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Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	5:05 a.m.	19.2 feet
	18:31 p.m.	17.7 feet
Low	11:54 a.m.	3.9 feet

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Madagascar Is Occupied By British

German Generals Tell Hitler They May Institute Alternate Plan If Russ Campaign Fails

LONDON, May 5: (CP)—A group of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's generals, headed by Field Marshall Walther von Baruchitsch, are reported today to have told the Fuehrer bluntly that, if his 1942 campaign in Russian fails, they will try to institute for Germany an alternative plan of their own, calling for the "abolition of the Nazi system," a responsible source reported here.

Russian attacks in Kursk, Kharkov and Taganrog regions of the southern front were reported today in circumstances which suggested that a major Soviet offensive might have started before the Germans were able to launch one of their own.

Planes Fly Over Vichy

VICHY, May 5: (CP)—Planes identity of which has not been announced, flew over this seat of unoccupied France and over Clermont-Ferrand early today, dropping observation flares and propaganda leaflets despite resistance of anti-aircraft defences.

BATTLE IN S. PACIFIC

China Is Invaded From Burma—Enemy Being Checked North Of Australia—Corregidor Is Pounded

CHUNGKING, May 5: (CP)—Japanese troops invaded China's Yunnan Province today after driving up the Burma Road and crossing the shallow Wanting River, 670 miles from this capital, a military spokesman said.

Meanwhile Allied Air forces again smashed forcefully at Japanese island bases above Australia and beat off another enemy raid on Port Moresby, a communique announced today. Five Japanese planes were hit by Allied fighters in the Moresby battle. The overland drive of the Japanese down the Markham Valley towards Port Moresby has been headed off by Allied troops which went out to meet the enemy.

The Japanese aerial assault on Corregidor is proceeding with increased ferocity and intensity.

CAPT. PARK TORPEDOED

Well Known British Columbia Coast Mariner Has Ship Sunk From Under Him

WASHINGTON, May 5: (Canadian Press)—A medium-sized United Nations merchantman and a British merchant ship have been torpedoed off the Atlantic Coast, the United States Navy Department announced today, eighty-eight survivors, including Canadians, were landed at Cocoa, Florida.

One of the survivors from the British ship was Capt. John Park, senior pilot of Vancouver and one of the best known pioneer master mariners of the British Columbia coast, who gave orders to abandon ship. He was a former master of Union Steamship Co. vessels.

Rev. C. D. Clarke, former pastor of First United Church here and for the past few years located in Victoria, returned to the city at the first of the week to assume a position with the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association.

ASSAULT KEPT UP

Pilsen, Stuttgart and Nanies Are Targets—Canadians Strike At Nazi Ships Off Frisian Isles

LONDON, May 5: (CP)—Great new Royal Air Force bombers, ranging as far as six hundred miles over enemy territory, attacked the huge Skoda armament works at Pilsen last night for the second time in ten days, struck in force at Stuttgart, major manufacturing city in southwest Germany and raided docks at German-occupied Nantes. Day sweeps were resumed this afternoon with scores of fighters sweeping high over the Straits towards the French Coast.

A Canadian "demon squadron" of the coastal command hit two ships and scored a near miss on a third in an early morning attack on Nazi supply vessels off the Frisian Islands.

The Luftwaffe attacked Norwich and Eastbourne last night.

RUN OWN AFFAIRS

City Commissioner Agrees That Return of Mayor and Aldermen Is Logical Thing Here Now

"There is no reason in the world now why the city of Prince Rupert should not elect a mayor and aldermen and carry on its own affairs without reference to Victoria," City Commissioner D. J. Matheson told the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night in commenting on the announcement that this city would be reverting to municipal autonomy at the first of next year. "You should be able to elect competent men to run the city along sound lines." Experience learned in the past should be of much value in future civic administration.

Mr. Matheson, stating that to return to mayor and council was the logical thing to do, said that the city was now in good shape financially. It had a surplus of over $300,000 in sinking fund. All bills were paid, also bond maturities and interests and there were still a few thousands to spare.

The revised city traffic bylaw is still in the hands of T. W. Brown, acting as solicitor for the city, it was reported last night at the regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brown has had certain points to take up with the military authorities but hopes to have the bylaw ready for consideration by the board at its next meeting.

BULLETINS

TRAGEDY NEAR VERNON

VERNON — J. E. Montague, president of the Vernon Board of Trade, and a companion are believed drowned in a lake near here. They had gone there by horseback, their horses being found.

SWEDISH SHIP TAKEN

NEW YORK — The Swedish American liner Gripsholm has been taken over by the United States Maritime Commission which will use her at first for the repatriation of enemy diplomatic representatives home to Europe.

