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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh northeast to east winds, mostly cloudy and colder with light sleet or rain.

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides

High	10:26 a.m.	19.9 ft.
	23:19 p.m.	17.3 ft.
Low	3:50 a.m.	9.8 ft.
	17:12 p.m.	5.1 ft.

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Italy Is Not Going To Belgrade

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Neither Will Bulgaria Or Hungary Take Part In Balkans' Conference

Observers Believe That Scope of Meetings Will Be Greatly Narrowed If These Three Nations Do Not Take Part

ROME, anuary 20: (CP)—A high authority said today that Italy will be absent from the Balkan Entente conference in Belgrade on February 2, not even sending an observer. The Italian decision, along with reports that Hungary and Bulgaria, will also refrain from sending observers, has substantially narrowed the possible scope of the meetings, observers believe.

DEAN OF SENATE IS DEAD

Lone Wolf of Idaho Passes Away—Had Long and Colorful Career In Public Life

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 20: (CP)—William Edgar Borah, dean of the United States Senate, died last night at the age of seventy-four. Death followed a cerebral hemorrhage suffered Tuesday when Borah slipped and fell on a bath mat in his home.

Mr. Borah's death ended one of the longest and most colorful careers in American politics. Had he lived until March 4 next he would have completed thirty-three years uninterrupted service in the Senate.

The foe of trusts and monopolies since taking his seat in the Senate in 1907, Senator Borah was also the champion of complete independence for the United States in foreign affairs.

He is survived by a widow.

Life-long devotion to cherished principles and implacable opposition to others of which he disapproved characterized the career of William Edgar Borah of Idaho.

His more than 30 years in the Senate included two of the most crucial periods in American history, the World War years and the economic upheaval of the early 1930's. His tenure made him the oldest member of the senate in point of service. He was the chamber's acknowledged authority on constitutional law and, probably, its most-feared adversary in debate.

Although during the New Deal administrations Borah's minority party affiliation reduced his effective influence, he always commanded a well-filled chamber when he took the floor. He spoke rapidly, with curt gestures. He passed his hand over his long mane. His voice had a rasping, metallic edge when he was aroused. The whole made him "the lion of Idaho."

Politically he held an underlying belief in the theory of government by party. But he believed also that the division should be along major lines and would have no truck with "third party" movements. So while his own ideas often ran contrary to the policies of the Republican party, he never renounced his affiliation with it. Instead he tried to swing the organization to what he considered more liberal views. Always he denounced "old guard" leadership.

In 1936, holding to these views of party welfare, he asked for the presidential nomination. When the convention chose Alf M. Landon he said he had "no intention of bolting the ticket" and added:

"I am supporting the platform and I have been supporting it from the beginning."

Foe of Monopoly

This consistency attended his record as a legislator. He opposed a Taft administration reciprocity treaty with Canada on the ground that it would open American markets to Canadian agricultural products and he opposed the reciprocal trade policies of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration on the same ground.

He entered the senate in 1907

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Swedes Put Up Cash For Finnish War

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 20. — Swedish industrialists have made a gift of $3,600,000 to assist Finland in pursuing the war against Russia. This is in addition to a recent popular subscription of $2,500,000.

War News

PEACE HOPE DWINDLES

WASHINGTON—Pope Pius has advised President Roosevelt that immediate chances for peace are reduced to a "slight probability" by "stubborn obstacles" which "become daily more difficult to surmount."

PUBLISH R.A.F. PICTURES

LONDON—People of Great Britain will be able to see for themselves what Germany actually looks like in the war. Authorization of publication in newspapers of Royal Air Force reconnaissance flight pictures of troops movements, fortifications, etc. has been authorized.

LOSSES AT SEA

LONDON—A 6600-ton Swedish ship has been lost off the Scottish coast and a 3800-ton Danish ship off the northwest coast of Spain. Crews of thirty-five and twenty-six men in each case are believed rescued.

COLD WAVE FAR SOUTH

Unusual Weather Conditions Cause Eight Deaths in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 20.— Eight deaths in Texas are attributed to the cold wave which has extended from the middle west and upper Atlantic coast to the southeast and gulf regions. Crops are damaged in the southern Rio Grande Valley.

In Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi there is snow and ice.

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

HELPING FINNISH

Swedish Airmen Aid In Bombing Russians—Red Detachment Is Wiped Out—Extreme Cold

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 20: :(CP) —A communique last night reported the capture of a "few enemy positions" northeast of Lake Ladoga and the wiping out of a Russian detachment of five officers and fifty men near Kuhmo. The Finns were continuing to pursue the Russians through the forests. Meantime 68 below zero temperature, the lowest in fifty years, was paralyzing conflict in the Arctic area where the Reds have been retreating homeward.

It was also announced that Swedish volunteer airmen had aided the Finns in last week's bombing of Russian camps and columns. Swedish volunteers are also in action with Finns in the lines.

