

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to moderate south winds, cloudy and mild with a few scattered showers.

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Tomorrow's Tides

High 8:00 a.m. 17.2 ft. 21:25 p.m. 15.4 ft. Low 1:12 a.m. 10.3 ft. 14:45 p.m. 7.8 ft.

Eleven Enemy Ships Are Sunk

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO TAKE BETTER ADVANTAGE OF PORT IN WAR EFFORT

Chamber of Commerce Hears What Provincial Department of Trade and Commerce is Doing On Local Behalf

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at a large attended dinner meeting last night, heard from W. Lloyd Craig, director of extension at Ottawa for the British Columbia Department of Trade and Commerce, of efforts that are being put forward at Ottawa with a view to bringing about a more full and effective utilization of the resources and facilities of the port.

Mr. Craig, who gave a clear idea of what the province was already doing in that regard, the war business of British Columbia being the third largest for the provinces of the Dominion, expressed the opinion that Prince Rupert should be doing a good deal more than it is doing. Prince Rupert, he felt, should be building certain types of small boats as well as larger ones and he stated that he had reasons to believe that this port would soon be building steel cargo ships as well, he hoped, as wooden ones. He stated that there appeared to be machine shops here which could be used and he would see that they were listed which they were not today.

Mr. Craig disclosed that during the last sixteen months Ottawa had placed in Prince Rupert business amounting to \$3,337,000. When the ships which were now under way and construction work was deducted from this there was not much left. "Prince Rupert should be getting more business at Ottawa and it shall be my aim to endeavour to get it for you," Mr. Craig promised.

Mr. Craig, who mentioned that he had last been in Prince Rupert thirty years ago at the time of "The Battle of Kelly's Cut," told of his work since October 1939 of getting British Columbia into business at Ottawa. This province had been the first to establish a trade bureau at Ottawa but it was soon followed by Quebec and later by Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Ontario, of course, being right on the ground. One of the first things had been to prepare a trade index in which was listed every item which was manufactured or distributed from British Columbia together with the names of those engaged in the various lines. This index had been placed in the hands of every purchasing agency in Ottawa.

Basis Of Policy The basis of policy of British Columbia trade extension at Ottawa was to secure business for this province, providing always that it was good business to buy in British Columbia. The aim was to give real service to the war effort by seeing that the fullest possible utilization was made of what the province had to offer. The department was not interested in the matter of from whom purchases were made so long as they were made in British Columbia insofar as it was compatible with good business.

Buyers, Mr. Craig found, at first were dubious of British Columbia's ability to manufacture and supply as well as could be done in the east. There was a tendency towards the feeling that British Columbia was too remote and too detached from the rest of the Dominion, and that this province was a separate entity—removed like Newfoundland from the rest of the Dominion. It had been tough for some time but this attitude was changing slowly but surely as the realization grew of what British Columbia could do. It was turning out that British Columbia could do as well if not better in production of many lines. A special committee had come out

General Weygand Is Now In Vichy

VICHY, March 6: (CP)—General Weygand, commander of French forces in North Africa, arrived by plane this afternoon for the first meeting with Marshal Petain in six months. The government said that a premature announcement that Weygand had arrived yesterday was made deliberately to hide his movements.

CONSULATES ARE CLOSED

United States Invites Italian Envoys To Leave Detroit And Newark

WASHINGTON, March 6: (CP)—The United States government told Italy today to close consulates at Detroit and Newark, New Jersey, "for reasons of national policy." The decision followed recent action of the Italian government to have the United States close its consulates at Naples and Palermo, if you do not take advantage of it."

of trade and industries, who spoke before Mr. Craig, believed that it would be well worthwhile for British Columbia to maintain a trade representative in Ottawa permanently—war or no war—in order to assist in getting the products of this province into Ontario and Quebec. Already, as a result of this service, old industries of this province had been extended and new ones established.

The Premier, said the minister, and himself had felt that Prince Rupert should be getting more business and they were working along this line in co-operation with Olof Hanson, the local member. Mr. Asselstine read a letter which had been written to Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, setting forth the situation and possibilities of Prince Rupert and this line of the Canadian National Railway in detail. Its advantages were described, advantages which should not be permitted to go unnoticed. The war should provide more opportunities. A complete survey was being made of local facilities. That was why Mr. Craig had been ordered to come here. It might be slow but there was good reason to hope for ultimate results.

