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Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, cloudy and mild with intermittent rain, becoming occasionally partly cloudy

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Tomorrow's Tides

High	8:56 a.m.	18.9 ft.
	21:15 p.m.	16.8 ft.
Low	2:01 a.m.	7.5 ft.
	15:06 p.m.	8.2 ft.

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Fierce Conflict Rages On Two Fronts

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BATTLE NEW PHASE

British Forces Being Effectively Co-ordinated To Hurl Axis Out Of Libya

CAIRO, Nov. 26: — Successive waves of British motorized infantry, supported by artillery, are now being hurled against the Axis forces in the fierce battle south of Tobruk following the tank bout in which both sides lost heavily, the British, however, being in a position to provide reinforcements which the Axis is not.

The central Mediterranean fleet of the Royal Navy sank two more loaded supply ships bound for Libya today. Italian warships, acting as a convoy, made their escape.

Meantime British land, navy and air forces, all in superiority over the enemy, are co-ordinating their strength effectively to drive the Axis out of Libya.

Owing to the British sea control, the only means of reinforcing now available to the Axis is the very uncertain method of air transport.

Furious entrapped German armored units have taken the offensive.

British fliers are operating far behind the German lines, doing damage to their communications and supply lines. Hundreds of planes are ceaselessly in battle vying for air supremacy.

Big Battle Expected

The Germans have rushed up reinforcements to Rezegn, ten miles south of Tobruk, and a heavy battle is expected there momentarily, the British High Command announced today. A communique said that the British had wiped out a third of the tanks in a German column attempting to divert attention from the main battle by a thrust eastward across the frontier while the Tobruk garrison penetrated farther east into the encircling line of Axis troops.

Considerable British tank reserves have now reached the forward battle areas.

GOING TO FAR EAST

William C. Bullitt Named Special Representative of President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 26: (AP)—William C. Bullitt, former United States ambassador to Russia and France, has been appointed as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's special representative in the Far East.

"Golden Bomber" Fund Presented

Proceeds Collected From Employees of Canadian Pacific Railway Turned Over Today.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26: — Ceremony in connection with the presentation of the proceeds of a "Golden Bomber" campaign for funds conducted among employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway took place here this afternoon. It was broadcast over the coast-to-coast hook-up of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

United States Supplies Going To Free French

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26:—United States supplies have been going to the Free French in North Africa for the past three months, it is disclosed.

MINISTER PASSES IN MONTREAL

Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe Died This Morning—Funeral In Quebec

MONTREAL, Nov. 26:—Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, died this morning at 5:15 (Pacific Standard Time) in Notre Dame Hospital. Prior to death he had been conscious at intervals. A physician's bulletin last night said "still critical condition, no improvement." He gradually sank during the night until the end came. He had shown remarkable resistance in view of hopeless condition during the past few days but his heart in the end gave way to the strain. The body is being

Passes Away

RT. HON. ERNEST LAPOINTE

taken to Quebec where it will lie in state pending burial.

Death came to the great statesman of French-Canada in the ninth day of a grave illness during which a series of attacks shook his rugged frame. Attending doctors said that death was caused by "cancer of the pancreas complicated by a pulmonary affection."

An unbroken tenure of more than 35 years in the House of Commons, bold qualities of leadership and a charming personality, made Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe a Canadian institution. Few Canadian public men ever enjoyed a greater measure of personal popularity in every section of Canada than did the tall, genial representative of the constituency of Quebec East.

Mr. Lapointe's position in Canadian public life was unique. In a sense he inherited Sir Wilfrid Laurier's position as the outstanding spokesman of French-speaking Canada but he also, in practice if not in fact, was almost a co-prime minister during the years Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King headed a Liberal government.

He occupied the key portfolio of justice, vitally important in a federal state such as Canada with questions of conflicting jurisdiction between the federal parliament and the legislatures of the provinces.

In the imperial and international spheres he was frequently spokesman and representative for Canada and he was a pioneer in the developments in Empire relations which resulted in Canada and the other dominions assuming a status of complete sovereignty and equality with the United Kingdom. He was the signer for Canada of the first treaty made by this country on its own account. It was an agreement for the protection of Pacific Coast fisheries made with the United States and signed by Mr. Lapointe under full powers from the King.

On Entry To War

Perhaps the most celebrated of his speeches was delivered September 9, 1939, at the special session of parliament called to decide

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DESTROY BELGRADE

Nazis to Raze Yugo Slavia Capital in Reprisal For Resistance.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 26: (AP)—The White House in Washington disclosed today that the United States government intelligence services had reported Germany was preparing to raze Belgrade, the capital of conquered Yugo Slavia, because the Nazis are convinced that Chetnika, the Serbian guerillas, are using it as their base of operations.

STRUCK ON RIPPLE ROCK

Alaska Liner Aleutian Returning After Accident With 200 Aboard.

SEATTLE, Nov. 26: — The northbound Alaska liner Aleutian with 200 passengers aboard struck Ripple Rock in Seymour Narrows early today and received extensive bottom damage, Alaska Steamship Company offices reported. The ship's pumps kept the water under control and the vessel turned about to start back here under her own power.

