

WAR NEWS

The Daily News

Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	1:41 a.m.	21.0 ft.
	13:45 p.m.	21.6 ft.
Low	7:46 a.m.	4.9 ft.
	20:09 p.m.	2.3 ft.

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South Pacific War Rages

In Spite Of Heavy Sea Losses Japanese Have Made Landings In Java

Twenty-Seven Nipponese Vessels Sunk Or Set Afire In Twenty-Four Hours—Tokyo Claims to Have Annihilated Allied Fleet.

COUNTER STROKE DEVELOPING
BANDUNG, Java, March 2: (CP)—The Allied counter-stroke delivered against Japanese invasion forces striking into Java was declared officially tonight to have "developed satisfactorily" but details of the defence are kept secret. A communique admitted that "the situation in some parts of Java is obviously critical" but added that the invaders are "receiving blows hammer and tongs." Although there is no direct threat to Batavia as yet, vital objectives there are being made useless to exclude risk.

BATAVIA, March 2:—Although twenty-seven Japanese warships and transports had been sunk or set afire and six others seriously damaged during three days in the Battle of Java, Japanese forces landed on Java Sunday, Allied bombers inflicting heavy losses upon them. American and Dutch submarines blew up one Japanese warship and set fire to another as well as sinking a large transport.

Tokyo boasted that the Japanese fleet had "virtually annihilated the main force of the combined Allied South Pacific fleet and now is engaged in mopping up the remnants." The Japanese claim that five Dutch cruisers and ten destroyers had been sunk and that the British had lost a heavy cruiser and two destroyers. The Dutch admitted loss of two cruisers and two destroyers.

Dutch, British and Australian forces have launched strong counter-offensives against the Japanese invaders who won passage on to the island of Java over the week-end. A confused and whirling fight has ensued.

It is estimated that the Japanese have thrown from 100,000 to 300,000 troops into the invasion of Java in three spearheads with Bandung, united nations military headquarters in the interior, Surabaya, naval base, and Batavia, the capital city, as the main objectives. It is reported that the Japanese have advanced to Sabang, forty miles from Bandung.

The Japanese suffered enormous losses in making landings with lighters containing troops, armored cars and tanks. The landings were effected under fire of heavy naval guns.

Where they have been forced to fall back the invaders have demolished railway lines and fired everything that might be of use to the enemy, following the scorched earth policy such as was done in Borneo, Sumatra and Bali.

REVENUE STILL UP

Although Customs Collections Were Lower This February Than Last.

Customs and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of February this year amounted to \$16,529.05, according to a statement issued at the customs house this morning. This compares with \$19,100.12 in February last year and brings this year's total up to \$62,949.69 as compared with \$39,195.36 in the first two months of 1941.

HOCKEY SCORES

SATURDAY
Americans 3, Canadiens 8.
Chicago 2, Toronto 8.

SUNDAY
Detroit 3, Boston 3.
Canadiens 1, Brooklyn 1.
Toronto 4, Chicago 3.

JAP ROUND-UP STARTS

Police Busy Yesterday Taking Radios, Cameras and Arms—Must Stay in at Night.

In compliance with a new federal order, police here, under direction of Inspector Ernest Gammon, yesterday rounded up all cars, radios and cameras in the possession of all people of the Japanese race. Three cars, 24 radios and 22 cameras were taken. Firearms had previously been surrendered and no explosives were found.

There was no trouble whatever, the authorities reporting that the Japanese themselves complied quite willingly when called upon to relinquish these articles all of which are being carefully tagged and stored.

Co-operating with the police were special provincial police reserves from among civilian men who have been organized for some time.

Like in other protected areas the curfew law whereby Japanese must stay indoors from dusk to dawn is also being enforced here henceforth.

Although, according to a Vancouver interpretation, "the curfew means the closing of all Japanese stores and the evacuation order means the vacation by Japs of their homes," no steps along these lines have so far been taken here.

ESTIMATES ROAD COST

Report Presented by Special Engineer to City Commissioner on Seal Cove Artery Situation.

