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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)

High 11:01 a.m. 21.0 feet
23:34 p.m. 19.1 feet
Low 4:41 a.m. 6.9 feet
17:27 p.m. 5.0 feet

Local Temperature

Maximum 47
Minimum 31

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War Picture Bright For Allies

BATTLE IN TUNISIA

Major Engagement May Be Under Way There Soon

LOST MANY TANKS

CAIRO, Nov. 18 (CP)—General Sir Harold Alexander, commander-in-chief of British forces in the Middle East, said today that only fifteen of the 500 Axis tanks in Egypt escaped destruction or capture by the British Eighth Army but he predicted that Marshal Erwin Rommel's shattered forces would make a stand near El Aghella, Libya. As General Alexander spoke the Eighth Army was within seventy miles of Bengasi and pursuing Rommel on a wide front. He warned that there may be further heavy fighting in North Africa and said "the enemy is foggy but not knocked out."

LONDON, Nov. 18—A commencement of major fighting in Tunisia is expected at any moment. British and American parachute troops are reported to be landing deep within the French protectorate with land forces marching on from Algeria. Bezete and Tunis are under air attack. To what extent the French resistance may be still appears uncertain. The tempo of fighting appears to be on the increase.

Marshal Erwin Rommel, Nazi commander-in-chief in North Africa, is reported to have arrived in Tunisia to direct Axis resistance from there.

Meanwhile the Allied forces are continuing their drive across Libya beyond Bengasi. The Afrika Korps, such as remains of it, may make a last stand at El Aghella, 150 miles from Bengasi.

All rearward action of the Afrika Korps in Tunisia has been broken off.

TRIBUTE TO MR. PULLEN

Former City Commissioner Pays Respects to Memory of Publisher of Daily News

Former City Commissioner W. J. Alder and Mrs. Alder paid their tribute to the late H. F. Pullen in the following words contained in a message received today:

"He was a good citizen and an inspiration to Prince Rupert people during the dark days."

Mother of Mrs. Young is Dead

Mrs. Thomas W. Glaholm Was First White Girl Born in Nanaimo

Mrs. Margaret Glaholm, mother of Mrs. F. McB. Young, formerly of Prince Rupert, passed away recently in Nanaimo. Mrs. Glaholm was eighty-eight years of age and had the distinction of being the first white girl born in Nanaimo.

Government Purchasing

VICTORIA, Nov. 18 (CP)—Premier Hart today announced the establishment of an independent purchasing commission for the British Columbia government and reorganization of the provincial audit scheme. The chief points of the new policy are a purchasing commission free of political influence to direct the purchase of all government supplies.

Allies May Get Dakar

LONDON, Nov. 18—The key port of Dakar on the west coast of Africa may be turned over by the French to the Allies as a result of negotiations which are now in progress. The port of Dakar is of particular strategic significance in relation to nations of the western hemisphere.

BOMBERS ARE OUT

Attacks Staged Yesterday by Both American and British Planes

LONDON, Nov. 18—United States bombing planes staged a daylight attack on St. Nazaire submarine base yesterday and scored many direct hits on their targets. British bombers were over northern France.

KEEP AFTER STALINGRAD

Russians, However, Are Pretty Generally Holding Own Over Nazis

MOSCOW, Nov. 18—The Nazis with mixed tanks and artillery are still attacking heavily at Stalingrad and gained some ground in the industrial area of the shattered Russian city yesterday. However, it was at the cost of heavy losses.

In the Caucasus, the Russians are still holding their own, capturing a strategic hill in the vicinity of Nalchik.

The enemy has fallen back in one sector of the Leningrad area where a village has been retaken by Soviet forces.

SPAIN ON SPOT NOW

Mobilization of Sea, Land and Air Forces Ordered by Francisco Franco

LONDON, Nov. 18—With German forces approaching her frontiers from the north and Allied strength gaining on the south, General Francisco Franco last night ordered partial mobilization of Spanish naval, land and air forces, supposedly to preserve Spanish independence against attack.

There are rumors that the Axis may attempt to seize control of the Iberian Peninsula.

THEY CAN'T TAKE IT

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 18 (CP)—For shouting insults at a detachment of German soldiers, a 56-year old mechanic was sentenced to 50 days' imprisonment at Copenhagen.

WAS WELL KNOWN PILOT

LONDON, Nov. 18 (CP)—Philip E. G. Sayer, O.B.E., has been killed in a flying accident somewhere in Britain. He had been chief test pilot for the Gloster Aircraft company since 1934.

Mrs. Florence Ovenden of Premier has been admitted to the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Mrs. Ovenden was on her way from Premier to Vancouver, the steamer on which she was traveling putting back into port half an hour after leaving here so that she could enter hospital.

TO BOOST OIL WELLS

Lack of New Development and Other Factors Cause of Present Decrease

EDMONTON, Nov. 18 (CP)—A decrease in Turner Valley production in the last few weeks has caused considerable concern in the Alberta oil industry. At present Turner Valley production is 1,000 barrels a day less than at this time a year ago and about 2,000 barrels daily below the 1942 peak reached in June. Valley production in late October was about 26,000 barrels daily.