DROWNS AT ESSINGTON

Edward Scott, 21 Year Old Native of Simpson, Losses His Life at Skeena River Village

Edward Scott, 21-year old native of Port Simpson, who was employed in the city, fell overboard from a gasboat at the Port Essington floats about 2 o'clock Sunday morning and was drowned. Dragging operations have since been under way but so far the body has not been recovered. Indian Agent James Gillett was at Port Essington at the time and brought word of the tragedy to the city.

Scott, who was paying a weekend visit to Port Essington, was the eldest child of a Port Simpson widow. There are five younger children in the family.

Collecting Income Tax At Its Source

This Proposal Referred To Special Committee By Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce

Members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at the meeting last night, appeared to be favorably disposed towards a suggestion from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce that federal income tax might be collected at the source as was the national defence tax. However, it was decided to refer the matter to the finance committee to go into the working of such a plan in more detail. One advantage of collecting income tax at the source, it was felt, was that casual workers who now escape paying income tax would not be able to do so.

Graduate Nurses Are In Session

Miss Priestly Reports On Annual Meeting of Provincial Association in Victoria

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert branch of the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia was held last night at the Nurses' Home with Miss Jeanette Foster R.N., the president, in the chair. The feature of the evening was a report by Miss E. D. Priestly R.N on the recent annual meeting of the British Columbia Graduate Nurses' Association in Victoria. Miss Foster and Miss Beatrice Berner, president and secretary respectively, who are leaving the city shortly, tendered their resignations. Refreshments were served.

Word was received in the city this morning of the safe arrival in Vancouver yesterday of H. F. Pullen who was taken south for further treatment at the hands of specialists. Mr. Pullen is now a patient at the Private Ward Pavilion of the Vancouver General Hospital after having withstood the trip very well.

Dies

G. A. McNICHOLL

His legion of friends in Prince Rupert will learn with feelings of extreme regret of the sudden death in Vancouver at 11:30 last night of G. A. McNicholl, former general passenger agent for the Canadian National Railways and for many years in the earlier days one of the railway company's most prominent and popular officials at Prince Rupert. He had retired last summer at the age of sixty-five years from the railway company's service and had since been residing quietly at Vancouver. He paid his last visit to Prince Rupert in June of last year prior to retirement in August. Besides his widow, Mr. McNicholl is survived by his aged mother and two sons—Allan and Frank. They will have the deep sympathy of many local friends.

TODAY'S STOCKS
(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	14¼
Bralorne	6.75
Cariboo Quartz	1.05
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.12
Pioneer	1.40
Premier	.41
Privateer	.28
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	.69
Oils	
Calmont	.11
C. & E.	.81
Home	2.43
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.57
Central Pat.	.81
Cons. Smelters	37.75
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	5.45
Little Long Lac	.90
McLeod Cockshutt	1.09
Madsen Red Lake	.38
McKenzie Red Lake	.53
Moneta	.20
Pickle Crow	1.40
Preston East Dome	1.74
San Antonio	1.42
Sherritt Gordon	.69

County Court List Is Rather Light

The County Court list for the month of May, as presented to Judge W. E. Fisher when Court was in regular monthly session yesterday, consisted of but one case — a new action in which Charles E. Hansen is suing Gunnar Selvig for $194.13 in connection with a promissory note. Settling of the date for the case was laid over. W. O. Fulton is counsel for the plaintiff and T. W. Brown for defendant

The only other business before the court yesterday was in the form of four applications for naturalization which were approved.

Action Taken To Forestall Japanese Move Against Base Island Of Strategic Value

War-Wise Commandos Lead Invasion—Full Approval Of United States—Axis Nations Are Indignant —French Submarine Sunk

LONDON, May 5: (CP)—War-wise British commandos led British occupational forces into France's vital Indian Ocean stronghold of Madagascar in the face of mild opposition, it was disclosed today. The commandos landed at Courier Bay at 6 o'clock Pacific Daylight Time last evening and appeared headed for the island's naval base at Diego Surez, ten miles across an isthmus. The impression here was that French resistance would be brief although a Reuter's dispatch from Vichy said that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan, chief of Vichy's armed forces, have sent a message to Madagascar advising troops there to "resist the attack and defend the honor of the French flag."

Diplomatic quarters generally believed the bold stroke signalled an end to Allied attempts to win Vichy from German influence and the United Nations' position in the Indian Ocean was viewed as "greatly improved" by the landing, particularly if Axis reports that the powerful new United States battleships Washington and North Carolina are operating in those waters prove true.

The occupation, entirely British, was called an action to "forestall a Japanese move against" Madagascar.

A Washington statement last night said the landing was made with full approval and support of the government of the United States.

