

Weather Forecast
 Prince Rupert and
 Jette Islands—Moderate
 to southwest winds, clouds
 mild with intermittent rain, clouds
 breaking occasionally over the
 Queen Charlotte Islands

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides		
High	2:52 a.m.	21.5 ft.
	14:40 p.m.	23.2 ft.
Low	8:40 a.m.	5.9 ft.
	21:22 p.m.	1.0 ft.

British Troops Driving Into Africa

BIG PUSH BY NAZIS

Russians Claim to Be Holding Enemy All Along Line and Pushing Them Back at Some Points.

RESIST NEW DRIVE
 LONDON, Nov. 20:—The Russians today were resisting a new German offensive against Moscow with especially heavy fighting under way at Volokolamsk, 65 miles west and slightly north of Moscow, at Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, and at Tula, 100 miles to the south.

MOSCOW, Nov. 20:—Soviet forces are almost everywhere holding the increased pressure of the new Nazi drive and at some points are pushing the Nazis back. This is the Moscow report. Moscow, however, finally admitted the fall of the Black Sea port of Kerch.

A Berlin statement last night said that improved weather was enabling the Germans to make headway in advancing their general new drive against Russia, particularly in the Leningrad area. All along the front hundreds of German bombing planes are active while panzer troops are said to have broken through the Russian lines at one point in the Donets River basin. A concentrated assault is being directed against Rostov. The Nazi drive is being increased both by air and land pressure.

WEYGAND'S POSITION

Special Communique From Vichy Today Announces Retirement

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED
 VICHY, Nov. 20:—Retirement of General Maxime Weygand as delegate-general and commander-in-chief in North Africa was announced by the Petain government tonight. The post of delegate-general is abolished with a permanent secretariat-general to replace it. General Alfone Juin, released from a German prison camp, is named commander-in-chief of the untested French North Africa forces and General Barrau is made commander in French West Africa where strategic Dakar is situated.

VICHY, Nov. 20:—A special communique in regard to the status of General Maxime Weygand is expected to be published today. Weygand, who has been in command of the French colonial army in North Africa, is believed to have come to the parting of the ways with the "Men of Vichy." He has refused to lead his forces against the Free French or to consent to full collaboration with the Axis.

Weygand left Vichy for "somewhere in southern France" today and denied reports that he had resigned as pro-consul and military commander in North Africa.

Apology Made To Litvinoffs

New Russian Ambassador to United States and Wife Were Stood Up by British Plane.

TEHERAN, Nov. 20:—The British minister at Teheran has apologized to Maxim Litvinoff, new Soviet ambassador to the United States, for the action of a British transport plane in leaving for Cairo without Mr. and Mrs. Litvinoff aboard the plane after having made reservations.

Ark Royal Attacker Now Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 20:—The Admiralty announced tonight that a German submarine which it was practically certain had been involved in the sinking of the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, has been destroyed in the Mediterranean.

The announcement credited the British corvette Marigold with destroying the submarine two days after the Ark Royal had been torpedoed.

OLD MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Mark Luther of Port Simpson Succumbed on Island Close to Village.

After he had been missing for a day, the body of Mark Luther, 70-year-old native of Port Simpson, was found on Burnaby Island, about four miles from Port Simpson, by searchers late last night.

Luther had gone out to Finlayson Island in a rowboat to gather wood and was, apparently, coming back home when he went ashore on Burnaby Island. He had walked up the beach and, apparently, collapsed and died.

Sighting of deceased's boat on the beach led the searchers to his body. It is considered possible that his boat had been drifting in the wind, making it difficult for him to return home.

Death was evidently due to natural causes.

POLICEMAN IS KILLED

Constable Frank Clark and Felix Cooke Lose Lives Near Victoria When Patrol Car Hits Bus, Highway.

VICTORIA, Nov. 20:—Provincial Constable Frank Clark, aged 26, and Felix Cooke, 28, Victoria wholesale feed company employee, were killed last night when a highway patrol car Clark was driving crashed into a bus on the Island Highway near here. No passengers in the crowded bus were injured.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	16 1/2
Bralorne	10.50
Cariboo Quartz	1.99
Hedley Mascot	45 A
Pend Oreille	1.65
Pioneer	2.10
Premier	.68
Privateer	.47
Reno	.12
Sheep Creek	.88
Oils	
Calmont	.18
C. & E.	1.30
Home	2.60
Royal Canadian	.04 1/2
Toronto	
Beattie	1.02
Central Pat.	1.45
Cons. Smelters	38.50
Hardrock	.66
Kerr Addison	4.45
Little Long Lac	1.65
McLeod Cockshutt	2.05
Madsen Red Lake	.55
McKenzie Red Lake	1.05
Moneta	.30
Pickle Crow	2.61
Preston East, Dome	3.15
San Antonio	2.20
Sherritt Gordon	.92

PATTULLO STAYS ON

Minister of Agriculture Is Latest to Submit Resignation From Provincial Government.

