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Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong southwest winds, shifting to southerly, mostly cloudy and cool with rain towards night.

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## Tomorrow's Tides

High	2:26 a.m.	22.2 ft.
	14:46 p.m.	22.4 ft.
Low	8:44 a.m.	1.7 ft.
	21:08 p.m.	1.9 ft.

## Important Deal Between United States and Great Britain Is Consummated

### Canada's War Chiefs

COL. THE HON. J. L. RALSTON  
Minister of National Defence

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For the second time in a brilliant legal, military and political career James Layton Ralston of Amherst, N.S., finds himself guiding the destinies of Canada's armed forces from the Woods Building in Ottawa, nerve centre of the Dominion's defence activities. A quiet, unobtrusive man of medium height and stocky build Col. Ralston gained his military knowledge the hard way—with the fighting forces in France during 1917 and 1918. Now, in his 59th year, Ralston has stepped into the gigantic task of swiftly transforming a peace-loving people into a war machine.

Imperturbable, methodical and painstaking, with the qualities which carried him quickly to the top rank in the legal profession and won him high honors on the battlefield, Ralston has assumed the new task with humility and determination.

His appointment last July 5, to succeed his fellow townsman, the late Hon. Norman Rogers, was acclaimed by press and public throughout Canada.

For a time the Conservative opposition in parliament during the session recently adjourned, clamored for the retirement of Prime Minister Mackenzie King to make way for Col. Ralston as leader of the government.

Ralston remained the same grave, serious administrator, free and easy with his associates and as much at home in a gathering of war veterans as in the sanctity of the privy council chamber. The pale and often wearied expression of Ralston's features betrays the strength and endurance of his brain and rugged frame. He works long hours and always has done so, in war, in politics and in his legal activities.

Ralston is not much interested in games or outdoor pursuits for Ralston is not much interested in games or outdoor pursuits for pleasure these days. He has little time for the stiff formalities of the uniformed services but realizes their necessity at times and can be as dignified as any "brass hat" when it is required of him.

As defence minister in the Mackenzie King government from 1926 to 1930 Ralston was instrumental in organizing civilian flying clubs throughout Canada. Now he sees the benefits from those efforts to make Canada air conscious.

Today Ralston flies a great deal and on his travels necessitated by the work of organizing an army, whether he goes by car, train or plane, he usually takes a bulky portfolio of work or important staff associates with whom he may confer on pressing problems.

Ralston is happy with his associates in the defence department. Air Minister Power and Navy Minister Macdonald are both his comrades of the first great war. They call each other "Layton," "Angus L." and "Chubby."

**Career in Maritime**  
Ralston was born September 27, 1881, in Amherst, N. S., where his immediate predecessor, Norman Rogers, was born 15 years later. He was educated at Dalhousie University, Halifax and admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1903.

In 1916 he went overseas with the 85th Nova Scotia highland battalion as major and served continuously in France from February 1917 to the armistice.

His war career brought him the Distinguished Service Order and he was twice mentioned in des-

### Many Attend His Funeral

Final Rites Yesterday Morning For Late R. F. Perry, Pioneer, Ex-Alderman and Railway Official

There was a large congregation at the Church of the Annunciation yesterday morning when solemn requiem mass for the late Roger Francis Perry, pioneer, ex-alderman and local railway official, was celebrated by Father W. F. Lantagne, the parish priest. The choir was in attendance with Gillis Couture singing two solos during the mass and Miss Frances Moore presiding at the organ. Interment in the Roman Catholic section of Fairview Cemetery followed.

Pallbearers were Paul Dempsey, Theo Collart, R. W. Cameron, Alex Mackenzie, James H. Thompson and Harry Long.

Delayed by an extra call at Ocean Falls with school teachers and other passengers, Union steamer Catala, Capt. James Findlay, did not arrive in port from the south until 5:30 Monday morning, sailing at 9:30, over twelve hours late, for Stewart and other northern points whence she will return here this evening southbound.

Patches and was made a commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Ralston was elected to the Nova Scotia legislature in 1911 and again in 1916 but was defeated in 1920 and 1925. In 1926 he was made defence minister and was given an acclamation in Yarmouth, after suffering defeat in the Dominion election of that year.

**Entered Law Practice**  
When the King government was defeated in 1930 Ralston entered law practice in Montreal. He retained his seat in parliament and acted as opposition financial critic.

When the Dominion elections were called in 1935 Ralston decided to remain out of politics. He did until the war started last September when he placed himself at the disposal of the government in whatever capacity he could be used but expressed a preference for service overseas.

He was called at once to Ottawa to succeed the Finance Minister, Charles Dunning, whose resignation on account of illness had been in Mr. King's hands since July, 1939.

