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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1940.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	1:59 a.m.	21.1 ft.
	14:45 p.m.	18.9 ft.
Low	8:40 a.m.	2.7 ft.
	20:35 p.m.	6.9 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong east winds, part cloudy and mild with showers.

Crisis Both In War And Politics

ENDORSE PROJECT

Civic Centre Finds Favor With Junior Chamber of Commerce and Will Receive Its Support

Port Day Plans

Committee Authorized to Proceed With Plans, Possibly as Part of Carnival

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly dinner meeting last night with the president, A. S. Nickerson, in the chair, endorsed the \$25,000 civic centre project as recommended by a central committee representing, besides the Junior Chamber, the Prince Rupert Gyro and Rotary Clubs and pledged all its support to the campaign on behalf of same. This action of approval followed a report which was presented by C. G. Ham who told of steps which had already been taken in connection with the project including consultation with civic authorities who, among other things, had promised exemption from taxation and free municipal services. Mr. Ham emphasized the (Continued on Page Four)

President To Visit Garner

Intention of Chief Executive Seen As Move Towards Healing Party Differences

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8:—On his way to the Pacific Coast next month, President Franklin D. Roosevelt will stop off for a few hours in Texas to visit Vice-President John Nance Garner at his home. This is taken as a gesture towards healing party differences prior to the Democratic presidential nominating convention later in the summer.

PRIZE SHIP TORPEDOED

Germans Fail to Get Home With British Vessel Which They Seized at Bergen

GOTEBORG, Sweden, May 8: (CP)—The British steamer Monarch, which was seized by the Germans at Bergen during the recent invasion of Norway and was being taken to Germany by a prize crew with cargo of wood pulp on board, was torpedoed and sunk by the British Navy in the Kattegat yesterday. The crew of the Monarch, a 2100 ton vessel, was rescued.

BRIDGE NOW NEAR READY

Westview Span Almost Completed—Good Progress Also Being Made At Hays Creek

Excellent progress is being maintained by the contractors, Bennett & White Construction Co., on the two city bridge building projects over Morse Creek and across Hays Creek. Decking of the new Morse Creek bridge has been completed and it should only be a few days now before it is ready for traffic. Erection of the bents of Hays Creek bridge is completed and decking is proceeding.

BAR GOLD

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

FINAL BULLETINS

DIED THIS MORNING

C. F. Joslin, who for years operated a meat market on Fulton Street, having retired from business a few years ago, died this morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he had been a patient for the past few weeks. Mr. Joslin was a single man but was well known and many friends and acquaintances will regret his passing. He was a talented tennis player and for years participated in local championship tournaments.

PORCHER MAN DIES

The remains of Sam Olsen, who passed away at Porcher Island, were brought in to the city this morning. Mr. Olsen for years resided at Jap Inlet and was well known in the district.

NEWSPAPERMAN KILLED

LONDON—Webb Miller, American newspaperman, was killed near London, apparently in an accidental fall from a train.

ITALY AND JUGOSLAVIA

ROME—Italy reiterates friendship for Yugoslavia and gives assurance that the ten-year pact of friendship will be respected.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

MOSCOW—Soviet Russia has assured all the Balkan nations that it desires the preservation of the status quo in that area. Apprehensive over Germany's activities in the Reich and over the possibility of the Reich, in collaboration with Italy, moving against the Balkans, Dictator Joseph Stalin is believed to be gradually drifting away from his close alliance with Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

BELGIAN CABINET MEET

BRUSSELS—The Belgian cabinet was in extraordinary session today, apparently in view of the reported imminence of Nazi invasion of Holland. No particular anxiety is felt in Belgium although the country is on guard.

HAAKON MORE CONFIDENT

STOCKHOLM—According to word from "Somewhere in Norway" King Haakon is more confident as to the outcome of the German invasion of Norway. The defending forces have become more entrenched and the Nazis are having difficulty in making progress towards Narvik. North of Roros a German division is reported trapped. Allied reinforcements are being landed around Narvik, it is said.

MORE GERMAN CLAIMS

BERLIN—The High Command claims direct aerial bomb hits on two more Allied cruisers off Narvik and the bringing down of a British plane.

WOULD DEFEND GREECE

ANKARA—The Turkish foreign minister has assured Greece that Turkey is prepared to defend Greece against aggression.

AIR PARITY NEEDED

LONDON—Winston Churchill said tonight in the House of Commons that "one of the causes of our difficulties in Norway was that we had failed to achieve air parity with Germany."

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER

BUCHAREST—The cabinet economic council announced today that the Roumanian government would take over control of all wood, coal, petroleum products, fodder, grain, foodstuffs, etc., in the interests of national defence.

'Big Train' Wins Political Fight

Famous Former Professional Baseball Pitcher is Away Ahead in Maryland Congressional Primaries

BALTIMORE, Maryland, May 8.—Walter Johnson, former famous professional baseball pitcher of the Washington Senators, had a strong lead yesterday in congressional primaries. He had 2,892 votes as compared with 1,728 for his closest opponent.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Overcast, north-west wind, three miles per hour; barometer, 30.12 (steady); temperature, 50; sea smooth. Triple Island—Broken clouds, east-southeast wind, 12 miles per hour; light chop. Langara Island—Overcast, south-east wind, ten miles per hour; barometer, 30.02; temperature, 50; sea smooth. Vancouver—Raining, northeast wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 30.21.

