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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1940.

Tomorrow's Tides	
High	8:30 a.m. 17.8 ft.
	20:39 p.m. 17.8 ft.
Low	1:40 a.m. 6.7 ft.
	14:10 p.m. 9.0 ft.

Weather Forecast
 Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Strong east to south-east winds or gales, unsettled and mild with rain.

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Still Working On France-Spain

NAZIS STAB AT LONDON ONCE MORE

Raids Are, However, Still Not Intensity Which Has Already Been Experienced

LONDON, Oct. 24: (CP)—German bombers stabbled at London early this afternoon in the day's first daylight raid after a comparatively quiet night but the alert lasted only a few minutes and no planes or gun-fire were heard. It was announced that a giant German Dornier bomber had been shot down by a Spitfire in the Channel.

Anti-aircraft defences in the London outskirts held the bombers at bay overnight, giving the city its quietest night and its sleep in the last seventeen. Five bombs were killed when a bomb struck a village cottage near London last night's was London's forty-ninth straight night of air raid. The alarm came at 7 p.m., the first in forty-seven days. Only one bomb was dropped on the metropolitan area in two attacks. The assault was not of the usual scale. However, it was fair-ly sharp at the start, tapering off at midnight with the all clear at 1 a.m.

There were three alarms today—first at 5 a.m., the second at 7 a.m. and the third at 2 p.m. The third alarm since morning was issued owing to the unfavorable weather and effective defences. Bombs were dropped where some damage was done.

Spitfires and German Messerschmidts resumed fierce combat today as the Germans renewed the attack. In and out of the banks the planes dodged, sometimes flying below the clouds. A huge Nazi bomber formation crossed the coast followed by groups of Messerschmidts. Most of these planes were held back in the city proper.

Weather and Defence
 Thickened by cloud banks of chimney smoke, has been blanketing the German air raiders since Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. London had second successive morning yesterday without a raid and no German planes appeared during a brief afternoon alarm although they were at intervals over scattered parts of western England.

Although Tuesday night's attacks on London were lighter than usual, twenty-five persons were killed when a bomb buried them in the basement shelter of a department store.

Indian Dep't Officials On Trip To Naas

Indian Agent James Gillett and James Coleman, inspector of Indian agencies, returned to the city last night after a trip to Metlakatla, Port Simpson, Kincolith, Greenville, Canyon City and Alyansh, Mr. Coleman being on an inspection trip through this agency. Alyansh was left at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and the departmental cruiser got at 8 o'clock last night with the officials. High water on the Naas river, due to excessive rains, had caused some delay on the trip and was necessary to transfer from the Naaskeena at Canyon City for the rest of the way up river. Mr. Gillett carried out national registration of the natives during the trip.

At Alyansh the Church Army, and choir and other organizations are engaged in staging an entertainment in connection with the visit of Mr. Coleman.

Local Gunners Manning Super Heavy Batteries Now Firing Across Channel Upon Enemy

Prince Rupert men are among those operating the big guns which are firing across the Straits of Dover on Calais, Cap Griz Nez and other French coast invasion bases, it is indicated by word which has been received in the city from England.

Information is that local men, who were drafted out of the 102nd Heavy Battery for overseas service, have now been transferred to super heavy batteries.

There are about a dozen such local men.

PASSAGE OF U.S. ARMY MEDICINES IS STRONG

Great Britain to Allow Pharmaceutical Products to Pass Through Blockade

LONDON, Oct. 24:—The Ministry of Economic Warfare in London announces that it will permit the passage of strictly pharmaceutical products, drugs and bandages through the blockade to German-occupied countries.

Bulletins

NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE
VICHY—There are reports here that France, on behalf of Germany, may launch a new peace offensive to end the war between Germany and Great Britain.

MANY ITALIANS KILLED
CAIRO—It was reported today that 400 Italian troops had been killed in a battle in the Sudan on encountering British motorized units. Italy claims to have made air raids on Port Said and Buran in East Africa.

