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Tomorrow's Tides

High	5:26 a.m.	19.8 ft.
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Three Nazi Subs Sunk

War News

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MONDAY NIGHT'S AIR RAID

LONDON—D.M.B. German news agency admits the Royal Air Force attacked the north coastal area of Germany Monday night. The important air and naval base of Wilhelmshaven was attacked. As usual it is asserted that no damage was done to military objectives but that resident areas were bombed. A number of civilians being killed. The German Luftwaffe attacked widely separated points in the British Isles with light raids, doing little damage and causing few casualties. The raiders came over the northeast, East Anglia and Scotland. London had a quiet night, the first in eight without an alarm. A German plane fell into the sea off the Thames estuary, having been brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

GERMANY SENDING MORE TROOPS

ISTANBUL, Turkey—In view, it is supposed, of British forces being landed in large numbers in Greece, Germany, it is reported here, is increasing her forces in southern Bulgaria from 200,000 to 800,000.

NAZI U-BOAT ON THIS SIDE

NEW YORK—Advices reaching here are to the effect that long range German submarines and cruisers have been dispatched to waters off the New England coast of the United States to prey on British shipping.

SCOFFS AT HITLER THREAT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, scoffs at the threat of Chancellor Adolf Hitler that all United States supplies approaching the British Isles will be sunk. It is but an empty threat, declares Halifax, who declares that Germany will be unable to interfere in any permanent way with American shipments to the United Kingdom.

THOUSAND KILLED IN AIR RAIDS

Heavy Toll Taken by Nazi Bombers In Merseyside and Clyde Areas Late Last Week

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—Approximately one thousand persons were killed in Nazi bombing raids on Merseyside March 12 and 13 and one Clyde area on March 13 and 14, the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announced tonight in a joint communique. Thirteen hundred are listed as injured in the raids.

COLLISION OF TRAINS

Another Serious Railroad Accident In United States Today— Arms Workers Victims

WINDHAM, Ohio, March 18: (CP)—A railroad official said today that forty workers were seriously injured and 125 more or less seriously hurt with several possibly killed when an Erie Railroad freight train crashed into a commuter train, carrying 600 construction workers to the United States War Department's $15,000,000 Ravenna shell-loading plant.

New York Stock Market Firmer

Slight Upward Tendency Shown In Yesterday's Trading

NEW YORK, March 18: (CP)—The New York stock market showed a slight upward tendency yesterday. Industrial average at closing was 123.46, up .06; rails, 28.07, down .02, and utilities, 19.70, down .04.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A moderate disturbance is approaching the coast from the west. The skies have been overcast and light to moderate rain has fallen on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Light to moderate and occasional fresh south to southeast winds, mostly overcast with intermittent rain and continuing mild.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to moderate southeast winds. Overcast with rain and continuing mild.

FUNERAL AT KITKATLA

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Innes left yesterday with the remains of their twenty-one month old daughter, Nancy Innes, for Kitkatla where interment will take place. Henry Brown took the party out on his boat. Mr. and Mrs. Innes will return to the city at the end of the week to resume their work at Nelson Bros. cannery.

BRITISH ADVANCE

Important Positions Around Cheren Taken In Addition To Recapturing Berbera

ITALIANS REPULSED

CAIRO, March 18: (CP)—Italian counter-attacks against positions recently captured by British forces in Eritrea have been repulsed with heavy Fascist losses, British general headquarters announced today. More than 800 Italian prisoners were taken.

CAIRO, March 18: (CP)—In addition to recapturing Berbera, the capital of British Somaliland, British forces have also taken important heights covering Cheren, key city in the British drive into Eritrea, general headquarters announced yesterday.