Prince County, Prince Edward Island, gave Ralston an acclamation in January last and a great majority in the Dominion elections of March 26.

He remained as finance minister until the budget had been presented June 24, but was already slated for the defence portfolio.

Col. Ralston was married in 1907 to Nettie Winnifred, daughter of John McLeod of Amherst, and he has one son, Stuart.

### NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN NORTH AND SOUTH ATLANTIC ARE EXCHANGED FOR FIFTY DESTROYERS — "GIFTS" IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND BERMUDA

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 3: (CP) — Franklin D. Roosevelt notified Congress today of an agreement between the United States and Great Britain under which the American government will lease naval and air bases in British possessions in the north and south Atlantic and transfer fifty over-age destroyers to Great Britain.

The United States will acquire naval and air bases in Newfoundland and the islands of Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Antigua and in British Guiana.

"The right to bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda are gifts," said the President. "Other bases mentioned have been acquired in exchange for fifty of our over-age destroyers."

The President enclosed an opinion from Attorney General Robert Jackson "regarding my authority to consummate this arrangement."

Great Britain has given United States definite assurance of its intention "never to surrender or sink the British fleet in the event of waters surrounding the British Isles becoming untenable for His Majesty's ships." The United States Department of State made this known in publishing correspondence between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Ambassador Lord Lothian.

British Foreign Office officials in London greeted news of the Anglo-American exchange of air and naval bases for over-age destroyers with "greatest possible satisfaction."

## SINKING OF REFUGEE CHILDREN'S SHIP BY NAZI TORPEDO ATTACK

British Continue to Show Supremacy in Air Over Germany—Round-up of Week-End War News

The outstanding war event of the Labor Day week-end was the sinking of a ship carrying 320 children bound for Canada as well as other passengers. All were taken into lifeboats in rather a rough sea and picked up. The purser was the only one who lost his life. He slipped as he was getting into a lifeboat and was drowned. The children seemed to rather enjoy the experience. They immediately took their stations as for lifeboat drill and were taken off safely. The sea was rather rough and they had to wait in the lifeboats until the first rescue ship arrived. During that time they sang all the songs they knew, especially the songs the soldiers and airmen sing such as "Roll over the Barrel." After they had been safely landed at a west coast port they were shown around the port and then sent to their respective homes. Most of them expressed the hope that they would yet be sent to Canada and none of them were afraid to take the chance.

Each day and each night the Royal Air Force bombed Berlin and other German centres striking effectively at objectives such as oil plants, fuel stations, airplane factories, docks, canals and railway centres, setting fires and destroying air centres. Raids were also carried out yesterday on North Libyan ports in each case the objectives being reached without loss to the British. The Royal Air Force again struck at Italy.

Germany has been keeping up a perpetual bombardment of various parts of Britain. Sometimes the planes came in waves and some times in large formations. Yesterday the International News Service told of a raid of 200 planes flying

toward the coast of Kent. They were met before they reached the coast by British Spitfires and Hurricanes and a number of them shot down while others were driven back across the channel. Another German formation, seeing what was happening to their comrades, turned back home without dropping a bomb. Up to last night fifty German planes were bagged during the day, the British losing but thirteen, the pilots of seven landing safely. Thirty-six were victims of fighting planes and the balance of anti-aircraft guns.

Attacks on London were very few during the long week-end. Saturday night no air raid alarms were heard and several attempts to fly over the city were headed off by the Royal Air Force fighters. The ports and air centres on the coast of France were visited last night and destructive hits made. The German raids continued today on southeast England and northeast Scotland.

In a speech in London Prime Minister Churchill told the people of Britain and the world that slowly, painfully but surely the British were wresting supremacy in the air from the Germans.

It was reported last night that 400 Italian prisoners of war had arrived at Bombay.

Demonstrations took place in

## MINING OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Dr. J. T. Mandy Returns From Interior And Sees Very Hopeful Conditions

The mining outlook in Central British Columbia from Terrace to Vanderhoof is very encouraging, according to Dr. J. T. Mandy, mining engineer, who with his assistant, W. J. Lynott, arrived from a tour of that district Sunday night. Several discoveries such as that of the mercury mine at Pinchi Creek and the antimony on Stuart Lake near Fort St. James are among the encouraging features. Both of these are being developed by big companies.

In and around Smithers a number of leased properties are being worked. At the Duthie property 25 men are employed and there is a little community being formed there with its own school about to be opened. Already nine children of school age are there and others are expected.

Other properties in the Babine and nearby Topley are also being worked with good results.

Dr. Mandy noted the fact that a number of engineers had been visiting properties in the district and considerable interest was taken in some of the prospects. Everywhere interest was shown and he looked for further developments as a result.