JAPANESE PEACE OFFER
SHANGHAI—A peace offer is reported to have been made by Japan to China. It would provide for demilitarization of the Yangtze River, five autonomous provinces in north China under Japanese control, independence of Manchoukou and Japanese concessions in all Chinese ports. Japan is also seeking a basis for more friendly relations with Great Britain. At the same time a new and extensive offensive by the Chinese against the Japanese in Chekiang Province is reported. It is said that Japanese bombs have failed to interrupt traffic on the newly reopened Burma Road.

WILL DEFEND PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON—The United States will defend the Philippines against any attack as long as they belong to the United States, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said yesterday, in announcing that two powerful air squadrons—one from Michigan and one from California—were about to be sent there to augment defences. The squadrons will total 30 planes and 320 men.

TO COUNT JAPANESE
OTTAWA—A census of Japanese both in Canada and the United States is now under way.

GUARANTEES EXPIRE
OTTAWA—The federal government will not guarantee home improvement loans after October 31, Hon. J. L. Hsley, minister of finance, announces. The total of \$50,000,000 in such loans will have been reached by then.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Wheat price was 5/8c higher on the Chicago market yesterday, December closing 87 3/4c.

BERLIN IS HIT AGAIN

British Renew Their Aerial Attack on Germany and Nazi-Controlled Country

LONDON, Oct. 24: (CP)—An Air Ministry communique disclosed that the Royal Air Force had attacked Berlin and other German objectives last night but did not give details. The Germans admitted that a Berlin factory had been hit. It was the first air raid alarm Berlin had had since Monday morning.

Other objectives in Germany and German-occupied territory were also attacked during the night, the British offensive being resumed after a couple of days' hold-up owing to unfavorable weather. There were no attacks on the Reich yesterday.

The renewed attacks on enemy territory followed an encouraging Air Ministry statement presented yesterday by Captain Harold Balfour, Under Secretary of Air, who told how the German invasion plan for England had been shattered from Narvik to Bordeaux by the six week's pounding of the Royal Air Force since September 5. This consisted one of the greatest victories of the war, said Capt. Balfour, who observed, however, that the Germans were still along the coast and, as long as they remained there with their naval and troop concentrations, the threat of invasion would persist.

TWO SHIPS TORPEDOED
 British bombers successfully torpedoed two German supply ships in the North Sea yesterday and heavily machine gunned a third vessel, the Air Ministry announced today. British planes, the announcement also said, raided various Berlin military targets as well as elsewhere including railways, wharves and warehouses at Emden and oil plants, railway junctions, airdromes and docks.

OLOF HANSON IS SEARCHER

Local Member Lent a Hand in Grim Quest Following Lorne Creek Train Wreck

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, was a passenger on the train that met with disaster at the Lorne Creek bridge on Saturday night. He had been held up at Pacific while waiting for the slides to be cleared and had spent the time in the company of Engineer J. C. Carpenter and Fireman S. J. Mayer, the two victims of the accident, and other railway men gathered there, all of whom he knew so well.

When the accident occurred Mr. Hanson went to the front of the train with a flashlight to see if anything could be done. In the morning, with others, he searched around the bushes which were partly under water in the hope of finding the two men but no sign of them could be found.

C. H. Sawie, editor of the Omineca Herald, was also a passenger on the train.

No Interest In Contracts

United States Navy Unable to Get Bids on Mine-Sweepers, it is Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 24.—The United States Navy Department has failed to obtain bids on two new mine layers. It is believed the reason is that the yards are too busy on other jobs.

MISSING AT GLACE BAY

Fears Entertained for Safety of Two Fishing Vessels

GLACE BAY, Oct. 24.—Two small Glace Bay fishing vessels are safe in port after a storm. They had twelve men on board. One of them, the Carolina Moon, Capt. Henry Spicer, showed signs of the battle with a fifty-mile gale.

Two other boats, with eight men on board, are still missing and fears are felt for their safety.

Stock Prices Firmer Again

Averages All Higher in Yesterday's New York Trading

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—New York stock market prices showed a firming up tendency yesterday with a turnover of 540,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was 132.40, up .42; rails, 28.92, and utilities, 22.29, up .22. The tone of the market continued firm this morning, still gaining ground. Yesterday was the strongest day in a week, some issues being up three points.

