediately.

ON WESTERN FRONT
PARIS—Military sources reported that French machine gunners repulsed German raids with enemy losses as patrol activity increased on the Western Front. There was artillery fire in the Vosges Mountains and along the Rhine and skirmishes in front of the Maginot Line yesterday on the anniversary yesterday of the Siege of Verdun in 1916.

ROUMANIA PREPARES
BUCHAREST—Roumania has ordered already large military preparations speeded up following authoritative reports that Germany is challenging the government ban on export of aviation gasoline to the Reich.

HUNGARIANS TO FINLAND
PARIS—One thousand Hungarians passed through Paris yesterday on the way via London to Finland to join in the war against Russia. Ten thousand more Hungarian volunteers are reported to be on their way.

EXTENDING SIEGFRIED LINE
AMSTERDAM—Germany is reported to be extending the Siegfried Line along the Dutch frontier. Operations are being guarded with utmost secrecy.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Big Missouri, 09.	
Bralorne, 10.75.	
Cariboo Quartz, 2.50.	
Dentonla, 01 1/4.	
Fairview, 01 1/2.	
Gold Belt, 24.	
Hedley Mascot, 51.	
Minto, 01 1/4.	
Noble Five, 01 1/2.	
Pend Oreille, 1.75.	
Pioneer, 2.10.	
Premier, 1.28.	
Privateer, 70.	
Reeves McDonald, 20.	
Reno, 36.	
Relief Arlington, 11.	
Salmon Gold, 03.	
Sheep Creek, 1.08.	
Cariboo Hudson, 04 1/2.	
Oils	
A. P. Con., 16.	
Calmont, 35.	
C. & E., 2.00.	
Freehold, 02.	
Home, 2.51.	
Pacalta, 05.	
Royal Can., 18 1/2.	
Okalta, 1.05.	
Mercury, 06.	
Prairie Royalties, 18.	
Toronto	
Aldermac, 30.	
Beattie, 1.14.	
Central Pat., 2.32.	
Cons. Smelters, 44.25.	
East Malartic, 3.75.	
Fernland, 03 1/2.	
Francour, 45.	
Gods Lake, 58.	
Hardrock, 1.10.	
Int. Nickel, 43 1/4.	
Kerr Addison, 2.39.	
Little Long Lac, 3.10.	
McLeod Cockshutt, 2.10.	
Madsen Red Lake, 45 1/2.	
Moneta, 70.	
Noranda, 73.00.	
Pickle Crow, 3.90.	
Preston E. Dome, 2.10.	
San Antonio, 2.30.	
Sherrit Gordon, 1.00.	
Uchl, 80.	
Bouscadiillac, 04.	
Mosher, 08.	
Oklend, 08.	
Smelters Gold, 01 1/2.	
Dominion Bridge, 37.75.	

TURKEY HAS EARTHQUAKE

Forty Persons Killed, Twenty Injured And Heavy Damage Done

ANKHARA, Turkey, Feb. 22: (CP)—Seventy persons were killed, fifty injured and heavy damage done in an earthquake in the Karsari region 140 miles south of Ankara yesterday. Four villages were repeated levelled by a series of shocks. The shocks were also felt at Ankara and Andana. Thousands of cattle were killed.

BIG CHECK FOR FINNS

John D. Rockefeller Contributes \$100,000 To Relief Fund

NEW YORK, Feb. 22:—A check for \$100,000, the largest single one yet, was received yesterday from John D. Rockefeller for the Finnish relief fund.

New York Stock Values Fall Off

Turnover Yesterday Was 780,000 Shares—Only Utilities Are Up

NEW YORK, Feb. 22:—Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday totalled 780,000 shares, values being generally lower. The industrial average at closing was 148.34, off 31; rails, 30.81, off 25, and utilities, 25.05, up .05.

ACCOUNT OF WAR EFFORT

Mackenzie King Answers Manion's Criticisms—Leader of Opposition Forgetful

OTTAWA, February 22: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King Wednesday night gave a detailed account of the government's war efforts and told the voters that he and his colleagues were "quite prepared to be judged on our record" in the coming Dominion election. He said that the Conservative leader, Dr. R. J. Manion, had named the election issue, holding the administration responsible for what he termed "our unpreparedness and our weak war effort." If he meant that the government had been caught unprepared for Canadian defence, it was untrue, Mr. King said. If he meant unpreparedness in peacetime for active participation by Canada in a European war he forgot facts and condemned himself. In peacetime, Mr. King said, Dr. Manion had never advocated preparedness for war in Europe. "He knew, said Premier King, "as everyone listening to me knows, that neither Parliament nor the people would have supported expenditures in peacetime to prepare for active participation by Canada in a European war."

