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High	3:59 a.m.	21.2 ft.
	16:30 p.m.	18.9 ft.
Low	10:29 a.m.	4.0 ft.
	22:39 p.m.	5.5 ft.

Batavia Occupied By Japs

Dutch Defenders of Java Fall Back Into Mountains Resolved To Continue Resistance There

Rangoon Still in Hands of British—Intensification of Burma Drive and Invasion of Australia Next Developments.

LONDON, March 6: (CP)—Netherlands headquarters today acknowledged mounting crisis in the Battle of Java today with the Allied troops being worn down by greatly superior Japanese forces. Batavia and practically all western Java has been over-run by the invaders and Allied troops have fallen back to new positions. A Netherlands bulletin admitted the capture of Jokyakarta in a Japanese thrust knifing almost to the south coast of Java and also announced complete evacuation of Batavia by Allied forces. For all practical purposes the island is cut in two in the central section.

The communique said the situation was serious but not hopeless and dispatches indicated that the Allies were slowly withdrawing to the interior mountains where they hope to make a last stand.

Netherlands forces, in a terrific frontal attack today, drove the Japanese from a section of the plains of Bandung which the invaders had occupied yesterday, Reuters reported from Bandung today.

In Burma British military quarters said that the situation was little changed in the past three days with both Rangoon and Pegu, key rail junction forty miles to the south, still in British hands. A Rome dispatch had said that the Japanese had taken Rangoon.

The intensification of the drive on Burma and invasion of the north Australia coast are predicted by military observers as the next developments.

FAMOUS NAZI PARACHUTE DIVISION ALMOST ENTIRELY WIPED OUT BY RED ARMY

Two Nazi [illegible] and Remnants of Third Being Chased [illegible] from Recaptured Yukhov, Mo[illegible]uncement Says.

MOSCOW, March [illegible] — A German parachute division, famed for its [illegible]es in the Low Countries and Crete, has been for[illegible] to function as infantry on the Leningrad front and has lost eighty-five percent of its men in winter trench warfare, dispatches reported today. On the central front Red Army accounts said that the German 260nd and 263rd divisions and remnants of the 131st were being chased westward from recaptured Yukhnov, 120 miles southwest of Moscow.

Recapture of Yukhnov tightens the drawstrings on the Rzehv-Vyasma pocket, it was said.

JAPAN MAY BE STOPPED ERE LONG

Danger of Major Reverses in South Pacific Seen.

LONDON, March 6:—If Australian expectations of a Japanese invasion are realized, and if Japan tries to attack India and push across the Indian Ocean to Madagascar, a suggested possibility, the ambitious Japanese may be sowing the seeds of their future undoing.

Japan is no more invincible than some people once thought Hitler was, especially before he stubbed his toe in Russia. And there is a limit to Japan's ability to stretch out her resources over about one-third of the globe.

Japan already is spread rather thin, in an attempt to do everything at once before the might of the United States and Britain make themselves felt. If this extension is continued too far Japan will have exposed an Achilles heel to the united nations.

To sum up the present Japanese position:

They are operating over about 4,000 miles from Burma to their own mandated islands.

They are heavily committed in China, which they have not been able to subdue in four and a half years. Chiang Kai-shek has an estimated 5,000,000 men to oppose them. Perhaps half of the available Japanese men under arms are tied up there or along the Soviet border.

They are engaged in a major operation in Burma.

They are trying to overwhelm Java.

A large part of their forces are involved in Bataan, Philippines.

Under the circumstances, an attempted invasion of Australia and India might be equivalent to sticking her neck out.

Tempting Proposed.

The Indian Ocean naturally offers a tempting prospect to Japan. Her naval forces now have unimpeded access to it past Singapore through the Strait of Malacca. The line of supplies from Britain and the United States flows past Capetown to Suez, the Persian gulf, India and China.

Japanese submarines undoubtedly soon will be operating in the Indian Ocean. To occupy Madagascar, with Vichy's connivance, as a base of operations closer to the Middle East shipping lanes would be a more ambitious project.

To take Madagascar and hold sway over the Indian Ocean would require considerable use of the Japanese fleet and air force. It is a question whether Japan has enough to spare for that and still dominate the western Pacific. It would require a large Japanese force, continuously in operations to break off the supply line which the United States has established to New Zealand and Australia.

If the U.S. Pacific fleet is weakened too much for Indian Ocean operations, the United States Navy has a chance to whittle down the Japanese outposts in the western Pacific one by one in a steady process of reconquest. The navy's raid on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands suggested the pattern.

If Hitler tries to drive through to Suez and Japan across the Indian Ocean to meet him, Japan's rear might be exposed to the United States.

Lieut. Jack McRae, who has been spending the past week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McRae, sailed by the Prince Rupert last night on his return to his naval duties at Victoria.