PROTECTING GT. BRITAIN

Safeguards Against Invasion By Germany Being Taken—Talk Of Blitzkrieg

LONDON, May 8:—Italy's threats in the Mediterranean, it is felt by some observers here, may be merely in the nature of a smoke screen to obscure a new German stroke somewhere in the west or possibly in the direction of the Balkans.

Co-incident with a hint yesterday by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain that Chancellor Adolf Hitler might even be contemplating a blitzkrieg attack upon Great Britain, intensive steps were being taken to guard the British Isles from a possible attempt at invasion. Principal attention is, of course, being given to the defences from air attack, with special protection of vulnerable points although the possibility of a move by the enemy from the sea is not disregarded. Steps are being taken to arrange for the obstruction of roads should there be any attempt at landing of troops.

REPORT ON SHORTAGE

Dead Men Blamed for \$40,000 Being Missing From Saskatchewan Canteen Fund

REGINA, May 8: (CP)—Restoration of the Saskatchewan canteen fund to the amount of \$40,000 by the provincial government and appointment of a new board of trustees to administer it is recommended in the report of a royal commission which investigated shortages. The report blamed two trustees, Capt. A. H. White and Dr. Charles Cox, both now dead, for all the shortages.

Peace River Oil Drilling

Start is Made Yesterday on Provincial Government Operation at Commotion Creek

VICTORIA, May 8: (CP)—Premier T. D. Pattullo said yesterday that drilling for oil at Commotion Creek in the Peace River district had just commenced. A contract had been given for an 8,000-foot well but it was hoped to strike oil at 6,000 feet.

Halibut Sales

Summary
American—32,000 pounds, 9.7c and 7.5c and 9.8c and 7.5c.
Canadian—67,900 pounds, 9.4c and 7c to 9.8c and 7c.
American
Tuscan, 15,000, 9.7c and 7.5c.
Booth.
Arcade, 10,500, 9.8c and 7.5c.
Booth.
Donna Mac, 7,000, 9.7c and 7.5c.
Storage.
Canadian
Mother Hill, 14,500, 9.8c and 7c.
Pacific.
Edye Pass, 2,300, 9.5c and 7c.
Atlin.
Treasure, 4,800, 9.5c and 7c.
Atlin.
Oldfield, 14,000, 9.6c and 7c.
Storage.
Unome, 8,500, 9.4c and 7c.
Storage.
Dashing Wave, 1,800, 9.4c and 7c.
Storage.
Bum, 8,000, 9.4c and 7c.
Storage.
Neptune, 14,000, 9.7c and 7c.
Booth.

LEGISLATURE SITTING TODAY

Government Asking Power to Go Into Gasoline Refining and Distributing

VICTORIA, May 8: (CP)—The special session of the Legislature opened at three o'clock this afternoon for one of the shortest sittings in history. It is expected to prorogue Friday after passing a permissive bill said to authorize the government to go into the business of importing, refining and distributing gasoline.

Lieut.-Governor Hamber opened the session with a short speech reviewing the recent gasoline situation and saying the government would submit measures "which it is hoped may meet the situation in the future and insure that a repetition of the situation will not recur." R. L. Maitland, Conservative leader, declared the issues raised by the special session of the Legislature "call for socialization of business which ultimately must lead to government control of every major business in the country."

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, May 8:—The copper price on the New York market today was unchanged at 9.98c per pound.

HOLLAND ALARMED

Fear of Invasion Tense—Phone Calls Suspended—Nazi Troop Movements

AMSTERDAM, May 8: (CP)—The Netherlands continue in a state of tense alarm over the imminence of invasion in a possible extension of the European war, possibly from the vicinity of Friesland islands on the northeast coast as a jumping off place for the threatened Nazi attack upon Great Britain. Two German columns were reported last night to be advancing towards Holland from Bremen and Dusseldorf.

Official circles said today that outgoing telephone calls from Amsterdam had been suspended for nightly periods from 10 p.m. to 8 p.m. for handling government business. Telegraphic services were largely normal although Associated Press messages went unacknowledged.

Train service for civilians has been curtailed in Holland to permit of heavy troop movements being handled. Radio weather reports were suspended last night.

Special arrangements have been made for Dutch diplomatic services in event of war. Holland has 500,000 men under arms. All leaves, as announced yesterday, have been cancelled.

British Collier Is Sunk By Mine

Thirty of Crew of Viking Rescued After Foundering in English Channel

LONDON, May 8: (CP)—The British collier Viking struck a mine in the English Channel yesterday and sank. The crew of thirty was rescued.

HIS POWER IS SECURE

Gandhi Makes Clear His Position Regarding India And Britain

By G. E. POWELL
Canadian Press Correspondent
CALCUTTA, May 8: (CP)—Of all the speeches at the Congress Party conference in a Bihar jungle, only that of Mahatma Gandhi counts. Strangely enough he is not even a member of the Congress.