GERMAN IS RECAPTURED

Canadian National Engine Crew Caught Escaped Nazi at Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, Nov. 26: (CP)—A German prisoner, who had escaped from a camp near Bowmanville, was recaptured at Niagara Falls by a Canadian National Railways engine crew.

SUPPORT PATTULLO

Meeting of Prince Rupert Liberal Association Sends Delegates to Convention at Vancouver.

The Prince Rupert Liberal Association last night went on record as unanimously supporting the continued leadership of Hon. T. D. Pattullo and appointed delegates to the meeting of the British Columbia Liberal Association to be held in Vancouver next week. There were several speakers who strongly urged support of the Prince Rupert member as the only possible course to take and none demurred.

Delegates chosen were S. E. Parker, Jack Judge, W. O. Fulton, Harry Menzie, Robert Gordon, J. A. Lindsay, A. Iversen and H. F. Pullen. In addition to these will be George Mitchell and Arthur Brooksbank, president and secretary of the district association who are ex-officio members of the provincial association.

As a number of the delegates may not be able to make the trip south for the meeting, most of them will give their proxies to Mr. Brooksbank, who outlined the course he planned to take in supporting Mr. Pattullo and his reasons for so doing. He was the only person present who was sure he could be present at the convention.

NEW LIFE—$295,019,000

Life insurance sales in Canada in first nine months of 1941 are up 10 percent with new business at $295,019,000.

New Member Of Cabinet

VICTORIA, Nov. 26: (CP)—Frank Putnam, member for Nelson-Creston, was sworn in today as minister of agriculture, replacing K. C. Macdonald, whose resignation was submitted some days ago, but was not immediately accepted.

SO. AFRICA DOES WELL

Fighting Force Is Honor to General Smuts.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 26: (AP) — In spite of political squabbles which have divided the country, South Africa in two years has forged a war machine of impressive strength, a machine already proved by its achievements in the Abyssinian campaign.

Nazi Fifth Column efforts to keep the Union out of the war broke down when Gen. (now field marshal) J. C. Smuts, South African prime minister, led the nation into the struggle alongside Great Britain and all the Commonwealth except Eire. It involved a split between Smuts and Gen. J. B. M. Hertzog who went to the opposition with his followers.

South Africa's racial problem came to the fore when the main opposition party, led by Hertzog and the nationalist leader, Dr. D. F. Malan, split. In 1940 the two had formed the Reunited Nationalist or Peoples' Party (Herenigde party in Afrikaans) on a strict neutrality policy. But when Malan started working for an Afrikaans republic they fell out. His more moderate ally Hertzog wanted equal rights for the English and the Afrikaans-speaking people.

Opposition Splits

Hertzog quit the Nationalists and formed his own Afrikander party, standing for an independent South Africa but with equal rights for both tongues. Quarrels also broke out between Malan and the Ossewabrandwag, (Ox-wagon Guard) cultural and semi-military organization.

When the Ossewabrandwag went into politics and drafted a republican constitution, Malan accused it of "deliberate aggression and sabotage." There was trouble over overtures by the Ossewabrandwag towards Oswald Pirow, former minister of defence, heading a small group which advoated a national-socialistic republic.

Gen. Smuts acknowledged the existence of these racial and political quarrels in a speech at Queenstown. "We have a divided people," he said, but he added "it will not always remain so.

"The time is coming—I shall not see it and I do not know whether any of you will see it—but the time will come when this will be a united people and there will be a united national will."

Urged Hope and Trust

The prime minister charged the opposition group with "violent hostility" to the government but asserted "among those people who talk about a united Afrikanderdom, meaning the Afrikaans speaking section, there are more divisions and disunity than ever before."

It was historically essential, he contended, that the races should come together and a successful prosperous country be built up when co-operation between the two races had been firmly established.

Smuts declared "I call on men of both races and all colors to abandon the policies of the past and have faith, have hope and have trust in each other and move forward to the destiny which is yours."

BIG QUAKE REGISTERED

Seismographic Instruments At West Bromwich Thrown Completely Out Of Gear

LONDON, Nov. 26:— So strong was an earthquake shock recorded by the seismographic at West Bromwich last night that it threw the mechanism completely out of gear, making it impossible to immediately determine the location or distance of the centre of the disturbance which was later indicated to have been centred in mid-Atlantic, possibly about 500 miles off the coast of Africa. Pendulum and levers were thrown out of gear and the graph was dislocated from its sockets. It was the largest quake ever to be recorded by the observatory.

Spain reported a rather heavy shock but there were no immediate reports of damage. Lisbon in Portugal was also heavily shaken. Portugese peasants working in the fields started praying.

LOSSES IN WAR HUGE

Some Staggering Figures In Casualties And Equipment Destruction Issued

MOSCOW, Nov. 26:—The Soviet Information Bureau has issued some interesting figures in regard to losses in the war with Germany since June 22.

Russian losses in killed wounded and missing total 2,122,000 while the Germans have lost six million men.

Russia has lost 7,900 tanks, 6,800 planes and 12,900 guns.

Germany has lost 15,000 tanks, 15,000 planes and 79,000 guns.