Berbera, which had been evacuated by the Italians to the British last August, was retaken Sunday after a successful landing in cooperation with the navy and air force.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Big Missouri, .04.
Bralorne, 9.85.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.55.
Dentonia, .00¼.
Fairview, .01.
Gold Belt, .25.
Hedley Mascot, .55.
Minto, .02½A.
Pacific Nickel, .04.
Pend Oreille, 1.45.
Pioneer, 2.25A.
Premier, .85.
Privateer, .48.
Reeves MacDonald, .10.
Reno, .10.
Relief Arlington, .02¼.
Salmon Gold, .02A.
Sheep Creek, .88A.

Oils

A. P. Con., .07½.
Calmont, .18.
C. & E., 1.25.
Home, 1.97A.
Pacalta, .02½.
Royal Canadian, .09½.
Okalta, .55.
Mercury, .04.
Prairie Royalties, .07A.

Toronto

Aldermac, .10½.
Beattie, 1.05.
Central Pat., 1.75.
Con. Smelters, 36.½.
East Malartic, 2.61.
Fernland, .02¾.
Francoeur, .39.
Gods Lake, .26½.
Hardrock, .77.
Int. Nickel, 33.½.
Kerr Addison, 3.75.
Little Long Lac, 1.76.
McLeod Cockshutt, 1.85.
Madsen Red Lake, .57.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.08.
Moneta, .50.
Noranda, 53.00.
Pickle Crow, 2.75.
Preston East Dome, 3.10.
San Antonio, 2.35.
Sherritt Gordon, .68.
Uchi, .20.
Bouscadillac, .02.
Mosher, .04½.
Oklend, .04.

Housing Situation Is Drawback Here; Prince Rupert Is Doing Nothing

By H. F. PULLEN

OTTAWA, March 18.—The housing situation at Prince Rupert is one of the drawbacks as far as fuller use of the dry dock there for war shipbuilding is concerned. The feeling is evident here that Prince Rupert is doing nothing to relieve the situation in regard to housing and the government cannot be expected to do everything.

Olof Hanson, the member for Skeena, is working hard for Prince Rupert. He already has definite promise that the shipyard will be kept busy.

I had an interview with the Prime Minister yesterday and was well received. I am meeting the Minister of Supply this afternoon to discuss shipbuilding at Prince Rupert. Ian Mackenzie was indisposed yesterday but, if he is down today, I shall meet him before leaving for home tonight.

Yesterday I lunched with Olof Hanson and several other British Columbia members. I also had talks with Senator J. H. King, Speaker J. A. Glen, Senator William Duff, the Leader of the Opposition and a number of prominent members.

I expect to arrive home Saturday night.

Bulletins

LOSSES IN SEA WAR

LONDON—Losses in the war at sea for the week ending March 9 totalled 25 ships or an aggregate of more than 98,800 tons. The revised figure for the week before that is 141,314 tons. Twenty of the 25 ships sunk in the week ending March 9 were British, totalling 84,244 tons and the balance Allied. The average per week of losses in February was 75,000 tons and in January 53,000 tons. Warning is issued to Britons to be prepared to face even greater losses.

KING IS THANKFUL

ATHENS—King George II. has sent personal thanks to his troops for their victory over the Italians in the recent Fascist offensive in Tepelini area.

COLD IN EAST

TORONTO — Highways are blocked and railway traffic disrupted as result of a blizzard and cold weather. The death list as a result of the winter storm in North Dakota and Minnesota has reached a total of 66.

BREMEN TOTAL LOSS

LONDON—Information obtained from an unimpeachable source is to the effect that the great North German-Lloyd liner Bremen, which was burning at the port of Bremen yesterday, is extensively damaged and may even be considered a total loss. The fire has been extinguished. There are reports that the giant vessel, 51,731-ton pride of the German trans-Atlantic fleet, has sunk. Other quarters are skeptical as to motives of German admissions in connection with the Bremen.

DEGAULLE AT GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR—General Charles DeGaulle, leader of the Free French Forces, arrived at Gibraltar form England Monday aboard a British plane. The nature of his mission is not disclosed.