In several speeches he made plain his policy, and, therefore, that of the Congress. He said he wanted independence for India but would not precipitate a political campaign by the Hindus until the country was ready for it, and he had tried all means of reaching an agreement with the British government.

Gandhi has the power to sway the masses and hold together the rival factions left after the virtual secession of Subhas Bose's "Forward Bloc." Congress socialists accept Gandhi's leadership as a unifying force, perhaps the only such force in the organization. Compromise is in his very being and he will go 50 times if necessary to the viceroy to try for a settlement. He repeats what he has so often said in recent years—that the Congress party is not ready for "a fight."

Faith In Principles

Without full faith in truth, non-violence and the charkha (the spinning wheel which is a symbol of economic independence) Congressmen cannot be his soldiers. He has made it clear that their truthfulness and belief in non-violence and the value of the (Continued on Page Five)

BRITISH ATTENTION IS DIVIDED BETWEEN WAR AND PARLIAMENT TODAY

Chamberlain Government Will Know Its Fate in Parliamentary Division Tonight—Charges of Inefficiency Made in Various Quarters

GOVERNMENT UPELLED

LONDON, May 8: (CP)—The Chamberlain government was upheld by a vote of 281 to 200 in the confidence vote arising out of the conduct of the Norwegian campaign. A number of Conservatives voted against the government.

LONDON, May 8.—While the British fighting services take intensive steps to guard against any sudden move by Nazi Germany—an attempt at "elimination" of Scotland by the blitzkrieg methods, a lightning attack upon England through the Netherlands and a thrust through the Balkans toward the Mediterranean all being regarded

among more or less serious possibilities—Parliament today faces a major crisis with the future of the Chamberlain government at stake against a Labor want of confidence motion which is to be voted upon tonight following a final rebuff by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill on behalf of the government.

Herbert Morrison, Labor leader, speaking in Parliament today, expressed dissatisfaction over the nomination of Winston Churchill to lead the war effort. He questioned if the record justified the nomination. Morrison charged the government with lack of understanding of German methods. Declaring that there was real danger of Great Britain losing the war, Morrison challenged the government to come out into the open and debate the campaign.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain accepted the challenge and announced, if there was an adverse vote, the government would resign. No government could prosecute a war successfully unless it had public and parliamentary support. He felt that Socialist tactics in view of the present gravity and peril of the situation were unwise. Nevertheless, he welcomed the opportunity to ascertain where every one stood and he would accept the impending division as an expression of confidence or otherwise. The Prime Minister said there might be criticism, yet the government had many friends in Parliament and he did not anticipate that the vote would bring the government down.

Last night the debate continued until half an hour before midnight, adjournment being taken after Secretary for War Oliver Stanley admitted that the landing of German troops in Norway had taken Great Britain completely by surprise.

Former Premier David Lloyd George demanded Chamberlain's resignation saying: "There is nothing that would contribute more to the cause of victory than that he sacrifice his seals of office." Lloyd George said Great Britain's strategic position through loss of Norway was the most critical in history and he asked if there was a man in the House "who will stand up and say he is satisfied with the speed and efficiency of preparation of the Air Force, Army and Navy."

Last night Prime Minister Chamberlain was received by the King at Buckingham Palace.

Naval Experts Critical

In the House of Lords, Lord Striboldi, prominent in the Admiralty in the last war, charged the Chamberlain government with having mishandled the Norwegian campaign. Grave defects in the government had been revealed. The grand fleet had been in a position if only ordered, Striboldi

IS DENIED BY BERLIN

Nazis Suggest There Is No Intention Of Invading Holland Or Hungary—British Propaganda

BERLIN, May 8:—It was officially denied by Nazi authorities today that German columns were about to march into Holland. It was also denied that Germany had asked permission of Hungary to permit the marching of troops through that country. Such reports were labelled as British propaganda in spite of the fact that neither of them emanated from Great Britain, the one originating in Amsterdam and the other in Budapest.

Meantime, German propagandists persisted in declaring that Great Britain and France were planning aggression in the Mediterranean and a thrust into the Balkans—any time between now and May 20.

However, it was declared here that Germany was amply prepared to act with "paralyzing speed" to meet any attacks.

Dr. Robert Ley, in a radio speech, evidently designed for the consumption of the home folk, said that Great Britain was "running amok." He said: "We must check and destroy this mad criminal."

A dispatch from Sofia says that a newspaper there declared Germany and Italy were ready to send large forces into the Balkans should the Allies make any move in that direction.

STUDENTS SUCCESS

Prince Rupert and Terrace Gets Results at University of B. C.

VANCOUVER, May 8: (CP)—U.B.C. exam results announced today included the following Prince Rupert and Terrace students (all in Arts faculty): Alair Lips, Terrace, awarded M.A. degree. Harold E. Fisher passed certain subjects in second year. In first year Alexander Baillie passed with first class honors and Marie Sorenson with second class honors. J. A. Turgeon passed first year with supplemental in beg. German.