The Prime Minister gave further details of Canada's war effort to date. There were now 70,000 men on active service for the army of Canada, 9,000 in the air force and 6,000 in the navy. A great increase in these numbers was being planned.

Some forty completed airports were available as a result of civil developments and forty new airports were being developed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the Prime Minister said.

WHEAT PRICES

NEW YORK, Feb. 22:—Wheat prices were up around 1 1/2¢ yesterday in New York with May closing at \$1.05 1/2. Winnipeg prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ with May at 89 1/2¢.

Bulletins

TROUBLE IN INDIA
NEW DELHI, India—Combat broke out on the troubled north-west frontier today as the British military moved in to clean out marauding tribesmen and, perhaps, meet again the old and elusive foe, the Fakir of Ipi. There have been rumors of possible Russian incursions through Afghanistan. Great Britain intends to take no unnecessary chances.

RULER OF TIBET
NEW DELHI—Behind the gates of Potala, most famed Tibetan palace, six-year-old Ling-Ergh La-Mu-Tan-Chu was enthroned as the fourteenth Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal ruler of the country at the top of the world.

SWEDEN IS INDIGNANT
STOCKHOLM—Swedish military authorities, it is announced, have issued new instructions to all anti-aircraft units to fire on any military planes over Sweden. Orders followed the bombing by Soviet planes yesterday of the village of Pajala. A sharp protest was delivered to the Soviet government in Moscow last night through the Swedish minister.

McMILLAN NAMED
TORONTO—H. R. McMillan, prominent British Columbia industrialist, was yesterday elected president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in succession to the late M. S. McLean.

FOUR-CORNERED FIGHT
NORTH VANCOUVER—Thomas Mills has entered the North Vancouver federal election contest as an Independent, making it a four-cornered fight.

GUARD AT BUCKINGHAM
LONDON—Members of the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec (French Canadian) may mount guard at Buckingham Palace. If they do, it will be the first time that any other than an Imperial regiment has furnished the guard.

ADMIRALS CHANGED
LONDON—Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Edward Kennedy-Purvis, who has been in command of the British cruiser squadron, is being transferred to the post of commander-in-chief of the American West Indies squadron, succeeding Sir Sidney Meyrick who is returning home. (Admiral Meyrick visited Prince Rupert two years ago with his flagship H.M.S. York and a number of local people met him.)

NORWAY SIGNS UP
OSLO—Norway is reported to have concluded satisfactory trade negotiations with both Germany and Great Britain. Details are not available.

MORE LOGS THIS YEAR

Queen Charlotte Islands Output Will Be Doubled On Account Of War Demand

Queen Charlotte Island logging camps will be doubling their output this year on account of war demands. It is expected that 200,000,000 feet of timber will be taken out in 1940 whereas the normal output runs around 100,000,000 feet. There are orders for 65,000,000 feet of clear spruce for war purposes, largely in the manufacture of airplanes.

As far as can be learned at present, there are no definite plans for operations in addition to the present ones although it is not unreasonable to expect that some might develop in view of the demand for spruce timber.

IMPORTANT STOREHOUSE OF TIMBER

Canada Will Be Increasingly Depended Upon and Its Wood May Be Greatest War Contribution

As the war continues Canada will be increasingly depended upon to supply not only the timber requirements of the United Kingdom and France but of neutral countries which, because of blockade, are cut off from the Baltic countries, a former principal source of supply, predicted District Forester R. C. St. Clair in an address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday on the subject of "Uses of Wood in Modern Warfare." If trench warfare developed similar to that of 1914 it was doubtful if timber supplies in Europe could be locally obtained, certainly not in the United Kingdom and probably not for long in France. Mr. St. Clair told how British timber had been depleted in the First World War and French forests also extensively drawn upon although not so seriously as the British owing to drastic restrictions in the interests of conservation.

The forest situation in France, Mr. St. Clair observed in passing, was possibly much better today in France than it was in Germany where, during the Hitler regime, the forests had been heavily drawn upon with overcutting of fifty percent or more of normal growth, a policy which could not be continued indefinitely without wrecking the whole plan of forest management. Additional forests had, Mr. St. Clair admitted, been brought in to the Reich by the acquisition of Czechoslovakia and Poland but the local domestic needs of these countries were such that Germany's forestry situation could not be much benefited as a result.

