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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides

. 5:40 a.m. 18.1 ft. 17:27 p.m. 17.5 ft. ..11:37 a.m. 9.1 ft.

# JAPANESE FORCES OFF COAST

### Black-Out Effective All Along Co. View Of War

Announcement Made By Premier On Advice o Authorities-Co-operation of Citizens of P. ace Rupert and Other Cities Asked.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9: (CP)—Effective immediately between dusk and dawn and continuing until further notice, the premier of British Columbia, on the advice of the military authorities, last night issued instructions for a complete blackout of lights and radio communication on Vancouver Island, the whole coast of British Columbia and the lower mainland. The Western Air Command announced last night a complete black-out of Vancouver Island, British Columbia coast and the lower mainland "because the war situation is such that an attack by Japanese forces on the Pacific Northwest coast is imminent."

An official statement said:

"Attention all citizens of British Columbia.

"The war situation is such that an attack by Japanese forces on the Pacific northwest coast is imminent, therefore, on advice of the military authorities, the premier of British Columbia has issued instructens for a complete black-out of lights and radio communication on Vancouver Island, the whole coast of British Columbia and the lower mainland.

"Co-operation of the citizens of Vancouver, Victoria. New Westminster, Prince Rupert and Nanaimo especially is essential to make this effective.

"All lights of any kind must be extinguished or completely obscured including vehicles and boats of all kinds.

"Further instructions will be issued authorizing

lights for ships and essential services.

"The public are assured that defence arrangements by the navy, army and air force are completed and ready for any emergency. There is no necessity for any panic or evacuation.

"These instructions go into effect immediately today between dusk and dawn and continue until further notice."

SITUATION SERIOUS

British Columbia coastal districts bristled today in a state of emergency following warnings by military and civic leaders that an attack on the Pacific Northwest was "imminent" and that the Japanese were off the Aleutian Islands and "we expect them here any time."

Mayor Andrew McGavin of Victoria, made the statement concerning the Japanese off the Aleutians and said the situation was very serious. His statement came as heads of the army and air force warned that the black-out ordered for coastal districts last night was not a black-out but the "real thing" and there is every reason to believe there will be an attack on the Pacific Northwest."

These warnings came soon after Premier T. D. Pattullo broadcast that a full wartime black-out would go into effect immediately on coastal districts and Vancouver Island.

### Strike In San Diego Is Off

War Situation Actuates Millmen General De Gaulle and Belgian section 7, \$57.50. to Return to Work.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 9:-In demand for wage increase.

# Free France At

Government Make Declarations.

organizers today called off a strike Gaulle has declared Free France John E. Morris-Lot 44 and east of 1500 millmen here, stating at war with Japan. The Belgian half of 45, block 3, section there would be arbitration of the government in exile has likewise \$236.75. 'declared.

### NOTICE To Telephone Subscribers

The public is requested not to use their telephones during BLACK-OUT PERIODS, POWER FAILURES or any other EMER-GENCY unless it is absolutely necessary, as it is impossible to handle the traffic during these periods and attend to the necessary emergency telephone services. The co-operation of the public is earnestly requested during this time of national emergency.

ENEMY IN PACIFIC SEATTLE - United States planes took off today to sweep six hundred miles out to sea to search for two or three Japanese aircraft carriers and some

HART IS PREMIER VICTORIA-Hon. John Hart was sworn in as premier today.

submarines reported in Pacific

Coast waters.

were just tests.

NEW YORK ON ALERT NEW YORK - New York was put on an air-raid alert today, but later army officials said they

INVESTIGATE RAID

sufficient vigilance.

OFF GOLDEN GATE SAN FRANCISCO - It. is re- for more equipment. ported that unidentified aircraft approached to within a few miles of the Golden Gate

JAPS CONFIDENT

TOKYO-The Japanese boast that their naval power is sufficiently strong to battle and retain control of the Pacific Ocean. This is their answer to threats of British and American naval blockade.

