

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Partly cloudy, light variable

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 2:16 a.m. 21.6 ft. 14:20 p.m. 22.4 ft. Low 8:20 a.m. 4.3 ft. 20:45 p.m. 1.6 ft.

Balkans And Spain In Limelight

IMPORTANT TALKS ON

Franco Meets Mussolini—To See Peain Next—Possibly Hitler Later

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 12: (CP)—Premier Benito Mussolini conferred somewhere in Italy today with Spain's top-ranking leaders, General Francisco Franco and Foreign Secretary Ramon Serrano Sunyer. It was reported, and tomorrow the Spaniards will meet French Chief of State Henri Philippe Petain and Vice-Premier Admiral Franco's Darlan. What was afoot was still conjectural, ranging from talk of peace efforts on behalf of Italy to the other extreme of solidification of Axis strength in Europe through acquisition of Spanish and French Mediterranean bases.

The greatest of secrecy surrounded the session between Mussolini and Franco and elaborate precautions were taken for the safety of the leaders in travelling. The session between Franco and Petain will take place tomorrow in Southern France and similar secrecy and caution guards that gathering.

Some reports said that Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany might also meet Franco, possibly on the Riviera. Mussolini is reported to have asked Franco to enter the war on the Axis side in return for the aid which Italy gave Franco in the Spanish civil war.

The general feeling is that the meetings have more to do with an endeavour to further expand the Axis rather than in any peace negotiations which Italy might seek with Great Britain.

HIGH WINDS, HEAVY RAIN

Wet and Stormy Weather is Being Experienced in California

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—There were heavy rains and high winds in the San Francisco region and elsewhere in Northern California last night. Oakland had a 54-mile an hour gale. The storm was moving eastward today.

A terrific rain put the Santa Anita track in a very muddy condition for the big Derby to be run today.

High waters of the Russian and Sacramento Rivers are receding.

PEACE NOT DISCUSSED

Churchill Says United States Knows British War Aims Too Well to Require Talking About Them

LONDON, Feb. 12: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that "there is such common comprehension in the United States of British war aims" that no occasion had arisen to outline them for representatives of the Washington government who had been visiting England.

No representative of the United States government, the Prime Minister said, had broached the subject of British peace aims or post-war reconstruction.

Pilots Of First Great War Asked To Be Instructors

REGINA, Feb. 12.—The Royal Canadian Air Force has issued an urgent call to First Great War pilots to act as instructors.

War Session of Parliament—

MILLIONS PLANS FOR PARLIAMENT OPENING AT OTTAWA NEXT WEEK

War and Waterways to be Big Questions But Private Members to Get an Innings

By FRANK FLAHERTY Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, February 12: (CP)—Wartime finance and the St. Lawrence waterways development are expected to be the principal matters of debate and legislation after Parliament reassembles on February 17. Since Parliament did not prorogue but simply adjourned on December 6, there will be no formal opening when it resumes.

Wage Scale For Construction In Canada Settled

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—A tentative agreement on wages for the construction industry in Canada for 1941 has been reached. The basis will be that of 1939 with allowance for the increased cost of living.

DRIVE OUT ITALIANS

Great Pincer Movement in East Africa is Proceeding Satisfactorily

Near Red Sea

Britons Advancing in Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somaliland

CAIRO, Feb. 12: (CP)—British headquarters yesterday announced continued success in a great pincer movement aimed at squeezing the Italians out of East Africa including Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland. No specific gains are reported but a communique said that operations were developing satisfactorily. For the first time in many days the communique did not specifically mention Libyan operations.

However, it was reported that Free French forces, operating from the Lake Chad region of French Equatorial Africa, had taken a series of oases in southern Libya from the Italians.

In Abyssinia the British are reported to have pushed fifty miles inland towards Addis Ababa, the capital, and British warplanes are reported to have bombed that city.

Today's Reports

British forces advancing forty miles within the frontier and driving on the Eritrean capital of Asmara and the Red Sea port of Massawa, have captured another inland town in the north and are closing in from the west on two fronts. British headquarters announced today. Also reported was occupation of Elgena, thirty miles south of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan frontier and the seizure of prisoners and equipment. Elgena is thirty miles from the Red Sea. The British are also advancing on Cheren.

In Libya British troops are reported today to have completely circled the desert outpost of Hiarabud while other units mopped up scattered Italian bands south of Bengasi. Royal Air Force headquarters said that land forces found eighty-six unserviceable Italian and German planes on a landing ground at Benina near Bengasi. The British forces are advancing south of Tobruk and west of Bengasi.

British advance to a point 100 miles within the Italian Somaliland frontier is announced today.

Mrs. M. P. McCaffery arrived in the city this afternoon on the steamer Prince Rupert.

Washington City Practices War

First Black-Out in Washington City—Is Made Quite Realistic

VANCOUVER, Washington, Feb. 12.—Vanouver, Washington, had its first black-out last night for fifteen minutes—10:30 to 10:45. All lights were turned off and traffic was blocked. United States Army planes soared overhead. Veterans and Boy Scouts patrolled the city.