Fred Wight's Body Found

The body of Fred Wight of Edward Lipsett Ltd. staff was found at 10:30 this morning by Joe Gardner, diver for the Armour Salvage Co., lying on the bottom of the harbor beneath the company's floats where he was believed to have fallen into the water during a storm last Thursday afternoon. The body was immediately brought up and removed to the B. C. Undertakers. An inquest is being held this afternoon before Coroner A. J. Lancaster.

CHIANG IN CHUNGKING

Chinese Commander-in-Chief Returns Home From India—Drive On Burma

CHUNGKING, March 6:—Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek is back in this provisional capital city of China following his trip to India where he met General Sir Archibald Wavell, British commander-in-chief; Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian leaders.

An early Chinese drive against the Japanese in Burma is expected to follow Chiang's return.

As previously announced, arrangements have been made for a new supply line from India into China following the closing of the Burma Road.

ASSENT TO PLEBISCITE

Manpower Measure Finally Goes Through—Date To Be Announced

OTTAWA, March 6:—Royal Assent was yesterday given to the bill calling for the taking of a plebiscite to release the government from commitments in respect to the use of manpower for any phase of war activity, particularly in regard to overseas military service. The Senate earlier in the day had approved the measure.

A proclamation setting the date of the plebiscite is expected to be issued today. It is understood on good authority that May 11 is the most likely date for balloting in the anpower plebiscite although it is said the cabinet is anxious to make the date as early as possible and is urging May 4 for the taking of the vote.

Claude V. Symes, formerly of this city and for the past several years engaged in farming in the Smithers district, arrived on last night's train from the interior.

Victory Loan Is Mounting

OTTAWA, March 6: (CP)—The dollar total subscribed yesterday to the Second Victory Loan and conversions of bonds maturing May 15 and June 1 brought subscriptions up to $739,964,750.

FAMOUS AS LABORITE, EX-CONVICT

Tom Mooney, Who Served Much of His Life in Prison, Died Today in 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6: (CP)—Tom Mooney, Labor leader, who served twenty-two years in prison for the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness Day parade bombing died in hospital here today following another abdominal operation

Is Dead

TOM MOONEY

Tom Mooney was American labor's foremost "martyr."

He and an associate, Warren K. Billings, were convicted of bombing the San Francisco "preparedness day" parade of July 22, 1916. Ten persons were killed outright and 40 injured. Mooney was sentenced to death; Billings to life imprisonment.

Their conviction became a "cause celebre" of the working classes. At the repeated urging of President Woodrow Wilson, California's governor, William D. Stephens, commuted Mooney's sentence to life imprisonment.

For more than 20 years labor groups around the world echoed the Mooney - Billings cries of "frameup" and "perjury," until a self-styled "progressive" California governor, Culbert L. Olson, in 1939 pardoned Mooney and commuted Billings' sentence to time served.

A Socialist

Mooney started his career as an iron moulder, wandering from job to job and acquiring an interest in art. He went to Europe in 1907 and was converted to socialism. The "class problem" finally absorbed him. He became a peddler of socialist literature with the Eugene V. Debs "red special" presidential campaign train.

In Stockton, Calif., he met Mrs. Will Hermann, a music teacher. She divorced her husband and married Mooney.

Mooney became a crusading left-winger, known to police as a dagerous "direct actionist." World war days found him in the midst of a bitter San Francisco industrial dispute, organizing street car workers. Like Debs, other socialists were resisting the drift of America toward war. Mooney was one of these.

There were anonymous warnings that the "preparedness day" parade would be bombed. The deadly blast sent police straightaway on a hunt for Mooney and Billings.

They protested their innocence. Several witnesses identified them as being at or near the explosion scene five or ten minutes before the bombing. Billings was quickly convicted but because he was only 22 his life was spared.

A Vital Photograph

Mooney defenders extracted from prosecution possession a photograph showing him and his

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ALASKA HIGHWAY

Premier King Has Nothing To Add To Stimson Announcement —Engineers Leave Edmonton

VIA FORT ST. JOHN

OTTAWA, March 6: (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King told Commons today that construction of the Alaska highway will start at once and the route will follow approximately the new air route connecting Fort St. John with Alaska.

OTTAWA, March 6: — Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, said he had nothing to add to the statement made in Washington by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that the joint Canadian-American defence board had approved the Alaska highway project.

Meanwhile it is learned here that American engineering troops have left Edmonton for Dawson Creek and Fort St. John in the Peace River country in connection with the project.

LOAN WELL OVER HERE

Objectives of Both Amount And Number of Subscribers Exceeded

Prince Rupert Second Victory Loan subscriptions last night stood at $611,450 or 122 percent of original quota. The total of individual subscribers is now 1938, marking the achievement of objective both in amount subscribed and the desired number of individuals.

Yanks Sink Five Japs

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 6:—A surprise attack by United States planes has resulted in the sinking of five more Japanese supply ships off the Philippine Islands, not a single American plane being lost. General Douglas McArthur's American and Filipino troops on Bataan Peninsula of Luzon Island are still holding firm.

