

Weather Forecast

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

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 3:26 a.m. 22.1 ft. 16:11 p.m. 19.5 ft. Low 10:00 a.m. 2.2 ft. 22:10 p.m. 5.8 ft.

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ACT IS INCREASED

Considerable increase in Western Front—Closer to Dute

PARIS, March 26:—British troops took over a new sector of the front from the French today, thus extending the British line.

PARIS, March 26:—Artillery units were general with renewed vigor along the entire western front today and there was also an increase in aerial activity on both sides.

In the course of local patrol activities three German troops approached the French lines near the Rhine River with an anti-aircraft poster and were killed by French colonial sharpshooters.

One German assault on a French outpost south of Warndt forest was repulsed.

Allied planes reconnoitred over Germany and German aircraft over northeastern France.

The German high command claimed that one French warplane had been shot down.

An Amsterdam report last night said that German motorized forces moved up from forty to fifty miles from the Dutch frontier to within fifteen miles.

Cromwell Is Staying On

OTTAWA, March 26: (CP)—The United States minister to Canada, James H. R. Cromwell, is remaining today from his New York home where he spent the Easter week-end, dispelling rumors that he would be a serious candidate in New Jersey.

In his statement, "I have no intention except to continue duties in my office as American minister to Canada," Mr. Cromwell had been under fire in Washington for a pro-Ally speech last week.

STATES ARE ADVOCATED

Muslim Leader's Plan In Order To Obviate Minority Difficulties In India

LAHORE, India, March 26:—In order to obviate minority difficulties in India as between Hindus and Moslems, the Moslem Congress leader urges the foundation of a number of autonomous states in India. Giving of complete independence to India as proposed by Gandhi with a majority government by Hindus could not be accepted by Moslems. Termination of the British regime would bring disastrous chaos to India.

The Moslem Congress demanded that troops sent overseas from India be not used against any Moslem nation.

War Duty Is Clear—Reynaud

PARIS, March 26: (CP)—Premier Paul Reynaud told the French nation in a radio broadcast today that the "government's duty is clear—to make war." Hitler expected divisions of opinion in France, he said, and a succession of military crises but these did not materialize. "Our decisions must be virile and our acts prompt."

SEA LOSS LESS NOW

Unconvoys Neutral Worst Sufferers In War At Sea—Two German Vessels Torpedoed

LONDON, March 26:—During the week ending March 24 not a single British ship was lost in the war at sea, said an official statement today. Eight unconvoys neutral ships had, however, been sunk. Two German ships had been torpedoed during the period by the new British naval drive against shipments of ore and other commodities from Scandinavia to the Reich.

It is the first time since the outbreak of war, the Admiralty announces, that a week has passed without a loss of a single British or French merchant ship.

The eight neutral ships included six Danish.

FERVID APPEAL

Pope Pius Makes Impressive Statements In His Easter Message

ROME, March 26:—In a special Easter message, Pope Pius exhorted that the excessive desire for conquest be curbed and deplored such tactics as bombing of open cities and civilian populations. He lamented the use of scientific discoveries for bringing about war, misery and slaughter.

There were demonstrations by the thousands of worshippers who heard the Pontiff such as have seldom been manifested. "God Give Us Peace" was one of the cries which went up from the multitude.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson Co.)

Table with columns for stock names and prices: Vancouver, Big Missouri, Bralorne, Cariboo Quartz, Dentonia, Fairview, Gold Belt, Minto, Noble Five, Pend Orelle, Pioneer, Premier, Privateer, Reeves MacDonald, Reno, Relief Arlington, Salmon Gold, Sheep Creek, Cariboo Hudson.

Table with columns for oil prices: A. P. Con., Calmont, C. & E., Freehold, Home, Royal Canadian, Okalta, Mercury, Prairie Royalties.

