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## Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:40 a.m. 21.0 ft.  
13:56 p.m. 20.4 ft.  
Low 8:01 a.m. 3.9 ft.  
20:06 p.m. 4.8 ft.

## Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert District and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light south winds, part cloudy and mild with fog patches.

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# YUGOSLAVIA SWINGS BACK

## Young King Peter Assumes Government Reins; Regent Prince Paul Flees To Greece

## YugoSlavia Finds Soul

### TRIPOLI IS UNDER FIRE

## Churchill Pledges Britain To Assist Belgrade Gov't

### United States Is Prepared To Aid JugoSlavia

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 27: (CP)—The United States government sent congratulations today to the new YugoSlav government and noted that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was empowered to assist nations seeking to preserve their independence.

### IS MEETING NAZI CHIEF

Matsuoka Sees Hitler and Von Ribbentrop Today—Has Faith in Germany

BERLIN, March 27.—Foreign minister Yosuke Matsuoka of Japan arrived in Berlin last night for discussions which the Germans said are designed to make the three-power pact between Germany, Italy and Japan a more effective instrument for organizing the so-called "new order" in Europe and the Far East. More than a million Berliners turned out to give Matsuoka a rousing welcome. Today Matsuoka is to meet Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop. Matsuoka expressed his firm conviction that Great Britain and United States would always oppose Japan's constructive activities in the Far East. The Japanese people, Matsuoka declared, believed that Germany would keep faith under the tripartite pact. The Axis would stand unbeatable against any American activities in the Pacific.

### RAILWAY IN GOOD SHAPE

Large Increase in Net Operating Revenue For 1941 Reported to House Of Commons Today

OTTAWA, March 27: (CP)—Net operating revenue of the Canadian National Railways for the calendar year of 1940 was \$45,007,411, an increase of \$24,152,993 or 116 percent over the 1939 annual report of the system. The annual report of the system is scheduled to be tabled in the House of Commons today.

### King And Queen Visit Canadians

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, March 27: (CP)—Bugles blared and a pipe band wailed a military welcome today as the King and Queen paid their first visit to the Canadian Second Division of which Major-General Victor W. Odlum of Vancouver is officer commanding.

NEW GOVERNMENT SWORN IN TO PRESERVE BALKAN NATION'S INTEGRITY FOLLOWING BETRAYAL AT VIENNA THIS WEEK BY DEPOSED PREMIER CVETKOVIC

### Armed Forces Are Taking Orders From Boy Monarch

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOW NIGHT LONG RIOTING AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF RESISTING DOMINATION BY TOTALITARIAN AGGRESSORS

BELGRADE, March 27: (CP)—Seventeen-year-old King Peter II, in a bloodless coup d'etat, took over the active reins of government in YugoSlavia today and swore in a new cabinet to preserve his country's integrity. Prince Paul, whose regency council and cabinet was responsible for signing up YugoSlavia with the Axis at Vienna this week, and Princess Olga have fled to Greece it is reported. The government of Premier Cvetkovic has been overthrown and its members are under arrest.

The Belgrade radio appealed to all loyal citizens of YugoSlavia to support the young King and his government which includes several ardent Serbs and is made up of anti-Axis elements friendly to Great Britain and all elements of the population. General Dusan Simovic has been placed in military control of the country as Premier.

King Peter issued a proclamation, "in this exceedingly serious moment in history," declaring: "I desire to take over into my own hands the royal colors. My regent has resigned and my faithful army and navy has placed itself in my hands and is taking my orders. I ask the faithful support of all loyal Serbs and Croats."

The patriarch of the church has given formal blessing to the new ruler. Today's sensational new political developments in YugoSlavia came suddenly after night long rioting throughout the country in protest at the former government's capitulation to the Axis. Many persons were killed and wounded.

More than one thousand persons clashed with the police last night in the streets of Sarajevo, birthplace of the First Great War and centre of dissent against YugoSlavia's pact with the Axis. Sharp street fighting also broke out anew in Belgrade last night after a day during which there was rioting in the centre of the capital in protest at the alliance with the Axis powers.

