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**Weather Forecast**

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong east to southeast winds or gales, unsettled and mild with rain.

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**Tomorrow's Tides**

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| Low | 10:20 a.m. | 19.9 ft. |
| | 22:45 p.m. | 19.7 ft. |
| Low | 3:51 a.m. | 5.8 ft. |
| | 16:33 p.m. | 6.0 ft. |

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# Great Steamer Is Reported Sunk

## Nazi-French Agreement Made

## Vichy and Berlin To Collaborate In Peace Move, Announced

**Exact Terms of Agreement Are, However, as Much a Mystery as Ever—Accession of Power of French "Quisling" is Foreseen**

VICHY, October 26: (CP)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Chancellor Adolf Hitler agreed today on "collaboration in principle" for reconstruction of peace in Europe," it was officially announced tonight. Means of applying the agreemnet will be examined later, said the communique. Hitler and Petain held a "general examination of the situation," it was said.

Just what are the terms of the agreement reached between Hitler and Petain is as much a mystery as ever today. There appears now, however, to be little doubt of the Vichy government's capitulation to Axis demands and acceptance of the Nazi dictum under duress of immediate penalty threats including the taking over of the rest of unoccupied France and treatment of French people falling under the Nazis following the collapse.

The French government met again today with a session of the council of ministers scheduled for late this afternoon.

There is still no reason to believe that France will be drawn directly into conflict with Great Britain.

A dispatch to the London Evening Standard suggested that the aged Petain might resign the Premiership rather than submit to further humiliation at the hands of Hitler. This would pave the way for the accession of Vice-Premier Pierre Laval who has already sold out entirely to Germany for what he can personally gain.

Conferences between Vice-Premier Laval and Foreign Minister Ciano of Italy are now pending.

## PROMISES OF NAZIS

**Spain Being Lured By Territorial Promises From Hitler At The Expense Of France**

MADRID, Oct. 26:— Without active participation itself in war against Great Britain but co-operating with the Axis even in the way of giving base concessions and permitting the movement of German troops and equipment, Spains stands to derive important territorial gains, it is said in official quarters here. These will be principally at the expense of France including portions of French Morocco and Algeria and the important ports of Casablanca and Oran respectively.

## Hit Hard At Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 26: — The Royal Air Force continued widespread and fierce assault upon Germany, Nazi-occupied territory and the Channel coast during the night, pounding hard at many military objectives. Huge fires were started in factories, military concentration points etc. Bomb hits were made on a power station at Kiel and fires started in shipbuilding yards there in the course of the numerous raids on Germany last night. Heuhof power station at Hamburg was also heavily bombed and fires were started among docks at Bremen and Cuxhaven. Observers on the English coast this afternoon reported that Boulogne was still blazing from last night's furious attacks on German Channel bases. A pall of smoke hung over the area and other fires were seen on the French coast.

## Should Not Pay Higher Rents Yet

OTTAWA, Oct. 26.— Tenants in areas covered by the federal rent control measure should not pay higher rents than in January last unless a constituted authority under the control measure authorizes the increase, Mr. Justice W. M. Martin, federal rent controller, stated yesterday.

## CANADIANS AT FRONT

**Men From Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes Take Up Important Positions on English Coast**

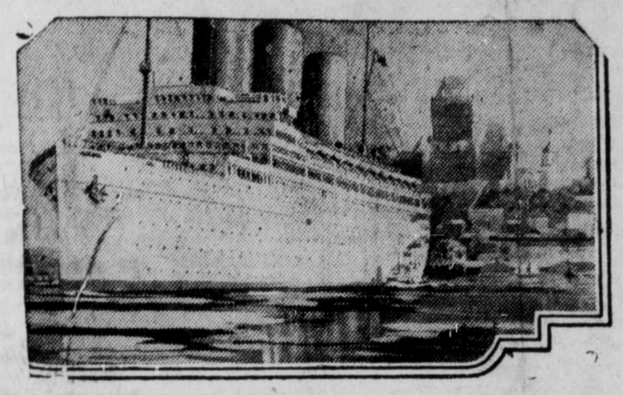
**SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Oct. 26: (CP)—A considerable number of Canadian troops have been moved into the front line of Great Britain's mighty defence bulwark and for the first time the Dominion's fighters are holding an important sector on the English coast. They are relieving British units in these coastal positions. The men to whom the honor has fallen are from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.**

## LOCAL DRAFT FOR OVERSEAS

**Ten Men Of 102nd. And Second Searchlight Batteries Leave**

Two sergeants and six gunners of the 102nd. Heavy Battery and two gunners from the Second Searchlight Battery left on last evening's train to join the other men of the 102nd who are at present serving in the Heavy Artillery in Great Britain. They were Sgt. (Berti) J. H. Cross, Sgt. D. E. Alvey, Gnr. J. McCartney, Gnr. E. S. Peters, Gnr. J. C. Rees, Gnr. J. P. Roch, Gnr. H. M. Seaton. Gnr. C. M. Shelford, Gnr. J. C. G. Smith and Gnr. G. A. Sweder.

