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Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide information: High 9:01 a.m. 17.2 ft., 2:01 p.m. 17.9 ft., Low 2:50 a.m. 9.2 ft., 15:24 a.m. 6.7 ft.

Weather

Prince Rupert & Haida Islands - Light variable winds with some clouds, mostly fair and mild.

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Germans Held Back Everywhere

War News

HITLER TO BALKANS

BERLIN—Chancellor Adolf Hitler is visiting the Balkan front. He will spend his fifty-second birthday on Sunday at field headquarters "somewhere in southeastern Europe" personally directing the campaign against Great Britain and Greece.

LONDON IS CONCERNED

LONDON—Increasing concern is felt in London over the military situation in Greece, particularly in view of the Nazi dive-bombing attacks which are being carried out on a "round the clock" basis. However, all Allied lines are still holding firm today in spite of the fierce Nazi assaults. The Germans are suffering terrific casualties with the dead piled high everywhere.

AIR FORCE ACTIVE

CAIRO—The Royal Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force are continuing effective raids on enemy positions and concentrations in North Africa. A number more German and Italian prisoners have been taken. The enemy are suffering heavy losses both in men and equipment. The advance of the Italians and Germans appears to have definitely bogged down at the Egyptian frontier.

WHAT HALIFAX THINKS

WASHINGTON—Viscount Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, after a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull on the North African war situation, said that the situation there had become stabilized, that the North African campaign was more important than that in the Balkans which had become critical and that he did not think Turkey would be invaded by Germany because Turkey would resist such an invasion by arms.

PARLIAMENT HOUSES DAMAGED

LONDON—Both Houses of Parliament were damaged in recent air raids, it was announced officially tonight.

THROAT CUT LAST NIGHT

Joseph Ware Streaming With Blood, Runs Into Police— Goes to Hospital—Wife in Jail

Joseph Ware went to the Prince Rupert General Hospital about 11 o'clock last night with a cut throat and his wife landed in the lock-up as a result of a melee in the Dominion Rooms on Third Avenue. Ware, hands clutching his throat from which blood was streaming, ran into the very arms of Constables D. D. McIndoe and W. J. Currie on patrol duty. He refused to talk but the trail of blood led to the room where his wife was found. The incident is under further investigation.

New Deal For Hospital Aid

A communication from the Arrow Lakes General Hospital Association of Nakusp, read at last night's meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital board, a keed endorsement for a resolution which said that the present method of distribution of public funds for the assistance of hospitals was inequitable and sought a plan whereby such assistance would be based on the service given to indigent patients. The resolution was referred to the executive committee.

Five Axis Ships Lost

LONDON, April 19: (CP)—Four Axis merchant ships and an escort vessel were set afire or left sinking yesterday, the Air Ministry announced in a communique saying that eight British planes were missing from the day's operations over the North Sea. Bad weather restricted air operations on both sides of the Channel last night.

ARMY'S TRADE SCHOOLS PROVE GREAT SUCCESS

Graduates Will Return to Their Units Well Equipped to Serve in Vital Technical Posts

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TORONTO, April 18: (CP)—An experimental class established in the local plant of the International Harvester Company for skilled army mechanic instructors has proved so successful that the Department of National defence has decided to extend the scheme to 12 other centres in Canada. The possibility of still further expansion is under consideration.

The test class was inaugurated February 17 as part of the general plan adopted by the army to train its own skilled and semi-skilled workmen rather than tap sources supplying vital war industries. Facilities in the company's plant were offered to the service by F.M. Morton, and W. C. Herald, respectively vice-president and manager of motor truck sales in Canada.

"The results attending the first class in Toronto have been phenomenal," said Lt.-Col. Spencer Ball, who has charge of the Dominion-wide organization responsible for the training of embryo army craftsmen.

Col. Ball said that for the present additional plant schools for the development of instructors would be confined to the International Harvester Company with classes to be organized in the following centres: Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Kingston, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Vancouver. The Toronto school will also be retained.

Gradual Expansion

Offers of similar facilities have been received from other Canadian firms and garages but any expansion, Col. Ball said, would be gradual to avoid the possibility of overlapping.

Ten officers from different units making up the Canadian armored division, now in training at Camp Borden, were assigned to undergo the test course. In civilian life they had followed varied professions including the brokerage business, insurance and accountancy. A few had been students while two were members of the permanent force. None had any prior knowledge of mechanics.

At the end of the six week's course the entire class graduated with a high rating in theoretical examinations and practical work. "The course these men have taken is actually equivalent to 2 1/2 years of normal apprenticeship," said M. L. H. Kain, assistant plant manager of the company. The graduates would return to their units well equipped to serve as instructors or specialists on whom the smooth-functioning of the army's mechanized wing depends.

