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Tomorrow's Tides

High	4:20 a.m.	19.7 ft.
	16:05 p.m.	19.9 ft.
Low	10:15 a.m.	7.6 ft.
	22:45 p.m.	3.9 ft.

Fascist Leaving Bardia

War News

HON. GORDON SCOTT LOST

OTTAWA—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King has received definite word from London of the safety of Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, who was aboard the liner Western Prince which was torpedoed and sunk last week. Col. W. C. Woodward of Vancouver and E. P. Taylor of Toronto, special departmental officials, accompanying Mr. Howe, are also safe but Hon. Gordon Scott, former provincial treasurer of Quebec, and financial adviser to Mr. Howe, lost his life when a lifeboat capsized alongside a rescue ship, his body not being recovered. The survivors have been landed at a west coast port.

QUIET FOR 30 HOURS

LONDON—For nearly thirty hours not a single bomb has been dropped anywhere on the British Isles. Unfavorable weather is believed to be the reason although this did not prevent the Royal Air Force last night from carrying out another raid on the German industrial city of Mannheim as well as Channel bases of the enemy, particularly airdromes.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAN FOR AID

WASHINGTON— President Franklin D. Roosevelt will make a personal appeal to the new Congress for support of a new arrangement whereby unlimited supplies of ships, guns, airplanes and munitions would be loaned to Great Britain as she required them. Such supplies would be on a lease basis whereby the goods would be returned or replaced after the war. Thus effective aid would be given to Great Britain and, at the same time, a United States defence policy would be carried out. The President may ask congress for $2,000,000 to finance the program.

ITALIANS ABANDONING BARDIA

CAIRO—The Italians appear to be preparing to abandon Bardia, another important port on the Mediterranean coast of Libya. The Fascist forces, aerial reconnaissance indicates, are commencing to retreat toward Derna and Libya to the west.

TWO DIVISIONS SMASHED

ATHENS— Two crack Italian divisions in Albania are reported to have been smashed as the Greeks continue to advance on all fronts. Two focal points on the central Albanian front are in flames, having been set afire by the retreating Fascists.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK

NEW YORK—Mackay radio has picked up a message from the Dutch steamer Hendrik reporting that she was torpedoed and sunk 500 miles north of Scotland. Only one lifeboat is left afloat, two others having been blown up with the ship. Further north two tankers are reported under attack.

GERMANS MOVE INTO ITALY

BELGRADE, YugoSlavia—It is reported here that 50,000 German troops have moved quietly into Italy enroute to Libya and, possibly, Albania to bolster the wavering Fascist forces. Some of the German troops are at Bari and Naples and others at Milan and Genoa, according to the report here.

MEMBER IS HERE

Olof Hanson Going South Tomorrow Night to Spend Christmas Holidays With Family

War Work Unity

Prince Rupert Dry Dock is To Be Kept Working to Capacity

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, who arrived in Simthers recently after attending the session of Parliament in Ottawa, came in from the interior on last night's train. Tomorrow night he will sail on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holiday season with his family in the south.

Mr. Hanson stated this morning that a short time before leaving Ottawa he had seen Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of supply, and had been assured by that minister that the Prince Rupert Drydock would be kept fully busy for a long time to come.

The government, Mr. Hanson said, was working on a steel industry for the Pacific Coast and he thought it quite possible it would be established in the near future.

Mr. Hanson commented on the wonderful spirit of unity in the war effort he found everywhere he went. Voluntary enlistments had been excellent espcially in the province of Quebec.

Compensation For Citizens

LONDON, December 18 (Canadian Press)— The British government today pledged compensation for all adult citizens killed or injured "as result of enemy action." The plan will apply to injuries already incurred.

HI SCHOOL 'XMAS PLAYS

The Senior and Junior Dramatic Societies of Booth Memorial School staged three excellent Christmas plays at the auditorium of the school last night. It was almost a capacity house and the splendid histrionic efforts of the pupils were well received, reflecting credit on all concerned in their production.