VANCOUVER WINS OPENER

VANCOUVER—Vancouver Lions won the first game of the Pacific Coast Hockey League playoffs Monday night with a 2 to 1 victory over Seattle Sea Hawks. The second game will be played in Seattle Friday night and the third, if necessary, in Vancouver next Monday night. The winners in this best two out of three game series will meet the Spokane Bombers for the league championship.

Blast In Downtown Montreal

MONTREAL, March 18: (CP)—Fourteen persons were reported injured today in an explosion in downtown Montreal. First reports said it was a building adjoining H. J. Heinz Co. of Canada Ltd., food products manufacturers. Police reported that a two-alarm fire had broken out and fire engines and ambulances were rushed to the scene. Cause of the blast is undetermined.

No Comment By Great Britain

London Has Nothing To Say About Reported Threat To Bomb Rome If Athens Attacked

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—There is no British comment on Rome reports that Great Britain has warned Italy and Germany that Royal Air Force bombers would attack Rome if Axis planes bombed Athens.

ITALIANS ELUSIVE

British Fleet Unable To Find Fascist Warships In Mediterranean Or Aegean Seas

ABOARD A CRUISER SOMEWHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, March 18: (CP)—The British fleet, protecting convoys sailing into Greek ports, has swept a broad area of the Mediterranean and the Aegean Seas in an unsuccessful hunt for Italian warships.

WARM SOUTH AFRICANS

MELBOURNE, March 18: (CP)—The Argus says ahat South African troops fighting in North Africa have created a new record for heat endurance, fighting in temperatures of 135 degress in the shade, but there wasn't any shade.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this morning to be on time.

Important Naval Victory In Battle Of Atlantic Revealed By Prime Minister Churchill

Describes Present Sea Conflict as One of Most Momentous in Annals of War—Enemy War Vessels Now Operating Far Afield

LONDON, March 18: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today the sinking of three German U-boats Monday in the Battle of the Atlantic. He proclaimed the battle "one of the most momentous ever fought in all annals of war."

Introducing John G. Winant, new United States ambassador to Great Britain, at a Pilgrims Club luncheon, Mr. Churchill also declared that "not only German U-boats but German battle cruisers have crossed to the American side of the Atlantic and have already sunk some of our independently routed ships not sailing in convoy." Enemy warships had sunk vessels as far west as the 42nd Meridian on the North American side of the Atlantic.

As a result of United States aid to Great Britain, the day would come when Great Britain and United States would share together the crown of victory, the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Winant said he would do all in his power to carry out the common policy of Great Britain and the United States. He decried any "new order" on a totalitarian basis and prescribed, instead, "honest work."

OPENING OF DRIVE HERE—COL. FELL

British Columbia Chairman Of National War Services Campaign Heard By Local Gathering

Col. J. P. Fell of Vancouver, chairman of the British Columbia committee on the national war services drive, was the speaker last evening at dinner in connection with the institution of the drive locally. About forty persons were present and Col. J. W. Nicholls, the local chairman, presided. Col. Fell gave an interesting talk, describing present day conditions of England where he himself spent several months since the war began. He also explained in some detail the function of the war services on behalf of which the drive for funds is to be commenced next week. He impressed his listeners with the desirability of supporting the campaign to the utmost possible extent. Col. Nicholls assured Col. Fell that enthusiasm was already developing in Prince Rupert and that he was confident this city would fully meet the quota of $5000 which had been set for it.

Col. Fell told how it had been decided this year to amalgamate, in the interests of efficiency and convenience, the annual drive for funds for six organizations engaged in war services activities. These organizations were the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Canadian Legion and Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. The objective for the Dominion was $5,500,000, for British Columbia $550,000 and for Prince Rupert, $5,000. It was essential to work hard and make the drive a success.

Col. Fell detailed the modus operendi of the six organizations and the valuable work they were all carrying on, both in Canada and abroad, in providing, on a non-profit making basis, auxiliary services to the troops in the way of providing comforts, entertainment, educational and even personal services. Among other things, Col. Fell mentioned the mobile canteens in England which were so much appreciated by the Canadian forces which were almost constantly on the move.