VICTORIA, Nov. 20:—Premier T. D. Pattullo, in a statement today, declared "in the present political situation I am going to carry on and meet the house on December 4."

The premier said that he was carrying on a Liberal administration "because I think it the right thing to do and, whatever the immediate results may be, I feel assured that time will again vindicate my action."

Mr. Pattullo also disclosed the resignation of Hon. Dr. K. C. MacDonald, minister of agriculture, who favors coalition, had been submitted but said "Dr. MacDonald is staying with us."

The premier also said he had not yet accepted the resignation submitted yesterday by Norman Whittaker as attorney general.

MEETING ON WAR EFFORT

Canadian Legion Is Asking Citizens Of Prince Rupert To Go "All Out"

The Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, in general meeting last night, went on record as throwing its full weight behind the campaign to go ahead with the plan of the Dominion executive of the Canadian Legion for an all out war effort. As a result a public mass meeting will be held in the Legion rooms next Wednesday evening at which the endorsement of a "total war" effort will be asked from the organization and citizens of Prince Rupert.

An interesting and interested visitor to the meeting was Major John MacGregor V.C., M.C., D.C.M., who conveyed to the meeting the thanks of Col. C. W. Peck V.C., D.S.O. for the generous entertainment provided for him during his visit to the city. The opportunity to meet his old comrades and fellow citizens was one that Col. Peck had appreciated very much. Major MacGregor also voiced his own appreciation of the hospitality of the Legion and added a word on behalf of the Canadian Scottish Battalion. He recalled how, when in London in 1929 on the occasion of the visit of the holders of the Victoria Cross, he had been greeted by Bob Leighton, a former Prince Rupert resident and veteran who had run out from the London police cordon to shake hands with him and ask him to convey his greetings to Prince Rupert and his old comrades. Major MacGregor's talk was of intense interest to the members.

Six applications for regular membership and four for social club membership were approved. President Jack Preece was in the chair and, following adjournment, the members visited the bazaar which the Women's Auxiliary was holding. All the proceeds this year are being used by the auxiliary for war work and the display of work at the bazaar was indicative of the high standard of work done by the women of the auxiliary.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—A disturbance passing over the north coast has given light to moderate rains there. It is cloudy on the central coast and partly cloudy in the south.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate to occasional south-east winds, cloudy in the north portion with a little light rain towards night, mostly fair in the southern portion.

AXIS SHIPS IN SHELTER

Ten in Kobe Alone With Others Elsewhere in Japanese Ports.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Nov. 20:—Ten Axis raiders and supply ships are reported here to be sheltered in the Japanese port of Kobe with others elsewhere.

Among the German vessels in Japanese ports are the former liners Scharnhorst and Kummerland.

PARLEY AT STANDSTILL

Nothing Accomplished Yet at Conference in Washington Between U.S. and Japan.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20:—Negotiations between United States and Japan at a special conference here have come to a standstill. Saburo Kurusu, the special envoy from Japan, has received new instructions from his government giving him a month to reach an agreement with the United States.

It was suggested that Premier General Hideki Tojo might make an important statement before the Japanese Parliament before the scheduled end of a special session on Friday.

NEW AIR SQUADRON

Canadian Torpedo-Bomber Unit to Be Ready Soon for Operation Overseas.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20:—Organization of the first Royal Canadian Air Force torpedo-bomber squadron overseas was announced today. It will be ready for operation shortly.

AXIS SHIPS TAKEN OVER

Brazil Already Operating Two Interned Vessels and Plans to Use Eleven More.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 20:—The Brazilian government is already operating two interned Axis ships and will soon take over eleven more. By the end of the year Brazil expects to be operating 252,000 tons of such ships. The idea is to compensate Germany and Italy after the war.

DESIGNATED AS ENEMIES

Finland, Bulgaria and Rumania Now Subject to Full British Naval and Military Action.