The new plant schools will be operated on lines similar to those governing the experimental class with 10 officers or N.C.O.'s attending each six weeks' course. Training facilities, tools and instructional personnel is being supplied by the company without cost.

Plant instruction will be in charge of Mr. Kain and Maurice Smith and military supervision will be undertaken by officers in each military district in accordance with plans drawn up by Col. J. K. Lawson, director of military training.

Elementary Stages

The training syllabus for the first two weeks takes the men through the elementary stages of engine operation, operation of trucks, along with care and maintenance of vehicles once they are in service.

From there they move on to more practical work such as re-

Heading Off Iraq Thrust

LONDON, April 19: (CP)—Great Britain is moving to forestall a possible Axis thrust toward the prized oil fields of Iraq and has lauded strong Imperial forces to open "lines of communication" through that country which was the scene of a government overthrow fifteen days ago. An official announcement said that troops had been landed at Basra at the head of the Persian Gulf.

PRISONERS GET AWAY

No Less Than Twenty-Eight Germans Escape from Port Arthur Camp—Nineteen Still at Large

PORT ARTHUR, April 19: (CP)—A vast manhunt by police, soldiers and civilians was spurred today by the capture of nine of twenty-eight Germans prisoners of war who tunneled their way out of a northwestern Ontario internment camp during the night.

Nineteen of the escaped men remained at large today in rugged bush country where the camp is located but officials expressed belief that they could not get far without encountering patrols.

Baseball Scores

American League: New York 4, Washington 7, Boston 3, Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 2, Detroit 4, St. Louis 3, Chicago 6. National League: Philadelphia 2, New York 7, Brooklyn 11, Boston 6, Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 6, St. Louis 4.

placement of component parts, complete dismantling and re-conditioning of the various units of a motor, brake adjustment and re-lining, piston fitting, adjustment of electrical equipment, carburetor, clutch, transmission and rear-axle repairs and assembly.

The final week is devoted to an oral review of the entire course followed by written examination. "I don't think anyone who has taken this course need have any worries about motor problems that may come his way," said Lieut. Jack E. Wilkins of London, Ont., member of the graduating class.

Others to graduate in this first class were: Lieuts. O. Fuller, London, Ont.; R. H. Harrison, Montreal; D. Carmichael, Winnipeg; H. Hawes, Calgary; G. J. Gray, Montreal; J. L. Dubreuil, Montreal; L. I. Knowles, Oshawa, Ont.; D. M. Irwin, Qhawa and H. W. Gauth-

GRECIAN PREMIER IS DEAD

Sudden Death of Alexandros Korizis—Military Governor Orders Calm

ATHENS, April 19: (CP)—Sudden death of Alexandros Korizis, Premier of Greece for less than three months, was announced late Friday night in a broadcast from Athens radio. King George II is assuming personal leadership of the nation in possibly the most critical phase in its centuries of history and proclamation by Christos Cavakos said he had assumed duties of vice-premier and supreme military governor on orders of the war ministry. He urged calm discipline, forbidding all group assemblies and warning that any who infringed the order would be court-martialed. Premier Korizis was sixty-five years of age and a banker. He succeeded his friend General John Metaxas as Premier on the death of the latter January 29. Korizis died at his home, the cause not being disclosed. Funeral takes place today.

King George II still worked today to shape a new government in the overnight change necessitated by the death of Premier Korizis.

Flashes—2 p.m.

MOUNT OLYMPUS FALLS: BERLIN—The German High Command announces the capture tonight of Mount Olympus, the "Home of the Gods" in Greece, as well as the railway centre of Larissa.

DEATH BY SUICIDE: ATHENS—The death of Premier Korizis was by suicide, it was reported tonight.

BLITZ ON LONDON: LONDON—Swarms of Nazi bombers, coming in low from two directions, are subjecting London to another blitz raid tonight.

RUMANIA TROUBLE: BUDAPEST—The internal situation in Rumania has become critical again. Premier Ion Antonescu announces that a new terrorist plot against his pro-Nazi government has been uncovered. There will be extermination for all persons involved regardless of their standing. Mass arrests have been made. Germany is rapidly beginning to lose confidence in Antonescu, it is said.

Operation Of Ambulance Up

The possibility of operating the ambulance direct from the hospital instead of by outside drivers as at present was brought up at last night's meeting of the hospital board. The engineer and one of the orderlies had expressed willingness to take on the job of ambulance maintenance and operation, it was reported. Miss Margaret Jamieson R.N., lady superintendent, and H. W. Birch, managing secretary, are following up the idea.