"I think the time has come to persuade ourselves here in Canada, where he have been enjoying such comforts and have hardly felt the effects of war, to cut down on our own expenditures and pleasures so as to provide more for the men in the services," declared Col. Fell. What was to be said in an individual sense as regards economy might also be done collectively. There were places, Col. Fell believed, where the governments could save during war time on non-essentials.

"The work of the organizations engaged in these war services deserves the admiration and confidence of us all," Col. Fell asserted in asking employers, employees and all citizens to make generous contributions so that the men in the services would be shown that they were not forgotten by those who remained at home.

Col. Fell read a letter from Premier T. D. Pattullo commending support of the drive. "He has shown that his heart is in the right place," said Col. Fell of Mr. Pattullo.

Conditions In England

Speaking of his own experiences in England, where the outbreak of war found him visiting and where he remained for some time in voluntary home guard service, Col. Fell said that everywhere in the Old Country a new kind of spirit was to be observed. All were united in the common cause and, despite black-outs, ration restrictions, heavy bombing and other hardships, the morale and cheerfulness of the people was almost unbelievable. All the old tendency to shut-off existence was gone. If one had house and room, others who may have been bombed out were welcome to walk in and make themselves at home.

The British spirit of today was well exemplified in the words of Prime Minister Churchill who, when asked to assume the leadership of the Conservative party, had said: "This is no time for party politics but for complete national unity and united effort." Churchill had inherited a "fearful mess" when he assumed the Prime Ministership, said Col. Fell, but he never complained, never blamed anyone who preceded him. His motto was to forget the past, look ahead and do the best he could. That was the spirit of the British people today. There was an enormous spiritual change as a result of the war. This change, he was sure, would influence social and political life for all time to come. In spite of losses and hardship, the British people knew they were fighting for the right and they were determined to carry on. They might not go to church, they might not say their prayers but, in this spiritual revaluation, the people of Britain were living a much better life. Each was out to help the other fellow. The armed forces were also different today than before. The soldier of today was much more serious, a much better soldier and citizen than the old soldier. He was more interested in improving himself, less inclined just to let go and have a good time while it lasted.

Answering a question by A. H. Hill-Tout, Col. Fell said that none of the national war services money was going directly for refugee work although mobile canteens in case of intensive bombing might sometimes minister to civilian population.

In answer to a question by Col. Nicholls, Col. Fell stated that there was a minimum of overlapping between the functions of the various organizations. There was allocation of services and localities. The aim was to conserve resources and use them as efficiently as possible.

Col. Nicholls

Col. Nicholls, in opening the proceedings, expressed appreciation of the attendance and the enthusiasm that was being shown in the drive. He announced that the campaign in Prince Rupert would be opened next Sunday afternoon with a drumhead service at the Court House grounds in which the various local militia units would participate. In the evening there would be a concert by the Rocky Moun-

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Men 21 to 45 In Canada May Be Called Up

OTTAWA, March 18: (CP)—Every unmarried man in Canada or widower without children between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five will be subject to call up if need arises under revised regulations governing a new four-month compulsory military training plan tabled in the House of Commons today by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of war services.

Renewing Float At Pt. Essington

Armour Salvage Co. of this city is now proceeding with the contract of rebuilding work on the government float and approaches at Port Essington. To inspect this work is one of the purposes of the presence in the district of C. F. P. Faulkner, assistant district engineers of the provincial department of public works from Vancouver. Mr. Faulkner came north at the end of last week aboard the steamer Camosun from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands and made the trip to Stewart on the Satala since Sunday, returning here this morning. He will be here until Friday night when he will return south on the Cardena.

ROBERT DIXON BURIED

The funeral of the late Robert Dixon, well known local fish vendor, who died last week, took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of the B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. E. E. Brandt, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.