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Tomorrow's Tides

High 6:05 a.m. 19.2 ft.
18:14 p.m. 17.8 ft.
Low 12:14 p.m. 7.8 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong southeast winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

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British Navy Is Now In Adriatic

Italian Fleet Turns Down Another Bid For Action at Sea

Important Port of Albania is Heavily Shelled But Fascist Fleet Refuses to Come Out

LONDON, December 20: (CP)— British sea power has swept past the Gulf of Otranto into the lower Adriatic between Italy and Albania, battleships pouring nearly one hundred tons of high explosives into the Albanian port of Valona, the Admiralty announced today. The raid was not challenged by the Italian navy and no Italian shipping was found. Failure of the Italian warships to appear is viewed as an indication that British domination of the Mediterranean has extended to the Adriatic. Rome itself admits that there have been British air attacks on Brindisi on the Adriatic coast of Italy and as far north as Bari.

The British Admiralty also announces that, in a five-day bombardment of Bardia, three supply ships were sunk when a light force penetrated the inner harbor. During the past week a British submarine sank a heavily laden Italian supply ship and a large Italian tanker south of Italy. The British continued their remorseless pounding of Bardia today with the Italians, trapped in the beleaguered Italian port battling fiercely to break through the blocked line of retreat to the west. Meanwhile the Royal Air Force blasted the Libyan coast westward to Derna, 175 miles from the Egyptian frontier. Practically the entire military camp at Derna was left in flames.

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STATESMAN OF FINLAND HAS PASSED

President Kallio, Seized Suddenly At Military Review, Collapses in Arms of General

HELSINKI, December 20— President Kallio, who was president of Finland during the Russian invasion last winter, died yesterday from a heart attack after attending a military review. He collapsed in the arms of Field Marshal Gustav Mannerheim, passing away thereafter. Only yesterday Premier Risto Ritti was elected to succeed Kallio as President.

Kallio, born of humble parentage, rose from a youth to be the fourth President of Finland. Finnish historians liked to compare him to Abraham Lincoln for his plainness of character and his intelligence.

As a member of the Agrarians, it was largely through his efforts on behalf of the farmers that he climbed to the political ranks to become Prime Minister and finally the Presidency. His presidential term was saddened by the brief war with Russia in 1939, the subsequent fall of his country and defeat, and his stand that aroused the gratitude of the world.

Especially grateful to him for his relief and sympathy during the dark days of the war, his friend of former President Hoover was keenly appreciative of the efforts made by him to help the Finnish people.

In the midst of the pressing problems of war, when funds were sorely needed, President Kallio insisted that the instalments of Finland's world war debt to the United States be paid.

Worries of the conflict caused his health to fail and in August, 1940, he suffered a severe attack. Recovering after some time, he busied himself with the affairs of state, attending public functions in honor of the war wounded convalescents in hospitals and in rebuilding the ruined farm to school.

His greatest interest was farming. His program for the farm was given new homes, to those wrecked in the war, and in aiding in the cultivation of broken soil.

He was born April 10, 1873 in the village of Niemela, near the coast of Bothnia. His father operated a small farm. He attended school at Oulu (Ulenburg) in the care of his aunt. But his work liked him and he went back to his father's farm to various chores.

His aunt, who was possessed of means, helped him to buy that started him on his way. He attained popularity with peasants through his organization of a juvenile society for youth, he was elected to parliament in 1904.

He fought successfully against the act of conscription, decreed by the Czarist Russian government, which strongly advocated the right of women. This right was won in 1906.

He spoken in his views against Russia's efforts by force to carry out conscription, he frequently was in trouble with the Russian administrators.

He was active in 1906-07 in furthering parliamentary reform in the Czar was compelled to leave because Russia was weak.

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CHANGES AT VICHY

Demands Made by Germany and Britain Has Agreed to Comply, It Is Reported

BERNE, Dec. 20: (CP)— Drastic reorganization of the Vichy government has been demanded by Germany and, according to reports received here, Premier Henri Philippe Petain has decided to comply. The changes will be announced by Petain on Saturday, it is expected.