Training classes for army recruits in a number of valuable trades are to be started immediately at Vancouver and recruits are now being received at Prince Rupert. Recruits must be between nineteen and thirty-five years of age, in Category A or B and anxious to learn a trade.

Nazis Hordes Unable To Penetrate Defence Lines; Enormous Losses

Wave After Wave of Mechanized Enemy Forces Mowed Down by Murderous Allied Fire in Mountains of Northern Greece

ATHENS, April 19: (CP)—British and Greek defenders of the tightened Hellenic line declared today that their front was unbroken and their flanks unturned under tremendous onslaught of Axis armies bolstered by Nazi divisions streaming south from Yugoslavia. A dispatch filed at 2:25 p.m. (4:25 a.m. Pacific Standard Time) said the British forces announced their front was nowhere penetrated and heavy Nazi attacks by armored formations and masses of infantry were repulsed with severe losses. Imperial troops are reported in action along the entire front as waves of German infantry tried vainly to force their way up mountains guarding passes in the face of murderous fire. Many Germans were taken prisoner and mountain passes were strewn with dead and wounded Nazis.

Word from the north indicated that Allied lines were unbroken in the past twelve hours despite relentless Nazi pressure costing the attackers tremendous casualties. An Australian detachment, surrounded by a German battalion near Serbia, was reported to have fought its way back to the British lines, taking 150 prisoners.

Bulletins

SHIPS REQUISITIONED: VICHY—Fifty-three merchant ships have been requisitioned from the French in recent months, it was reliably learned today. It was not said definitely but, apparently, the ships were requisitioned by the Germans.

SPORTSMAN EARL KILLED: LONDON—The Earl of Kimberley, a noted polo player, was among those who were killed in the great air raid on Britain Wednesday night.

NEW COMMANDERS NAMED: OTTAWA—Lieut. Col. T. J. Rutherford of Owen Sound and Lieut. Col. A. R. Spencer of London, Ontario, have been appointed to command the first and second Canadian army brigades with rank of brigadier. Lieut. Col. F. A. Lee R.C.C.S. and Lieut. Col. J. A. Vandenberg P.P.C.L.I. are named second in command respectively.

VISITING WASHINGTON: WASHINGTON—Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian minister of munitions and supply, and Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of naval affairs, are visiting Washington.

QUEEN'S AIR RAID FUND

The amount credited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mandy yesterday should have been \$5 and not \$4.00 as published. This makes previously subscribed \$41.00. Other receipts are: Mr. A. McKenzie \$2.00, Mr. E. Weeks \$1.00, Ernest Wilding \$5.00.

Having brought north numerous cannery workers for the Skeena River and elsewhere along the coast, Union steamer Cardena, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the south and sailed a couple of hours later on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. On leaving Vancouver, the Cardena was a crowded ship. The cannery people coming north included Angus Currie, manager of Claxton Cannery, and Mrs. Currie and sons; C. E. Salter, manager of Carlisle; E. P. McMillan, manager of Cassiar; H. W. Harris, manager of North Pacific, and Mrs. Harris, and A. D. Matheson, manager of Tallho, Rivers Inlet, and Mrs. Matheson. Also coming north on the Cardena were Fred Rudge, for Cassiar and C. E. Avis for North Pacific.

Provincial Police Officers Transfer

Constable Cartwright to Terrace—Constable Munkley to Essington—Constable Moore to City

A three-way transfer affecting well known district police officers is announced today at divisional headquarters of the provincial police. Constable A. P. Cartwright goes from city detachment here to Terrace, Constable B. E. Munkley goes from Terrace to Port Essington and Constable R. C. Moore comes in from Port Essington to the city. Constable and Mrs. Cartwright, who have been on a vacation trip to the Gulf Islands, are returning to the city from the south on the Catala tomorrow evening.

Tourist Bureau Being Revived

Officers Elected and Work Already Started by Committee Appointed at Meeting

On Thursday evening there was a meeting of the local Tourist Bureau to reorganize after a rather long period of inactivity. H. F. Pullen was elected president in place of W. J. Alder and Acting City Commissioner D. J. Matheson vice-president, with T. J. Williams secretary. Those present were Dr. J. T. Mandy, J. C. Gilker, Owen Hooper, H. F. Pullen, T. J. Williams and L. M. Felsenthal.

Mrs. Felsenthal and Hooper were appointed a committee to look into the possibility of a new direction board at the docks with the possibility of distribution of stuffer for use in mail going to United States points explaining how easy it is for tourists to get into and out of Canada. This work is starting right away.