Table with columns for Toronto stock prices: Aldermac, Beattie, Central Pat., Con. Smelters, East Malartic, Fernland, Francoeur, Gods Lake, Hardrock, Int. Nickel, Kerr Addison, Little Long Lac, McLeod Cockshutt, Madsen Red Lake, McKenzie Red Lake, Moneta, Noranda, Pickle Crow, Preston East Dome, San Antonio, Sherritt Gordon, Uchl.

Table with columns for Montreal stock prices: Bouscadillac, Mosher, Oklend, Smelters Gold, Dominion Bridge.

BAR GOLD

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

GOOD VOTE RECORDED

Total Of 700 Ballots Cast Up To Noon In Federal Balloting

With cloudy but fair weather prevailing, up to noon today a total of 700 ballots had been cast in the federal election in Prince Rupert, indicating that it will be a heavy vote on this occasion than in the last federal election on October 14, 1935. The voting was light until shortly after 10 o'clock when it started to become heavier. There was quite a rush at noon hour and the movement to the polls kept up in substantial volume into the afternoon. The polls close at 6 p.m. and well within an hour it is expected the city result will be known.

The election machinery was running smoothly here with very few challenges.

T. W. Brown, the returning officer, expects the total vote will run between 2900 and 3000.

Miss Edith Johnstone is assisting the returning officer as election clerk with other officials for the day as follows:

Deputy Returning Officers—William Lambie, Robert Lohiff, John Smith, Richmond Mortimer, G. M. Hunt, Malcolm McLeod, William Lamb, Mrs. Vera Houston, Theo. Collart, John Griffiths, Mrs. Laura Mitchell, John A. Allen, George L. Rorie, Miss Irene Mitchell, W. D. Vance, Douglas Duncan, W. L. Sandison and Walter Johnson.

Poll Clerks—Percy Berg, Mrs. H. G. Kennedy, J. R. Kings, Mrs. R. E. Mortimer, George Woods, E. La-sota, Andre Letourneau, Mrs. Croft Brook, Mrs. Victor Basso-Bert, Jean Nickerson, Miss Evelyn Grassie, E. J. Cobb, Mrs. George L. Rorie, Miss Tekla Fulton, J. D. McLeod, John Balfour, C. K. Ytreberg and Mrs. G. A. Hunter.

An impartial opinion as to the outcome of the election in Skeena would appear to be that it centres between the Liberal and C. C. F. candidates.

WEATHER IS POOR

Inclement Conditions Prevail Throughout Canada for Election Day

VANCOUVER, March 26: (CP)—A rush to the polls at the opening indicated a substantial vote in Vancouver ridings today. The rush was particularly noticeable in the West End which is included in Vancouver Centre where the candidate of the government is Hon. Ian Mackenzie.

Threatening rain was the most prevalent weather condition throughout the province but winter conditions, particularly in Ontario and Quebec, where there was a blizzard two days ago, threatened to cut the vote in the East and on the prairies.

Election Count Still Proceeds

Many Candidates in Alberta Already Known to Have Lost Deposits

EDMONTON, March 26: (CP)—The second count in the Alberta provincial election is not expected to be completed before Wednesday or Thursday. It is already evident that many candidates have lost their deposits.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Cloudy, southeast wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.09; temperature, 48; visibility, 25 miles; sea smooth.

Triple Island—Cloudy, south southeast wind, eight miles per hour; visibility, 25 miles; light ripple.

Langara Island—Overcast, east southeast wind, 25 miles per hour; barometer, 29.84; temperature, 45; visibility, 25 miles; sea moderately rough.

Five Man Cabinet For War

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—A Daily Mail forecast says there will be a new five man war cabinet consisting of First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and Lord Privy Seal Sir Samuel Hoare. The political correspondent of the Daily Herald, principal British Labor newspaper, discredited reports that Prime Minister Chamberlain would announce the possibility of a coalition government with Labor party leaders.

