

Table with tide information: High 3:21 a.m. 19.8 ft., 16:25 p.m. 17.9 ft., Low 10:10 a.m. 3.7 ft., 22:14 p.m. 8.2 ft.



Prime Minister Winston Churchill is shown addressing a gathering of British merchant seamen during his visit to shipping areas of Lancashire recently. These men coming from the far-flung corners of the Empire are the heroes of the Battle of the Atlantic. It is to them that Britain looks to get supplies through minefields submarine traps and bomber territory.

BELIEVED DROWNED HITLER TO FAIL ALSO

"Eddie" Smith, Prominent in Local Athletics and Resident Since Boyhood, Lost on Fishing Trip

Edward John Smith, long well known in Prince Rupert athletic circles and for some time a member of the staff of the Royal Hotel, is believed to have been the victim of drowning southeast of Lewis Island south of the mouth of the Skeena River late Wednesday afternoon.

The party had left here at 2 p.m. The evening meal was in course of preparation when Smith went out on deck. There was a slight swell at the time. A few minutes later he was found to be not on board.

The Elida immediately turned around to make a search which proved in vain. Nor had the half-but boat Joe Baker, which was following not far behind and which also took part in the search of the spot, seen anything.

The provincial police P.M.L. 8 went out to conduct a search from which little in the way of results can be expected as the expanse of water at that point is both deep and wide, the point of tragedy being some three quarters of a mile off the nearest shore.

"Eddie" Smith was born in Winnipeg twenty-nine years ago and came here as a boy with his family in 1924. His father, John H. Smith, was with the provincial police, a sergeant at the time of his retirement from the force some years ago.

The father is now at Victoria with the Veterans' Home Guard but the family is still here. In addition to the mother, there are two brothers—Gordon and William Smith—and three sisters, Mrs. Arnold (Jean) Davis, Prince George; Mrs. Jack (May) Richards, Esquimalt, and Mrs. David (Hazel) Zille, Prince Rupert.

The widow is the former Miss Patricia Way and there is also a three-year-old daughter, Diane.

"Eddie" was particularly active in such sports as baseball, bowling and track. He was well known and popular and many friends will learn with shock of what seems certain to have been a tragic fate.

Lack of Understanding of British Character Will Be His Undoing Like Previous Would-Be Conquerors

Great Britain will balk the ambition of Adolf Hitler for world conquest as it had done similar ambitions of previous would-be world conquerors—Phillip II. of Spain, Louis XIV. of France, Napoleon Bonaparte and Wilhelm II.—predicted Rev. Capt. R. C. H. Durnford in speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday.

All these would-be conquerors had failed to understand British character. They had mistaken the British slowness of action as weakness or indifference.

Above all if there was, indeed, a God in history His interference in the affairs of Britain and British history was no accident. "We shall again triumph," asserted Capt. Durnford. "Let us deserve victory."

Capt. Durnford delved interestingly into history in describing the attempts of the five would be Caesars (including Hitler) to conquer the world, running in each case into the stumbling block of Britain.

Phillip II. had probably had the best chance of success because in those days England was divided and weak while he controlled the richest part of Europe as well as all America.

However, Queen Elizabeth had rallied the nation around her and Phillip's campaign had culminated in his defeat through the climax of the destruction of his great armada.

Louis XIV. had endeavored through bribery of the English and internal intrigue to weaken England for invasion. However, he had found to his disaster that politicians were not English.

Napoleon had routed Britain's allies one after one and had set up (Continued on Page Six)

Olof Hanson Inquires In House As To His Status Under Succession Act

OTTAWA, May 29: (CP)—Olof Hanson, Liberal member for Skeena, protested in argument over the meaning of the word "domicile" in the new Succession Duty Act in the House of Commons last night.

Mr. Hanson said he was born in Sweden and went to the United States, becoming a citizen but "I read something about British traditions, fairness and justice and decided to come to Canada. I was married in Canada and have one son and one daughter—the son in the Air Force and the daughter's husband in the Canadian army. I offered the government all my property. I have tried to be a good Canadian and a good Britisher but am I domiciled in Canada?"

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, said that, on the facts stated, Mr. Hanson undoubtedly was domiciled in Canada.

TO HONOR "JOHN A." JUNE 7

Life Of First Prime Minister And Staunch Apostle Of Empire Recalled

By R. K. CARNEGIE Canadian Press Staff Writer. OTTAWA, May 29: (CP)—First statesman of the Dominion of Canada, first and longest-serving prime minister in its history and the nation's Grand Old Man of another generation, Sir John A. Macdonald and his achievements will be honored June 7 when Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Conservative Leader R. B. Hanson will lead the country in tribute at Kingston, Ontario.