SMASHED LIT WINDOWS SEATTLE - Crowds smashed windows last night where lights black-out regulations.

### MORE CITY LOTS SOLD

Several Parcels Disposed of With Final Reconsideration of Bylaw.

son was in session yesterday afprogram in Section Seven and for

Lee You Kow-Lot 26, block 30, section 1, \$1,000.

section 1, \$1,172.55.

Knut Hallberg-Lots 1 and 2, block 29, section 6, \$345.00. Jules Sequin and Jos. Nault-

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 2, section

Nickolas Krook-Lot 4, block 34

Albert Dalzell-Lot 46, block 6, section 7, \$105.00. S. Heglund and G. Heglund-

LONDON, Dec. 9:-General De Lot 26, block 14, section 7, \$160.00.

#### HOW TABLES TURNED

19,000 offensive sorties were made against Britain by the Nazis in of Britain was at its height, but advise you. onlý 1500 in September, 1941.

#### BIKES FOR AIRFOLK

LONDON, Dec. 9: (P) Airmen and WAAFS quartered at a distance from their airdromes will be given bicycles in an experiment to save gasoline and mechanical transport.

# Nipponese Planes Reconnoitre Off San Francisco As Well As In Vicinity of Aleutian Islands

#### HELPING IN Selling Reaction EMERGENCY

Youth Congress Makes Suggestions in Connection With Civilian Protection.

a suggestion that there was not Hill explained that an efficient ing off in price. organization had been built up, and that the chief needs now were of thorough civilian training and okalla For

The youth committee unanimously wished to go on record as favoring the calling of a mass yesterday and then turned back meeting of the citizens of Prince mobilized.

fered to the authorities.

# On Stock Market

Day Yesterday Disposing Of 2,900,000 Shares

NEW YORK, Dec. 9:-The reac-The regular meeting of the tion of the opening of war be-WASHINGTON-A military in- pert on Sunday night held a time- vas the largest selling session vestigation is being proposed in. ly discussion led by Howard Hill since November 1940 on the New connection with the surprise on civilian protection organization York Stock Exchange yesterday. raid by Japanese warplanes on in Prince Rupert-viewed in the The sales totalled 2,900,000 shares Honolulu on Sunday. There is light of present emergency. Mr. and there was a konsiderable fall-

# Housebreaking

Joe Dallas and Allan House, for Rupert by the proper authorities breaking and entering the cabin at which provincial instruction of James Sealy along the railway could be given and public support lack were sentenced to one year' imprisonment by Judge W. H One concrete suggestion was Fisher in County Court at the that the services of the scores of end of the week after having been hard-rock miners in Prince Ru- committed for trial by Stipendiary pert could be utilized in construct- Magistrate W. D. Vance. They ing air-raid shelters. Other busi- cleaned out the cabin of clothing ness included the decision to plan and other articles. A juvenile was a youth parliament for next also involved in the case. Dallas spring. Assistance has been of- and House were taken Saturday night to Okalla to serve the time.

### were showing in violation of the STRICT REGULATIONS ON BLACK-OUT ARE EFFECTIVE HERE: DETAILS ANNOUNCED

The following statement is issued by J. J. Little, chairman of the Civilian Protection Committee, in regard to local black-out regulations:

"Last night we were ordered to black-out the city and all surrounding areas on instructions from Victoria. City Commissioner D. J. Mathe- As you people did not know what to do, the only alterternoon to finally reconsider and adopt bylaws providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will make an effort and providing for the need not occur in future if you will need not occur in future if you will need not occur in future if you will need not occur in fu transfer of further property to that effort must be made to totally black-out all lights. Wartime Housing Limited in con- Remember, we will be compelled again to black-out tonection with the house building night and, if we are assured that not the least bit of the sale of nine parcels to private light will show outside, then apart from the outside blackpurchasers. The latter were as out on the streets, electrical energy can be supplied the homes and other vital institutions.

Hirao Mochida—Lot 17, block 32, their store completely, it would be advisable they close their stores from dusk until dawn.