Outstanding event of the evening was the colorful "Princess and Woodcutter" by the Junior Dramatic Society. Somewhat in the nature of a fantasy, it was a pretty romance laid in a deep forest where the princess, played by Janet Rochester, fell in love with the woodchopper, portrayed by Jerry Woodside. Other principals were Jack McIntosh, as the King; Marie Boulter as the Queen; Vernon Ciccone, Emerson Roper and Mickey Sorrenti, as princes, and George Anderson, as a page. Costumes were in pleasing harmony appropriate to the settings and the piece de resistance was a pretty dance number by Misses Donalda Rix, Margaret Brasseur, Norma Watt, Leonora Raabe, Olga Zabudney and Hilda Pottinger with Miss Patsy Moore as a solo dancer.

A girls' school sketch was "Archibald" in which eight pretty co-eds had their hearts aflutter over the forthcoming visit of the brother of one. The girls were Helen Doctor, Pat Nicholls, Ann Winslow, May Skinner, Magnhild Storseth, Nora Thomas, Ruth Scherk and Marion Sheppard. Norah Dougherty played the part of the maid and John Thompson appeared as the diminutive brother who was the hero of the piece after all.

"Archibald" and "Wireless and Sich-Like" were presented by the Senior Dramatic Society.

To round out the program were acceptable piano solos by Miss Frances Moore and violin solos by William Jacowenik. These talented young musicians also assisted with some of the plays.

Miss Florence Wilson directed the Senior plays and Miss Joyce Edgcumbe and Miss May Jones, the Junior play. Miss Jean Irvine and Miss Frances Watts were in charge of costumes while James McKay was responsible for the important work of staging.

Principal W. W. C .O'Neill opened the evening's proceedings, speaking briefly.

MINISTER'S ASSISTANT LOST LIFE

Gordon W. Scott of Montreal, Member of the Howe Party, Drowned After Western Prince Torpedoing

AT A BRITISH PORT, December 18 (Canadian Press)—Gordon Scott former provincial treasurer of Quebec, lost his life during rescue operations following the torpedoing by a German u-boat of the British liner Western Prince. Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply for Canada, to whom Scott was financial adviser, and E. P. Taylor of Toronto and Col. W. C. Woodward of Vancouver disembarked here. They were in good condition although unshaven and wearing borrowed clothing.

Mr. Howe told newspapermen that "we are feeling fine and glad to be here." He paid tribute to the work of rescue workers. Should the party require a rest before starting on their official duties, arrangements have been made for them to spend a short time in the country.

Mr. Scott lost his life when a lifeboat capsied alongside the rescue ship. His body was not recovered. At least six others were drowned from the same boat which contained twenty-six survivors. The boat struck the side of the rescue ship and turned over. Scott fell between the rescue ship and the lifeboat.

It was a harrowing experience the party had.

There were sixty-seven passengers aboard the Western Prince and most of them were saved.

Mr. Scott was a chartered accountant of Montreal. He was identified with a number of prominent industrial companies. He was active in Anglican church work, having been chairman of the Protestant committee of the Council of Education of Quebec and president of Verdun Protestant Hospital. For years he was a member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly. He was born in Montreal in 1887 and educated in the schools there. After leaving school he became identified with the accounting firm of P. S. Ross & Son and had been with the firm ever since. He is survived by a widow and one daughter. Mr. Scott was also a Mason.

MUST HAVE MONEY AID

Great Britain Can Make No More Commitments in States Unless This is Forthcoming

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 18: (CP)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau is reported to have told a congressional committee yesterday that Sir Frederick Phillips, Under Secretary of the British Treasury, who is on a visit to the United States, had informed him that Great Britain could make no more commitments for the purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid is extended.

Members of the committee told newspapermen that Secretary Morgenthau had repeated his belief that United States could not entend loans or credits unless Congress modified the Johnson Act forbidding loans to debtor nations.

Hellenese Go Ahead

Advance Against Italians in Albania Continues Without Let-Up

ATHENS, December 18 (Canadian Press)— Fires have broken out in Klisura, it was officially reported today, indicating that Italian forces are burning supplies in preparation to abandon the mountain town on the middle Albanian front. Both Klisura and Tepelini, farther west, are reported in range of Greek machine guns.

The taking by the Greeks yesterday of a camouflaged Italian fort in Albania was heralded as one of the major gains of the last few days.

NEW RIFLE RANGE NOW ESTABLISHED

Butts Are Established On Park Avenue By Irish Fusiliers

The Irish Fusiliers Rifle Range, which has been under construction is now practically completed and will be used daily. A few weeks ago the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. N. Burnett, decided that it was absolutely necessary that his men have access to a rifle range. As there was no approved range in the Prince Rupert area he decided to get one. A grant was attained to cover cost of material and the Irish Fusiliers built the range themselves.