Monuments to the Scottish-born chief Father of Confederation mark the memorial statuary of a dozen Canadian cities and towns but it was in Kingston where Sir John became a lawyer, entered public life and was first elected to the Legislature of Upper and Lower Canada. Prime Minister when he died at Ottawa June 6, 1891, it was in Catarqui Cemetery on the outskirts of Kingston that he was buried beside his mother.

The proceedings in Kingston City Park June 7, the day after the 50th anniversary of Sir John's death, will be a national tribute which as Mr. King said in the House of Commons recently will be a tribute above party in which Canadians of all political views will be asked to join.

In the midst of the worries of the war Canadians will take time to remember a great kindly man, a man prone to a jaunty twist of his head, to a wise wink of his eye, to a humorous retort—the man who from before Confederation July 1, 1867, until he died in 1891 at 76, dominated Canada's political destinies as Conservative leader and for 19 years as prime minister.

The anxious eight days when Sir John lay unconscious in his home in Ottawa the grief that swept over Canada when the news came that he was dead, will be fresh in the minds of those who still remember that happy warrior of many a hectic political battle. His body lay in state in the Senate Chamber and then was removed to Kingston that his wish to be buried there might be fulfilled.

There was a wreath of white roses on his breast as he lay in the coffin "From Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, in memory of a faithful and devoted servant."

Strong For Empire Sir John had been a true and faithful servant of the Crown and a devoted defender of the British Empire. He was at times accused by his critics of changing his views in directing Canadian policies but he never wavered in his determination that this Dominion should remain within the Empire and become an important part of it.

Macdonald's first formal address to Canadian electors was in 1844 when he ran in Kingston for the legislature of Upper and Lower Canada. The rebellion of 1837 was fresh in his mind. There were open discussions of annexation to the (Continued on Page Two)

War News

H.M.S. YORK LOST

LONDON—The Admiralty today admitted the destruction in action of the 8,500-ton cruiser York. York was built in 1928 and carried a complement of 600 officers and men. (H.M.S. York visited Prince Rupert in 1938, having been then the flagship of the North American-West Indies squadron.) The Admiralty also indicates that hopes of the crew of H.M.S. Hood being saved are groundless.

PRIZ EUGEN ESCAPES

LONDON—The German warship Priz Eugen, companion ship of the Bismark, which the British navy sank in revenge for the loss of H.M.S. Hood, appears to have eluded British pursuing forces. It is believed she has escaped to a German base some 3,000 miles far into the Atlantic, there to prey further on Allied shipping.

BOMBERS IN SYRIA

ISTANBUL—One hundred and eighty German bombing planes are now based in French-mandated Syria, according to reports here. There are only five fighters and no land forces, it is suggested that an attack on the British island of Cyprus may be the next move.

BATTLE OF CRETE

CAIRO—There has been further deterioration of the British military situation in Crete. Both German and Italian troops are now being landed by sea and fewer parachute troops are being landed. Meantime what is described as a "terrific slugging match" continues.

WESTERN AERIAL WAR

LONDON—Germany and England exchanged aerial blows again last night. The largest number of German planes in two weeks came over Britain, visiting Liverpool and Northern Ireland, but the attack was not concentrated and damage was not heavy or casualties many. The Royal Air Force attacked Heligoland and the Germans claimed that five British planes had been brought down.

AXIS DRIVE AT STANDSTILL

CAIRO—A new Axis drive in Egypt has been brought to a standstill south and east of Salum.

EDEN ON ROOSEVELT SPEECH

LONDON—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden speaking today, described President Roosevelt's speech of Tuesday night as a "resolute expression of fixed determination of the most powerful nation in the world." Mr. Eden took occasion to speak of post-war reconstruction and declared that every endeavour would have to be made to prevent a recurrence of economic conditions which had led to the rise of Hitler and Germany's subsequent misdeeds.

ONE WAS PURGED—THE OTHER FLED

Seven years ago it was said throughout Germany that Hitler only trusted two men in full measure. They were Ernst Roehm and Rudolf Hess. It was seven years ago, despite this reputation for trust, that Roehm was assassinated in Hitler's bloody purge. Now the second Hitler trustee, Rudolf Hess, right has fled Germany in a plane and parachuted to earth in Scotland. Insane, says Germany. Fully sane, says England's officialdom after Hess' imprisonment.

AIR RAIDS OVERNIGHT

Bombers Strike at Various Parts of England—Small British Force Over Germany

LONDON May 29: (CP)—Nazi bombers overnight struck at towns in northwest, east and southeast England and the southeast coast of Northern Ireland while a small Royal Air Force group raided objectives in northwestern Germany.

LIBRARY ON TRAIN

Alberta Capitol To Have Innovation In Books On Wheels

EDMONTON, May 29: (CP)—The first street car library ever established in Canada, possibly the first in North America, will begin operating in Edmonton in September. The Edmonton public library board has decided.