Gas Rationing In Canada Not Coming at Once

OTTAWA, Nov. 26:— Gasoline rationing is not expected to be imposed in Canada before late winter or early spring. Possibly it will come into force in March.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.16
Bralorne	10.35
Cariboo Quartz	2.05
Hedley Mascot	.45
Pend Oreille	1.62
Pioneer	2.10
Premier	.66
Privateer	.47
Reno	.12
Sheep Creek	.87
Oils	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.12
Home	2.45
Royal Canadian	.04¼
Toronto	
Beattie	1.04
Central Patricia	1.40
Consolidated Smelters	39.00
Hardrock	.68
Kerr Addison	4.65
Little Long Lac	1.60
Madsen Red Lake	.55½
McLeod Cockshutt	1.98
McKenzie Red Lake	1.06
Moneta	.30
Pickle Crow	2.61
Preston East Dome	3.10
San Antonio	2.21
Sherritt Gordon	.90

SO KEEP COOL

Average body temperature is 98.6 degrees fahrenheit.

ASSELSTINE RESIGNED?

Minister of Labor Announces That He Has Withdrawn From Pattullo Cabinet.

VICTORIA, Nov. 26: (CP)—Hon. W. J. Asselstine, M.L.A. for Atlin and minister of labor, late last night announced that he had submitted his resignation to Premier T. D. Pattullo. Later Mr. Pattullo said that Mr. Asselstine had not resigned, the resignation having not been accepted. Mr. Asselstine then said he would have a further statement today.

RAIDS ARE EXCHANGED

German Bombers Over England And British Over Occupied France

LONDON, Nov. 26: — German bombing planes staged widespread raids over western England last night but damage was not extensive. Five persons were killed and several injured in one southwest town of England. One enemy plane was shot down.

At the same time the Royal Air Force was active with raids on Calais and elsewhere in occupied France.

Docks at Brest and Cherbourg were attacked heavily by a small but powerful group of Royal Air Force bombers last night.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert — Cloudy, southwest wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 30.18; temperature, 39; sea smooth.

Triple Island — Showery, southwest wind, sixteen miles per hour; sea moderately rough.

Langara Island — Hail showers, southwest wind, thirty miles per hour; barometer, 30.13; temperature, 39; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy, westerly wind, two miles per hour; barometer, 30.22; temperature, 35; light swell.

Bull Harbor—Cloudy, northwest wind, two miles per hour; barometer, 30.22; temperature, 46; moderate swell.

Alert Bay — Cloudy, southeast wind, fifteen miles per hour; barometer, 30.17; temperature, 48; light swell and chop.

Estevan — Cloudy, southeast wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.24; temperature, 49; light swell.

Victoria — Foggy, north northwest wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.26; temperature, 39.

Vancouver — Cloudy, easterly wind, two miles per hour; barometer, 30.26; temperature, 46.

Prince George — Fair, south southwest wind, five miles per hour; barometer, 29.91.

An interesting talk on "Modern Advancements in Medicine" was given Prince Rupert Gyro Club at its regular weekly luncheon today by Dr. R. G. Large. President W. F. Stone was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members with a few guests.

REDS DRIVE NAZIS BACK

Counter-Offensive Around Rostov And Leningrad Effective—Moscow Hard Pressed

MOSCOW, Nov. 26:— Vigorous new counter-offensives by the Red Army around Rostov and Leningrad have driven the Nazis back many miles. At the same time, the Germans continue their great drive upon Moscow, fifty miles northwest of which an important Nazi break-through is admitted to have been made by the enemy, taking then on to a main highway to the capital. Pushing past Tula, the enemy are within 60 miles of Moscow on the east.

The Russians today acknowledged serious new German gains on the northern and southern flanks of Moscow's defence arc but declared the Red Army counter-attacks in the Ukraine had thrown the Nazis back six miles northwest of Rostov-on-Don in a sector where the Germans have lost from thirty-seven to sixty miles.

The Vichy radio, quoting German reports, said Nazi mechanized forces had slashed through Red Army defences to a point within less than sixteen miles of Moscow, their closest approach since the Moscow drive started on October 2. There was no confirmation elsewhere of the Vichy report.

AMERICANS FOR HOME

Tokyo Consulate Urges They Leave Both Japan And China

TOKYO, Nov. 26:— The United States consulate in Tokyo is again urging all Americans to leave Japan immediately. Similiar suggestions are being made to Americans in China. The sailing of the Japanese liner Tatuta Maru to San Francisco has been delayed until December 2.

Air Reserves From Russia To No. Africa

BERLIN, Nov. 26:—Berlin acknowledges that air reserves are being drawn away from the Russian front to be used in the Libyan campaign against the new British offensive.

Unions Meeting At Kirkland Lake

Conference To Be Held In Connection With Labor Tie-up Of Mines

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., Nov. 26:—A conference of trade unionists will be held here Saturday in connection with the strike by which several important mines are now tied up. The mine operators say that 920 of 4000 strikers have now returned to work.

PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT

8 o'Clock — Canadian Legion Hall

To Discuss

National Mobilization for Total War

This meeting is part of a nation-wide campaign sponsored by the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion.