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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southeast winds, overcast and mild with moderate rain.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:56 a.m. 19.9 ft.
13:49 p.m. 21.2 ft.
Low 7:54 a.m. 6.9 ft.
20:25 p.m. 3.1 ft.

Strong Reinforcements For Moscow

British Successes In Sea Fighting Three Quarters Of Million Men Trained In Winter Fighting Are Arriving To Strengthen Line

Naval Action Going On off African Coast Seven Ships Boarded

French Charged With Carrying German Supplies Are Intercepted by British Fleet and Five Ships Boarded—Prevent Scuttling of Three.

LONDON, Nov. 4: (CP)—British sailors have intercepted and boarded five Vichy French merchantmen and prevented the scuttling of three of them in an action which is still proceeding off the South African coast, the Admiralty announced today. It charged the French with attempting to convey supplies for the Germans from the east.

At the same time a night battle in the channel was announced in which the Admiralty said patrol vessels engaged warships protecting a large Axis supply ship.

A ship commanded by a Canadian, C. E. Bonnell, shot two torpedoes into the supply ship.

Another American Naval Vessel Torpedoed More Than Once But No Loss of Life

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4: (CP)—The United States Navy announced today another torpedoing in North Atlantic waters, that of the United States naval tanker Salinas, but said happily there was no further loss of life added to the 97 men presumed lost on the sunken destroyer Reuben James.

The Salinas was torpedoed without warning, the navy statement said, but seriously damaged she made her way to port. She was also hit the day before and in the same general area as the Reuben James, the first American warship lost in the battle of the Atlantic.

Counted also as victims of the ocean warfare were twelve men killed in the crash of a big patrol bomber, somewhere at sea.

Veteran Shipmaster Retiring— Capt. Harry Nedden, Commodore Of Canadian National Fleet, Is Finishing Off Fine Marine Career

By G. A. HUNTER
One Saturday afternoon at the end of November, Capt. Harry Nedden, commodore of the Canadian National Coast Steamships fleet and one of British Columbia's best known and most popular shipmasters, will step ashore at Vancouver into retirement from the steamer Prince George, the same vessel in which he sailed out from Newcastle-on-Tyne to this coast as second mate thirty-one years ago this fall.

Retiring



CAPT. HARRY NEDDEN

successively, the Boer War found him plying between South America and South Africa with troops, cattle and horses. Eventually came command of tramp ships, the first being the Dauntless belonging to Alfred Brewis of Newcastle.

Capt. Nedden's interest was aroused in the Pacific coast as he saw the steamer Prince George under construction for the old Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Co. at the Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson yard in Newcastle-on-Tyne. He decided to make a change and signed on as second mate to come out via Cape Horn to this coast. The voyage took seventy-three days.

Remaining with the Prince George on the coastal service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, Capt. Nedden was assigned to the duties of third mate. His superior officers at that time were Capt. George Robertson, master; Capt. F. T. Saunders, chief officer, and Capt. Dan O'Brien, second officer. The maiden voyage and to the Baltic in summer. In the service of various companies,

PLUCK OF AIRMAN

After Having Almost Every Bone in Body Broken New Zealander Fears May Be Sent Home.

A letter arrived at the weekend from a Canadian officer in England who said he had called at the Overseas Club and met a couple of New Zealand airmen and together they did the town up brown. One of them had been the rear gunner in a bomber, which had been badly battered over France. He just got across the channel on his return and crashed as they hit the English coast. All but himself were killed and he came out of it with almost every bone in his body broken. One leg was broken in six places, the other ankle was broken, both arms, the collar bone, seven ribs and the jaw also had been fractured. He had been in hospital since January 3 and had just got out walking with canes. He was particularly worried because he thought they were going to send him home and not give him another chance to get even.

ROAD TO SEAL COVE

Considerable Discussion Takes Place And President McAfee Appoints New Committee

After considerable discussion last night the Chamber of Commerce decided to appoint a small committee to discuss with various authorities the question of widening the road to Seal Cove.

John Gurvich thought \$40,000 was too much to pay for this work. What he suggested was that the present road should be improved and widened by six feet, not necessarily finished but made safe for traffic as it was breaking away on the sides and was worse every day. It could be rough graded, he thought, for about \$11,000 and finished to make a very good road for \$20,000 or less.

Theo Collart suggested that the city call for tenders, then they would know.

Mr. Gurvich suggested that the proposed sidewalk in order to cost \$6,000 would have to have a coarse rock fill. It was not necessary to tear up the old road but simply to widen the present road.

T. W. Brown said it was not the policy of the city to call for tenders unless they were prepared to let the contract. He thought if a small committee were appointed to discuss the needs with the city authorities, the air command and others they might arrive at some definite decision as to what were the actual requirements and be ready to report to the next meeting. Mr. Collart then withdrew his motion and Mr. Brown's suggestion was adopted.

The committee will be appointed immediately by president McAfee.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A disturbance is approaching the coast from the west. It has been cloudy with rain or showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southeast winds, overcast and mild with moderate to heavy rains.

Moscow to Rostov Line Is Weakest Spot in Present Defence of Russia Against German Invasion—750,000 Troops Moving Up.

LONDON, Nov. 4: (CP)—A Russian winter army of three-quarters of a million men especially trained in Arctic Siberia is moving up to reinforce the hard-pressed Moscow-to-Rostov defence line, a usually reliable source said tonight. About 200,000 have already arrived in Moscow, it was said, and another 200,000 are on the way "to help out where most needed."