Canada, Mr. St. Clair said, had the largest supply of softwood timber in the British Empire and, except for the United States and possibly Russia, the largest of any country in the world. In quality Canada had probably the best in the world and, in variety of softwoods, was exceeded only by the United States. In Canada's spruce, balsam and hemlock were the best species for cellulose production; in Douglas fir, one of the best construction materials and in Sitka spruce the best wood for airplane construction with its characteristics of clear, straight grain and relative strength for its weight. So far as manufacturing plants were concerned, Canada was admirably situated with a large capacity. Its principal handicap was far as the war was concerned was the distance from the combatant areas and the difficulty of shipping. So far in this war, orders for wood products had far exceeded shipping space available. It was to be expected that there would be a tremendous increase in Canadian output and manufacturing capacity would be taxed to the utmost.

Local Situation

Turning to the local situation, Mr. St. Clair said that this district was in a much better position to handle spruce business with three large operating camps on the Queen Charlotte Islands with equipment on the ground. It was to be hoped, however, that the emergency would not be so great as to bring about a repetition of the wasteful methods of 1918 when only the best trees were cut and all low grade material left in the woods. In producing whatever was required of the high grade spruce, it was to be hoped that markets would be available for the tremendous quantity of low grade material and timber from other tree species that grew in mixture with the spruce. If the present market for pulp and paper was maintained and if increased munitions manufacture provided a market for box

Raid On East Coast Results In Disaster For Enemy Aircraft

Gun-Equipped British Fishing Vessels Now Proving Effective In Dealing With Attackers From Air

LONDON, February 22: (CP)—Two German warplanes were shot down by British fighters and anti-aircraft fire, it was officially announced this morning by the Air Ministry. As the Nazi airmen raided Great Britain's east coast they also drew machine gun fire from several recently armed trawlers which they attempted to attack.

NEAR EAST SITUATION

Close Watch is Being Held There in Case of Russia Starting Trouble

LONDON, Feb. 22: (CP)—The Daily Herald says that reports of heavy Soviet troop concentrations in the Caucasus and along the Iran border are compelling the Allies to keep a close watch on the situation in the near and middle east. "This disquieting information," the Herald says "reveals more heavy concentrations of Russian troops taking place in the Caucasus on Turkey's eastern border and the north frontier of Iran. Iran, with its rich oil wells, is especially singled out for attack," the paper said.

DYNASTY IS OVER

Long Regime In Louisiana Ends With Defeat of Kingfish's Brother

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22: (CP)—Voters in the Democratic gubernatorial run-off primary defeated Governor Earl K. Long, brother of the late "Kingfish," Tuesday and nominated Attorney Sam Jones for the office, ending the ten year old Huey P. Long dynasty. The outcome in favor of Jones became known with the final returns yesterday. It was a close fight. The Democratic primary means virtual election in Louisiana.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure remains high over northern British Columbia with a shallow depression centred near Vancouver Island. The weather has been fair and somewhat colder throughout this province.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to north, mostly fair and becoming somewhat colder.

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SERVICE IN ABBEY

Final Rites of Emperor Today For Late Governor General

LONDON, Feb. 22: (CP)—Empire honors were accorded the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, at a service today in Westminster Abbey attended by one thousand persons including a representative of the King. Dean Labilliere conducted the service and the Archbishop of Canterbury gave a blessing.

CAMPAIGN DOES WELL

With \$608 in First Week, Objective of \$1000 in Canadian Legion Drive Should be Reached

An interim report of the progress of the financial campaign in Prince Rupert for the Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated reveals that up to Saturday last the sum of \$608 had been collected in actual cash. This was as a result of partial returns from four of the six districts so that there is every prospect of the objective of \$1,000 being reached if not exceeded.

Advice has reached the local branch of the Canadian Legion of the success of the effort in providing educational services in various centres already. In Winnipeg, 14,800 lecture attendances were recorded in three weeks. In the Kingston area, where Dr. Wallace of Queen's University, is volunteer chairman, a score of classrooms are in use nightly. From the First Division on its arrival in England came an urgent message to the overseas headquarters for the continuation of the work there. There Robert England M.C., M.A., on leave from his post of economics adviser to the Winnipeg Electric Company, is directing the work.

Locally, canvassers are reporting a most sympathetic reception. Arrangements have been made where deferred payments may be credited and a very pleasing feature of the response is that checks and other donations have come by mail from sympathisers who had not been directly canvassed. Winning the war "over there" is being helped by supporting the training for preparing for peace.

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