Mr. Asselstine referred briefly to the local ore sampling plant which, since its establishment, had resulted in \$33,000 being returned to small shippers in this area. An assay plant was to be added this year. The Department of Mines was endeavouring to further promote mining development in this area.

The meeting was presided over by W. R. McAfee, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, who said that local people were not satisfied either that all was being done locally that could be done in connection with the war effort. This special visit of Mr. Asselstine and Mr. Craig was appreciated. The support they were giving was welcome and local people would rely on its bringing tangible results.

Bulletins

NAZI EXPECTATIONS BERLIN—German spokesmen said yesterday they expected Turkey would remain neutral, Greece would collapse and Yugoslavia would join the Axis. Germany will choose her own time and methods to strike at Greece if it is necessary to do so.

RENDEL LEAVING SOFIA SOFIA—British minister George Rendel expects to leave Sofia next Monday or Tuesday. Polish, Belgian and Dutch ministers are also leaving. The United States minister will look after the interests of these countries.

INVASION FROM WITHIN WASHINGTON—Martin Dies, chairman of the Senate committee on un-American activities, says he expects Hitler to invade South America from within. "There are already one million Germans in South America on which the Third Reich can depend," Dies says.

FURTHER GREEK VICTORIES ATHENS—The Greeks claim further victories over the Italians on the Albanian front.

RUSSIANS MASSING VIENNA—Premier Ion Antonescu left Vienna yesterday on his return to Rumania after conferring with Marshal Goering. German forces are massing, it is reported, on the Rumanian frontier from the Black Sea inward.

NOT TO BE CONFINED

United States Senate Leaders Not To Limit British Aid To Western Hemisphere

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 6: (CP)—Senate leaders decided yesterday to oppose any British aid bill amendments designed to confine activities of United States troops to the western hemisphere. They made their decision after Secretary of State Cordell Hull is reported to have said that such proposals might be a blow to British morale and would encourage the Japanese to be more aggressive.

LOSSES ARE VERY LIGHT

LONDON, March 6: (CP)—The government told Parliament today that the British Army had lost only 525 men in the entire campaign against the Italians in Africa and the Middle East.

From the African fronts come reports of further advances against the Italians by British forces.

In Ethiopia revolt against Italian rule is spreading like wild fire. There are widespread desertions of natives from the Italian forces to those of the patriots.

New Metlakatla Wins By One Point In Basketball Opener; Series Off To Exciting Start

Last night in the Exhibition Hall local hoop fans saw one of the best basketball games played in Prince Rupert for many a year when, in the main event of the evening, between the New Metlakatla All-Stars and the Prince Rupert Savoys, the local lads lost by a score of 28-27. It was an exciting and close fought game which kept the shouting fans in turmoil from start to finish. The Savoys got the tip and on McPhee, Atkinson of the visitors scored a basket, giving Metlakatla a penalty shot, which was called

GREEKS IN WAIT FOR GERMANS

Thousands Of Greek Soldiers And Workmen Are Reinforcing Mountain Passes On Bulgarian Front

SOFIA, March 6: (CP)—Termination of conferences in Athens between Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain and Greek leaders found thousands of Greek soldiers and workmen reinforcing fortifications in mountain passes from Bulgaria against which it is believed the Germans are preparing to smash at any moment.

Eden and General Sir John Dill left Athens last night after securing Greece's undertaking to make no separate peace with Italy.

TALK ON DENMARK

Mrs. Gordon Downes is Interesting Speaker Before Women's Club

"A Day in Denmark" was the title of a highly interesting address given before the Women's Canadian Club last evening at dinner by Mrs. Gordon Downes of Victoria. About eighty members of the club were in attendance and Mrs. Neal M. Carter was in the chair.

Mrs. Downes was born on the east coast of England and, as a little girl, played on the beaches where the Vikings landed. All her life it had been her hope to visit the land of Denmark and finally in 1936 the opportunity came. Mrs. Downes and her children spent three years in Denmark, leaving there early last spring just five weeks before the German invasion.

The speaker described in informal but delightful manner life in the Danish capital of Copenhagen. Among other things she referred to the simple and democratic royalty. The King, for instance, mingled freely among his people and entered into their lives, there being a common bond of affection and trust.

Denmark had been in those post-war years a pleasant, happy land in which to live with plenty of food and the comforts and privileges of a peace-loving democratic rule. The winter just before the German occupation, however, had been a very severe one with considerable suffering on account of the unusual and extreme cold.

