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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides

High	2:06 a.m.	21.1 ft.
	14:28 p.m.	20.2 ft.
Low	8:31 a.m.	3.8 ft.
	20:35 p.m.	5.2 ft.

Weather Forecast
 Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte Islands—moderate south winds, scattered light coming part cloudy.

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War News

END OF CAMPAIGN NEAR

CAIRO—An Army spokesman said today "it is not unduly optimistic to prophesy that the end of the East African campaign is in sight." The East African Empire of Italy is about gone.

WE ASSUME OFFENSIVE

LONDON—The Royal Air Force pounded the German industrial centres of Cologne and Dusseldorf with many heavy bombs in overnight raids extending from the Rhineland to the invasion coast while in the war at sea the Admiralty announced that the submarine Parthian sank a 6,000-ton supply or troop ship and a 10,000-ton tanker in an Italian convoy in the Mediterranean south of Italy.

BRITISH SHIPPING GAINS

LONDON—British shipyards are now turning out more ships than the Germans are able to sink despite the intensification of their war at sea. Ships completed during a period ending February 10 totalled 10,000 tons more than were lost as a result of enemy action.

GREEKS BEAT ITALIANS

ATHENS—Fierce Italian counter-attacks on the Albanian front have been shattered by Greek bayonets. The Hellenese have made important new gains.

TROOP TRAIN MINED

SHANGHAI—Hundreds of Japanese soldiers were killed when a troop train ran into a land mine in Chansi Province. Survivors of the wreck were ambushed and slain by Chinese guerrillas.

GERMAN CLAIMS

BERLIN—Three British ships have been sunk and five damaged by the Nazi Luftwaffe, according to German claims today.

BRITISH TROOPS MASSING

BUDAPEST—British troops are reported to be massing on the Yugoslav frontier to assist that country in the event of a German attack following repudiation of the signing up with the Axis.

ON OFFENSIVE NOW

REGINA—Flight Lieutenant F. J. Bundy, home in Regina after service with the Royal Canadian Air Force in England, says that Great Britain is no longer on the defensive but is assuming the offensive against Germany and Italy.

HUGE TOLL AT BREMEN

LONDON—The Air Ministry news service said tonight that the recent series of Royal Air Force raids on Bremen had left 1000 persons killed and 7,000 injured.

WINANT SEES BRITISH VICTORY

LONDON—John G. Winant, new United States ambassador to Great Britain, at a luncheon yesterday, paid high tribute to the leadership of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. "The strength and understanding of his leadership will bring total victory to Great Britain," Winant declared.

Yugoslavia Independent

GERMANY IS IMPATIENT

Berlin Talks About Forcing Yugoslavia To Keep In Line—Dismemberment Threatened

BERLIN, March 28:—Official Germany is indignant and impatient over the decision of the new Yugoslav government to refuse to ratify the Axis pact. Threats are made by high Nazis that German forces will march into Yugoslavia to compel that nation to live up to the pact, threatening her with dismemberment if she refuses to do so. Drastic developments will ensue if there is not ratification.

In other German quarters it was said that the atmosphere in Belgrade was "gradually returning to normal." It was suggested that the political change in Yugoslavia had been made merely to tone down opposition among the people to collaboration with Germany.

YUGOSLAVIA MORE HAPPY

Change of Government Followed by General Rejoicing on Part of People

BELGRADE, March 28; (CP)—Immediately after the change of government Monday following the taking over of the reins of office by young King Peter II. from Regent Prince Paul crowds swarmed into the streets of Belgrade, which a few hours earlier had been the scene of wild rioting. Flags and bunting were broken out and the streets were decorated. Even the prospect of being drawn into war by a possible German invasion under the guise of "restoring order" does not dampen the spirits of the people.

The country seemed happy again after the young King had taken over the helm in Yugoslavia following the popular wave of disapproval of Tuesday's pact with the Axis which had resulted in rioting and bloody demonstrations throughout the nation, many persons being killed and injured in nights of disorder.

Crowds in the streets cried "Long Live King Peter!" "Down with Hitler!" "Long Live Great Britain and the United States." The new government sworn in by King Peter to defend Yugoslavia's independence was formed by General Dusan Simovic, chief of the Yugoslav Air Corps, who took over as Premier and formed a cabinet said to represent all elements of the population. Informed quarters said it was a military coup d'etat in effect although only Simovic and War Minister Ilie are active Army officers.

There were conflicting reports as to the whereabouts of Prince Paul and Princess Olga. One report was that Paul, who had approved the Axis pact, had fled to Greece. Another was that the couple had been placed under arrest. Still another from Athens was that he had been killed. Most of the ousted members of the overthrown cabinet of Premier Cvetovic, who went to Vienna to sign the agreement with Hitler, were under arrest, some reports said, Cvetovic himself being in custody.

Air Transports Are To Be Built

New Type of Naval Vessel Being Built by United States

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 28.—Two armed air transports are included in the United States naval building program. They will be 8,000 tons each. Such vessels would be used to carry aircraft to such remote points as Hawaii. They could be used to take airplanes to Great Britain.