RAID ON MOSCOW

German Planes Get Through For First Visit On Soviet Capital In Over Two Months

MOSCOW, March 6:—Two German planes got through for a raid on Moscow last night and dropped some bombs. Others were turned back before reaching the capital. It was the first air raid on Moscow since December 23.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, the funeral of the late Henry Moles, ex-service man, whose death occurred earlier in the week at Prince Rupert General Hospital, took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of the B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery. Rev. C. A. Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated and Miss Lois Judge presided at the organ. Burial was in the returned soldiers' plot where the Last Post was sounded by Bugler William Rance.

B. C. MEN AT PARIS

Wing Commander John Fulton Of Kamloops and Other R. C. A. F. Members Took Part In Big Raid

LONDON, March 6:—Wing Commander John Fulton and several other officers and men of the Royal Canadian Air Force played a prominent part in Tuesday night's big raid by the Royal Air Force on industrial Paris. The raid is offically declared to have been "one of the most effective jobs" ever carried out by the Royal Air Force.

BULLETINS

NEW SELECTIVE PLAN

OTTAWA—A new and sweeping selective service plan ticketing both men and women for farm and factory jobs and setting up a new manpower pool for the armed forces has been approved by the cabinet, the Ottawa Journal said today.

GRIESBACH NOT RESPONSIBLE

OTTAWA—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, said in parliament yesterday that Major General J. M. Griesbach, inspector general of the Canadian army, had had nothing to do with the sending of Canadian troops to Hong Kong. A French-Canadian member had made certain comments in regard to General Griesbach.

WANT RALSTON HERE

VICTORIA — Mayor Andrew McGavin has asked Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, to come west and inspect Pacific coast defences particularly those of Vancouver Island. A reassuring statement from Col. Ralston, the mayor says, would do much to allay anxiety of the people here.

ASSAULTS ON MALTA

CAIRO — Aerial assaults on Malta are becoming almost continual. There is little action in the Libyan campaign.

ANOTHER SHIP LOST AT AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT—Landing of 31 survivors discloses the sinking of another British freighter. The survivors say their vessel was torpedoed simultaneously by two submarines on either side.

Communicating With Prisoners

Arrangements Being Made Whereby Canadian People May Get In Touch With Men So Held

OTTAWA, March 6:—Arrangements are being made whereby Canadian people may communicate by air letter cards with men who are held as prisoners of war in Germany and other enemy countries. Postmaster General William P. Mulock announced yesterday.

P. H. Ganty, well known Skagway merchant, and Mrs. Ganty, were passengers aboard the Princess Norah yesterday afternoon going through on a trip to Seattle.

TRAIL NOW PROTECTED

Japanese To Be Removed From Southern B.C. Mining and Power Area

OTTAWA, March 6: — A new wartime protected area has been declared in British Columbia. Covering an area of approximately 7000 square miles, it includes the cities of Trail, Kimberley and Nelson and important mining and power properties.

Declaration of the protected area will mean the removal of Japanese from there like from the coastal areas west of the Cascade Mountains.

Military Funeral Impressive Event

Obsequies Held Yesterday Afternoon for Late Cpl. A. J. Deeks of Canadian Scottish.

An impressive military funeral was accorded the late Cpl. A. J. Deeks of the Canadian Scottish yesterday afternoon. The service took place at the Armory with Capt. Brown, area padre, officiating. Led by firing party and pipe band with black-draped drums, there was a slow march procession. The casket, covered with a large Union Jack, was borne on an army truck to Fairview Cemetery. In the procession were Major John McGregor, V.C., officer commanding, other officers and two companies of men.

Local Temperature

Maximum	45
Minimum	34

ACTION IS DEMANDED

Rotary Club Condemns Inertia of Federal Government on Defence.

The Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday unanimously decided that the following resolution should be wired to the prime minister of Canada:

"Because of the prime strategic importance of the city of Prince Rupert in the defence of the Dominion of Canada on the Pacific Coast this club condemns the inertia of the Dominion Government in defence matters relative to this city and demands immediate evacuation or internment of all Japanese, whether Canadian born or otherwise, together with all other alien enemies, and also demands that immediate action be taken to supply the city of Prince Rupert with proper protection facilities and proper and adequate defence equipment and munitions to combat the type of attack employed in modern warfare. An immediate reply is requested as to what action is being and will be taken."

Higher Wheat Price Coming

This Principle Rather Than Bonusing To Be Adopted, Prime Minister Says

OTTAWA, March 6:—Under legislation about to be introduced in Parliament a principle of setting higher prices for wheat rather than bonusing wheat growing will be adopted, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King intimated to parliament yesterday.

CONVOY AT MURMANSK

British Supplies For Russia Get Through Safely To Far North

LONDON, March 6:—The British Broadcasting Corporation announced last night that an important convoy of British supplies for Russia had just arrived at Murmansk.

Resuming service after being undergone her annual overhaul at Vancouver, C.N.R. steamer Prince George, Capt. Edward Mabbs, arrived in port at 12 o'clock noon today from Vancouver and Ocean Falls and is scheduled to sail at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Ketchikan and Stewart whence she will return here tomorrow night southbound.