LONDON, Nov. 20:—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told parliament yesterday that Finland, Rumania and Bulgaria were now subject to have all military and naval action from Great Britain applied against them.

Nazi Prisoners Fail to Escape

Tried to Make Get-Away From Kingston Camp by Concealing Themselves in Piano.

PARLEY ON FISHERIES

Local Operators Ask Larger Quota, Merger of Areas and Later Opening of Season.

Larger annual poundage quota, merging of fishing areas and later opening of the season were among the requests made by representatives of the Prince Rupert harbor fleet—boat owners and fishermen—when in conference yesterday afternoon with L. W. Patmore, K.C., of Victoria, and A. J. Whitmore of Ottawa, Canadian members of the International Fisheries Commission. If such requests were met the local operators felt that they would be able to participate more fairly in the profits of the industry.

STEAMER ASHORE

Alaska Liner Cordova Refloated From Reef and Taken to Ketchikan.

SEATTLE, Nov. 20:—A coast-guard cutter today pulled the liner Cordova free from an Alaskan reef in Chatham Strait, thirty-five miles from Ketchikan, where she grounded last night enroute south from Juneau to Ketchikan. The Cordova, which belongs to the Alaska Steamship Co. and is a combination passenger and freight vessel, proceeded to Ketchikan with coastguard escort and an army transport which took aboard the passengers.

Lewis Rejects Proposal Made By President

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20:—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, yesterday rejected a proposal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that discussion of the issue of a "closed shop" in the Captive coal mines be postponed until after the present crisis. The proposal was made by the president in the effort to bring to an end the present strike in these mines.

Leaders Agree To Meet Again

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20:—Railway union leaders have agreed to a request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to confer again on Friday with a view to obviating a general railway strike which is threatened for December 7.

PARLIAMENT CHEERS AS CHURCHILL ANNOUNCES NEW LIBYA OFFENSIVE

So Far No Serious Opposition Has Been Met But Major Test of Mechanized Forces Expected Soon—Large-Scale Battle Looms.

LONDON, Nov. 20:—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a cheering House of Commons today that British forces had already won a marked advantage in the new campaign from Egypt into Cirenaica but that all depended on a swift and decisive test of armor, air power and mechanization which could be expected to follow soon. Everything would probably be settled within a short time by a large-scale battle of mechanization. The Prime Minister told the house that the new assault against the enemy along a broad front had commenced early Tuesday after five months of elaborate preparations. For the first time in this war the British were meeting the Germans on at least an equally armed basis. The general advance had commenced under conditions of heavy rainfall on the Mediterranean coast. The Prime Minister was guardedly optimistic of the outcome.

Mr. Churchill's declaration said that Britain's long-awaited big push across North Africa sprung out of the Egyptian dawn two days ago. It had already won positions of marked advantage and the major test could not be long delayed.

The Premier said: "It is far too soon to indulge in any speculation—all now depends on the battle which follows. It is evident that the next few days will see developments which will include many highly interesting features."

Mr. Churchill said that Britain had planned and massed strength for five months before unleashing the attack to destroy the German and Italian armies in Libya and added: "This is the first time we have met the Germans at least equally well armed."

The Prime Minister told Commons that the British this time had caught their foes by surprise and added that, "just as in a sea battle, a desert campaign may be settled one way or another in the course of a few hours."

London military quarters said today that the British offensive was sweeping forward but that a fixed battle could be expected to be not far off. British, Indian and Anzac troops are being used and, so far, they have met with no serious opposition. General Sir Claude Auchinach is in general command with Lieut. General Sir Alan Cunningham personally directing the land operations. The front extends a distance of 150 miles from the Mediterranean coast into the desert. British forces are estimated to number 750,000 men.

RELATIONS TO FRANCE

Retirement of Weygand Makes It Necessary for United States to Review Whole Matter.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20:—The Department of State announced today that the United States was reviewing the entire relationship with France because of the removal of General Maxime Weygand as Vichy pro-consul in French North Africa.

The announcement emphasized that Weygand's removal was an ominous development in growing Franco-German collaboration which might be seriously detrimental to American interests.

Last Rites of Church Given To Minister

MONTREAL, Nov. 20:—Last rites of the Roman Catholic Church were administered last night to Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, whose illness was announced by his physician yesterday to have taken a dangerous turn. His wife and daughter and son-in-law are staying close to his bedside.

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King spent half an hour with Mr. Lapointe last night, it being his second visit within five days.