### Empress Of Britain



Reported sunk by German aerial attack off coast of Ireland.

## Bulletins

**WORKING ON WRECK**

**It is hoped at Canadian National Railways offices that the engine of the eastbound passenger train which plunged into Lorne Creek last Saturday night, supposedly carrying Engineer J. C. Carpenter, Fireman S. J. Mayer and two transients to their deaths, might be hauled back onto the track this week-end, possibly today. Up to noon today no bodies had been recovered. Provincial police announce definitely that Percy Stirrett of Kitwanga, a fifth man who was feared to have been in the wreck, was not on the train.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**WASHINGTON — President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was announced today, has sent a message to the Vichy government formally warning it against making any change in the status quo of French possessions in the western hemisphere.**

**RED CROSS GOING OVER**

**TORONTO—Six provinces have gone over the top in the Red Cross campaign. The total has reached $4,800,000 out of the objective of $5,000,000. British Columbia's total is now $300,000. The drive in Alberta has yet to start.**

**ANZACS ARRIVE AT A WESTERN CANADIAN PORT—A contingent of Australian and New Zealand airmen arrived yesterday enroute to training schools in the east to complete training under the Empire air training plan.**

**R.C.A.F. CRASH**

**KIRKLAND LAKE — Sergeant Harry McDonald of Winnipeg and Aircraftsman W. M. Stutz of St. James, Manitoba, were killed yesterday when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane, being flown from Winnipeg to Camp Borden, crashed fifteen miles east of here.**

## GERMAN IS RECAPTURED

**U-Boat Officer Who Escaped From Toronto Hospital Tried to Cross Lake Ontario**

TORONTO, Oct. 26: (CP)—Carl Rabe, German U-boat warrant officer, was in custody today after a bid for freedom from internment which took him out on the waters of Lake Ontario in a rowboat. He had escaped from Christie Street military hospital and was endeavouring, he said, to make his way to the United States when he was driven back by fog and captured by two civilians.

## KING CAROL SEEKS HELP

**Pleads With United States To Intercede On His Behalf Against Extradition**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26: (CP)—The exiled former King of Rumania, Carol, appealed to the United States government yesterday to intercede on behalf of himself and party members now detained in Seville, Spain, against extradition proceedings back to Rumania.

## NEXT MOVE ON GREECE

**Indications in Italy That This May Be Next on Mediterranean Schedule**

ROME, Oct. 26: (CP)— Sudden suspension of Italian air service to Greece caused foreign observers to wonder today if a showdown with that nation was on immediate schedule.

Numerous Italian war planes were reported to be moving to Brindisi which faces Greece.

## EMBASSY IS ENDANGERED

**Japanese Bombs Fall Perilously Close In Chungking**

CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 26:—Bombs fell dangerously close to the United States embassy here yesterday as the Japanese staged another severe attack upon this provisional capital of China.

## Danubian Parley Starting Monday

**Admission Of Russia Taken As Admission By Axis Of Soviet Rights**

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Oct. 26:—The Danubian control conference, in which Russia's rights have now been recognized by admission of the Soviet to the parley, will commence on Monday.

## Military Training In Mexico Schools

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 26:—Military instruction for boys will be instituted in all Mexican schools as a national defence measure. President Cardenas announced yesterday.

## Berlin Claims Empress of Britain Is Victim of Air Attack Off Irish Coast

**Bombers Said to Have Scored Direct Hits on Canada's Largest Liner—No British Confirmation at First—Not Carrying Canadian Troops**

BERLIN, October 26: (CP)—Informed quarters today reported the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain had been attacked by German combat planes north of Ireland this morning and claimed that the ship was sinking after the crew had abandoned her. Bombing planes were claimed to have scored direct hits. If the report is true it would be the greatest single marine casualty so far in the war as far as actual shipping is concerned.

The Empress of Britain is a vessel of 42,348 tons, 760½ feet long and was the largest vessel ever to ply between Great Britain and Canada. The flagship of the Canadian Pacific ocean fleet, she was built at John Brown yards on the Clyde, her first keel plate being laid November 28, 1928 and her first trip down the River Clyde being made on April 5, 1931. The launching took place at Clydebank, June 11, 1930, with the then Prince of Wales, now the Duke of Windsor, officiating.

The Empress of Britain carried the King and Queen on their return trip to England after the tour of Canada in 1939. In 1932 she brought the Imperial Conference delegates to Canada including Premier Stanley Baldwin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain.

She held the record land-to-land Atlantic passage of three days, one hour and thirty minutes from Bishop's Rock to Belle Isle.

The British Admiralty and Canadian Pacific head offices had no comment to make today on the reported sinking of the Empress.

It was said at Ottawa that no Canadian troops were aboard.

