

EDITORIAL

DAILY EDITION

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Japs In Aleutians . . .

There is nothing to be greatly surprised about in the Japanese landings on the Aleutian Islands. A thousand or so miles west of Dutch Harbor, where the Japs staged their air raid ten days ago and a good deal less than that far from Japan's own Kurile Islands, lonely Attu Island could have been landed upon about any time the enemy chose to do so. There is only a short time of the year when weather is at all favorable in that area and this is the time. Conversely, if the Americans wanted to land on the Kuriles in some remote spot it is likely they could also do so. What advantage would be gained, of course, would be another question. It is to be considered that there is always a heavy risk of complete loss of forces being sent out on such isolated expeditions. Such is the risk that the Japanese run in landing on the Aleutians as would the Americans should they move on the Kuriles.

There might have been a single or several motives for the Japanese landing on the Aleutians. It is most likely that it is a defensive action in view of the generally anticipated offensive against Japan which must come from somewhere. Then it might be meant as a diverting action or even a face-saving one. It is also to be considered that the enemy might have the idea of establishing bases for an offensive drive eastward towards the Alaska mainland, Canada and the United States — an operation against which large preparations are doubtless being made in addition to our own plans for a westward offensive.

If we were allowed to know more about the things in a military way that are going on on our own side we might be able to interpret more clearly the real significance of the Aleutian Islands operations. Meanwhile the landing there of the Japanese tends to focus more attention on the Axis drive towards the western hemisphere although it does not bring actual conflict closer than we have already had through the Dutch Harbor operation.

We sometimes wonder which is worse—the war or the rumors of war. Here in Prince Rupert we are certainly already in the thick of battle as far as the rumors are concerned.

The Fisheries Experimental Station . . .

The fisheries experimental station of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, having had its inception here, expanding from humble beginnings to become an institution of many ramifications, has long since proven its invaluable worth to the fisheries industry and today is an important factor in the war effort from a scientific standpoint. It has come to be regarded as such a peculiarly local institution that it had never occurred to us that such a possibility as its being moved away would ever arise. Nevertheless, such a move is now more than a possibility. We are told that already it has been decided to remove part of the station to Vancouver and the rest may also have to go—the reason being that the premises which were built especially for it are required for other immediate pressing needs and there is nowhere here for the experimental station to re-establish itself.

It is gratifying, however, to be assured that influential local bodies are doing everything they can to keep this most important institution here in Prince Rupert where, in view of this being the centre of the most important fisheries of the Pacific Coast, the station really belongs anyway. We believe that every possibility of retaining the organization here should be exhausted before any final decision is made to remove it to a less advantageous location.

And now some people in these parts are even thinking it would be nice if they could move to England where they would be safer.

Invasion Of Britain . . .

Just two years ago this month there reached the editor's desk a long article descriptive of the British Isles to be "held for release" in the event of an invasion of those islands. Possibly, the public does not know that it is common practice for newspaper services to prepare such matter in advance for use in connection with events which appear imminent or about to break. Back those two years ago when France was collapsing and the fresh and mighty Nazi forces were at the height of their strength we were living in a state of nervousness that the British Isles would be invaded. The date for the invasion and the triumphal march of Adolf Hitler into London were even being set. Now two years have passed but England still stands and the invasion of Britain appears to be an unlikely event. Indeed, they are talking about an invasion not by the Nazis but by the Allies themselves. True, England, since those now yellowed sheets reached the editor's desk has gone through a sore testing and has suffered many wounds. Nevertheless, the invasion has not even yet been attempted. But the fear of an invasion probably did a great deal to make Britain strong in her island fortress as she is today.

This is just a demonstration that the worst we anticipate often does not happen but it is a good thing to be ready for it—just as we are getting ready for it in Prince Rupert today.

NEWS FOR MIDLANDS

Word has been received of the transfer of the First Midland Regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Gamey, from Edmonton to the Canadian west coast. This unit was recruited at Cobourg, Bowmanville, Lindsay and Campbellford.