Turning to other matters than mining, Dr. Mandy noted that fewer tourists visited the district this year than in the past few summers. The roads over which he travelled were in good condition and there had been a considerable improvement in this respect on roads such as that leading to the Babine Mountains, and the 28 miles from Topley to Topley Landing on Babine Lake. At the lake cabins had been erected and fully furnished and these were attracting people from the outside. It was a very delightful place.

Mrs. Mandy is expected to come home from Fort St. James next week and Dr. Mandy plans to leave for Portland Canal points this week.

## C.N.R. War Fund Refugee Children Coming To Canada

Donation Of \$1500 Gives Fund Boost—Employees All Donate

VANCOUVER, Sept. 3: — The Children's Refugee Fund in the offices of the Welfare Federation here is richer by \$1500 today as a result of the first disbursement of funds by the newly created war relief fund started a month ago by C. N. R. employees throughout the province. It is the largest single donation yet made to assist the children now arriving from overseas.

Started largely at the initiative of craftsmen at the C. N. R.'s Port Mann shops, some \$2000 was raised on the initial "give a dollar" appeal. The money came from railway, steamship, telegraph and express employees throughout the province.

An employee committee headed by A. D. Paul, car foreman's clerk, Port Mann, administers the fund which will be replenished from time to time by further appeals. The Children's Refugee Fund has no extensive organization behind it as have the national charities with well-developed machinery.

Roumania yesterday against the loss of part of their territory. German flags were torn down and the country seemed on the verge of revolution. Military officers joined in the protests and one general declared he was going to England to join General de Gaulle. The country was still much disturbed this morning.

Miss Joyce Edgecumbe of the local school teaching staff returned to the city on the Cassiar this morning from Vancouver where she spent the summer vacation.

## Change In War Course Within Few Weeks Is Foreseen by Observers

Nazi and Fascists Expected to Intensify Drive on Three Fronts

LONDON, September 3: (CP) — A change in the course of the war within the next few weeks is predicted by observers who watch the struggle in Britain, the Balkans and the Mediterranean. It is thought that Germany and Italy will increase the pressure on all three fronts and then swing the weight into whichever shows the least resistance.

Two German attempts to smash through London's air defences failed today against combined fire of British fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns. The second attempt in the afternoon kept London under alarm for over an hour. Observers said that about three hundred raiders were beaten off with twenty-three German planes destroyed. British losses were fifteen aircraft with eight pilots known to be safe. The main German attacks were directed again chiefly at airdromes in southeastern England which have been attacked repeatedly during the last fortnight.

Thousands of incendiary bombs were dropped by waves of Nazi bombers during a six hour attack on a northeast English city Saturday night and early Sunday. Reports said that no military objectives were damaged but some fatalities resulted and private property was hit. Few planes appeared in the London area.

Secretary of War Anthony Eden said today that it would be "foolish to suppose that, because autumn approaches, the threat of invasion is already past." He said: "The contrary is the fact. There is no shred of evidence to show that Hitler has abandoned his declared intention to seek to subdue this country by invasion." The minister observed, however, that "August for us was in many respects the best month of the fighting year."

The Admiralty announces that sixteen merchant ships, thirteen of them British, were destroyed by "enemy action" during the week ended August 26. The total of 79,000 tons compared with an average weekly loss of 52,000 tons since the start of the war but was below the average of 80,000 tons since May 27 when the war on shipping was intensified.

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**Retire In Kenya**  
British forces have retired southward from Buna in Kenya Colony on the Ethiopian frontier, military circles announce.

**Will Fill Draft**  
OTTAWA—It is expected men of the 21-year-old class will suffice to fill the first Canadian draft. They are expected to be called out by October 9.

## Halibut Sales

American	Canadian
Estep, 29,000, 11.5c and 8c. Pacific.	Elwin S., 32,000, 11.6c and 8c. Storage.
Atlas, 32,000, 11.6c and 8c. Booth.	
Sunde, 40,000, 10.8c and 8c. Storage.	
Tordenskjold, 40,000, 11.4c and 8c. Atlin.	
Glacier, 13,000, 11.7c and 8c. Atlin.	
Urania, 25,000, 11.1c and 8c. Roy-al.	

**Winners In Photography**  
Those Who Took Awards at Recent Carnival Are Announced  
Prize-winners in the amateur photography contest at the recent Carnival were as follows:  
Landscapes—1. Miss Gwen Ellis, 2. R. Forrest.  
Indoor Shots—1. O. Guelpa, 2. Miss Joy Green.  
Children—1. Constable Kidd, 2. Mrs. M. M. Lamb.