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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)	
High	4:44 a.m. 20.6 ft.
	17:29 p.m. 17.3 ft.
Low	11:21 a.m. 4.8 ft.
	23:29 p.m. 7.0 ft.

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Offensive Being Planned

United Nations To Go All Out Against Japs From Bases In Pacific

Invaders Making Further Progress in Java Where Situation Is Still Critical—Communications Are Cut Off.

MELBOURNE, March 7: (CP)—United nations' offensive against Japan from Australian and Indian bases is being planned in Washington and London, information reaching the Australian government said today. It was said the government was informed that the maximum strength of the united nations is to be assembled in the southwest Pacific at the earliest possible moment for such an offensive.

PUSHING HIGHWAY

No Delay in Connection With Military Road From Hazelton To Prince Rupert

Construction of the military highway, which it was announced earlier in the week in the Daily News is to be built from Prince Rupert to Hazelton, will be concentrated at first on the vital Prince Rupert-Terrace gap while work will also be pushed forward on the gap between Hazelton and U.S.K.

The highway will be built on the north side of the Skeena River from Prince Rupert to Terrace, crossing the river on the bridge already established at Terrace.

Five survey parties will start immediately to map out the ground and camps will be set up at convenient points along the route.

Standard of the road and letting of contracts will be handled by the federal government with the provincial government looking after the engineering end.

DEATH BY DROWNING

This Is Verdict in Case of Fred Wight at Inquest by Coroner's Jury Yesterday Afternoon.

Accidental death by drowning between the hours of 4 and 12 p.m. on February 27 was the verdict of a coroner's jury which yesterday afternoon investigated the death of Fred Wight from the Edward Lipsett Ltd. dock on Friday of last week. Wight is believed to have fallen from the dock that afternoon into the harbor. His body was recovered yesterday morning as a result of diving operations.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner A. J. Lancaster and the jury consisted of Raymond Allen, Harry Norman, William Num, Douglas Wood, John McCrimmon and James O'Neill.

Witnesses were John Moser, William A. Colclough, John P. Wilson and Joseph Gardner.

Moser told of Wight having been at his work on the afternoon in question, disappearing before evening.

Colclough saw deceased many times during the day in question. He was bright and cheerful as usual.

Wilson, transferman, told of deceased walking around his truck at 4 p.m. to move a hanging wire. Witness did not see deceased again so moved the wire himself.

Gardner, diver, testified to finding the body on the bottom between two piles under the wharf. It was lying freely on the bottom toward deep water.

There was no medical evidence, the fact that deceased was drowned being accepted as obvious.

NEW CHIEF OF LEAGUE

Canadian National Heads Are Honored by West Indian Organization.

MONTREAL, March 7.—Announcement has been made here by H. C. Collier, secretary of the Canadian West Indian League, that R. C. Vaughan, president of Canadian National Railways and Canadian National Steamships, has been elected to the presidency of the league. Mr. Collier also announced that R. B. Teakle, general manager of Canadian National Steamships, has been appointed Mr. Vaughan's personal representative on the council.

The current issue of the Canada West Indies Magazine stated: "It is with pride and pleasure that we announce to members of the Canadian West Indian League that R. C. Vaughan has graciously consented to accept the presidency of the league. His high position in Canadian public life and his intimate knowledge of Canadian affairs will be of inestimable value on the executive council of the executive council of the league to which he brings a dynamic personality and keen interest in Canadian West Indian relations."

With regard to Mr. Teakle's appointment the magazine says: "As general manager of the Canadian National Steamships, Mr. Teakle is well known and respected in the West Indies and his closer and more intimate association with the affairs of the league will be as much welcomed by our West Indian members as it is by their executive council."

SCOTTISH HONORED

Presentation by Canadian Legion This Morning at Show in Capitol Theatre.

Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Second Battalion, Canadian Scottish, were entertained at the Capitol Theatre this morning through the courtesy of the manager, D. G. Borland. The full week-end picture program was presented and a feature of the occasion was the presentation to the battalion of a handsome slate miniature totem pole, with silver plate suitably inscribed, as the gift of the Canadian Legion.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Legion by J. S. Wilson who spoke appropriately to the occasion, wishing the unit the best of luck in the future. Mr. Wilson reminisced on his own experiences in France when the battalion in which he served overseas became associated with the famous old Sixteenth Canadian Scottish—a unit which had left a tradition which was something to live up to and which he was confident this battalion would do. Mr. Wilson referred to the work that the Canadian Legion was endeavoring to do in the way of service men both as units and individually.