During an engagement Swedish volunteer fliers shot down six Russian planes. Two Swedish planes collided in mid-air while attacking a Soviet column in northern Finland. One of the crews escaped from the crash. Headquarters of Swedish volunteer forces in Finland gave out the report that the Swedes had already destroyed at least sixteen Russian planes.

Finnish Reverses?

The Soviet claimed in Leningrad yesterday that a Finnish battalion had been wiped out.

A communique from Leningrad military headquarters, distributed by Tass official news agency reported that a Finnish battalion had been "annihilated" at Kitela on the northern shores of Lake Ladoga. It also reported numerous Finnish casualties on the Karelian Isthmus front.

Sixty Per Cent Oversubscribed

OTTAWA, Jan. 20: (CP)— Books for Canada's first war loan of $200,000,000 closed last night with a sixty per cent oversubscription. The cash subscription totalled $321,276,850. Those of $5000 and under will be confirmed in full. The larger applications will be allotted forty percent. The Bank of Canada also announced that $53,000,000 conversion subscriptions had been received of which $50,000,000 had been allotted.

DENMARK TO BE NEUTRAL

At Least One Scandinavian Nation Does Not Mean To Get Mixed Up With Any Wars

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 20: CP)— The lower house of the Danish Parliament yesterday approved a declaration that Denmark intends to maintain and defend its neutrality.

The declaration was made by way of resolution introduced by the Premier. It was adopted without dissenting voice although one member from the Schlesweig-Holstein area abstained from voting.

The resolution warned all belligerent nations that Denmark would resist with all her resources any attacks upon her independence or neutrality.

Viscount Halifax Declares Britain's Promise To Help Finland Is No Idle Pledge

LEED'S, England, January 20: (CP)—Viscount Halifax, Secretary of State for foreign affairs, assured an international audience today that Great Britain's promise to help Finland "will not remain an idle promise, a mere academic formality." Halifax said he had no doubt that "prayers of the world" were going up for the Finns in the war with Russia. He indicated the belief that Hitler would have been dictator of all Europe if Great Britain had not continued rearmament after the Munich settlement.

The Foreign Secretary said that Germany's only chance of winning the war was by doing it at once. "Yet she has hesitated," he reflected. "I have heard it said that, if the winter passes without aggression by Germany, it would be equivalent to victory for the Allies.

As for the British war effort, Halifax said this country had made good use of the last few months to increase production, assemble forces and develop collaboration with France—a co-operation which would be of great value after the war was over in ensuring peace and security. He referred to the unity of command and the military efficiency between Britain and France

The Foreign Secretary commented upon Germany's indiscriminate warfare at sea against British, Allied and neutral alike by concentrating on use of submarines and mines. He observed how German warcraft had been at sea and ready to strike even before the war started. That had been the only time they had had an advantage and that was soon overcome.

Churchill's Warning

This afternoon Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, also gave a radio address in regard to the war, telling of the progress that the Allies were making and how the Germans were losing out.

Churchill warned Europe's neutrals that the storm of war would spread to both north and south of Europe and that the only hope for a speedy end to the struggle was through united action.

GASPING FOR GAS

Serious Situation Arising in Reich Through Lack of Motor Fuel—Roumanian 'Phone Humming

LONDON, Jan. 20: (CP)—Reuters News Agency, out of Amsterdam, said today that telephones between Berlin and Bucharest had been humming for thirty-six hours with urgent messages between the German government and Dr. Karl Clodius, German trade emissary to Roumania, in connection with a serious oil situation in the Reich.

Germany's need has been reflected in increasing restrictions on the use of private automobiles.

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 20:— Copper prices were .25c to .28c lower yesterday with March closing at 10.60c.

FIGHT IN FINLAND

British Military Believers Coming to Belief That Centre of Freedom's War Will Be There

LONDON, Jan. 20.— Military leaders are coming to the belief that the Finnish frontier will yet become the real centre of the fight against aggression. If thirty thousand men and 200 planes as well as arms and ammunition can be sent there before May, it is believed that Finland can save herself from Russia, British militarists conclude.

In line with the growing belief that Finland will be the pivot of the entire struggle against European aggression. Great Britain and France have been making substantial contributions to Finland including planes and military supplies, the amounts being kept secret.

REVEILLE FOR PARIS

Wartime Morning In French Capital Brings Raid Alarms With Populace Rushing To Shelters

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD
Canadian Press Correspondent

PARIS, Jan. 20: CP)—Alert! But this is no jangling Canadian alarm clock disputing with Morpheus at 7 a.m.

These long fingers of sound—of bells, whistles and sirens snatching the covers back and tugging you wide-eyed and shivering from your bed at 4 o'clock in the morning.

So this is the "Alert." This means perhaps airplanes over Paris. Your correspondent rushed to the window.

The moment it opened a series of ear-splitting whistles from the policemen below and shouts of "fermez-fermez" (shut it) brought the realization the electric lights were on.

