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Tomorrow's Tides

High 4:10 a.m. 19.3 ft.
17:00 p.m. 16.9 ft.
Low 10:55 a.m. 6.0 ft.
22:51 p.m. 8.7 ft.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Light, occasional southerly wind, cloudy and mild with a little light rain.

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New Alliance Is Now Looming Up

PROTEST BY AXIS

States Hears From Germany Italy in Regard to Seizure of Ships

RELEASE DEMANDED WASHINGTON, D.C., April 1: (CP)—Germany and Italy have demanded that the United States release Axis ships which were taken into protective custody the week and also that the members be released, it was learned today. The demands were made in protest notes lodged by the Axis embassies yesterday.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Notes protesting seizure by the United States of numerous controlled vessels lying in American ports were forwarded to the Department of State last night by the diplomatic representatives of Germany and Italy. Their contents were not revealed officially.

Germany threatened by the notes, it is believed, although Germany is expected to claim that the action constitutes "illegal seizure of German property." The Italian note is expected to be along similar lines. Secretary of State Cordell Hull stated that the action of the United States did not constitute an "act of war." The United States had the right to seize the vessels in view of alleged sabotage in American waters. There were indications in South American countries that similar action against German and Italian ships lying in those ports. There are forty Nazi and fifty-six Italian vessels in South American ports. Twenty-five hundred to three thousand men are imprisoned on Axis ships or otherwise held following the United States seizures. The United States will either release the ships or ignore the protests, it is believed.

speculation has now arisen as to whether or not the United States may take similar action in regard to nineteen French ships lying in American ports including the crack transatlantic liner *Andalou* at New York.

FINAL BULLETINS

MEXICO FOLLOWS SUIT
MEXICO CITY—Responsible sources at the Mexican naval ministry said today that orders had been issued to marines and customs guards at Vera Cruz and Tampico to place twelve German and Italian ships in protective custody. A short time previous it had been said that nine Italian ships were making preparations for a desperate dash from Tampico for home.

EDEN IN BELGRADE
BELGRADE—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Chief Sir John Dill, British general staff, were reported to have arrived in Belgrade today from Athens.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK
BERLIN — German sources claimed today that the 4876 ton British freighter *War Lady* had recently been sunk in overseas waters by a German warship.

BATTLE OF IONIAN SEA
ALEXANDRIA—Three British battleships, one aircraft carrier, four cruisers and a number of destroyers, on the one side, and three Italian battleships, eleven cruisers and fourteen destroyers, on the other, were stated to have taken part at the end of the week in the Battle of the Ionian Sea in which the British scored such a decisive victory.

ITALIANS SEEKING PEACE
LONDON—The Evening Standard said today that Italy was sending out peace feelers through Madrid. Apparently doomed now to complete Nazi subjugation, reports are that the Italian people are becoming very restless with the Mussolini regime.

ROOSEVELT HOME
WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt returned to Washington today following his fishing cruise to Florida and Caribbean waters.

DEATH IS ACCIDENT

Investigation Into Fatality at Surf Inlet Mine Last Week

Verdict of accidental death with no blame attached to any person was returned yesterday afternoon by the coroner's jury here which investigated fatal injuries received by Melvin Preston of Vancouver at the Surf Inlet Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd. mine at Surf Inlet last week. Preston had been brought here by airplane and died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital not long after arrival. He had been hopelessly injured with a smashed skull.

Preston was the driver of an electric locomotive which shuttled dump cars in and out of the mine. There were seven such dump cars. Melvin was taking the dump train back into the mine from the dump and, as usual, had cut off some of the cars to let them coast down a grade from the end of the dump on to a trestle about 21 feet above the main track below leading from bunkers to mill. On running back on to one of the detached cars it became derailed and the whole train ran off the trestle. Preston was still on the locomotive and, on being thrown off, fell on his head, the fatal injuries being thus inflicted. It is believed, had he acted in time to save his own life, he could have stepped safely clear. It is thought, however, that he might have been endeavouring to keep the locomotive from following the rest of the train off the bridge.

The inquest was conducted by Deputy Coroner A. J. Lancaster with M. M. Stephens as foreman of the jury. Chief witnesses were Charles Graham, inspector of mines, and Provincial Constable F. H. Brooksbank who visited Surf Inlet at the end of the week to investigate the circumstances of the accident.

SWEDEN'S MOBILIZATION
STOCKHOLM, April 1: (CP)—Explaining why many conscripts were recalled to mobilization centres at short notice, the government said "we must naturally make sure that Sweden has the most efficient neutrality guard possible."