Major John McGregor, V.C., D.S.O., officer commanding of the Canadian Scottish, expressed appreciation for the gift and the sentiments which had been voiced. The Scottish would always be grateful for everything that had been done for them by the Canadian Legion. The totem pole would occupy a prominent place wherever the Scottish might be located. Major McGregor also thanked Manager D. G. Borland for his generosity, courtesy and consideration of the troops.

Mr. Borland also spoke briefly during the proceedings.

Tonight's train, due from the east at 11 o'clock, was reported this morning to be forty minutes late.

Defence Demand Is Endorsed By Junior Chamber

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly meeting last night, endorsed a resolution of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club demanding immediate defence measures from the federal government in regard to this port. A wire was addressed to Prime Minister Lyon Mackenzie King as follows:

"Prince Rupert Junior Chamber heartily endorses resolution of Rotary Club here relative to necessity of dealing with enemy alien menace and providing adequate military defences for this city. Urges that gravity of situation in Pacific demands that this matter be dealt with immediately to safeguard lives of Canadian citizens here."

LOAN DRIVE CONCLUSION IS STRONG

Final Objective of \$900,000 Almost Accomplished—\$614,500 in Prince Rupert.

OTTAWA, March 7:—The Second Victory Loan campaign closes tonight and there is every reason to believe that the final objective of \$900,000,000 will be reached by that time. Up to the close of business yesterday, the total subscriptions for Canada were \$895,960,000. The British Columbia total was \$77,446,000.

Victory Loan subscriptions in Prince Rupert up to last night totalled \$614,600 from an aggregate of 1871 subscribers. Latest subscriptions include \$1250 from Mrs. Joseph T. Mandy.

WILL ERECT NEW HOUSES

Fifty Duplex Residences Are Going Up At Ocean Falls

Contract has been awarded by Pacific Mills to W. E. Galloway and Sons of Vancouver for the erection of fifty duplex houses at Ocean Falls. The houses, to be occupied by employees of the pulp and paper plant, are to be completed within a year.

The site of the new houses will be in former "Jap Town," which is being demolished following the evacuation from Ocean Falls of Japanese employees.

New Bus On Seal Cove Service

A new flag car of the Arrow Bus Lines fleet of Seal Cove stages is now in operation following its arrival a couple of days ago from the Chrysler Corporation factory at Oshawa, Ontario. It is a brand new 29-passenger all-steel Fargo machine, equipped with all the latest fittings in the interests of safety and service. Spacious interior features red leather seats commodiously arranged. There are automatic signal lights and other modern devices.

The Arrow Bus Lines fleet now consists of four busses not including one of the old timers which is now being withdrawn from service.

NEW CHIEF OF HOTELS

Robert Sommerville Becomes General Manager of C.N.R. Hotels.

MONTREAL, March 7.—The appointment of Robert Sommerville as general manager of hotels, Canadian National Railways, was announced today by E. P. Mallory, executive assistant to the president of the Canadian National Railways system. Mr. Sommerville's appointment follows the death of Joseph Van Wyck who had been in charge of the important group of hotels operated by the railway. The new general manager of hotels will have his headquarters in Ottawa and will direct the operation of eight year-round hotels and three summer resorts, including Jasper Park Lodge.

Mr. Sommerville, born at East Calder, Scotland, joined the Canadian National Railways in March, 1929, at the MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, since which time he has served in executive and managerial capacity at the Fort Garry, Winnipeg, the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Jasper Park Lodge in the Rockies, the Bessborough, Saskatoon, and the Nova Scotian, Halifax.

The new general manager possesses unusual qualifications and experiences. War in 1914 interrupted his law course for which he was reading at Peabody. He enlisted August 4, 1914, in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, saw service in France and in 1915 received his commission and an appointment in the Indian Army from which he retired in 1922 with the rank of captain following service in France, Palestine, East Africa, Egypt and India.

After retiring from the army, Mr. Sommerville entered the hotel business and made a study of hotel operations in England, Egypt and France. He engaged in summer resort business in England and afterwards took a managerial post in Los Angeles, Calif., from which city he went to Toronto, serving for three years as manager of the Selby Hotel there. In addition to a wide acquaintance with travellers from all parts of the world, who have been guests in Canadian National hotels, Mr. Sommerville has a further friendship with hotel and transportation officials throughout the United States, largely through his frequent visits to that country when serving as manager of Jasper Park Lodge.

Discussion Of Youth Congress

Junior Chamber of Commerce Will Watch Organization Without Giving Sponsorship at This Time.

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly dinner meeting last night, discussed the local Youth Congress movement at some length and finally decided to send representatives to further organization meetings, this, however, not to be taken as implying sponsorship of the movement in any way.

Louis Felsenthal reported on having attended a meeting of the local youth council and explained the scheme of organization. A number of other members of the Junior Chamber expressed their views. The general idea was that more information and a better understanding of the movement was to be desired before any definite move was made towards support or sponsorship of the organization and its activities.