One morning in the latter part of November a working party in charge of Company Sergeant Major Dey marched out to the site of the former Canadian National Rifle Range on Park Avenue. A roadway was constructed from Park Avenue to the firing points. Many truckloads of railway ties, sand and gravel were used in the making of this road which was necessary before actual construction of the firing points and butts could be started. The men worked on this project day after day, rain or shine. One hundred and fifty tons of sand were required to fill the butts.

Today the rifle range is ready for use, a credit to the Irish Fusiliers and a permanent asset to the community. Canadian National officers gave timely assistance both with advice and material.

Trespassing in this area will be a dangerous practice. Children should avoid the rifle range at all times. Danger signs have been posted and red flags will be displayed on the firing points and butts when the range is in use.

Funeral Of Magistrate

Obsequies For Late Thomas McClymont Will Take Place in Vancouver On Friday

VANCOUVER, December 18 (Canadian Press) — Masonic funeral services for the late Thomas McClymont, aged 62, former mayor of Prince Rupert and police magisgistrate of that city for the past twelve years, who died on Monday at the home in Vancouver of his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. J. Taggart, have been arranged for Friday following the arrival of Mrs. McClymont from the north. Mr. McClymont, a native of Scotland, had been for thirty years a resident of Prince Rupert where he established a real estate and insurance business.

Bulletins

CANADIAN WAGES

OTTAWA—Hon. Norman McLarty, minister of labor, announced a new wage policy yesterday for the guidance of conciliation boards in Canada. It provides for a system of bonuses based on the cost of living rather than wage increases. Every three months wages would be revised upward if the cost of living advanced five percent. The general basis would be wages of levels existing between 1926 and 1929. The aim is, on the one hand, to keep wages within bounds and, on the other. to protect wage earners from runaway costs of living.

REGARDING LAVAL

VICHY—Former Premier Laval was released from custody yesterday and, after a meeting with Premier Petain in which he protested that his aim was "loyalty and patriotism," left with Otto Abet, special emissary of Adolf Hitler, for Paris. It is reported that Hitler is demanding Laval's return to the French cabinet although not necessarily as foreign minister which portfolio may be retained by Former Premier Pierre Flandin.

WOULD ACCEPT POST

MAIMI—Before leaving yesterday with the Duchess on his return to the Bahamas, the Duke of Windsor stated that he had not been offered the ambassadorship to the United States but he added that he would certainly accept it were it offered and thought to be in the best interests of the two countries. Meanwhile from London came reports that Former Premier David Lloyd-George had refused the appointment owing to his age which is now seventy-eight.

CINCINNATI EXPLOSION

CINCINNATI—The list of dead as a result of the Cincinnati tenement explosion yesterday has now reached thirteen including a baby which was born as the mother lay in the wreckage awaiting rescue.

MONTREAL EXPLOSION

MONTREAL— Ten homes in Montreal's east end were rocked by explosion last night. The blast was followed by a fire flames of which leaped 100 feet into the air. One person is believed to have perished.

MAIL WAS LOST

OTTAWA—Postmaster General Mulock announced that 240 bags of mail from Canada were lost last week in the torpedoing of the Western Prince.

SATKO AT TACOMA

TACOMA—Paul Satko of "Ark of Juneau" fame is here on his way back to Alaska after a trip to Philadelphia. He advocates the opening of Eagle River, north of Juneau, where he has settled his family.

CONVOY IS ATTACKED

S.O.S. Messages Are Sent Out From Atlantic Ocean North of Scotland

NEW YORK, December 18 (Canadian Press)—Two large tankers sent radio messages today saying they had been attacked by submarines 850 miles off the northern tip of Scotland near where the Dutch vessel Hendrick also reports being attacked. This is taken as indication that another British convoy is under attack by the enemy.

REVOLT IN ETHIOPIA

Great Britain is Giving All Possible Assistance to Emperor Haile Selassie

LONDON, December 18 (Canadian Press) — Revolt in Ethopia against Italian forces of occupation appears to be making progress, Rt. Hon. Richard Austin Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, informed the House of Commons today. He said it was the policy of the British government to extend to Emperor Haile Selassie, who is himself now on the Ethiopian frontier, all possible assistance in the fight for freedom.

