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Tomorrow's Tides
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High	1:00 a.m.	22.4 feet
	13:41 p.m.	21.6 feet
Low	7:30 a.m.	1.1 feet
	19:46 p.m.	3.6 feet

Olof Hanson Speaks—

LOCAL MEMBER TALKS OF WAR AND OTHER MATTERS ON RETURN FROM OTTAWA

Next Month Expected to Determine Whether it Will Be Long Or Short Conflict—Prince Rupert's Needs Discussed

All military authorities appear to be agreed that events of the next three or four days will determine whether the war will be of long or short duration, said Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, on being interviewed yesday afternoon by the Daily News following his arrival from Ottawa after attending the session of Parliament. The expectation was that the great resources of the United States would soon be taking a much greater part in the conflict. This would be of particular interest to the Pacific Coast upon which the progress of events in the Far East could not but have a most important bearing. Upon what transpired in that area might well depend what might happen here in the progress of the conflict.

Mr. Hanson paid tribute to the loyal citizens of Prince Rupert for their activity in the way of civilian protection. In no other community in the whole of Canada had there been a better response to A. R. P. organization than here. This local spirit was appreciated and the member said he was interested to learn that at least reasonable quantity of equipment had been delivered to this city. Special attention had been accorded this coast in the matter of assistance to civilian protection during the past three months. It was ahead of the Atlantic Coast in that regard.

Speaking in regard to complaints which had been made on civilian rights by local war projects, Mr. Hanson gave assurance that necessity of protecting civilian requirements was being given full consideration. He felt that there was no necessity of being unduly worried on that score.

The member for Skeena expressed gratification at the speedy progress being made on the Skeena River Highway construction work between Terrace and Prince Rupert of which he was able to obtain a good view by riding in from Terrace alongside the driver of the diesel electric train. "It looks like the contracts will be filled in reasonable specified time next year," commented Mr. Hanson who declined, however, to predict any specified date although from March to June has been mentioned. The construction of the road was one of the biggest things that had ever occurred for Prince Rupert and the interior. It was only to be regretted that it had taken a war to bring the project to materialization. As it was results were now being seen that it might have otherwise taken generations to accomplish.

City Mail Delivery

After referring to improvements in train and mail service which had been given Prince Rupert, Mr. Hanson was asked what he considered the prospects might be of obtaining a city mail delivery service. He recalled that this matter had been brought up a few years ago and had met with opposition at that time from the merchants. Conditions might have changed since then. Now if the citizens felt it was a fitting time to draw it to the attention of the authorities with the recommendation that it be put into effect, he would be glad to take it up and he believed there would be a reasonable chance of getting it.

Mr. Hanson, in reference to possibilities of improvement in radio services here, said that arrangements had been practically completed for the bringing in of a network line to Prince Rupert but this was something that now would probably have to be deferred until after the war.

Speaking of the Japanese question Mr. Hanson said that his stand was well known and had been fully recorded in Hansard. There had been conferences on the matter and it was gratifying that as far as the north—including such places as Prince Rupert, Stewart and Ocean Falls—was concerned, the situation had been pretty well cleared up.

The water supply in Prince Rupert was another matter which had been brought to his attention, Mr. Hanson said. He had taken it up with the department of public works which had found that demands on the local system were equal to the requirements of a normal community of 50,000 persons. Steps were being taken to adequately meet the situation.

One of the highlights of the session, Mr. Hanson said, had been a tour by a Parliamentary committee, of which he was a member, of munitions factories and military establishments in Eastern Canada. Thus had been obtained a graphic picture of Canada's war effort, details of which could not, of course, be revealed. Impressive indeed had been the sight of three great convoys sailing away to Britain in a single day from an Atlantic port. It made one appreciative of the part that Canada was playing in the war.

Mr. Hanson will be in Prince Rupert for the next few days. On his way home from Ottawa he stopped off to visit constituents at such places as Burns Lake, Telkwa, Smithers, Hazelton and Terrace.

From Ottawa

OLOF HANSON, M.P.

Big Battle In Solomons

Japanese Counter Attack But Find Americans Prepared For Them; Enemy Suffers Reverses

More Than Half a Dozen Large Naval Vessels Known Damaged With Great Air and Sea Engagement Still Proceeding

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 25 (CP) — The United States Navy announced today that the Japanese have counter-attacked American forces holding the southeastern Solomon Islands and a great sea and air battle had developed in which the enemy suffered more than half a dozen ships damaged. The battle began on Sunday afternoon and already army and navy carrier-based planes have effectively bombed two Japanese carriers, one battleship, one transport, one cruiser and an unspecified number of other cruisers. A transport and one cruiser were left burning fiercely after an aircraft attack yesterday.