Major causes of the decreased production are the gradually lowering flows from older wells and the lack of new development. Also relevant, are the conservation plan, the field price for crude and the new federal royalty taxes. Oil men give various reasons for a lack of new development. They say the disappointing results of drilling in the extreme north end of the field dried up eastern financial support for new wells.

According to an oil industry publication (The Daily Oil Bulletin) there are good sites for from 75 to 90 new wells in the proven limits of the valley. Of these only about 35 and 40 are held by companies other than Imperial Oil, its associated companies and the Home Oil Company.

The Alberta Petroleum Association has asked G. R. Cottrell, Dominion Oil Controller, to increase the field price of crude oil to help offset declining production. Herbert Greensfield, A.P.A. president, has declined to comment on the submission until a reply is received. However, oil men argue a higher price would enable companies to drill on good locations in the absolutely proven area of Turner Valley and also permit continued operation of small producers in the south end of the valley.

Field Prices

The prevailing price in the valley, these oil officials say, hardly justifies operation of these small wells; their suspension would be serious, however, because in the aggregate they produce a considerable quantity of crude. The present field price for Turner Valley crude is \$1.43 a barrel from 37.0 to 37.9 points gravity increasing two cents for each point of gravity until \$1.97 a barrel is paid for 64.0 and up gravity oil.

It is impossible to get oil association officials to comment on the new royalty tax. It is known they are hoping to get some relief on the tax and they do not want to prejudice their case by any public statements now. The new tax which went into effect July 1 means that royalty companies for the first time are taxed as corporations are. The new tax, defined roughly, is a levy on the net taxable income from the well.

This is the first time such a tax was levied in Canada and an authority on Turner Valley said it definitely affects new production because it has made investors more hesitant to supply money for drilling.

The conservation plan, calculated to lengthen the life of the field, was put into effect for the first time. The plan, briefly, limits production to 25 barrels of reservoir fluid—mixed oil and gas in the formation—for each acre daily. The plan was devised by Dr. Granger Brown of the University of Michigan.

However this plan has a rather minor effect on production. Wells are given individual quotas, eliminating the blanket quota for the field previously in effect, and production from individual wells may fluctuate week by week depending

CANADIAN JAP-SLAPPERS



Pilot of an R.C.A.F. Kittyhawk fighter climbs aboard his plane before going aloft on a patrol in Alaska. Canada's airmen, serving with those of the United States in the northern outpost, have already drawn Jap blood.

USE MADE OF DARLAN

President Roosevelt Makes Statement in Regard to Negotiations in North Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 18—President Franklin D. Roosevelt made a statement last night in regard to the position of Admiral Jean Darlan in North Africa and the future government of France. He said that the arrangement with Darlan was strictly temporary and due to military expediency. It had given important advantages which otherwise could not have been enjoyed. Lives had been saved in landing and mopping up operations, achieving ends which otherwise would have taken months to accomplish, during which time the Axis would have been able to reinforce its strength. There had been no other of competent authority to deal with Darlan.

Roosevelt admitted that "we and the British are using Darlan for our own selfish purposes."

GIVING TO RED CROSS

Chief Edward Gamble, Kitkatla \$25
Mrs. Lottie Casley, Los Angeles \$25

upon the rise and fall of gas oil ratios.

Present Experiments

At present an experiment is being carried on among large wells in the north end of the valley which require a quite low quantity of natural gas to raise the crude oil. It is possible these experiments may show that production can be raised in the aggregate to from 1,000 to 2,000 barrels a day without injuring the field.

The possibility of stepping up oil production in Alberta is being studied by G. B. Webster of Ottawa, assistant oil controller, now on a tour of Turner Valley, the Vermillion oil field east of Edmonton and the McMurray tar sands area northwest of Edmonton.

Mr. Webster is making his survey because of the need for greater quantities of oil, especially in the wartime developments north of Edmonton. Federal officials are concerned about this greater need in the face of lower production in Turner Valley, failure to discover new fields in the province and the failure of Vermillion and other secondary areas to increase production.

In Hospital Bed Plans Security For Boys' Smokes

Veteran Flier of First Great War Has Plan to Ensure Overseas Men Getting All Their Cigarettes

By FRANK LOWE
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HALIFAX, Nov. 18 (CP)—From the hospital bed he hasn't left in 12 years, Walter Callow outlined a plan that he thinks would hurry more cigarettes to Canadian service men overseas.

This, he said, would be his contribution to Canada's war effort. In the First Great War he did more, being a test pilot with the then embryonic flying corps. A crash injured his spine, and for more than a decade he had been confined to bed, both blind and crippled.

But that can't stop him from helping the young men who are doing the job this time. As a veteran, Mr. Callow knows how a smoke can cheer up a service man, and his idea is to get as many cigarettes to the boys in uniform as possible.