In a second they were off. In the corridor outside could be heard the clatter of feet and voices as the inhabitants of other apartments descended. Groping about for gasmask, flashlight, heavy coat and a couple of cookies, we poked our head out of the window again to look about before descending.

The alert is given 15 minutes before it is necessary to be in the shelter. We had dressed in 15 seconds and so had plenty of time to observe.

Strict Observance

A strange mysterious Paris. Pitch darkness. But a few mom-

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Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure continues high over British Columbia and appears low off the West coast of Vancouver Island. Scattered showers have occurred on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island —Fresh to strong southeast winds, cloudy and cooler with scattered showers.

BAR GOLD

LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal price of bar gold on the London market was unchanged today at $35.54 per fine ounce.

Expulsion Of Communists Is Now Confirmed

PARIS, Jan. 20.— The French Senate, by a vote of 294 to 9, confirmed the action of the Chamber of Deputies earlier in the week to expel Communist members.

FRANCE GUARDS WHILE BRITAIN PUTS ON ARMOR FOR FUTURE WARFARE

Veteran British Soldier Finds Maginot Line and British Troops in France Strong Bulwark for Britain

By GENERAL SIR CHARLES GWYNN

LONDON, January 20: (CP)—The Maginot Line defends the fields of Kent and Sussex as surely as though its superb fortifications stood on English soil. In that Line British troops, for the first time in this war, have been in contact with the enemy and have received their baptism of fire. They have relieved French troops in that portion of the Maginot Line which guards the Franco-German frontier or, at any rate, in the outpost zone which covers it.

I do not suppose that the French fortress troops who man the main works where French weapons are mounted and French munition reserves are stored have been relieved. For they are special troops who in peace and in war have special posts assigned to them.

But French and British troops are mingled under a French commander in a position of vital importance. No more striking evidence of the unity of the two armies and of their mutual confidence in each other could be given.

British security depends on the security of France. It is, therefore, a military necessity to ensure that France is sufficiently strong to meet attack. But, apart from that the British troops in France and in the Maginot Line are a token acknowledgement of the debt Britain owes to France for the immense effort she herself has made to guarantee her safety and therefore Britain's.

Part of France

Ponder the vital contribution of France to the national existence of her sister democracy north of the Channel. As in 1914 she has been guarding the gate while Britain has been putting on her armor. She has spent a fortune on the construction of the Maginot Line. She has maintained some 600,000 men under arms during years of peace.

To produce such numbers, France has imposed two years' and later 27 months' conscript service on her manhood. In war she has from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 trained men with which to maintain the struggle and she has to provide arms and equipment for them.

France maintains a navy of a strength that stands to the British in a ratio of three to five. She maintains an air force which until recently was considerably greater than the British.

All these are assets in a common security. Nor does Britain forget, in examining the extent of the French effort, the immense amount of labor which has been diverted from productive industry.

Now the British turn has come to share in ensuring the safety of France. Britain thus acknowledges the debt owed to France. She counts it a privilege to share the sacrifices the future will bring them both in defending what is, after all, a common frontier.

Nazi Chiefs Salting Away

LONDON, Jan. 20. — Nazi leaders are still salting away jewelry, the Evening Standard says. Vice-Chancellor Herman Goering has just purchased a $200,000 necklace from a dealer in Rome, it is learned.

BUDGETING FOR FIGHT

Italian Government Provides Huge Amount As Precaution Against War Danger This Year

ROME, Jan. 20: CP) — The Italian government today approved the largest military budget since the last war to meet possible dangers growing from the current war during the coming year. The cabinet authorized the expenditure of $542,000,000 for military purposes, an increase of $75,000,000 over the current military budget. The deficit in the budget totals $300,000,000.

Prospects Of Renewal Of Pact Hopeless

TOKYO, Jan. 20.— Tokyo newspapers agree that prospects of a new treaty with United States to replace the one expiring January 26 are hopeless.

WOULD BE BIG RISK

Invasion of Lowlands Might be Disastrous to Germany Just Now—Nevertheless is Considered Inevitable

LONDON, Jan. 20.—An attack by Germany on the low countries of Holland and the Netherlands at this time would be a long gamble as a sudden thaw might bring disaster, it is felt in military quarters of England. However, it is still felt by many to be inevitable that Germany will invade Holland and Belgium eventually in the attempt to flank the Maginot Line and obtain a closer base for attack upon Great Britain.

Air Shelters In Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 20.—Air raid shelters and trenches are now being built in the heart of the city as a precaution against the possibility of war.

BAD LOSS FOR JAPS

Lose Three Thousand Men in Battle in Hopei Province

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20.—According to Chinese reports, three thousand Japanese have been killed in battle in Hopei Province. Many tanks as well as arms and ammunition were taken, it being one of the most serious reverses the Japanese have suffered since the war began.