Active and reserve army forces of Cobourg co-operated to hold a successful parade and drumhead service. Led by the band of the Second Midland Regiment, approximately 125 officers and men marched from the Armory to Victoria Park where they were addressed by Rev. Major C. R. Spenser. On the march back following the service, Col. A. H. Boursall, commanding officer of the Second Midlands, and Mayor J. Burnet took the salute from a position opposite the Town Hall.

A three-day Music Festival at Colborne United Church was a complete success. Most classes were well filled and interest in the contests was at a high pitch throughout. Financially, the festival was also a success. A special train from Cobourg each morning carried entrants to Colbourne and brought them back each evening.

Mrs. May Lindsay of Cobourg appeared before Magistrate R. B. Baxter in police court charged with causing a disturbance by swearing and by impeding or incommoding peaceable passengers. The complaint was laid by Mrs. Elsie Donnelly and arose out of a quarrel between the two women.

The recent Red Cross drive resulted in the sum of \$8,000 being raised in Cobourg and Hamilton Township.

Cobourg citizens are buying more and more pork, veal and lamb as shortage of beef becomes more evident. There has been a shortage of steaks even in restaurants and boarding houses. Prices are up as much as 20 and 25 percent above the original ceiling.

The regular schedule of ferry trips between Cobourg and Rochester is under way for the season. On opening day 423 passengers came across Lake Ontario. There were only three cars. Most of the visitors were young people.

The Cobourg branch of the Navy League of Canada is making large numbers of ditty bags for use of men in the naval service. Donations have included \$75 from the Rotary Club and \$50 from the Kinsmen's Club. A tag day is being held today.

The Cobourg Kiltie Band drew a large audience and an appreciative one when it held its opening concert of the season in Victoria Park under the leadership of J. H. Goldring. The band consists of thirty-three members including a number of new recruits.

Lieut.-Col. J. W. Odell journeyed to Toronto last week-end to attend an anniversary dinner tendered to graduates of fifty years ago from the University of Toronto.

Capt. M. M. Hood, former editor of the Oshawa Daily Times, has returned to Canada after spending over two years in Britain with the Canadian Legion War Services. He will resume his duties as secretary to Attorney-General Conant and secretary of the Ontario Civilian Defence Committee.

Employees of the Oshawa plant of General Motors of Canada honored Miss Hazel Yelland on completion of twenty-five years of service with the company. Among other gifts, Miss Yelland received a bouquet of twenty-five roses.

Major H. K. Walker, commanding officer of the Thirty-Sixth Field Battery, was in Cobourg this week on a recruiting visit.

Baseball Scores

American League
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 5.
Chicago Washington, St. Louis at New York, postponed.

National League
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 2.
Boston 2, Chicago 3.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati, New York at Pittsburgh, postponed.

Shower For Miss Ingram

Mrs. Ross Ingram and Mrs. Bud Barrie Are Hostesses

On Friday night Mrs. Ross Ingram and Mrs. Bud Barrie were joint hostesses at the home of the latter in a shower for Miss Muriel Ingram whose marriage is to take place shortly.

Games of "Quiz Me" were played and greatly enjoyed, prize winners being Mrs. Jeannie Warren and Mrs. Eve Smith.

Dainty refreshments were served. The feature of the evening was the presentation of a basket of miscellaneous gifts carried in by Miss Fay Ingram.

Among the guests were the Misses Mae Peacock, Nora Thomas, Tona Bourson, Janette Bourgon, Laurel Mahood and the Mesdames Eve Smith, Jeannie Warren, Josie Stuart.