BALKANS ARE HOT

Next Developments of Importance In European Situation Expected There

LONDON, March 26: (CP)—The Balkans are increasingly considered the coming "hot spot" of the European war. There seems little doubt, in view of intensive diplomatic activity, that important developments in the affairs of southeastern Europe may be momentarily expected.

Norway Protests At Continued Ship Sinking

OSLO, March 26:—Norway, it is learned here delivered a sharp protest on March 7 to the Nazi government of Germany over the sinking of Norwegian vessels in violation of international law. This was before the latest wave of German attacks upon neutral vessels. Great Britain has sent a reply to Norway in regard to attacks on German ships carrying Scandinavian ore denying violation of international laws respecting warfare.

BOLIVIA TROUBLE

Martial Law Declared In South American Republic Following Revolt of Fusiliers

LA PAZ, Bolivia, March 26: (CP)—The Bolivian government today declared a nation-wide state of siege (a form of martial law) after an early morning revolt by a regiment of fusiliers had been put down as the rebels marched on the government palace.

WAS ONCE PREMIER

Sir John Squires, Former Prime Minister of Newfoundland, Passes

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, March 26: (CP)—Sir Richard Squires, former Prime Minister of Newfoundland, is dead here at the age of sixty years.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this afternoon to be on time.

William Ross, charged with vagrancy by begging, appeared in city police court this morning before Magistrate McClymont and was remanded for sentence.

BOUND TO WIN WAR

Mastery of Allies in Air is Inevitable, Declares Sir Kingsley Wood

LONDON, March 26:—No matter how long the war may last, Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary for Air, expressed confidence today that the Allies would win. He spoke of the aerial preparedness of Great Britain and France, declaring that their mastery in the air was inevitable.

President Of Costa Rica On Visit To U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 26:—The President of Costa Rica and his wife arrived in Washington yesterday for a good will tour of the United States and were overnight guests at the White House, a state dinner being given in their honor last night by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Changing Coast Liners For War

Big Jobs Awarded in Connection With Converting of Prince Robert And Prince David

OTTAWA, March 26: (CP)—Bearing out previous announcements, the list of war supply board contracts gives particulars of two former vessels of the Canadian National Steamships on the Pacific Coast being converted into armed merchant cruisers. The Burrard Dry Dock Co. of North Vancouver has the \$690,000 contract on the steamer Prince Robert while the Halifax Shipyards are converting the Prince David on a \$535,000 contract.

Teachers In Annual Meet

Convention Of British Columbia Session Under Way At Vancouver With Pedagogues From All B. C.

VANCOUVER, March 26: (CP)—School teachers from all parts of British Columbia are assembled here for the annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

MAURETANIA IN PACIFIC

Big Ship Passes Through Panama Canal Today—Believed Headed For Australia

CHRISTOBAL, March 26: (CP)—Confirming speculation that she is to be used in Australian expeditionary force transport service, the liner Mauretania, which left New York a few days ago, passed through the Panama Canal Pacific bound today.

TO RESUME TRADE TALK

British Government Commercial Expert is Conferring Today in Rome

ROME, March 26: (CP)—E. W. Playfair, British government commercial expert, conferred today with Italian authorities with a view to reopening trade negotiations which were suspended two months ago.

PREMIER IS DEAD SUDDENLY

Rt. Hon. Michael Joseph Savage Of New Zealand Passes Away

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 26: (CP)—Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage of New Zealand died suddenly today. He had been Premier since 1935. He was sixty-eight years of age.

Premier Savage, an Australian, sprang to the forefront politically in his adopted New Zealand when he succeeded Harry Holland as leader of the Labor party in 1933.

Two years later he led the party to victory in the general election which toppled the coalition government of G. W. Forbes and sent Labor into the office for the first time in New Zealand's history, with Savage as Prime Minister.

Savage began life as a shop assistant, later worked in a mine and then became interested in the co-operative movement. In 1907 he went to New Zealand and began to take an active part in politics. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1919, became the leader of the Labor party in 1933.