Cigarettes a la Carte

So far he has been carrying on a one man campaign from his cubicle in an army hospital here. With money raised by raffling his radio—his one means of communication with the world outside—a victory bond he bought and contributions from friends, he has managed to send some 500,000 smokes to men in the services.

However, he believes more can be done. His plan is to establish a bonded warehouse in England and when people in this Dominion want to send cigarettes to friends or relatives overseas, they would merely buy a card at a post office and send it to the soldier. The soldier in turn would send it to the warehouse, where he would get his cigarettes and outfit the U-boats and "land submarines."

These efforts are appreciated. Hundreds of letters have come to the hospital for the indomitable veteran, expressing thanks for his gifts. One, from a Chinese seaman, is the most pointed. After a long note written in his native script, the oriental painfully writes in English, "Very much thanks cigarettes."

OLD VAUDEVILLE

Vaudeville dates its popularity from the time of the French Revolution.

Resignation of Elliott Little

OTTAWA, Nov. 18 (CP)—Quick clarification of the relationship between the National Selective Service and the Department of Labor is expected as a result of published rumors that Elliott M. Little, director of selective service, has resigned. Both selective service officials and the Department of Labor are silent on Little's position and will make no comment on reports of his resignation.

NOT TIME TO EXULT

War News Has Been Good But President Roosevelt Says There Is Long Uphill Fight Yet

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 18—There has been a great deal of good news from the southern Pacific and North Africa during the last two weeks and the turning point of the war may have been reached, said President Franklin D. Roosevelt in an address last night. "We have still, however, to face an uphill fight," declared the chief executive. "This is no time for exultation but it is a time for fighting and working to win."

Mr. Roosevelt cautioned against loose talk and disclosure of war information. He explained how it was often inadvisable to give out full information in regard to the progress of the war immediately.

MINE BEING TAKEN OVER

Vancouver Business Men Acquiring Aveling Coal Property Near Telkwa

To assist in meeting the increased demands for fuel in the area from Prince Rupert to Prince George, the Aveling Collieries at Telkwa are being taken over by a group of Vancouver businessmen. They expect to increase the output of the mine considerably in the near future.

A. M. Richmond, well known mining engineer, who heads the group as trustee and manager, reached Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver and will go to Telkwa Friday evening. He was for some years with the Provincial Department of Mines in various parts of the province and also served as assistant to the provincial mineralogist. Lately he has been a consulting engineer with headquarters in Vancouver.

PIONEER IS DEAD

C. H. Finley Passes Away at Prince Rupert General Hospital

C. H. Finley, well known pioneer carpenter of this city, passed away this afternoon in the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he has been a patient for the past few weeks suffering from heart trouble. He is survived by his widow and two married daughters. His son, Clarence, has been on service with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

HOCKEY SCORES

Montreal 1, Boston 4.

Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena, after having been in the city since the week-end, left by this morning's train on his return to Smithers.

JAPS LOSE INITIATIVE

Allies Appear to be Gaining Upper Hand in South Pacific—Concentrating Upon Buna

JAPANESE VERSION

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (CP)—Japanese headquarters today admitted the loss on one Japanese battleship, the damaging of another, the loss one one cruiser and three destroyers and the damaging of seven Japanese transports in the third naval battle of the Solomons Islands. It also said that the Japanese lost thirty-two planes which dived into the enemy and nine others which did not return. The United States Navy already had announced that American naval forces sank a battleship and damaged another and sank three heavy and two light cruisers, five destroyers and eight transports with numerous other ships damaged. The Japanese claimed the sinking of eight United States cruisers and four or five destroyers and heavy damage to other American ships including two battleships but the United States have announced the loss of two light cruisers and six destroyers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—An Associated Press correspondent expresses the view that the Japanese have lost the offensive in the southern Pacific as a result of recent heavy reverses and losses in that area. A powerful Allied offensive may be expected very shortly.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, believes, however, that it is of so vital importance that the Japanese, while set back for the time being by American naval and air strength in that area, will launch another strong attack on the vital Solomon Islands, particularly Guadalcanal.

Meanwhile Australian and American forces are now set to take back Buna, Japanese stronghold on New Guinea. This would largely relieve the threat to Port Moresby and would give the Allies a powerful base for operations against the enemy in the Solomons.

Eighteen Japanese planes were destroyed in a raid on Lae, New Guinea, yesterday.

It is believed there may be an upward revision of Japanese losses in the series of naval engagements off the Solomon Islands. It has been announced that twenty-three enemy vessels were sunk and seven damaged. It may turn out that there was more than this.

BLITZED—NOT BUTTS

LONDON, Nov. 18 (CP)—The Times carried this advertisement in its "personal" column: "Havana cigars wanted by private consumer. Blitzed cigars not objected to."

A further organization of the new truck and taxi drivers' union here was held Monday night in the Carpenters' Union Hall with Thomas Elliott, president of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, in the chair. A charter is now being awaited.

Funeral Notice

The funeral of the late Henry F. Pullen will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Grenville Court chapel of the B.C. Undertakers. Very Rev. James B. Gibson, dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, will officiate and interment will take place in Fairview Cemetery.