The main action of the battle, a Navy communique indicated, is currently in progress and the Navy said it was "a large scale battle" between American sea and air forces and a strong Japanese striking force which has approached the southeastern group of the Solomons from a northeast direction.

Army and Navy Units, backing up the marines in the Solomons, had expected a violent attempt by the Japanese to recapture lost bases in the Tulagi area and so, the Navy said, were apparently fully prepared to meet it.

Meanwhile there has been air and land fighting on New Guinea, four Japanese zero fighter planes being brought down and several others damaged as another attack was made on Port Moresby. One United States plane was damaged but it returned safely to its base. In the land fighting a Japanese patrol was dispersed in the vicinity of Kokoda, 60 miles from Port Moresby.

Bulletins

HOWE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, has arrived in Washington for a conference with Donald Nelson, head of the Office of Production Management.

ACTORS ENLIST

HOLLYWOOD—Two more well known film stars have enlisted—Henry Fonda in the Navy and Tyrone Power in the Marines.

HEPBURN CRITICAL

TORONTO—Premier Mitchell Hepburn still feels Canadians are not war conscious. They are hiding behind the United States eagle. The Ontario Premier criticizes Ottawa for holding back the seriousness of the war news.

JAP FRUIT PICKERS

VANCOUVER—The British Columbia Security Commission is making arrangements to send Japanese from the Greenwood area to the Okanagan to engage in fruit picking.

FIRES ON ISLAND

VICTORIA—There are serious forest fires in Happy Valley and elsewhere on Vancouver Island.

AMPHIBIAN AIR BASE

VICTORIA — General Kenneth Stewart, chief of staff of the Canadian Army, announces that an amphibian training base is being established on Vancouver Island.

NAZI SHIP SUNK

LONDON—Light British naval units sank a German anti-aircraft ship off Flushing, Holland, and damaged three other similar craft.

RIGHTS FOR BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO — Argentina, Chili, Uruguay and Peru have granted non-belligerencey rights to Brazil following the declaration of war on Germany and Italy. All German and Italian banks in Brazil have been closed and twenty-five ships in Brazilian ports have been seized. Northern Brazil has been blacked out and coast defences are being bolstered. Another Brazilian ship has been sunk and also a 9,000-ton American tanker.

HELSINKI BOMBED

HELSINKI—Eight waves of Soviet bombing planes attacked Helsinki last night. Early dispatches gave no indication of damage done.

4,000 NAZIS LOST

LONDON—The leader of the Free French force which engaged with British and Canadians in the Dieppe commando raid last week estimates that the Nazis lost 4,000 men in the engagement.

FURTHER CHINESE GAINS

CHUNGKING—Further important gains have been made by the Chinese over the Japanese in Chekiang and Chansi Provinces. The Japanese appear to be withdrawing southward.

TOOK EARTH'S MEASUREMENT

The distance around the earth was first calculated by Eratosthenes of Cyrene (275-195 B.C.) with an error of only 23 minutes.

FLIGHT OVER THE ALPS

George Chavez was the first man to fly over the Alps. His flight in 1910 cost him his life through an accident on landing.

Churchill Back Home

LONDON, August 25: (CP)—As the crisis in Russia mounted, London newspapers said that the homecoming of Prime Minister Winston Churchill from Moscow and the Near East last night indicated Allied action to relieve Russia's imminent danger and the Daily Mail declared that "action by the Allies at no great distant date would appear inevitable." At Moscow, according to reports, Churchill and Stalin threshed out the second front question and reached a "complete friendly" agreement which has been approved by President Roosevelt of the United States. The Prime Minister landed at 8:40 last night from an American-made bomber, accompanied by General Sir Alan Brooke, chief of Army staff, and W. Averill Harriman, lease-lend co-ordinator. The Prime Minister is expected to make a broadcast before Parliament next sits.

Imminent Danger—

NAZIS NOW CLOSING ON STALINGRAD

Russians Are Forced Into New Retreat—Germans Say Week-End Will Determine Fate Of City

LONDON, August 25: (CP)—Masses of German tanks advanced perilously closer to Stalingrad today, forcing the Russians into a new retreat less than forty miles from the great Volga steel city while other Nazi columns struck within eighty-five miles of the Grozny oil fields in the central Caucasus.

The Nazi-controlled Vichy radio quoted a Berlin spokesman as boasting that "the fate of Stalingrad will be settled before the end of the week."

Front line dispatches said the Germans had crossed the River Don with large numbers of tanks while dive bombers swarmed in the skies and Nazi parachutists dropped behind the Soviet lines with anti-tank guns, trench mortars and motorcycles.

A German communique said that the air force was striking in "violent day and night raids," setting parts of Stalingrad aflame and inflicting havoc upon the city's armament works.

The Russians said that the Germans had brought up reserves during the night and attacked at dawn. The first attack was beaten off, it was reported and Soviet troops also refused to break in bitter trench fighting in the second assault.