In sending these winter troops as far south as Rostov, the Russian command would be bulwarking one of the main danger spots of the war. The port is the gateway to the Caucasus and is now threatened by a possible short-cut across the Crimea.

Inquest Today On Body Of Soldier Evidently Drowned

This afternoon an inquest is being held on the body of M. G. Barber, who had been missing from the Second Canadian Scottish since Oct. 11. The body was found last night in the harbor near the C.N.R. dock.

The body is at the B. C. Undertakers where the inquest is being held.

British Raid On Air Base At Tripoli

CAIRO, Nov. 4:—The Royal Air Force attacked Tripoli's main air base, Castel Benito, in a four-hour raid Sunday, burning and blowing to bits grounded Axis aircraft and reducing the base buildings to ruins, British sources in Cairo said today.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Mines—	
Grandview	16 1/2
Bralorne	10.50
Cariboo Quartz	2.25
Hedley Mascot	.46
Pend Oreille	1.60
Pioneer	2.10
Premier	.65
Privateer	.47
Reno	.11
Sheep Creek	.38
Oils—	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.17
Home	2.15
Royal Canadian	.04
Toronto	
Beattie	1.04
Central Patricia	1.44
Consolidated Smelters	33.75
Hardrock	.65
Kerr Addison	4.40
Little Long Lac	1.55
McLeod Cockshutt	2.06
Madsen Red Lake	.58
McKenzie Red Lake	1.07
Moneta	.30
Pickie Crow	2.60

FLYING MEN GET WINGS

Brother Of Local Lady Picked To Be Instructor At Trenton

Sergeant Pilot Pat Heaven, brother of Mrs. D. G. Borland, got his wings at the same time as Ralph Morin.

He was among the top four of the class and was picked to take an instructor's course at Trenton.

DONATIONS FROM NAVY

A check has been received from the Ward Room of the Royal Canadian Navy for the sum of \$158.80 for the Queen's Canadian Air Raid fund. It is handed over to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club which has taken over the fund and will be forwarded to Montreal tomorrow's mail.

Hanson, Conservative Leader, Urges Full and Immediate Review Manpower Situation in Canada

Invasion of Europe Not at Present Possible and Then Only With Aid of United States.

OTTAWA, Nov. 4: (CP)—Britain contemplates the invasion of Europe some time but it is impossible at this time, Conservative Leader Hanson told the House of Commons today. Only the combined efforts of all the democracies including the United States could make the invasion possible with a force superior to the enemy in men, training, equipment, striking power and mobility, he said.

As he began his speech, Mr. Hanson expressed regret that Mackenzie King did not take the House of Commons into his confidence in regard to the government's proposals in the face of a grave international situation. He appealed for an immediate review of the whole manpower question, saying that Canada should enlist every man fit for service in the forces, "whatever system of enlistment is employed."

DELEGATES RETURNING

That Voluntary System Be Replaced Soon As Possible By Conscription

VICTORIA, Nov. 4:—Impressed by the critical need for substantial reinforcement of the Canadian Army, the voluntary recruiting convention representing a cross-section of British Columbia citizenry, Monday night assisted military authorities it would continue efforts on behalf of voluntary enlistment by impressing on young men the need of offering their services.

At the same time an expression of opinion was emphatically given that the voluntary enlistment plan should be replaced as soon as possible with conscription. Two hundred delegates spent the day hearing addresses from military leaders and Col. Mess, civilian director of recruiting for Canada. This was followed by afternoon visits to Colwood Military Camp and the Officers Cadet School at Gordon Head Military Camp. Manoeuvres were staged and army life depicted. L. H. Kenney of Smithers led a discussion by advocating conscription.

The Prince Rupert delegation—J. J. Little, D. G. Borland, A. McKenzie, G. A. Hunter and Captain Crocker left Victoria Monday night and most of them will be home Friday morning.

KILLED AT KALUM LAKE

Tree Top Fell on Dan Popp When He Was Felling It Yesterday Afternoon.

TERRACE, Nov. 4:—A fatal accident occurred yesterday at Kalum Lake when a man named Dan Popp was instantly killed. He was at work felling a tree when the tree top fell on him.

Circumlocution Seen at Ottawa

An interesting case of circumlocution was reported at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, President McAfee in the chair, last night. The secretary said he had written to the Department of National Defence seeking help in the rebuilding of the road to Seal Cove. The city was ready to spend \$20,000 on it and it was suggested that the Department of Defence should put up another similar amount.

The National Defence Department referred them to the Department of Munitions and Supply and that Department referred them to the National Defence for Air. A reply has not been received from the last mentioned department.

War News

GERMAN SHIPPING BLASTED BY RAF

LONDON—British aircraft attacked German shipping off the French coast, blasted the harbors of the occupied-French coast and bombed a fish oil factory at Bergso, Norway, last night, the Air Ministry announced, but bad weather prevented any raids on Germany proper. The operations were carried out without any loss.

1276 OFFICERS AND MEN RESCUED

LONDON—The Admiralty announced today that a total of 1276 officers and men had been rescued from an undisclosed number of Axis submarines.

FINNS MAY TAKE MURMANSK

NEW YORK—Finnish forces including artillery, infantry and motorized units are starting a direct assault upon Murmansk and it will be taken by storm within a few days should the Russian garrison refuse to surrender, a Finnish broadcast heard by the NBC declared today.

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