D. McN. Lowe, local engineer, has turned in to City Commissioner D. J. Matheson a special report on the Seal Cove road situation. The commissioner will be calling a special meeting in his capacity as a city council shortly to consider the report in public and receive suggestions from interested parties including a special committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce which has been working on the matter. The report gives estimates of costs of widening the present road and developing alternate routes.

Widening and surfacing the present Sixth Avenue road from Hays Creek to Seal Cove to a width of twenty-four feet in two ways would cost \$38,660.05, it is estimated. Widening and surfacing the present road to eighteen feet would cost \$35,250.05. Incidentally, Mr. Lowe does not recommend the latter scheme.

An alternative to the widening of Sixth Avenue would be a two-lane roadway using Eighth Avenue to Herman Street, thence to Seventh Avenue and to Immanuel, the cost of this being estimated at \$36,000.

Mr. Lowe made a check of traffic on this road in one day and found that from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. no less than 473 vehicles passed.

Mr. Lowe has also made an estimate of \$3960 for the opening up of a 16-foot roadway on Hays Cove Circle from Fifth Avenue to the approach of Hays Creek Bridge.

Local Temperature

Maximum 46
Minimum 37

Charles Graham, inspector of mines, returned to the city on the Catala this morning from a trip to Surf Inlet on official duties.

CONVOY IS HEAVY HIT

Four and Possibly Nine Ships Appear To Have Been Sunk In Mid-Atlantic

AT AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, March 2:—One hundred and eleven men from four ships sunk out of a convoy in mid-Atlantic have been landed here. They tell stories of harrowing experiences following an attack in which at least nine ships were torpedoed.

Wishful Thinking Gets Quick Result

How West Virginia Boy Got To West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y., March 2:—Don Raese, substitute on West Virginia University's basketball team, sat in the locker room here after a recent game between the Mountaineers and the Army cagers.

"Gosh," said Raese, "How I'd love to go to school here."

Just then an attendant handed Raese a telegram.

The message from his father in Davis, West Virginia, said he had just been informed of Don's appointment to the military academy.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	14 1/2
Brairorne	7.20
Cariboo Quartz	1.30
Hedley Mascot	25 1/2
Pend Oreille	1.40
Pioneer	1.65
Premier	.44
Privateer	.35
Reno	.17
Sheep Creek	.75
Oils	
Calmont	.15
C. & E.	1.00
Home	2.45
Royal Canadian	.04
Toronto	
Beattie	.80
Central Pat.	1.15
Cons. Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	46 1/2
Kerr Addison	3.65
Little Long Lac	1.15
McLeod Cockshutt	1.50
Madsen Red Lake	.38
McKenzie Red Lake	.75
Moneta	.24
Pickle Crow	2.05
Preston East Dome	2.60
San Antonio	1.65
Sherritt Gordon	.80

McBride Is Away Above Quota In Loan Campaign

VANCOUVER, March 2:—W. A. E. Wall of McBride, who has been in Vancouver for the annual meeting of the British Columbia Red Cross Society, reports that residents of his town over-subscribed their quota of \$5000 in the Victory Loan campaign by seventy per cent.

Building Permits For Month Light

Value of Construction Here in February Was Only \$1325.

Value of building permits in Prince Rupert this February was only \$1325. M. Nordgaard took out a permit for a frame building on Alfred Street costing \$550. Other permits for repair work were: K. Sakamoto, Fifth Street, \$100; Dr. C. H. Hankinson, Borden Street, \$175; Fred Chin (King George Hotel), \$600; Louis Ross, Third Avenue, \$300.

RED ARMY ADVANCES
MOSCOW—Further advances have been made by the Russians in their campaign to drive the Nazis out of the Soviet Republic before winter ends. The Red Army today is within sight of wrecked houses of the city of Staraya where 90,000 Germans are farther south the Russians pushed toward the Dnieper against fierce German resistance.

AXIS TANKER TORPEDO
LONDON—An Axis tanker was torpedoed in the channel last night, the Admiralty announces.

IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
BATAVIA—The general trend of the war in the southwestern Pacific was reported little changed late today. The enemy are continuing to concentrate their drive against Java and Burma and are endeavouring, under heavy obstacles in the way of united nations resistance, to strengthen their attacking forces in the all-out smash in both directions as the immediate objective.