CLUB HEARS OF ARABIA

Dr. Bertram Thomas O.B.E. Gives Illustrated Description Of Crossing Great South Arabian Desert

The account of an exploration trip across the South Arabian desert, illustrated with beautiful colored slides, was given last evening by Dr. Bertram Thomas O. B. E. to the members and friends of the Women's Canadian Club at one of their dinner gatherings, the dining room of the Commodore Cafe being crowded to capacity. Mrs. Neal Carter introduced the speaker and Mrs. D. McD. Hunter moved the vote of thanks, at the close. Dr. Neal M. Carter, operated the lantern.

Mrs. Carter explained that Dr. Thomas had been for five years the British adviser to the Sultan of Muskat and Oman and during that time he had made four different trips into the desert, the last being successful in getting across it, the first white man to do this.

Dr. Thomas showed the route taken on a map which was thrown on the screen. He explained that Arabia was as large as the whole of Europe, excluding Russia and was little known. Arabia was the home of three great religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Most of the country was hot and dry except along the coast where the country was an almost impassable jungle. The people did not like visitors and that made it difficult to explore. Also various tribes were hostile to each other.

In making the crossing of the desert he had to dress like an Arabian but he carried a rifle, a shotgun and a butterfly net and during the trip made a collection of birds, animals and insects many of which were now in the collection at the British museum. Among the larger creatures taken were leopard, hyena, fox, vultures and snakes, most of which were new species.

Symbol Of Unicorn
 One outstanding picture shown was that of an antelope the head of which at a certain angle looked

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COPPER PRICES
 NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Copper prices were 1c to 5c lower yesterday, December closing at 11.4c per pound.

New Axis Offensive Is Hitler's Aim In Talks That Have Been Held

Much Speculation in Europe as to Latest Negotiations But Official Announcements Are Still Lacking

SPAIN NOT GOING IN
BERLIN, October 24: (CP)—A hint that Chancellor Adolf Hitler's attempt to drag Spain into the war has failed was dropped tonight by informed German circles who said Germany has "complete understanding" of Spain's economic position as a result of her civil war. "It is too much to expect Spain to join in the war — at present at least," they said.

BERNE, October 24: (CP)—Chancellor Adolf Hitler's talks with Vice-Premier Pierre Laval of France and the Spanish dictator, Francisco Franco, were bound together today by reports that they had laid the groundwork for an Axis offensive in the Mediterranean and the South Atlantic. Informed French sources said that Hitler and Laval had put the finishing touches to an agreement whereby the Vichy government would give the Axis power to use air and naval bases in Africa, Syria and unoccupied France in return for certain concessions. Reports reaching diplomatic sources from Vichy today said that Premier Henri Petain had left for Paris. It was believed here he was going to join Vice-Premier in signing the new French-German agreement.

AXIS PLAN IN FRANCE

Bases to be Sought and Country North as Far as Paris Will Be Restored

VICHY, Oct. 24:—Vice-Premier Pierre Laval of France, after a conference with Marshal Petain, left today for Paris to resume a conference with Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany. Observers now believe that the agreement being negotiated between Germany and France does not include a declaration of war by France against Great Britain nor the turning over of the French navy and air fleet to Germany but rather the turning over of Dakar, Toulon, Casablanca and Tunisia to Germany as naval bases with air base sites in North Africa and Syria. Germany, in return, would give back to France the present occupied part of the country from Vichy north to the Seine with Paris straddled between Germany and France. It is expected that Pierre Laval will succeed Marshal Henri Petain as Premier of France.

Royal Air Force Busy In Africa

Low Flying Attacks Cause Damage to Italian Working Parties and Transport

LONDON, Oct. 24: (CP)—A series of low-flying attacks by British bombers on Italian working parties and transport columns along the Egyptian coast between Saloum and Bugbug caused extensive damage, the Air Ministry announced. There were also effective British air raids on Italian bases in Eritrea and Italian East Africa.

High Water At Terrace

No Less Than Five Inches of Rain in Three Days

TERRACE, Oct. 24.—The recent heavy rains brought no less than five inches in the three days. The river quickly rose to the level of a summer freshet but is now fast subsiding. Terrace people received a shock when reports arrived that a train accident near Dorreen had resulted in the death of two well known Smithers men who often pass through Terrace on the trains in the execution of their duties as engineer and fireman respectively and who are well known and respected by many in this place.