Tentative arrangements were worked out several months ago with the city's street railway department after the idea first was suggested to the board by Hugh C. Gourlay, chief public librarian, formerly of Hamilton, Ontario.

One of the city's oldest trams, known as No. 14 and not in use during the past two years, will be reconditioned for service, its seats removed and enough shelves installed to hold about 2,000 books.

A daring experiment in culture on wheels, the tram library will visit outlying districts of Edmonton in accordance with a regular schedule. It will "park" for about six hours while the motorman leaves the car in care of a member of the library staff.

Residents of each district served will be able to borrow books from the tram library exactly as if it were the main downtown branch or the one in South Edmonton, and books borrowed from the tram will be returnable at either of those branches, Mr. Gourlay said.

ASKED TO CARRY ON

Conservatives Would Have Hon. R. B. Hanson Continue as Opposition Leader

OTTAWA, May 29: (CP)—Hon. R. B. Hanson, acting Conservative House leader, has been asked to continue in that capacity for the next session of Parliament, it was announced after a Conservative caucus.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—It has been cloudy with some light drizzle on north Vancouver Island but otherwise the weather has been fair on the coast.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light winds, clear skies and mild.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Light variable winds, cloudy with some local light drizzle on north Vancouver Island during the morning but otherwise fair and mild.

Halibut Sales

American Balder, 15,000, Royal, 10.5c and 8c.

Canadian Skeena M. III, 8,500, Storage, 10c and 7.5c.

DID SHE HAVE COUSINS?

WASHINGTON, May 29: (CP)—About 2,000 round-the-world cousins of Mary Frances White, 75, who died leaving \$500,000 to be divided among "my cousins," claimed their bit. Courts decided in favor of six "first" cousins and there are 40 appeals.

Let's All get on the Bond Wagon!

NAZIS ARE PICKED UP

Taking Over Of Ships Is Given Okay More Than 100 Officers and Men Of Bismark Picked Up—Another Destroyer Lost—Details of H. M. S. York

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 29: (CP)—The United States Senate approved and sent to the White House today administration legislation permitting the government to take over more than eighty foreign ships now idle in American harbors.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table of stock prices for Vancouver and Toronto. Vancouver: Big Missouri, .04; Bralorne, 9.65; Cariboo Quartz, 2.30; Dentonia, .01; Fairview, .00 1/2; Gold Belt, .21; Hedley Mascot, .51; Minto, .01 1/4; Noble Five, .00 1/2 (ask); Pacific Nickel, .04; Pend Oreille, 1.30; Pioneer, 2.15 (ask); Premier, .90; Privateer, .49; Reeves McDonald, .10; Reno, .11; Relief Arlington, .01; Sheep Creek, .78. Toronto: A. P. Con., .06; Calmont, .14 1/2; C. & E., 1.05; Home, 1.60; Palcata, .02 1/2; Royal Canadian, .07; Okalta, .50 (ask); Mercury, .03; Prairie Royalties, .05.

Police Revive Charred Writ

Fire Damaged Documents May Be Made Readable

LONDON, May 29: (CP)—Police scientists in the Metropolitan Laboratory at Hendon have discovered a method for making readable badly charred documents. The papers are treated with a 25 percent alcoholic solution of chloral hydrate and dried at 60 degrees centigrade. This process is repeated several times and for the final application a similar solution containing 100 percent glycerine is used. Documents are then photographed on a special plate.

Aussie Women In Air Force

Take Over Ground Radio And Signals Duties To Release Men For Flying

SYDNEY, N.S.W., May 29: (CP)—About 250 women have been enrolled in a Royal Australian Air Force Auxiliary, all qualified radio and teleprinter operators, but they will not fly.

Fighting in the air, on land and at sea had demanded the services of so many skilled radio men, said Air Minister McEwen, that the women were necessary for ground jobs and would serve until they could be replaced by qualified men.

There was a rush to join by 1,500 members of the Women's Air Training Corps who have been preparing themselves for such an emergency.

Launching of a new 57-foot seiner for J. H. Todd & Sons is taking place this afternoon at the McLean yard at Seal Cove. The vessel is fifty-seven feet long with beam of fourteen feet and depth of seven feet. A 75 h.p. Caterpillar engine is already installed and the vessel is almost ready for service.

SCOUTS' WAR JOBS

LONDON, May 29: (CP)—It is announced Boy Scouts are doing 178 different kinds of war service jobs and a large number are helping the navy in convoy work.

Never Say Die—Say Buy—Victory Bonds!

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.93; temperature, 57; sea smooth. Triple Island—Clear, northwest wind, five miles per hour; light swell. Langara Island—Clear, southerly wind, six miles per hour; barometer, 29.94; temperature, 48; light swell and chop.