FRED WIGHT IS MISSING

Mystery Surrounds Sudden Disappearance of Well Known Local Young Man.

Fred Wight, electrician for Edward Lipsett Ltd. here and well known and popular local young man, has been missing since Friday afternoon last and fears are entertained that he may have lost his life in falling from the company's dock during the storm that was raging that afternoon.

As far as known, the last person to see Wight was the local manager of the company, John Moser, whose office he was at 3:30 Friday afternoon. It is thought probable that soon after that he stepped outside. He was wearing overalls and was doing his usual work. There are various theories as to what might have happened but no evidence even as to whether he actually went outside.

Police were notified late Saturday afternoon that the young man was missing and Constables McKim and Bradley instituted dragging operations until dark but with no result.

Wight was 27 years of age and came here from Vancouver four or five years ago. He had been in the employ of the Lipsett concern for eight years. He lived at Rushbrook Heights with his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. He was a member of Tsilmpin Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

IS QUIET AT BATAAN

McArthur's Forces Make One Thrust, However, Against Japanese

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 2:—The situation today on the Philippines is reported relatively quiet. General McArthur's forces have made another thrust against the enemy on Bataan Peninsula, Luzon Island, but it is not regarded as important.

Hunters And Trappers In Defence Unit

VANCOUVER, March 2:—The Vancouver Sun advocates the organization of hunters and trappers as part of a defence scheme for the British Columbia coast, particularly the northern part.

In advocating immediate provision of air raid shelters in Vancouver, the Sun asks: "Just what would be our program if we got word tomorrow that a Japanese squadron was off Prince Rupert?"

California Radios Have Silent Time

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2:—All San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento radio stations were silenced for approximately thirty-six minutes Saturday night. There was no immediate reason given as to why they went silent. The National Broadcasting Co. said the stations were ordered off the air at 11:02 p.m.

Mrs. E. Bostrom arrived in the city on the Catala this morning from Butedale.

HOLDING ON BURMA LINE

Japanese, So Far, Unable To Cross Sittang River

MANDALAY, March 2:—British forces are still holding their positions on the west bank of the Sittang River in Burma in spite of heavy Japanese pressure. The possibility of an outflanking operation by the enemy is, however, admitted. The Burma road between Rangoon and Mandalay, over which thousands of tons of supplies had been moving to China, is now out of use.

ROUTE OF HIGHWAY

Has Not Yet Been Definitely Chosen, Washington Says—Via Edmonton Seems Favored.

WASHINGTON, March 2:—It is emphasized in Washington that a final selection of route for the construction of a highway to Alaska has not yet been finally made. At a recent meeting here of the Canadian-American Joint Defence Board emphasis was laid on an inland route from Edmonton via the Peace River country to Whitehorse and thence to Alaska. An advantage of this route, it was contended, was that it would follow or parallel a string of seven air fields built by the Canadian government. Two alternate routes running north from Prince George are, however, still under consideration. Some quarters hope that an actual start of construction of the Alaska Highway may be made by April 1.

SUBSCRIBES TO VICTORY

Sun Life Contribution of \$15,000, 000 Gives Filip to Campaign—Local Figure Mounting.

OTTAWA, March 2:—Victory Loan headquarters said today that the campaign had gained impetus from \$15,000,000 subscribed by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada but did not report the new total for today. The total up to Saturday night was \$538,789,600.

The Victory Loan figures thus far prompted Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, to issue over the week-end a strong statement in favor of the greatest possible oversubscription.

With one more week in the campaign to go, Prince Rupert's Second Victory Loan subscriptions up to this morning had totalled \$563,250 from 1498 subscribers. The objective here is \$600,000 with 1800 subscribers, the original quota of \$485,000 having been over-subscribed several days ago.

TERROR FOR GEESSE

LINCOLN, March 28:—Geese are susceptible to searchlights a Lincolnshire farmer learned when he hid in his barnyard to catch a fox he thought was keeping his flock awake at night. No fox showed up but when searchlights from nearby batteries probed the sky for raiders the geese became panic stricken and cried out in terror.

H. Drinkwater and J. Leckie, Vancouver shipping men, are here on business, having arrived from the south on the Catala this morning.