ARMORED VEHICLES

CAPETOWN, August 25: (CP) — Manufacture of armored cars is one of South Africa's greatest mechanical contributions to the war, and recently an order was placed for 2,000 more vehicles.

HIGH SOUNDS GO HIGHER

Experience of balloonists has proved that high pitched sounds can be heard at greater altitudes than low pitched ones.

More Canadian Casualty Lists

Eighty-two Dead As Result of Dieppe With 124 Missing And 330 Wounded

OTTAWA, August 25:—Two further casualty lists following the raid on Dieppe last week were issued yesterday, bringing the total to date to 82 killed, 124 missing and 330 wounded.

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Hazel Toombs Moves Out on Top In Civic Centre Carnival Queen Contest

Hazel Toombs, candidate of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has moved into the leadership of the Civic Centre Carnival Queen contest, according to this morning's tabulation of the returns so far in.

The standing thus far is as follows:

Hazel Toombs, Junior Chamber of Commerce, 17,000.

Philomena Murray, Air Force, 15,000.

Ethel Knutsen, Sons of Norway, 11,000.

Margaret Greig, U.S.O., 9,000.

Eileen Hamblin, Army, 6,000.

Opal Olsen, Navy, 1,000.

HALIBUT SALES

American

Prosperity, 35,000, 17.4c and 13c, Storage.

ANCIENT GREEK

Greek sculpture and architecture have survived 25 centuries.

COMMERCE CHAMBER

Future Civic Administration, Traffic Regulations, Sanitation and Roads Among Matters Discussed

The future of civic administration, traffic regulation amendments, local sanitary conditions and the need of city street improvements were among matters discussed last night at a dinner meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce which was well attended with President Arnold Flaten in the chair.

In connection with the matter of civic government, Theo Collart expressed the view that a return to mayor and council was inevitable. There was nothing to do but put good men in the field for office. The interests of the ratepayers should be protected by the conduct of civic business along business-like lines. W. M. Watts mentioned that the civic committee was giving the matter attention and would have an early report. President Flaten spoke of the desirability of all interests working together. He saw no reason if the change were to be made, why there could not be a well balanced council representing both business and labor which would function for the general benefit of the community.

Mr. Flaten reported that a new traffic bylaw had now been drawn up by T. W. Brown, acting as solicitor for the city, and it was desired that a committee of the Chamber be formed to review and ratify it. The Chamber passing a resolution to authorize the appointing of such a committee, S. E. Parker, J. J. Little, G. C. Mitchell and Frank Dibb were named as its members. On motion of J. J. Little, it was decided to ask that stop signals be installed at once at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street which has become one of the principal traffic intersections of the city.

Sewage Disposal

The question of sewage disposal in the new Wartime Housing areas came up when Dr. R. G. Large asked if any suggestion had come to the Chamber from Dr. John MacDonald, director of the public health unit, that, while a sewerage system was being installed for the new building projects in Section Six, it might be made, through co-operation between the city and Wartime Housing, substantial enough to take care of the requirements of that section of the city generally. This brought up the matter of the septic tank system in Rushbrook Heights which, according to statements made, was far from being adequate or effective. The civic committee was asked to meet City Commissioner D. J. Matheson and discuss these matters.

Frank Skinner thought that garbage cans along the main business thoroughfare of Third Avenue might be picked up earlier than was being done.

J. E. Boddie revived the subject

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PERU HAS BIG 'QUAKE

Twenty Persons Known Killed, At Least 100 Injured With Heavy Property Damage

LIMA, Peru, August 25:—Twenty persons are known dead with at least one hundred other casualties and severe property damage as a result of a heavy earthquake which centred last night on two towns about 200 miles southeast of Lima.

Matska, a town of 6,000 persons, was the heaviest sufferer, more than one-third of its buildings being demolished.

HIT HARD AT NAZIS

Frankfurt and Weisbaden Targets For British Attack Last Night

LONDON, August 25: (CP)— A strong force of Royal Air Force bombers smashed at Frankfurt and Weisbaden as well as other objectives in the upper Rhineland last night in the first Royal Air Force night attack on Germany in a week.

The exact strength of the attack is not disclosed but the announced loss of sixteen planes indicated that some three hundred planes took part this being estimated on the basis of five percent loss. However, bad weather over the continent may have contributed to the losses.

Prime Minister Of New Zealand Visiting States

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 25: (CP)—The arrival of Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand in United States was announced today.

ON FIRST STATE VISIT

Arriving in Canada for her first state visit, Queen Wilhelmina was greeted at the Union station in Ottawa by the Earl of Athlone, Princess Alice and Prime Minister King. Her Highness is pictured chatting with Mr. King as they walk along the station platform.