

## Weather Report

Prince Rupert—Cloudy cool and calm.

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## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 2:43 a.m. 21.8 ft.  
14:29 p.m. 23.4 ft.  
Low ..... 8:36 a.m. 6.2 ft.  
21:09 p.m. 0.8 ft.

# Hitler Battered Armies Reeling

In South Asia—

## PENANG IS ENCIRCLED; EVACUATED

Japanese Forces Have Effectuated Landing at Hong Kong—General Wavell Not Discouraged—New Philippine Attack.

LONDON, Dec. 19:—Tokyo claimed last night and later it was confirmed here, that Japanese forces had effected a landing in hard-pressed Hong Kong which British military quarters have already admitted can hardly be expected to hold out in view of the supply situation.

Meanwhile in Malaya, the stronghold of Penang, second only in importance to Singapore north of which it lies three hundred miles, is admitted to be surrounded by the Japanese and it would appear quite likely that it has been lost. For 150 years Penang has been a British possession.

General Sir Archibald Wavell is not so discouraged about the situation in southeast Asia. The Japanese are still a long way from overrunning Malaya, he declares, and measures are well in hand to relieve the situation there. A large force of Indian troops has just landed to protect the Burma road.

**New Philippine Attack**  
In the Philippines the Japanese yesterday switched their air attack from Luzon to Panay Island, thirty planes bombing Iloilo, an important industrial city. No effort is being made by the Japanese to extend their land campaign on Luzon. Today there was a heavy air raid on Manila Bay naval base.

At last the United States navy appears to be swinging into action, report being last night that United States submarines had sunk a Japanese transport and destroyers. It is believed that a naval blockade of Japan will be essayed in order to cut off supplies of raw materials, and food and to prevent transport of troops.

## Women Officers For Lip Reading

Federation Appoints Committee to Help Afflicted Service Men.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19:—A committee to co-operate with the Dominion rehabilitation board, in assisting returned members of the armed forces whose hearing has been impaired, was appointed by the Canadian Federation of Lip-Reading, at its annual meeting here, when Mrs. George H. Stewart was elected president, Mrs. M. F. Coghill and Miss E. G. Turnock, secretary and treasurer. All three officers are from Winnipeg. A general report on the work of the federation was given by Mrs. M. A. McQueen, retiring president, and reports were submitted by the leagues in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Windsor, Ont., Ottawa and Montreal.

## ROOF FALLS ON

AGED INDIAN

NEW HAZELTON, Dec. 19:—An old Kispitox Indian was sitting in his shack one day recently when the roof collapsed under weight of snow and fell on him. His hip and back were injured and he lay helpless for several hours until another Indian found him. He was removed to the Hazelton Hospital where he will be a patient for some time.

## CUPID IN LAND ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 19:—Lord Glenborrough, minister of agriculture, told the Northern Ireland House of Commons that every one of the first group of land girls signed up in Ulster had married.

Lord Derby at Queen's Fund Canteen



Lord Derby sips tea at a Queen's Canadian Fund canteen. The tea car was handed over by Lord Derby to Lady Broughton (at left in above picture), Commandant of the North West Division of the Mechanised Transport Corps. The Transport Corps will operate the canteen for the Lord Mayor's Fund. Cars purchased from money sent over by the Queen's Canadian Fund are in operation throughout the United Kingdom. This is but a small part of the work among raid victims made possible by the Queen's Canadian Fund.

## War News

IN SOUTH ASIA

LONDON—A British military commentator today confirmed that Japanese forces had effected a landing at three points in Hong Kong. Heavy fighting was raging and the position of Canadian, British and Indian defenders was described as serious. Tokyo boasted that almost half the city was already in Japanese hands and that Jardine's Hill, mounting to an elevation of 1400 feet in the centre of the island, had been captured in two and a half hours. Following the surrounding of Penang and Wellesley Province by the Japanese forces, a quiet night was reported on the Malayan Peninsula as the enemy, apparently, slowed down to rest themselves after their fierce eleven-day drive which cost them heavily in casualties. The United States naval base at Manila took a pounding today from a series of Japanese air raids after which a long column of smoke was seen rising. Dutch planes attacked a Japanese force which had landed on Sarawak, North Borneo, setting a cruiser afire as well.

RUSSIA VS. GERMANY

MOSCOW—From the Karelian Isthmus on the north to the Black Sea on the south the Germans are on the run before the Red Army. "Piles of dead" and "mountains of war materials" are being left by the Nazis in their headlong retreat over frozen fields. Important cities have fallen back into Russian hands. West of Moscow 138 villages were recaptured by the Russians yesterday alone, 120 in the Tula area, 200 miles south of Moscow and eighteen in the Kalinin sector, 200 miles northwest of the Soviet capital.