POUND AT ITALIANS

Lloyd George Believes They Will Not Stand Up in War For Which They Have No Heart

LONDON, December 20— Speaking in Parliament yesterday, Former Premier David Lloyd George urged that Italy should keep up the attack on Italy hard and heavy. The Italian people did not like this war into which Premier Benito Mussolini had plunged them and, if concentrated attack was kept up, they would not stand. The former wartime Prime Minister urged that Great Britain do everything to arm the Abyssinians. Mr. Lloyd George aroused the house to laughter with witty remarks as he clothed old ideas with new words in his typical manner.

RAIDS ARE BUT BRIEF

Bombing Visitations to England Last Night Were Not Extensive

LONDON, Dec. 20: (CP)— German bombers appeared over London, Liverpool, Leicester, East Anglia and southern England again last night but the raids were of brief duration, all clear signals soon coming. The alarm in London following sixty-eight hours of quiet. One plane dropped bombs but little damage was done. Damage and casualties elsewhere in England were unimportant.

CHICAGO IN THIRD SPOT

Black Hawks Join Boston Bruins in That Position as Result of Last Night's Play

CHICAGO, December 20 (Canadian Press)— Chicago Black Hawks blanked the Montreal Canadiens two goals to one last night and moved into a tie for third place in the National Hockey League standing with the Boston Bruins who lost 5 to three to the Rangers at New York. In the third game to be played last night New York Americans and the Detroit Red Wings had a one-all overtime tie. Week-end games will be as follows: Saturday—Americans at Toronto, Boston at Montreal. Sunday—Boston at Detroit, Rangers at Chicago, Toronto at New York with Americans.

WAR NEWS

MONEY OUT OF WAR

LONDON— Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin declared today that President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Great Idea of paying for goods by goods will not only help to win the war but will take us out of the hands of speculators at the end of the war. Referring to the President's plan to lend arms to Great Britain, Mr. Bevin told a Luncheon: "It is an indication that the President accepts the view that the great contribution to international stabilization at the end of the war is labor and effort and not speculation and manipulation of currency."

MAKE ITALY VASSAL

LONDON— The British Broadcasting Company says that a large number of anti-aircraft gunners and other German units have arrived in Rome as Germany proceeds with "an attempt to reduce Italy from the status of an ally to that of vassal." It was emphatically denied at Rome that a large number of German troops had arrived in Italy. Reuters dispatches, however, said that an estimated 75,000 to 90,000 Nazi troops had entered Italy through Brenner Pass.

DEEP FASCIST PLAN

LONDON— A secret order has been found whereby a group of Italian submarines was instructed to attack Spanish merchant vessels plying between Casablanca and Lisbon. The attacks were to be without warning and the intention, it is assumed here, was to blame them on the British navy in order to stir up Spanish feeling against Great Britain.

ALL SINGLE MEN CALLED TO SMASH AXIS LINK

This is Object of Bombardment of Mannheim in Southwestern Germany

LONDON, December 20 (Canadian Press)— The Royal Air Force during last night continued its offensive against Germany by pounding important military objectives at Essen, Dusseldorf, Cologne and Duisberg. British bombers also hit the Bergen-Oslo railroad in Norway which is much used by the Germans for military purposes in an overnight raid, the Air Ministry announced.

MANAGERS CHANGED

Robert Sommerville, Manager of Jasper Lodge, Goes to Saskatoon

OTTAWA, Dec. 20— Robert Sommerville, formerly manager of Jasper Park Lodge, Rocky Mountain summer resort operated by the Canadian National Railways, has been appointed manager of the Desborough Hotel, year-round establishment at Saskatoon, according to an announcement made today by J. Van Wyck, General Manager of hotels for the Canadian National system. Mr. Sommerville succeeds S. W. Aslin, now on active service as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. R. E. Cuhney, assistant manager and credit manager at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, will succeed Mr. Sommerville as manager of Jasper Park Lodge.

HELPING BRITAIN

United States Moves to Expedite Supply of War Materials

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20— President Franklin D. Roosevelt today ordered that deliveries of warplanes to Great Britain be expedited. This will mean that seventy per cent of the airplane construction of this country will go to Britain, involving deliveries of 700 to 800 planes in January.