R. A. Harlow, C.N.R. roadmaster at Prince George, formerly located here, is a visitor in the city today from the interior.

GAS RATION TO BE LOW

Allowance Under Rationing to Be Smaller Than Originally Announced.

OTTAWA, March 7:—The amount of gasoline to be allowed for each coupon under the rationing system which becomes effective April 1 will be set at a conference to be held probably next week and it is expected to be less than the five gallons originally announced, it was learned today. Four gallons for each coupon is considered the likely figure allowing drivers of passenger cars, not eligible for the preferred ration, 240 to 300 gallons instead of 300 to 380 gallons anticipated when the plan was announced.

APPROVAL BY CANADA

War Committee of Canadian Cabinet Gives Its O.K. to Alaska Highway Project.

OTTAWA, March 7:—Recommendation of the Canada-United States Defence Board for completion of a highway through Canada to Alaska has been approved by the war committee of the Canadian cabinet. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today.

WATER IS DISCUSSED

Junior Section of Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Wonders If System Is Adequate.

City water service and its adequacy or otherwise to meet demands of increased consumption came up for some discussion last night at the dinner meeting of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and it was finally decided to have a committee take the matter up with the civic authorities. There was speculation as to whether the system was in position to adequately take care of the new normal needs, let alone any fire-fighting emergency that might arise.

George L. Rorie informed the meeting that steady repairs and improvements were being made to the water system. He did not believe there was any general shortage of water.

sum of \$100 being contributed by organizations and individuals for the aid of the hospital.

The Port Simpson Hospital is still carrying on at the same old site where it was originally established on a cheery hillside overlooking the village and the bay. Since its inception it has achieved a record of fine service to this part of the coast. Many improvements have been made since the day that Dr. Bolton started up and it is still filling a valuable function today under the direction of Dr. Piddes and Miss Bedford.

...her up" will become an unfamiliar phrase when gasoline rationing goes into effect in Canada on April 1. For each coupon the service station attendant detaches from your book, shown here, will deliver one unit of gasoline. If you want only half a unit, the meter can bisect a coupon along a perforated line. When the plan was first announced it was thought a coupon would be for five gallons, but the shortage is becoming more acute and no one can predict how much it will represent.

...fifth Birthday—

...MPSON HOSPITAL JUBILEE

...at Neighboring Village Rooms Out Half a Century of Service.

An event of more than passing interest and importance for the city of Port Simpson during the past week was the celebration on Monday of the Golden Jubilee anniversary of the founding of the Port Simpson General Hospital by a Methodist (now the United) Church of Canada. Fifty years ago on March 3, 1892, the institution was opened by the late Dr. G. Bolton during the missionary time of the noted Rev. Thomas Piddes. A visitor of particular interest in Port Simpson for the occasion was Mrs. R. W. Large, widow of the late Dr. Large who as medical superintendent at Port Simpson a quarter of a century ago. Mrs. Large having come from Toronto to represent the Dominion Women's Missionary Society. A unique coincidence is the fact that Miss Grace Bedford, M.N., the present lady superintendent of the Port Simpson General Hospital, is a niece of the late Dr. Bolton, the first medical superintendent. Miss Bedford took leading part in connection with the marking of the jubilee anniversary. Dr. W. P. Bunt, superintendent of missions for the United Church of Canada in British Columbia, and other church officials were in Port Simpson for the occasion.

Two principal events marked the jubilee day program—a baby show and display in the afternoon in the Port Simpson Athletic Club hall and an evening's entertainment.

In addition to the baby show, at which prizes awarded for the babies adjudged the best, the afternoon display included exhibits of art and handwork produced by both adult and child patients in the hospital and there were booths illustrating the care and feeding of children and food preparation generally. There was also a tuberculosis educational corner.

Speakers during the afternoon were Mrs. Large, who gave some interesting reminiscences; Rev. W. Bunt; Rev. Thomas Kelly of the Mission boat Thomas Crosby and Rev. T. C. Colwell, the resident clergyman.

Probably the outstanding incident of the evening program was the speech by the aged Mr. Tall, a native, who was present at the reception tendered the late Dr. Bolton when he arrived at Port Simpson to open the hospital and who described in detail the meeting of welcome in the mission house. Ambrose Reid acted as interpreter for Mr. Tall. Rev. W. P. Bunt was also a speaker as well as Rev. Peter Kelly. The entertainment program included the presentation of a play depicting scenes from the life of Florence Nightingale. There was also another play by the children of the Crosby Girls' Home and the day closed with the prevention and care of tuberculosis were shown by Dr. Piddes.

A collection was taken up resulting in the very substantial