Police and soldiers quelled the first outbreak in Belgrade which occurred shortly after Premier Cvetkovic had returned from Vienna where he signed the pact on Tuesday but order was not restored for long.

Several schools were closed after thousands of older boys had destroyed pictures of Hitler and staged sitdown strikes. Police cordons were thrown around some of the larger schools and it was reported they might be closed until April 20.

Hundreds of persons were reported under arrest in the provinces for demonstrations. The street fighting and demonstrations against Cvetkovic and the Axis were led largely by students and old time Serbian revolutionary patriots. Montenegro was also the scene of violent demonstrations. Even as late as last night the Cvetkovic government had issued a statement saying that the government was in control of the situation and opposition was not expected to be effective.

### POUND STERLING

NEW YORK, March 27.—The British pound sterling was unchanged at \$4.03 on the New York stock exchange yesterday.

### CHICAGO WHEAT PRICES

CHICAGO, March 27.—Wheat futures were up 7/8c to 1 1/4c yesterday with May closing at 89 3/4c.

### Germany And YugoSlavia

LONDON, March 27:—It is suggested in Berlin that Germany may be forced to march into YugoSlavia to restore order there if movements of revolution became a nuisance to the new Nazi domination. The Reich is ready for any eventuality. It was declared today, and the political developments today in Belgrade would not affect YugoSlavia's adherence to the Axis.

### IS QUIET BY NIGHT

London Has Seventh Straight Peaceful Night—Enemy Shipping Attacked

LONDON, March 27.—London had its seventh straight night without an alert against Nazi air raiders. There was no activity by German bombers over any part of the British Isles last night.

Industrial buildings in two southern towns were damaged yesterday as a few of the enemy raiders came over and dropped bombs. Two of the Nazi planes were brought down, one by anti-aircraft fire and one by Royal Air Force fighters.

While unfavorable weather reduced action over land to a minimum, the Royal Air Force was busy against German shipping and naval vessels, in co-operation with the Navy. In addition to an 8,000-ton tanker off the Norwegian coast and a 6,000-ton supply ship off the Netherlands, the Germans suffered loss of E-boats, when the enemy unsuccessfully attacked a convoy as well as coastal defence craft. In all the action the British suffered loss neither of surface or air craft. Nor did convoys suffer any damage.

### SOLDIERS INTERNED

N.C.O. and Private of Montreal Regiment Helped Nazi Prisoners to Communicate With Outside

MONTREAL, March 27: (CP)—Capt. Maurice Lalonde, prosecuting officer for court-martials in Montreal and Quebec military districts, said yesterday that a non-commissioned officer had been interned for twelve months and a soldier for four months after conviction of allowing enemy prisoners to communicate outside internment camps. The names of both soldiers, who will receive dishonorable discharges, were not given.

### NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, March 27.—Copper was .5c lower to 3c higher on the New York metal market yesterday with May at 11.95c per pound at closing.

R. A. F. Bombers Giving It Constant Attention—Advances In East Africa

CAIRO, March 27: (CP)—British troops have entered Cheren, key city of Eritrea, it was announced officially tonight. British forces have also entered Harar, walled town 25 miles from the all-important Addis Ababa-Djibuti railway.

CAIRO, March 27:—Tripoli, the only North African port which can be used to effect by the enemy in landing forces for the African campaign, is receiving regular attention from the Royal Air Force which is keeping a close watch. Government buildings and harbor facilities there were bombed yesterday. El Igala, a post 180 miles west of Bengasi in Libya, was yielded back to enemy forces yesterday. German mechanized units were found there.

In Eastern Africa activity consisted to large extent of air attack of points in Eritrea and Ethiopia. Several new points in Ethiopia have been captured as land forces continue their advances from various directions towards Addis Ababa. At Cheren in Eritrea an Italian counter-attack has been set back, the British gaining further positions. A number of prisoners were captured including a general headquarters staff.