VICTORY IS NEAR

Successful Conclusion of British African Campaign at Hand

CAIRO, April 1.—The successful end of the British campaign against Italy in East Africa may now be a matter of only a few days following the capture of Dire Dawa, key railway point in Ethiopia, and the capture by the British of Massawa in Eritrea, capitulation of which capital city was officially announced today.

SHIPS ARE SCUTTLED

Germans Dispose of Two Vessels in Callao—Peruvian Government Acts

CALLAO, Peru, April 1: (CP)—The German merchantmen *Leipzig* and *Monserrate* were fired by their crews and the sea cocks opened after a Peruvian cruiser thwarted their attempt to leave the harbor. Peruvian planes are scouting the ocean for two other German ships which fled Callao last night. Peruvian troops have occupied the German Air Line airport.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson Co.)

Vancouver	
Big Missouri, 03 1/2	Bralorne, 10.50A
Cariboo Quartz, 2.55	Dentonio, 00 1/4
Fairview, .01	Gold Belt, .25
Hedley Mascot, .55	Minto, 01 1/4
Noble Five, 00 1/2 A	Pacific Nickle, .04
Pend Oreille, 1.45	Pioneer, 2.10
Premier, .85	Privateer, .45
Reeves MacDonald, .10	Reno, .10
Relief Arlington, 02 1/2 A	Sheep Creek, .78
Oils	
A. P. Con., 07 1/2	Calmont, .18
C. & E., 1.18	Home, 1.90
Pacalta, 03 1/2	Royal Canadian, .09
Okalta, .53B	Mercury, .04
Fraser Royalties, 1 1/4 A	
Toronto	
Aldermac, .11	Beattie, 11.17
Central Pat., 1.68	Con. Smelters, 34.75
East Malartic, 2.65	Fernland, 02 3/4
Preston, 39	Grays Lake, .27
Hardrock, .70	Int. Nickel, 34.25
Lehr Addison, 3.90	Little Long Lac, 1.20
Leed Cock, 1.85	Madsen Red Lake, .61
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.05	Moneta, .46 1/2
Noranda, 54.00	Pickle Crow, 2.60
Preston East Dome, 3.15	San Antonio, 2.50
Sherritt Gordon, .70	Uchi, .17
Bouscadillac, .02	Mosher, 04 3/4
Okland, 04 1/4	Smelters Gold, .01
Dominion Bridge, 25.25	

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NEW YORK COPPER
NEW YORK, April 1.—New York copper was .01c lower in early trading today with May at 11.84c per pound.

POUND STERLING
NEW YORK, April 1.—The British pound sterling was unchanged at \$4.03 on the New York foreign exchange market today.

YugoSlav Considers Joining Neutral Block With Russia-Turkey

Premier Simovic Endeavouring to Keep Friendly With Everybody—Berlin Says German Patience Has Reached Breaking Point

BELGRADE, April 1: (CP)—Government circles said today that the YugoSlav government was seriously considering joining Soviet Russia and Turkey in a neutrality declaration. Such a declaration is said to have been proposed by the Soviet but ignored by Regent Prince Paul who was ousted last week for his activities in endeavouring to tie the nation up with the Axis. Russia and Turkey issued joint neutrality statements on March 25.

It was stated in high official circles today that Premier Dusan Simovic was endeavouring to maintain peace with his neighbors, particularly Germany. At the same time he was still moving to heal the rift between Croats and Serbs. An official communique by the YugoSlav government expressed regret at recent anti-Axis demonstrations. Meantime there is no indication officially of the YugoSlav answer to Germany's demand that she ratify the signing up with the Reich. The German minister to Belgrade left last night for Berlin with, it was believed, the answer to Chancellor Adolf Hitler in his possession.