London Signs British-United States Treaty

LONDON, March 28; (CP)—The treaty, formally leasing naval bases to the United States in the western hemisphere in exchange for fifty destroyers, was signed yesterday.

Bulletins

CONDEMNNS WATERWAY
 OTTAWA—Senator Arthur Meighen yesterday condemned the St. Lawrence waterway project as diverting money and men away from the war industries. Senator Dardurand defended the project.

R.C.A.F. MEN KILLED
 OTTAWA—Pilot officer A. D. Angus of Montreal and Leading Aircraftman Gough of Calgary were killed in the crash of a Royal Canadian Air Force training plane near Mount Hope, Ontario.

TO DISCUSS BLACKOUT
 VANCOUVER—Mayor J. W. Cornett and Attorney General G. Wismer will confer here tomorrow on the possibility of a black-out practice in Vancouver.

TRIAL WINS
 CALGARY—Trail defeated Lethbridge 2 to 1 in another of the Allan Cup playdowns here last night.

TAKE JEWISH PROPERTY
 BUCHAREST—Premier Ion Antonescu issued a decree yesterday taking over all urban property of Jews who will be compensated with three per cent state bonds. Rural property of Jews has already been taken over.

ROME IS GUARDED
 ROME—Official Rome reserves comment on the new political developments in Yugoslavia and their significance until it has fuller information.

HUNGARIAN DEMOBILIZATION
 BUDAPEST—Chancellor Adolf Hitler has ordered demobilization of the Hungarian army and transfer of 300,000 Hungarian workers to Holland and Belgium.

Margaret Sullavan Is Mother Of Son

Popular Screen Actress Gives Birth to 7 Pound 15 Ounce Boy

HOLLYWOOD, March 28.—Margaret Sullavan, popular screen actress, gave birth yesterday to a seven pound fifteen ounce boy.

Highlights In Career Of Rocky Mountain Rangers, Now Fifty-Six Years Old

Following are highlights in the history of the Rocky Mountain Rangers who celebrate their fifty-sixth birthday fittingly in Prince Rupert today:

March 28, 1885—Authority given by Hon. Adolphe P. Caron, minister of militia and defence, to raise four troops of Rocky Mountain Rangers. First activities: patrols from Fort MacLeod and Lethbridge along the border and reservations, engagements with Piegan Indians.

July 1, 1898—Regiment reorganized as rifle regiment with companies located in ensuing years at towns in British Columbia and Northwest Territories.

August 4, 1914—Regiment took up strategic positions in the interior of British Columbia on outbreak of Great War.

October 21, 1916—Rocky Mountain Rangers Battalion sailed from Halifax for England aboard Mauretania for overseas service under command of Lieut. Col. J. R. Vicars.

May 1921—With headquarters at Kamloops, headquarters, Salmon Arm, Armstrong and Kelowna. In 1928 Kelowna company ceased to exist, being re-established in 1937 at Revelstoke.

August 26, 1939—Regiment called to active service for third time, patrolling and guarding strategic southern interior points.

June 7, 1940—Called to recruit up to full strength.

October 2, 1940—Moved to New Westminster to continue training as battalion.

February 22, 1941—Arrived in Prince Rupert where, under command of Lieut. Col. J. E. Wood, they form an integral part of the new Canadian Army.

GAINS ARE IMPORTANT

British Making Further Headway After Gaining Control of Cheren

FULL FASCIST RETREAT
 CAIRO, March 28; (CP)—British troops are in hot pursuit of Italian forces retreating headlong toward the Eritrean capital of Asmara following the occupation of the key mountain town of Cheren yesterday by British Imperial forces. The Middle East command announced today. A large number of the 35,000 Fascist defenders are reported to have been captured by the British who battered their way into Cheren late Wednesday after a seven-week siege. Remnants of the Italian forces left behind large quantities of war materials as they headed for Asmara, 42 miles to the southeast, and it is possible they might try to reach the chief port of Massawa to make a stand or escape.

CAIRO, March 28; (CP)—British forces, which yesterday entered Cheren, mountain key to the Eritrean capital of Asmara, made further important gains and captured many prisoners including a brigade headquarters, the Middle East command announced. The British now control three-quarters of Eritrea and, as a result of the capture of Cheren, the way is open to the capital, Asmara, and the principal seaport, Massawa. Fall of all Eritrea into British hands now appears imminent.

A dispatch from Nairobi, Kenya Colony, announced the occupation of several posts east and west of Yavello in southwestern Ethiopia by irregular Ethiopian forces.

LIVER BIDS AGREED ON

Prices of Canadian Fishing Co. are Accepted by Vancouver Halibut Fleet

VANCOUVER, March 28; (CP)—Fishermen and boat owners last night accepted a bid from the Canadian Fishing Co. for fish liver production of the Vancouver fleet for the season opening April 1. The prices are: Halibut livers, 40¢ per pound. Black cod, 27¢. Ling Cod, 60¢.