Single-seated fighters made in the United States are now in use by the Royal Air Force in North Africa. British soldiers have been ordered to accord honorable and humane treatment to Italian prisoners in Africa, not attempting to emulate atrocities such as have been practised by the Italians.

### SYRIA HAS TROUBLES

Riots in Damascus and Aleppo Lead to Martial Law Being Declared

VICHY, France, March 27: (CP)—Twelve persons were killed Tuesday and Wednesday by rioting at Damascus and Aleppo in Syria. Reports from Beirut said that the French had decreed martial law in several cities.

### War News

CLASH EXPECTED SOON  
ISTANBUL—An early clash of Allied and German forces in the Balkans is expected soon. British forces continue to move to the Greek frontier with Bulgaria where they are not far away from the Nazi across the border. British ships have arrived in the Dardanelles after conveying troops to Greece.

NEW INVASION WEAPON  
LONDON—A new invasion weapon—an "assault boat," designed along the lines of a war canoe, light and portable and carrying four men—has been perfected in England.

GERMAN PLANES BOMBED  
CAIRO—German airplanes on the ground were damaged in a British air raid yesterday on Dodecanese Islands.

AERIAL ATLANTIC PATROL  
LONDON—Big American Lockheed and Catalina patrol bombers are to be used by the British in the effort to sweep the Atlantic Ocean of enemy surface and undersea craft preying on shipping. The new planes are faster and heavier.

NAZI BOMBER DOWNED  
LONDON—H.M.S. Versatile, a destroyer, yesterday brought down a German bomber which was attacking a convoy.

Predicts it Will Repudiate Agreement With Axis Defend Its Freedom and Integrity—Promises to Win "Battle of Atlantic"

LONDON, March 27: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill predicted today that the new YugoSlav government would be ready to preserve its honor and integrity by repudiating the country's pact with the Axis. He said it was reasonable to expect repudiation "though I don't know what will happen and one cannot be sure of anything."

### NAVAL SHIP GOES DOWN

H. M. C. S. Otter Burns And Sinks On Atlantic Coast—Nineteen Crew Men Perish

HALIFAX, March 27:—The patrol vessel H.M.C.S. Otter took fire early yesterday morning off this port and sank, nineteen members of her crew losing their lives while twenty-two survived, it was officially announced today. The dead are two officers and seventeen men.

Several of these were drowned from lifeboats within sight of land and close to rescue vessels. Others died of shock and exposure. Cause of the fire has not been disclosed. It is being investigated. The disaster occurred during a raging storm on a cold and wintry sea.

The rescues were effected by a merchant ship, which picked up sixteen survivors, and another naval vessel which picked up six. The personnel of H.M.C.S. Otter was from Eastern Canada, the most of them from Nova Scotia with two as far west as Manitoba.

### BUTTS ON CHURCHILL

PORTSMOUTH, England, March 27: (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill on a recent tour gave a half-smoked cigar to a Portsmouth dock worker as a souvenir after chatting with him.

### TO FLANK GERMAN'S

A reliable source said today that Great Britain will back the new YugoSlav government with its navy, army and air force to lay open the right flank of the German thrust into the Balkans. This statement followed Prime Minister Churchill's prediction that the new government would repudiate the Axis pact and his promise to make common cause with the YugoSlav. The London press, which last night had expressed hope that YugoSlavia would yet repudiate the joining up with the Axis, today hailed the political turn over at Belgrade today as a pro-British coup.

### SNOWS OF SCOTLAND

KYLE-AYR, Scotland, March 27: (CP)—Malcolm Macleod, a second officer in the merchant marine, tramped 40 miles through deep blizzard snow drifts for his wedding.

### Telephone Directory

Changes or New Listings for next issue of Telephone Directory to be made in writing to Telephone Department, City Hall not later than April 7th.