When he became Prime Minister in 1935 Savage was neither a spectacular leader nor a brilliant debater. But he had attained immense popularity with his labor followers and was a calm, deliberate speaker. Always outspoken, he had achieved respect by his fearlessness in speech. He had won a reputation as a steady man, painstaking, thorough and conscientious.

A bachelor on becoming prime minister, Savage moved from Auckland, where he had lived for 28 years, to Wellington, the island dominion's capital. With him went a former Herne Bay, Auckland, family. He had shared their home since the first came to New Zealand and as premier he continued to do so.

"One cannot live with people for all those years without a common bond being established," said Savage the day he was invited by the governor-general to form his cabinet. "I should feel lost without the companionship of such friends."

The Labor leader said he was arranging "for the good people who have looked after me" to join him in Wellington.

Worked In Store

Savage, notable in appearance late in life for a thick crop of curly hair and heavy eyebrows, was born in 1872, the son of a small farmer living near Benalla, in the State of Victoria, Australia. He left school at 14 to work in a general store in Benalla. Following a big bank crash in 1983 young Savage, like many other Victorians, went to New South Wales in search of work. He found a job with the owner of a big sheep station.

Seven years later he returned to Victoria. He worked in a deep alluvial mine at North Prentice. At the same time he became interested in politics and the co-operative movement. He became secretary of North Prentice's political labor council. He also organized a co-operative store and bakery.

In 1907, at the age of 35, he left Australia for New Zealand, settling down at Auckland. Savage quickly became actively interested in the Labor movement as a member of several local organizations. In 1919 he was elected to the House of Representatives for Auckland West. He still held the same seat 16 years later when he became premier.

DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE

Eye-Witness Accounts Discount Refutations of Nazi Propagandists

LONDON, March 26:—Eye-witness accounts published in the London Daily Express confirm, despite German denials, that extensive damage was done by the Royal Air Force raids on the German aerial base at the Island of Sylt last Wednesday. Several German airplanes were destroyed. Two anti-aircraft batteries were hit as well as an ammunition dump.

It is suggested that American newspaper correspondents who were taken to the supposed scene by the German propaganda ministry and then discounted the damage which was done were not shown the whole of the Island of Sylt and were carefully guided away from the damaged sections. The Admiralty announces that fourteen Canadians and fifteen other Dominion fliers participated in the Isle of Sylt raid.

Many Pilgrims In Holy Land

Thousands Of Worshippers At Holy Sepulchre In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, March 26:—Thousands of Easter pilgrims flocked into Jerusalem and visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Presentation To Lady Tweedsmuir

Handsome Mink Coat For Widow Of Late Governor-General

OTTAWA, March 26: (CP)—The gift of the women of Canada from Yukon Territory to Cape Breton, Lady Tweedsmuir has been presented with a handsome mink coat before leaving on her return to England. Seven representative women gathered to make the presentation.

Earthquake Felt On Lower Coast

Seattle And Tacoma Experienced Tremor Saturday Evening

SEATTLE, March 26: (CP)—Northwest Washington felt an earthquake shock Saturday evening. It was not severe and no damage was done. Houses trembled and pictures and electric light fixtures shook in Seattle and Tacoma.

Hungary Premier Meets Mussolini

Official Statement Tells Of "Long And Cordial" Conference With Pope Pius Today

ROME, March 26: (CP)—Count Teleky, Hungarian Premier, met Premier Benito Mussolini and Foreign Minister Ciano yesterday and will have an audience with the Pope today. An official statement said that there had been a "long and cordial" conference between Teleky and Mussolini.

Air Lines Very Safe

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26: (CP)—United States commercial air lines completed a year of flying today without a fatal accident or serious injury to passengers or crew members. More than two million passengers used the airways in the period.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A deep depression is centred west of Vancouver Island and the pressure is relatively high east of the Rockies. The weather has been mild throughout this province while strong winds and rain prevail on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Southeast gales shifting to south. Cloudy and mild with rain.