BATTLE OF LIBYA

CAIRO—It is a case of "surrender or destruction" for General Erich Rommel's Nazi forces in Libya. The Axis desert army is still struggling desperately to escape towards Derna and Tripoli but the British advance is accelerating and is now 195 miles beyond the Egyptian-Libyan frontier. An Italian air base at Derna is reported to have been captured.

## Civic Centre Subscribers

Capitol Theatre ..... \$100.00  
Union Steamships Ltd. .... 100.00  
Frank Waterhouse Co. of Canada Ltd. .... 50.00  
Centennial Rebekah Lodge ..... 10.00

## NO MOURNFUL HYMNS

LONDON, Dec. 19:—When Evelyn Underhill, a writer on religious mysticism, died, she directed in her will that "no hymns of a mournful or lugubrious kind" be sung at her funeral.

Mrs. Kenneth Dixon of Prince Rupert is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Young, 1149 Hilda Street, Victoria, for the Christmas season.

Russo-German War—

## NAZIS ARE ON RUN ON LONG LINE

Everywhere Along 1200-Mile Front Reds Are Advancing With Huns Falling Back.

MOSCOW, Dec. 19:—The great Russian counter-offensive advance continues with a general German retreat all along the 1200-mile front from Finland on the north to the Sea of Azov on the south. Nowhere are the Russians permitting the enemy to slacken their backward pace.

The Nazi retreat is fastest on the Moscow front where hundreds of villages have been recaptured, 138 since yesterday.

On the north Finnish lines have been broken as the siege of Leningrad has been lifted.

Along the Sea of Azov the western sweep of the Red Army also continues and eighty settlements have been regained.

Only at one point is there any sign of German offensive, that being in Crimea where a desperate assault is being made upon the important Black Sea port of Sebastopol.

The Russian military policy is now one of sending out long salient attacks to surround and annihilate the enemy, this being instead of frontal attacks which are held to be not as effective.

## ARMY CHIEF IS PLEASED

Brigadier Kenneth Stuart Well Satisfied With Vancouver Island Defences.

VICTORIA, Dec. 19:—Brigadier Kenneth Stuart, chief of staff of the Canadian army, has completed a three-day inspection of Vancouver Island coastal defences with which he expresses himself as being well satisfied.

## First Co-operative Produce Shipment

Is Now on Its Way From Telkwa to Prince Rupert Under New Arrangement.

The first co-operative shipment of produce from the central interior is now on the way to Prince Rupert. It comes from the Telkwa district, being contributed by members of the Farmers' Institute there under the management of S. T. Westman, secretary.

## GIVE US THE BOMBS

GLASGOW, Dec. 19:—Give us the bombs and we will drop them" two bomber pilots told workers at a shell and bomb filling factory in northwest England. "We are always standing by on call and only too pleased to go."

## DESTROYER FOR DUTCH

LONDON, Dec. 19:—A cheque for 6,500,000 guilders (about \$3,847,500) for the purchase of a destroyer was handed by Prince Bernhard (Juliana's husband) to Queen Wilhelmina. The money was raised in the Netherlands East Indies.

## Hockey Scores

Detroit, 3; Brooklyn, 4.  
Rangers, 5; Chicago, 1.

## KITWANGA BOYS

KITWANGA, Dec. 19:—Roy and Kelly Morgan were to have come home to Kitwanga for the Christmas holiday season on leave from their military duties but word is now received that they will not be here. They are stationed at North Vancouver.

## German Troops Withdraw From Finland in Great Hurry as Reds Mop Up; Axis Routed In Libya

## AXIS WAR LORDS IN MEETING

Gathering in Berlin to Consider Present Situation.

BERLIN, Dec. 19:—A big meeting of Axis military leaders is being held here to consider the present situation. German, Italian and Japanese war chiefs are in attendance.

## BAD BLOW FOR ITALY

Five Thousand Fascists Lost As Well As Two Cruisers, Destroyer and Three Transports.

TUNIS, French Tunisia, Dec. 19:—It was reported today that some thousand Italians had been rescued along the Tunisian coast from a convoy which had been attacked by the British Navy in which two Italian cruisers, a destroyer and three transports were sunk, taking a toll of five thousand Italian victims.

## WOMEN GIVE WAR BLOOD

Fifty Percent of Ottawa's Givers to This Service Are the Gentler Sex.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19:—Since May, 1941, more than 6,400 Ottawa residents have shared in Ottawa's contribution directed by the Red Cross Voluntary Blood Donors Service for members of the armed forces and bombed civilians overseas. At least 50 percent of the donors are women.

Five years ago Ottawa women pioneered in donating their blood for sickness and emergency having their donations processed at laboratories in Toronto for shipment overseas.