Refused To Ratify Pact And Prepares To Resist If Invasion Attempted

United States Formally Promises Aid—Turkey Makes Overtures to Belgrade for Mutual Assistance Pact—Germans Commence Exodus

BELGRADE, March 28; (CP)—Defiant Yugoslavia refused today to ratify the Axis pact and received from the United States minister a note promising full American aid if she is forced to resist the German and Italian armies. The note was delivered to the hardy soldier Premier, General Dusan Simovic, who assumed leadership in yesterday's coup.

Meanwhile the Turkish minister conferred with Simovic and is reported to have proposed a mutual assistance pact with Yugoslavia. German journalists, economic experts, trade delegates and nationals generally began a hurried exodus from the country as diplomatic sources said Yugoslavia had informed Germany that fulfillment of the pact was impossible because it would be contrary to the will of the Yugoslav people. More than a million soldiers are fully mobilized to resist Axis armies if they should attempt to hold Yugoslavia to the pact.

Young King Peter was sworn in today amid clamorous celebrations. The new cabinet of Yugoslavia went into session today to draft a reply to Germany which had sent an urgent note to Belgrade demanding clarification of the new government's intentions in regard to the Axis pact. It was reported that Germany gave Yugoslavia twenty-four hours in which to explain how the uprising would affect the pact which the deposed Premier Cvetkovic had signed. It was later intimated that, while the new government would not denounce the pact formally, it would not be ratified.

While 1,200,000 Yugoslavs were being called to arms to take up border defence positions, the new government warned the people to keep calm and cool and abstain from demonstrations which might affect relations with foreign nations.

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ENGLAND IS QUIET

But Royal Air Force Was Over Berlin And Western Germany Last Night

LONDON, March 28.—London and the rest of England had still another free night last night from Nazi air raiding. Early today a single enemy plane came over a southeast coastal town, dropping some bombs to cause a few casualties. An alarm was caused in London by a small formation reaching the outskirts to be driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

Despite poor visibility and heavy anti-aircraft fire, the Royal Air Force last night alarmed Berlin and blasted western Germany including the Ruhr and Rhineland, dropping heavy bombs on Cologne and Dusseldorf. The radio station in Berlin, where Foreign Minister Matsuoka of Japan is visiting, went off the air. Dunkerque, Calais and Brest on the invasion coast were attacked. Yesterday British naval planes ranged from the Frisian Islands to La Rochelle. These strong attacks were the first on Germany since 10,000 bombs were dropped on Berlin last Sunday night.

WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
 Light variable winds, fair and warm in the southern portion and central portion and cloudy and mild in the northern portion.

WAS ROYAL HOSTESS
 CARDIFF, Wales, March 28; (CP)—Frequently hostess to the King and Queen at her Inverness-shire seat in Scotland, Harriett Mary Mackintosh, widow of the Chief of the Clach Chattan, died at Cottrell, near here.

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TWO SHIPS CAPTURED

Royal Canadian Navy Takes Danish Tankers in West Indies

OTTAWA, March 28.—Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of national defence in charge of naval affairs, announced yesterday the capture of two Royal Canadian Navy ships, assisted by a Dutch vessel, of two Danish tankers in the West Indies. The capture took place some weeks ago and the Danish vessels, surrendering without resistance, now form part of the British merchant marine. They make five vessels captured so far by the Royal Canadian Navy.

SHIP LOSS IS PROBED

Investigation Proceeding Into Fire Which Destroyed H.M.C.S. Otter

HALIFAX, March 28; (CP)—With an official investigation now in prospect, the cause of the fire which resulted in the destruction of the patrol vessel, H.M.C.S. Otter, off the mouth of Halifax Harbor early Wednesday is still unknown. As soon as survivors are sufficiently recovered from their experience to appear, the investigation will proceed.

Nineteen men—two officers and seventeen ratings—were lost, it has been officially confirmed, being drowned or dying of shock and exposure. The Department of Naval Services announces that two officers and twenty men were saved by a merchant ship and another war vessel. No British Columbia men were aboard the Otter.

Balmy Days On Lower Skeena

Unusually High Thermometer Readings Recorded This Week—Is Followed, However, by New Snow on Hills

In town today from the Ecstall River, Douglas Frizell reported exceptionally warm weather there this week for this time of year. On Wednesday it was 66 in the shade and 92 in the sun. There has been a cooling down since then, however, and yesterday there was snow half way down the mountainsides around the mouth of the Skeena River.

Weather Forecast

(Furnished through the courtesy of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau at Victoria and Prince Rupert. The forecast is compiled from observations taken at 5 a.m. today and cover the 24 hour period ending at 5 p.m. tomorrow.)

General Synopsis—Light to moderate rain has occurred in the North Coast with fog patches over the central coast. Over the southern portion it continues fair and warm.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Light variable winds, fair and warm in the southern portion and central portion and cloudy and mild in the northern portion.

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