None Too Old For Gardening

Aged Couple In England Sell Fruit, Vegetables and Eggs

PETWORTH, Eng., June 13:—Oldest couple in England with a licence to sell their own fruit, vegetables and eggs to the public are Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, aged 93 and 86, respectively. Their quarter-acre allotment which they themselves till is stocked with fruit trees, bushes and all types of vegetables. In addition, they have 50 hens.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

Dr. A. Somerville, medical health officer for the Foothills health unit, with headquarters at High River, has been appointed director of communicable diseases for Alberta. Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, minister of health and diseases, announces. He succeeds Dr. A. C. McGugan who has been appointed superintendent of the University Hospital in Edmonton.

Participant in the Riel Rebellion campaign in 1885 and a veteran of the Boer War, John Anderson Aylesworth, who served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for more than twenty-five years, died in hospital in Edmonton at the end of last week.

Lorne E. Ingle, Edmonton barrister, has been promoted adjutant of the Edmonton Fusiliers with the rank of captain. Mrs. Ingle and young daughter, Barbara, have returned to Edmonton after a visit with Capt. Ingle.

The South Edmonton Church of Nazarene is now holding services in a large tent near the corner of 99th Street and Whyte Avenue pending the completion of a new Church building. Rev. R. S. Tenove is the pastor and Rev. Charles Elam of California is at present conducting the evangelistic campaign here.

Wheat stem sawfly, which caused the loss of several million bushels of wheat on western farms in 1941, again menaces millions acres of prairie wheatland. The pest is present over a large proportion of the wheat belt in varying degrees. It is particularly evident in east central Alberta.

Sergeant Pilot Donald Gladstone Barrie, son of W. C. Barrie, Alberta superintendent of the federal wheat acreage reduction scheme with headquarters in Edmonton, is missing after operations of the Royal Air Force in Libya, according to a message received from the British air Ministry.

Capt. H. K. Brown, former Edmonton dentist and former member of the Alberta Legislature, has been promoted to the rank of major. He is an acting company commander in the Canadian Dental Corps.

Crowning achievement of the Edmonton Council of Jewish Women has been the purchase and presentation to the British government of a mobile canteen.

SPORT CHAT

Fred Slade was the first British jockey to fly to a race. He probably also was the most superstitious. In 1919 Slade flew to Belgium to take a mount in the Cesarewitch there. At lunch before the race someone spilled the salt and Slade's face fell about a furlong. He said that after such a catastrophe he could not possibly win the race. He was right. His mount finished second.

Another old-timer, Otto Madden, champion jockey who won the Derby in 1898 on the 100:1 shot Jeddah, died at Newmarket at the age of 70. In 1898 he also headed the winning jockeys' list with 161 firsts. He was champion jock again in 1901-03-04 and retired in 1909 but when jockeys became scarce during the First Great War he returned to win the classic Oaks on Sunny Jim and the English Cesarewitch on Air Raid.

At 43, Donald Finley not only is one of Britain's great air fighters and holder of the D.F.C., but a great hurdler as well. He won the 120-yard hurdle event in 15.6 when an Amateur Athletic Association team defeated a combined Oxford and Cambridge group 74 points to 39.

The war has gone to the dogs. The British Kennel Club decided no dog may be entered for a wartime show unless it is kennelled within 25 miles of the show. The restriction is designed to prevent travelling of great distances in line with the austerity program.

Twins and constant companions in sports participation, the Bedser boys are so alike that even their family has difficulty distinguishing which is A.V. and which is E.A. In a recent cricket match A.V. was run out. When E.A. followed the visiting umpire protested, "you're run out, you can't come back." He couldn't be persuaded otherwise until A.V. was brought from the pavilion and stood beside E.A. Both boys joined the R.A.F. the same day and both are sergeants.

Evatt, Australian minister of External Affairs, who passed through Canada on his way to Britain, is a connoisseur of the game, but he missed a match at Lords. The reason—duty before pleasure. He admitted it was a big disappointment to pass up the game.

Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, British welterweight champ, is a hot challenger for Jock McAvoy's middleweight crown. He outpointed Ginger Sadd of Norwich in a 12-round elimination middleweight contest at Norwich.

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