Meanwhile in Berlin a high official spokesman said that the limit of German patience with YugoSlavia had been reached and there would have to be a showdown before tonight. This spokesman suggested that Germany may wash her hands of the whole crisis diplomatically and let matters "take some other course." This, it was supposed, hinted at military action replacing diplomatic. Berlin claimed that the campaign of terrorism in YugoSlavia against Germans, including murders and numerous as-

MATSUOKA IN ROME

Italian Capital Rises Out of Gloom to Accord Welcome—Unable to Visit States

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War Service Subscriptions

H. E. Atton	\$10.00
Louis Arroll	6.00
W. Brass	6.00
P. Brykiw	6.00
Bulkeley Market	10.00
M. A. Burbank	10.00
Central News Agency	10.00
Chris Mill Bakery	10.00
D. R. S.	10.00
Dybhavn & Hanson	50.00
D. Bello	10.00
Geo. Franklin	6.00
Geo. Fritz	6.00
Home Oil Distributors Ltd.	20.00
W. R. Love	7.50
Mrs. J. Prece	6.00
Shenton's Sheet Metal Works	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Tinker	50.00
Van's Bakery	25.00
Trevor Williams	10.00
F. E. Walton	10.00

CHICAGO WHEAT
CHICAGO, April 1.—Chicago wheat was 1/4c lower in early trading today with May at 1.14 1/2.

SEA LOSS IS LOWER

During Week Ending March 23 Destruction of Our Shipping Was 59,141 Tons—Germans Lie Again

LONDON, April 1: (CP)—British, Allied and neutral merchant shipping losses for the week ending March 23 were seventeen ships totalling 59,141 tons, the Admiralty announced today. The total was eleven ships and 35,261 tons under the revised figure for the previous week. It included ten British vessels of tonnage totalling 24,940, six Allied vessels of 27,528 tons and one neutral of 6,673 tons. During this period the Germans had made particularly extravagant boasts of British ship destruction, claiming some 400,000 tons for the week and 224,000 in a single day.

CREWS ARE IMPRISONED

Axis Ships at Costa Rica Are Completely Destroyed by Fire

PUNTAS ARENAS, April 1.—The Costa Rican government has imprisoned the crews of the German freighter *Eisenach* and the Italian vessel *Fella* which were scuttled by their crews to prevent being seized. There were 52 crewmen on the German ship and fifty-eight on the Italian. Due to lack of fire fighting equipment both vessels burned to the water's edge.

SWASTIKAS NO MORE
RATON, N. M., April 1: (CP)—Named after an ancient India symbol, most "Swastikas"—hotels, streets, trade names and so on—in this area have made way for names not associated with Germans and Germany.

New Bombs Wreak Havoc

Devastating Results By Royal Air Force In Attack on Emden

British Pounding of Reich Territory More Widespread and Damaging Than Ever—London Has Eleventh Bombless Night

LONDON, April 1: (CP)—A new type of high explosive bomb produced apparently devastating results in a raid on Emden last night, the Air Ministry announced. Bremen was also heavily hit with shipbuilding yards the principal target but the Ministry mentioned that the new bombs were used only in the raid on Emden where "masses of debris flying through the air were outlined against the glow of fires."

Spokane Wins First Game In Puck Play-Offs

VANCOUVER, April 1: (CP)—Spokane Bombers scored their first victory in the Pacific Coast Hockey League play-offs last night by defeating Vancouver Lions four to one. The Lions had won the first two games.

destroyed, some of them seeming to fly right into the air. Shipbuilding yards at Bremen and an important industrial objective at Emden were particularly heavily hit.

There were lighter attacks on Bremerhaven, Oldenburg and Rotterdam. Invasion bases on the French coast were also subjected to continuous pounding in what seems to be an "all out" attempt to completely smash them.

Off the Frisian Islands there was a bomb hit on a German destroyer which was seen to turn sharply and list heavily after being struck. This was in addition to two German tankers believed to have been sunk off LeHavre yesterday.

From all these operations only two British planes failed to return.

London Bomb-Free
London was bomb-free for the eleventh successive night but German bombers caused considerable damage in stabs at a northeast town. The Nazis got no further than the East Coast.

Last Thursday Mrs. G. R. Blackaby entertained ladies of First Baptist Church in honor of Mrs. Geo. Sinclair. Pouring was Mrs. J. Armstrong with Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Mrs. G. Berg and Mrs. T. Christoff serving. Guests were received by Mrs. Blackaby.

TIGHTEN BLOCKADE

Britain Not Permitting France to Send Supplies to North Africa

LONDON, April 1.—Great Britain's intention of tightening the blockade to prevent French merchant ships from carrying supplies to North Africa is announced. This may develop into another rift between the old Allies of two world wars.

Local Mason Is Dead In South

Edward John France, Formerly Of Prince Rupert And Smithers, Passes At Medford

Edward John France, former Prince Rupert and Smithers butcher and a member of Tsimpsons Lodge, F. & A. M. here, passed away at Medford, Oregon, where he has resided for the past few years as a result of heart trouble. The late Mr. France is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, all residing at Medford.