For three months before it occurred, the inevitability of invasion by the Germans was obvious. Mrs. Downes told of her own escape and that of her family. Finally, they had made their getaway on an ice-breaker to Sweden whence they reached Norway and sailed for England enroute back to Victoria.

This afternoon Mrs. Downes speaks at another gathering of the Women's Canadian Club on the subject "Wasn't That Fun?"

Surprise Raid Pulled Off By British Navy Near Norway Coast

Two Hundred and Fifteen Prisoners Taken From Vessels—Fish Oil Plant is Destroyed

LONDON, March 6: (CP)—British and Norwegian forces sank eleven ships under German command and captured 225 prisoners—215 Germans and ten Quislings—in a surprise raid Tuesday on the Lofoten Islands off the Norway coast, near the entrance of Narvik harbor, it was officially announced today. The raid had as its object the destruction of a fish oil plant.

Sinking of the German shipping and taking of prisoners was all carried out with considerable success, a communique said. British ships also landed gifts of food for the Norwegian population and took off Norwegians anxious to fight with British forces.

The eleven ships sunk included ten German vessels and one German-controlled Norwegian vessel. The captured vessels had cargoes of foodstuffs and clothing. One German officer and six seamen were killed, the raiders themselves suffering no casualties.

Salvage Of Kvichak Is Not Success

Attempts of the Pacific Salvage Co. to refloat the United States Army transport Kvichak, which went ashore several weeks ago at the south end of Finlayson Channel near Milbank Sound, have so far proven unsuccessful and it is reported that the vessel has sunk. The intention had been, if there was success in salvaging the ship, to bring her to the Prince Rupert dry dock.

Some equipment of the Armour Salvage Co. of Prince Rupert had been used in connection with the Kvichak work.

AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE

Heavy Blows Delivered by British Planes to French Invasion Coast—Attacks on England Lighter

LONDON, March 6.—A great daylight offensive by the Royal Air Force across the English Channel yesterday caused tremendous damage to the French invasion coast, Boulogne being the most heavily hit point.

Last night London and the rest of England were fairly quiet. There was another attack on Cardiff by the Luftwaffe but it was not of the large proportions of Monday and Tuesday nights.

Today London had its 500th and 501st air raid alarms of the war.

AT WAR IN REAL WAY

Canada Has Spent as Much So Far In This Conflict As In All Of Last—Making Everything

VANCOUVER, March 6.—Col. W. C. Woodward, executive assistant to Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, said, in an address here last night, that Canada has already spent as much money in this war as she did in the entire four years of the First Great War.

Canada was now engaged in manufacturing or was in the process of preparing to manufacture every needed war material for Great Britain except certain types of big guns which also would eventually be made here.

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

France And Thailand Seem To Be Progressing Towards Settlement Of Differences

TOKYO, March 6: (CP)—France and Thailand have reached an agreement on principal points of a Japanese mediation plan for settling their border dispute, it was announced today, and it was said that the remaining points would likely be settled within a few days. Meantime the armistice has been extended indefinitely.

SALARIES DISCUSSED

Report Cards Also Considered By Teachers Meeting Last Night

The Prince Rupert and District Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting last evening at the Booth Memorial High School with a large attendance of members and President J. S. Wilson in the chair.

With the annual Easter convention in view matters discussed included resolutions for this gathering of teachers of the province in Vancouver. The attainment of an equitable provincial salary scale was considered as the establishment of such would remove many unfair inequalities. It was also felt that, as minimum salary figures were established when the financial depression was at its worst, a revision of these should be considered inasmuch as cost of living had steadily increased over a period of years and very much so in the last few years.

There was discussion with regard to school report cards. Some expressed the opinion that report cards were only needed when special information should be given a parent regarding the pupil's progress or lack of progress. The recently published forms had given some grounds for criticism but whether it was a large amount of criticism from a few interested persons or whether it was a general feeling of condemnation was not clear. It was felt that a simpler form might be prepared that would meet with more general approval of the parents as well as of the teachers. After all the reports were for the information of the parents so that the best may be done for the pupils.

Exchange of views on many other matters provided an interesting meeting.

The Band Concert by the Rocky Mountain Rangers on Sunday night netted the Prince Rupert Red Cross Society the sum of \$154.75.

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