"Here are the rules you must follow:

"As soon as it is dark, all lights must be concealed so that not even a ray of light escapes to the street. This can be done by heavy dark cloth, blanket or black build-Peter J. McCormick and G. Mc- ing paper or plywood, fixed securely so that no light can their posts from dusk until dawn as the metropolis of War With Japan Cormick-Lot 10, block 2, section be seen from the outside.

the streets and told to proceed immediately to their homes as soon as the alarm is sounded or when the city is blacked out.

"Everyone in the city must be prepared so that they can black-out immediately not tomorrow, but today. They people simply retired for the rious consequences. must cut off their main switch, which is usually near the night and stayed in their beds meter, until they have completed the black-out of their homes or business.

"This is your individual responsibility, attend to it completely quiet night. LONDON, Dec. 9: (9)—More than now—today. This is imperative.

"If you do not understand the regulations please September 1940 when the Battle phone some A.R.P. worker whom you know and they will in spite of the shortness of the

"Please understand you must black-out your homes and businesses completely or pull your main switch until you do black-out completely. This emergency will continue from now on so we must all co-operate and get used to the black-out. If this is not done voluntarily, then a summary conviction will follow by the police under the Defence of Canada Regulations."

Just now it begins to get dark about 4 p.m.

Manoeuvre Is Believed to Be to Pull Main United States Fleet Away From Asiatic Waters for Home Defence But Washington Says It Will Fail.

### New York Exchange Had Busy Germany Declares War Against United States

Youth Committee of Prince Ru- tween United States and Japan No Confirmation of Tokyo, Kobe and Formosa Being Bombed—Knocking Out of Singapore Said to Be One of First Aims.

> Canada and the United States took urgent defence precautions today as Japanese aircraft reconnoitred over the San Francisco bay area and other Japanese forces were reported off the Aleutian Islands. Washington observers believed the Japanese were trying to compel the United States to pull the main fleet for coastal defence and predicted that the manoeuvre would fail.

> Meanwhile, the prediction that Germany would declare war against the United States in a few hours was broadcast by the Stockholm correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company. It was later reported that there had been such a declaration.

> Unverified reports of the bombing of Tokyo, Kobe and the Japanese Island of Formosa were broadcast by the Columbia System from Manila, these being the first such reports of aerial counter blows against Japan. However, Imperial headquarters at Tokyo claimed that no air attack had been made upon Japanese territory up to morning.

> A Tokyo broadcast said that Guam and Wake Islands, American-owned stepping stones across the Pacific from Honolulu to Manila, were now under the Japanese flag.

> Co-incidentally Japanese land forces were said to have opened up an attack on the area of Singapore and it appeared one of the first Japanese aims was to knock out this stronghold.

> Berlin quoted a Japanese communique as saying Japanese troops were advancing in northern Thailand toward the Burma road.

## REAL WAR BASIS: TAKES TOTAL BLACK-OUT COOLY

"Until business houses are in a position to black-out Light Watchers Patrol Streets While Civil Protection Workers Man Their Posts-Inconvenience Accepted With Equanimity.

Light watchers patrolled the streets of Prince Rupert last night, nurses, first aid workers, stretcher bearers, decontamination workers and firemen stayed at northern British Columbia went on a full wartime basis. "Parents should see that their children are kept off Dependent as they are upon electrical power for various

services, the people of Prince Rupert had no little inconvenience but they took the situation with vices, was somewhat inconvenequanimity and poise. The blackout being complete, the most of until morning light.

There was no excitement whatever and the police reported

The blackout was completely effective and there was an almost one hundred percent co-operation notice. The lights went off at 7:15 p.m. and were on again at 8:15 a.m.

It was entirely quiet as industries had to close down for the night. There was a rush for flashlights and candles in case another blackout should be called for to-

The Prince Rupert General Hospital, dependent entirely upon

ienced but the staff met the situation well and there were no se-ATTENTION JACK MINER By banding birds the Fish and

electricity for heating and ser-