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DESTROYERS COLLISION OF TRAINS

Engineer and Fireman of Passenger Killed—Ran Into Freight Near Trenton

TRENTON, Ontario, Feb. 12: (CP)—A Canadian National Railways express and passenger train from Montreal ploughed into the rear of a freight train near Trenton early today, killing the engineer and fireman of the express and slightly injuring seventeen passengers. The dead are Engineer George Naylor and Fireman Nelson Schreiber both of Belleville.

QUIET IN ENGLAND

Little Enemy Air Activity Over Britain—One Nazi Bomber Brought Down

BRIEF ALARM TODAY LONDON, Feb. 12: (CP)—London had a brief air raid alarm in mid-afternoon today but the "all clear" came in a few minutes.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—England had another quiet night as far as enemy bombing was concerned. About 2 o'clock this morning London had its first early morning alarm in some time but there was no bombing. Enemy planes came over south and southeast England but there was little bombing. An enemy bomber is reported to have been brought down in Scotland.

Yesterday Wilkie told the Senate committee that, if Great Britain should collapse, United States would most certainly be in the war within thirty days. He urged that destroyers, planes and ships be rushed to Great Britain with a minimum of delay. In a long war he expressed confidence that Great Britain would be the victor.

Last night Wilkie spent an hour and a half at the White House with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, making a personal report, it is supposed, on the English and Irish situations, particularly in regard to war industries. Wilkie said he had a "delightful" meeting with the President, adding that "The 1940 election is now water under the bridge. Roosevelt is my President."

Wilkie is speaking before a Lincoln Day dinner of the Republican party in New York tonight.

SMALL BOY SUCCUMBS

Jackie Nelson, Who Sustained Injuries When Struck by Car, Dies

Jackie Nelson, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, succumbed at 9 o'clock last night at the Prince Rupert General Hospital following severe injuries sustained Saturday afternoon when struck by an automobile near his home on Eighth Avenue East. The sadly bereaved family will have the deep sympathy of many friends. The little boy was the grandson of J. S. Nelson, well known pioneer city contractor. He was born in Prince Rupert and was an only child.

An inquest into the fatality will open this afternoon.

Pat Mazzel was the driver of the car which figured in the tragedy

TO BUILD HOSPITAL

\$400,000 Addition to V.G.H. is Being Planned if Finances Available

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12.—If the city can raise \$200,000, the provincial government will be asked for \$200,000 additional in order to build a \$400,000 addition to the Vancouver General Hospital.

SELECTIVE RECRUITING CANBERRA, Feb. 12: (CP)—Officially described as "highly selective" recruiting has been resumed for reinforcements for the overseas Australian Imperial Forces.

NAZIS IN BULGARIA

Turkish Newspaper Says That German Troops Are Moving in Steadily—Goal is Bosphorus

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 12: (CP)—The Turkish official newspaper Otrac Politika said yesterday that German troops were arriving in Bulgaria, the officers declaring "our goal is the Bosphorus and the Mediterranean."

Tension Mounts

Various Indications Point Unmistakably To Extension Of War To Balkans

At the same time Belgrade reports said that fleets of three-engined German transport planes were sighted over Hungary yesterday speeding southeast in the direction of Rumania and Bulgaria.

Official Bulgaria still denies the movement of German troops into the country.

In London British military authorities still expect Germany to stage a strong military demonstration in the Balkans. Chancellor Adolf Hitler has moved twenty-five new divisions of some four hundred thousand men into Rumania in recent weeks, military observers reported in Belgrade today. Forty trains per day are now said to be moving through Hungary with German soldiers and equipment.

Balkan tension is heightening with attention focussed on the Rumanian-Bulgarian frontier where Germans are reported to have massed troops on the northern bank of the Danube.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP ATTACK

Even Bad Weather Does Not Deter British Airmen From Striking Hard at Germany

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Large concentrations of light "fine weather" barges, evidently intended for use in carrying troops, light tanks and other equipment for an invasion in England, have been principal targets of the Royal Air Force in its recent intensified bombing raids on Channel ports and, judging from the reports of returning pilots, there has been much success in breaking up such concentrations, just as was done last fall.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—For the sixth successive night, the Royal Air Force last night, despite stormy and generally unfavorable weather, attacked German ports and industrial cities as well as invasion bases from Norway to France with marked success. Huge raids on Germany were continued and Hanover was bombed for the second straight night. Bremen, Hamburg and other points in Germany were also attacked. There were large explosions and fires. The attack also took in Christiansand in Norway, Rotterdam in Holland, Jutland and Chantel points including Boulogne.

Three of the British planes were lost including one that crashed at Cambridge on its return, the crew being killed. Germany officially admitted the raids, intimating that there had been casualties but denying any serious damage to military objectives.

The heavy air attacks on Germany and German-occupied territory during the night followed the shelling yesterday by the Royal Navy of Ostend under heavy German coastal gun fire. The British ships suffered no damage and there were no casualties.

Many Canadians Paid Income Tax

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