It was made clear that the occupation was for the duration of the war only.

A DNB dispatch from Berlin today said that a French submarine and tender had been sunk at Madagascar in resisting the British landing.

Tokyo broadcast comment said angrily that "Madagascar occupation is a direct aggression against Vichy and is bound to result in further cooling of Vichy's relations with the United Nations."

Better At Hong Kong

LONDON, May 5 (Canadian Press)— Latest reports from unofficial sources suggest the position of prisoners in Hong Kong camps is "somewhat improved and the prisoners are receiving more food although living conditions still remain far from satisfactory," Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today.

BUILDING PROJECTS ENDORSED

Chamber of Commerce Backs Applications For Federal Permits for Store-Apartment And Theatre

After a good deal of discussion, which became rather sharp and candid at times, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly dinner meeting last night, decided to endorse applications being made to the federal priorities board by Famous-Players Canadian Corporation for the erection of a new theatre in Prince Rupert and by Killas & Christopher for the building of a combined business and apartment block. In each case amendments that the applications be referred to committees were rejected on majority votes after which motions concurring in the applications were passed by the meeting.

The matter of the proposed Killas & Christopher building on Third Avenue across from the Post Office came up first. It was explained how permission had been refused for a building which would have consisted of stores and offices. Now the plans had been changed whereby the two-storey 50 by 100 foot building would include eight apartments, the cost of construction being estimated at about $35,000. Further there would be mass concrete walls of twelve-inch thickness whereby much of the steel reinforcing would be eliminated. It was further explained that Killas & Christopher had purchased this property from the city on the explicit understanding that it would be built upon. Already the former building which stood upon it had been removed and there had been considerable expenditure on excavation in preparation for building. It was moved by Theo Collart and seconded by Olier Besner that the permit be granted, the seconder admitting that he too might be seeking a permit for a building. It was moved in amendment by W. M. Watts and R. M. Winslow that the matter be referred to a special committee to judge the proposition on its merits. The view was taken by some members that backing of an application for a permit at this time might lead to complications later as there would undoubtedly be applications for such backing from other interests later. City Commissioner D. J. Matheson expressed himself as being fully in sympathy with this application and suggested that the Chamber should endorse

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Building For Assay Plant

R. C. Mutch is Given Contract by Provincial Government for Renovation Work

R. C. Mutch has been given the contract for the renovation of the former Northern Brokerage warehouse building on Third Avenue near Market Square in which the provincial government's assay plant is to be established. The cost of the work will be $5000. Material for the assay plant has been ordered and some is already on hand.

HALIBUT SALES

American

Lituya, 20,000, 13.3c and 11c, to Booth.

Canadian

Prosperity A., 19,500, 13.4c and 11c, Storage.

Skeena M., 9,000, 13.8c and 11c, Storage.

Mother III., 12,000, 13.6c, and 11c, Atlin.

Takla O., 3,600, 13.3c and 1c, Royal.

Neptune II., 8,000, 13.3c and 11c, Pacific.

John T. Kasper of Stewart, after a visit to the city, sailed by the Catala yesterday morning on his return home.

SEAL COVE ROAD PLAN

Chamber of Commerce Approves $20,000 Plan To Make Traffic Artery More Adequate

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly meeting last night, endorsed the action of its executive council in approving of a city scheme for the improvement of the traffic artery leading from Hays Creek Bridge to Seal Cove. There will be a sidewalk from Hays Creek to the new Rushbrook Heights wartime housing area costing $5000 as well as widening of the road at some points which will involve a total estimated expenditure of $15,000.

The opening up of Fifth Avenue around the north side of Hays Cove Circle to the Hays Creek Bridge approach is also being sought.

Asking More Gas In Winter Here

Chamber of Commerce Asking Federal Fuel Controller To Make Change

At the suggestion of W. R. McAfee, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night decided to ask the federal authorities to make a change in the matter of issuance of gasoline ration coupons whereby in the case of Prince Rupert the larger allowances of gas would come here in fall and winter, when the weather is unfavorable, rather than in midsummer. The suggesion will be conveyed to the federal fuel controller.

Better Train Service Here Being Asked

In view of greatly increased passenger and freight traffic between Prince Rupert and Jasper Park, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is asking the Canadian National Railways to provide a more adequate passenger train service on this line. Request to this effect has already been made by the council of the Chamber, the action being endorsed at the regular monthly meeting last night.

Baseball Scores

American League

Detroit 6, Philadelphia 4.
Cleveland 8, Boston 11.
Chicago 1, New York 6.
St. Louis at Washington, postponed.

National League

New York 4, Cincinnati 15.
Boston 1, Pittsburgh 2.
Only games scheduled.