SHIPS ARE TORPEDOED

British and Norwegian Vessels Attacked by Nazis—Irish Ferry Machine-Gunned

LONDON, December 20— The British freighter Carleton, a 6,000-ton vessel, is reported by Mackay Radio to have been torpedoed 300 miles off the Irish coast. A Norwegian ship, the ss. Varangberg, was also attacked in the same region where earlier in the week the liner Napier Star and other vessels were reported torpedoed.

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, December 20 (Canadian Press)— Silver was unchanged at 34 3/4c. per fine ounce on the New York metal market yesterday.

Hockey Scores

PACIFIC COAST
Seattle, 2; Portland, 3.

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, December 20— Copper was .05c. higher yesterday on the New York metal market with May closing at 11.05c. per pound.

POUND STERLING

NEW YORK, December 20— The pound sterling was unchanged at \$4.03 1/2 on the New York metal market yesterday.

ITALIANS TRAPPED

Road of Escape From Bardia to Torbruk Bombarded by Sea and Air

CAIRO, Dec. 20: (CP)— Italian rearguard forces left to defend Bardia are trapped and their way of escape by road westward to Torbruk is under both naval and aerial bombardment, British war communiques reported tonight. General headquarters said the situation for the Italians in Bardia area was now precarious and disclosed that 31,548 Italian prisoners had been counted since the counter-offensive started, many more thousands having been taken in addition. An estimated 30,000 more Black Shirts forces face surrender or annihilation in the Bardia area.

The Royal Air Force disclosed that at least eighteen Italian planes were destroyed in a mass raid on Benina airdrome Tuesday night. Tons of bombs were dropped and the whole airdrome was set afire. Last night Bardia and Derna were again heavily hit. Five Italian planes were brought down over the western desert yesterday without a single British loss.

NEW ENGLAND QUAKE

BOSTON— All of New England was shaken between 2:25 and 2:29 this morning by a severe earthquake shock which seismographs indicated was centered 100 miles north of Boston. Buildings and homes rocked and rattled but there was little material damage.

BUND MEN IN ARMY

NEW YORK— Two thousand members of the German-American Bund have found their way into the armed forces of the United States, it is reported. This is suggested, was accomplished by pre-arranged plan.

New York Stock Exchange Lower

Downward Movement Continues For Fourth Successive Day In Gotham Trading

NEW YORK, December 20— The New York Stock Exchange market slipped again yesterday for the fourth successive day but steadied somewhat in late trading. The turnover for the day amounted to 790,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was 128.84, down .58; rails, 27.09, down .16, and utilities, 19.51, down .17.

New Envoy To France Is To Leave Monday

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 20— Admiral William D. Leahy, new United States ambassador to France, will leave for Lisbon aboard U. S. S. Tuscaloosa next Monday. Later next week, Ambassador William Phillips will leave by plane on his return to his duties at Rome.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure appears low off the British Columbia coast and is relatively high over the State of Utah. The weather remains unsettled throughout this province and rain has occurred on the coast. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southeasterly winds, shifting to south, unsettled and mild with rain.

Bulletins

LOST ALL HIS FILES

LONDON — Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of supply for Canada, has started his conferences with the British government. Mr. Howe states that he lost all his files when the liner Western Prince was torpedoed.

BREAD SUBSIDY

LONDON— A bread subsidy is being established in England. It will enable bakers to sell four pound loaves for 17c.

TELFORD IN TORONTO

TORONTO— Dr. J. Lyle Telford, defeated last week in the Vancouver mayoralty contest, has arrived here to start a refresher course at University of Toronto. "I have more interest in my profession than anything else and am anxious to get back to practice," Dr. Telford remarked.

ITALIANS PERISHING

Intense Cold Causes Hundreds of Deaths Among Albanian Troops—Fascist Retreat Continues

ATHENS, Dec. 20: (CP)— The Italians in Albania are having to fight cold weather as well as the Greeks and it is also a losing fight. According to advices reaching here, hundreds of Italian soldiers, poorly equipped for such conditions as they are having to face, have been found frozen to death. Temperature has been running twenty-two below along parts of the mountain front and, in addition, there are deep snows. The Greeks themselves are changing sentries every half an hour on account of the rigors of the weather.

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