## NAVAL BASE UNDER FIRE FROM NAZIS

**Firth Of Forth Shared Attack Last Night With London—Renewed Assault Continues**

**LONDON, Oct. 26: (CP)—German air raiders gave London six alarms today from daybreak to early afternoon following a night long alarm. Bombs dropped in the fourth alarm exploded in a central city district. One fell in a shopping crowd and several persons were believed buried in debris of a tenement block hit by a bomb. One hundred and twenty persons crawled unharmed from the damaged shelter. During the third alarm a single bomb was dropped in a shopping district and six persons were killed. The sixth alarm of the day, sounding at 3:30 p.m. and ending a few minutes later, was the 265th of the war. Defences were effective and almost all the day's attacks were held away from the metropolis, only the odd enemy plane getting through.**

LONDON, Oct. 26:— Not only London but the Firth of Forth on the east coast of Scotland, where is located important Rosyth naval base, were heavily attacked during the night by German air raiders. The Nazis also struck at the Midlands and Liverpool but damage was said to be not heavy.

Waves of Nazi bombers came over London during the early part of the night, dropping large quantities of explosive and incendiary missiles which caused considerable damage and quite numerous casualties. It was a continuation of one of the heaviest day attacks in weeks. For London it was the forty-ninth straight night of air raiding. It lightened up after midnight. The renewed intensification of the attack ended an easing up of two or three days during which weather for aerial operations was quite unfavorable.

**British defences functioned well in the night attack, shooting down eight Nazi bombers.**

Three large waves of Nazi raiders carried out the assault on the Firth of Forth.

**Yesterday's Raids**

Bombs rained out of a cloud-flecked sky in a series of daytime raids on London yesterday. One bomb crashed between street cars, wrecking them and killing and injuring more than a score of persons. Other high explosives struck near a police station, wrecking nearby structures and near an air raid shelter, leaving many injured in the street. In one section a bomb wrecked a row of shops over which some persons in apartments were injured. The Royal Air Force fended off numerous raiders before they reached London. It was not until late afternoon that the all clear was sounded. The Press Association said that about one hundred raiders in all crossed the coast in the day's raids. Two public shelters were hit in one Midlands town but loss of life was reported small.

**P.G.E. OPENING**

VANCOUVER, Oct. 26.— Traffic over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Squamish to Quesnel will be resumed on Monday after having been interrupted for ten days owing to flood condition, it is announced by W. H. Tobey, general manager of the line.

## Message From Mrs. Roosevelt

MANCHESTER, Oct. 26:—A message of goodwill and good cheer has been sent to the women of England by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States. The message is published in the Manchester Guardian.

## TO RESUME INVASION

**Italian March In Egypt To Be Renewed, Mussolini's Mouthpiece Says**

ROME, Oct. 26:—The Italian invasion of Egypt, which has been bogged down for several weeks while the Royal Air Force and British Navy has been pounding hard at its spearhead, is about to be resumed in the direction of Alexandria and Suez, according to Virginio Gayda, editorial spokesman of Premier Benito Mussolino.

The Rome radio said today that a new Italian offensive in Egypt is imminent. It said that Marshal Graziani's army in North Africa was "now ready to deal a final blow to the British in Egypt."

## War Materials To Great Britain And United States Only

OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—Canadian exports of war materials are now being made almost exclusively to Great Britain and United States, it is stated in official quarters. Shipments of aviation fuel to Japan have been cut off for months.

## OUT FOR WILLKIE

**John L. Lewis Will Resign as C.I.O. Chief if Roosevelt Re-Elected, He Promises**

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—John L. Lewis, chairman of the Congress on Industrial Organization, last night pledged his support to Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate in the forthcoming presidential election, stating that he would resign if Willkie was defeated.

Lewis charged President Roosevelt with breaking faith with organized labor and with having war as his objective.

A showdown fight for millions of United States labor votes develops in the presidential campaign as a result of Lewis' statement of unqualified support to Willkie. The statement splits the Congress on Industrial Organization.

## CASUALTIES INFLICTED

**Italians Suffer Another Reverse At Hands Of British In Anglo-Egyptian Sudan**

CAIRO, Oct. 26: (CP)—A British patrol inflicted casualties on an Italian unit and put it to flight in an engagement outside Kassala in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, British headquarters announced. Fifty Italian soldiers were killed and four hundred wounded while the British lost none. It was the second British success in this region in two days. The Royal Air Force has also been carrying out successful operations against Italian transports and other objectives in the neighborhood of Sidi Baranni.

Shelling of Italian positions east of Sidi Barrani on the north Egyptian coast by British warships is officially reported in an Italian communique from Rome.

At the same time there have been further heavy raids by the Royal Air Force on Italian North African bases including Asmara, Bengasi and Dura. Troop concentrations and stores were hit.

## BASE FOR ITALIANS

**Il Duce's Planes Operating From Channel Coast In Raids Upon Great Britain**

ROME, Oct. 26: (CP) — The newspaper Giornale d'Italia reported yesterday that an air base had been setablished on the French coast of the English Channel and that Italian bombers have come back with "marks of combat" from forays on London.