MONTREAL EXPLOSION

One Person Killed and Three Seriously Injured When Dwelling is Shattered

MONTREAL, Dec. 18: (CP)—One person was killed and three were injured seriously when a one-storey house was shattered by explosion of escaping gas at Tetraultville, east of Montreal, early yesterday.

TALK BY FEUHRER

Hitler Addresses Cadets at Gathering in Sports Palace at Berlin

BERLIN, December 18 (Canadian Press)—Chancellor Adolf Hitler made an announced address in the Berlin Sports Palace today to five thousand cadets about to receive their commissions. The meeting was closed but the Nazi News Agency said the address was to prepare the cadets for "tasks as leaders of the Nationalist Socialist Army."

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .05.
Bralorne, 10.40.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.25.
Dentonio, .00½A.
Fairview, .00⅝.
Gold Belt, .28.
Hedley Mascot, .56.
Minto, .01¼.
Pend Oreille, 1.75.
Pioneer, 2.10.
Premier, .92.
Privateer .54.
Reeves Macdonald, .25A.
Reno, .13.
Relief Arlington, .02¾.
Salmon Gold, .02¼.
Sheep Creek, .85.
Cariboo Hudson, .02½A.

Oils

A.P. Con., .08½.
Calmont, .24.
C. & E., 1.45A.
Home, 2.41.
Pacalta, .05.
Royal Canadian, .08.
Okalta, .70.
Mercury, .06A.
Prairie Royalties, .07.

Toronto

Aldermac, .15.
Beattie, 1.19.
Central Pat., 1.90.
Cons. Smelters, 39.00.
East Malartic, 2.70.
Fernland, .05.
Francoeur, .40½.
Gods Lake, .40.
Hardrock, 1.10.
Int. Nickle, 34.00.
Kerr Addison, 3.65.
Little Long Lac, 2.10.
McLeod Cockshutt, 2.30.
Madsen Red Lake, .64.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.23.
Moneta, .61½.
Noranda, 59.00½.
Pickle Crow, 2.81.
Preston East Dome, 3.60.
San Antonio, 2.60.

ENCIRCLING OF BARDIA MOVE NOW

British Offensive Against Italians in Lybia is Still Gaining Ground

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES AT SALUM, December 18 (Canadian Press)—British armored units were sweeping over the desert west of Bardia today in an attempt to encircle that important Italian base in Libya following the capture of Salum in Egypt and Fort Capuzzo in Libya. British mechanized forces opened the attack and there is no sign of let-up. The last remnants of the Italian army had been driven from Egyptian soil.

QUITTING BARDIA

Italian troops were reported today by the Royal Air Force to be falling back towards Derna, 150 miles within Libya. The retreating forces were being harassed by British bombs and machine guns. Earlier reports from the Western Desert indicated that the main coastal base of Bardia was isolated by the British armored units to the west with fresh troops rolling up from the East. Apparently, the line was also closed on the south, making the retreat of the Italians a desparate movement. Derna airdrome has been raided by British aircraft and phamplets were dropped on Assab, advising the people there of the defeat of the Italians at various points.

A Cairo communique said that the pressure on Bardia was steadily increasing with heavy fighting and that new British troops were arriving in the area to support those who had captured Fort Capuzzo.

The communique also said that offensive patrolling on a considerable scale had been renewed 2000 miles to the south on the Kenya and Sedan frontiers of Italian East Africa. Nairobi reports a British raid from Kenya Colony on Italian Somaliland in which 50 Italians were killed, 25 wounded and considerable enemy supplies taken.

NAZIS ARE LAYING OFF

Luftwaffe Attack on Britain Lightens up for Time Being

LONDON, Dec. 18: (CP)— Although weather was good, there were no German attacks on the British Isles last night. Bad weather Monday night had held attacks to a minimum Monday night and London had only two short alarms.

An undetermined number were killed or injured when a bomb struck a theatre in northwest England Monday night and several persons were trapped in a west Midlands town where six houses were shattered by explosives. There were no daylight attacks yesterday.

Last night was London's quietest in weeks. An official communique had "nothing to report."

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure continues low off the British Columbia Coast and is relatively high over the state of Utah. The weather has become unsettled and mild throughout this province.

West Coast of Vancouvtr Island—Strong southeast to south winds or gales. Cloudy and mild with occasional rain.

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