J. R. Potter, a Red Cross secretary is a champion of women blood donors. "Women throughout Canada should be permitted to make this front line contribution," he said.

Mr. Potter was one of the originators of the first Canadian voluntary transfusion service established by a group of Great War veterans in Montreal in 1927. "We wanted to transmit to future generations in civil life the spirit of service and sacrifice that prevailed among the troops in France during the last war," he said.

Some years later when transferred to Ottawa, Mr. Potter assisted in the formation of a service here which in 1937 became the Red Cross Voluntary Blood Donors Service. Since that time, with a membership of 250 men and women on call at any hour of the day or night, the service has given 530 transfusions at hospitals.

Contributions from three donors are required to make enough for one transfusion of 250 cubic centimetres or approximately half a pint. From the 6,406 donors a total of 5,359 transfusions have already been forwarded to Toronto. Second donations have been given by 1,104 donors.

SOUTHEAST ASIA IS STILL TOUGH SPOT FOR BRITISH WITH JAPANESE LANDING AT HONG KONG—PENANG IN MALAYA IS SURROUNDED.

Hitler's battered invasion armies, reeling in Russia and North Africa, are reported to have abandoned their Finnish allies today as Soviet dispatches reported huge new gains in the seventeen-day-old counter-offensive on the central front.

The British Broadcasting Corporation said: "Reports from Helsinki this morning say that all German troops have been withdrawn from Finland in a great hurry." The broadcast said that Finnish lines had been shattered between Lakes Onega and Ladoga by the Red Army drive in the vicinity of the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway.

In the Libyan Desert, British troops captured Derna airport, 100 miles southwest of Tobruk, but Derna itself was said to be still in Axis hands.

British forces were reported advancing in all directions west and north of Mekili, 40 miles below Derna, with the Germans and Italians fleeing in two bodies—one toward Derna and the other toward Bengasi on the Gulf of Sirte.

IN FAR EAST

Fighting in the Far East centred at Hong Kong where London military sources said the Japanese, landing in considerable force, had effected a landing on the island. It was added that "heavy fighting is going on and the position is serious."

Although faced by considerable Japanese forces, British and Canadian troops on the island of Hong Kong are putting up a grim last-ditch stand against the invaders, it was announced here today.

Reuters announced tonight the receipt of a German broadcast of a Tokyo dispatch acknowledging that British forces still hold key positions on the island. The dispatch was received shortly after 9 a.m. (PST) or 1 a.m. Saturday, Hong Kong time.

A British Colonial Office spokesman said today that not the slightest credence should be attached to Berlin rumors that Sir Mark Young, governor of Hong Kong, had left there.

The Japanese advance down the Malayan Peninsula was slowed down despite isolation of Penang Island off the north coast. The British garrison at Penang was evacuated safely.

Twice today Japanese bombers roared over Manila and bombed the naval base at nearby Cavite. The Japanese have made no further attempts to follow up a land campaign on the Philippines. The fifth column danger, which had been considered dangerous, is now well in hand, United States authorities declared.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	15 1/2
Bralorne	9.56 A
Cariboo Quartz	1.70
Hedley Mascot	.33
Pend Oreille	1.45
Pioneer	2.05
Premier	.38
Privateer	.45
Reno	.13
Sheep Creek	.84
Oils	
C. & E.	1.10
Calmont	.16
Home	2.25
Royal Canadian	.03 1/2
Toronto	
Beattie	.93
Central Patricia	1.35
Consolidated Smelters	37.76
Hardrock	.49
Kerr Addison	4.25
Little Long Lac	1.30
McLeod Cockshutt	1.63
Madsen Red Lake	.92
Moneta	.27
Pickie Crow	2.30
Preston East Dome	2.90
San Antonio	1.95
Sherritt Gordon	.83

## BREST IS HIT AGAIN

German Warships Scharnhorst and Gneissau Reported Under Fire Once More.

LONDON, Dec. 19:—The Royal Air Force has hit those famous German warships—Scharnhorst and Gneissau—once again in a bombing attack on Brest in Nazi-occupied France yesterday in the course of air attacks on enemy territory. The Prinz Eugen was also at Brest. There was a daylight follow-up today.

A lone German bomber attacked an East Anglia town and caused some casualties.

## SECOND BAR GUNNER

LONDON, Dec. 19:—Top-scoring sergeant pilot of the fighter command, D. E. Kingaby has received a second bar to his Distinguished Flying Medal. He has shot down 18 enemy aircraft.

Fred Wight sailed last night on the Prince George for Vancouver to spend the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, arrived in the city on last night's train from Smithers and sailed on the Prince George for Vancouver.