

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1942

Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High 7:45 a.m. 19.0 feet
20:00 p.m. 17.0 feet
Low 0:54 a.m. 6.2 feet
13:50 p.m. 8.4 feet

Local Temperature

Maximum 48
Minimum 42

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Marshal Rommel's Army In Flight

WILLIAM WATTS ELECTED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION; CONTEST FOR ALDERMEN

Thirty-nine Year Old Prominent Local Business Man to Be First Chief Magistrate Here in Ten Years—Thirteen Seek Eight Aldermanic Seats

Thirty-nine year old William Milne Watts, native of Coventry, England, who came to Canada at the age of five years and has lived in Prince Rupert since he was sixteen, progressing from the job of a warehouse boy on the local waterfront to the status of one of the city's most prominent young businessmen, today was declared elected mayor by acclamation as Prince Rupert's first mayor in ten years. On January 1, when the city emerges from the state of commission-ship which bankruptcy enforced upon it a decade ago this coming May 1, Mr. Watts will become chief magistrate presiding over a council of eight aldermen to be elected from among thirteen nominees who had filed their papers up to 2 o'clock this afternoon when nominations were declared closed by Returning Officer D. V. Smith. Mr. Watts' name was the only one presented for the mayoralty. Five school trustees are to be elected from a field of six.

The aldermanic election involves a contest on Thursday, when the voting takes place, between nominees of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association and of organized labor. The nominees for council are Richmond E. Mortimer, Joseph E. Jack, Norah E. Arnold, A. D. Ritchie, W. H. Brett, H. M. Daggett, Thomas H. Elliott, T. O. Morgan, Tage Sorensen, James S. Black, E. A. McLeod, George E. Hills and Albert McKay.

For school trustees the nominees are G. E. Madison, Kathleen M. Hill, E. J. Smith, C. G. Ham, William J. H. Deane and J. T. Langridge.

The list of nominees is as follows:
For Mayor
William Milne Watts, merchant, proposed by G. W. Nickerson, seconded by P. H. Linzey.

For Aldermen
Richmond E. Mortimer, broker, proposed by J. P. Cade, seconded by Robert Gordon.
Joseph E. Jack, millwright, proposed by S. E. Parker, seconded by Robert Gordon.
Norah E. Arnold, widow, proposed by Alexander MacKenzie, seconded by G. W. Nickerson.
Allyn Donald Ritchie, accountant, proposed by Robert Gordon, seconded by Dr. C. H. Hankinson.
William H. Brett, fisherman, proposed by W. J. H. Deane, seconded by L. Fitzgerald.
Harry Mark Daggett, carpenter, proposed by G. W. Rudderham, seconded by Thomas O. Morgan.
Thomas H. Elliott, fish packer, proposed by George Hills, seconded by William H. Brett.
Thomas O. Morgan, charge hand, proposed by H. M. Daggett, seconded by Tage Sorensen.
Tage Sorensen, store manager, proposed by Alexander Sinclair, seconded by Mary C. Viereck.
George Hills, painter, proposed by Carl E. Giske, seconded by Daniel Kristmanson.
James S. Black, carpenter, proposed by Thomas H. Elliott, seconded by George Hills.
Roderick A. McLeod, foreman, proposed by J. J. T. Collart, seconded by W. J. Scott.
Robert McKay, dairyman, proposed by Frank Dibb, seconded by E. J. Smith.

For School Trustees
Gordon E. Madison, sheet metal worker, proposed by John Gurvich, seconded by J. J. Collart.
Kathleen Mary Hill, housewife, proposed by Alexander MacKenzie, seconded by George Hills.
James T. Langridge, electrician, proposed by Frank Dibb, seconded by J. S. Black.
Clifford G. Ham, salesman, proposed by D. C. McRae, seconded by Arthur Brooksbank.
William J. H. Deane, secretary, Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative, proposed by Thomas H. El-

HOTEL HAS FATAL FIRE

Well Known Hostelry in Interior Destroyed With Loss of One Life

The Hotel Fort St. James at Fort St. James, in the interior, a hostelry well known and popular with the travelling public, was completely destroyed by fire about one o'clock on Monday morning last which claimed one life and resulted in injuries to three other persons.

William T. Hughes, age about 27 whose parents live at Wells, B.C., was burned to death, and three soldiers were injured when they jumped from the upper floor. The names were not released, but a Lieut.-Colonel suffered a broken ankle, one enlisted man with a broken shoulder and another escaped with bruises. Other guests escaped in light night attire, losing all their personal effects.

The hotel was built by the late Ed Forfar, and of recent years was operated by Mrs. M. B. Jones. The property loss is estimated at about \$20,000, part of which is covered by insurance.

NAZIS LOSE HEAVILY—REDS ON GENERAL ADVANCE

Germans Suffering Enormous Casualties as Red Army Moves Forward Everywhere

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 — There has been another general advance of the Red Army against the Nazis in Russia between November 19 and December 11, it was announced today. 243,500 Germans were killed or captured. The Nazis have lost 721 planes during the last five days in desperate efforts to reinforce themselves in Russia. No less than 38 large transports were brought down yesterday alone. Since the Russian counter-offensive started 175,000 Axis troops have been killed on the Stalingrad and central fronts.

Corpses of hundreds of German dead are frozen like grotesque statues in the battlefields.

CONFESSES BURGLARY

Soldier is Under Arrest—Two More Breaking and Entering at Week-end

Private Albert Servant, local soldier, confessed, following his arrest at the week-end, to breaking and entering Miller's Cigar Store on Second Avenue and the Smiles Cafe at the waterfront. He is under arrest of the city police.

The burglary of Miller's Cigar Store took place last week when cushion covers, cigarettes and a small amount of cash was taken.

Entry being made by breaking a window, the Smiles Cafe was entered early Saturday morning. Cigarettes were taken and \$20 in nickels from an automatic record player.

During last night the Three Sisters Cafe on Third Avenue was entered by way of the skylight. The cash register was tampered with but, so far as is known, nothing was taken.

Strongly Fortified El Agheila Abandoned In Face of British Drive

Enemy on Retreat Westward Before Relentless British Advance—German and Italian Air Activity Totally Ineffective

CAIRO, Dec. 14 (CP)—The British Eighth Army has thrown Marshall Erwin Rommel's Africa Korps out of strongly fortified El Agheila line and the "enemy is retreating westward, relentlessly pursued by leading elements of our forces," British Middle East headquarters announced today. Resuming the Libyan drive after a three weeks' lull, the Eighth Army drove straight into Rommel's northern flank yesterday at El Brega on the approaches to the forty-mile El Agheila defile and a British war bulletin said the enemy was put to flight at little cost to attacking units.

Yanks Bomb Kiska Isle

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 14 — United States bombing planes again attacked Japanese-occupied Kiska Island in the Aleutians at the week-end with results that were not immediately disclosed.

SEAT FOR BRACKEN

By-elections to be Held in Manitoba and Saskatchewan Soon, It is Expected

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — Early action by the Dominion government to fix the date of by-elections in Selkirk, Manitoba, and Humboldt, Saskatchewan, is expected this week, primarily to make it possible for Hon. John Bracken, the newly-elected leader of the Progressive-Conservative party leader, to seek a seat in the House of Commons.

BOMBING IN PARIS

One Hundred Nazi Officers and Men Lose Their Lives in Theatre

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 — The Moscow radio said today that more than one hundred German officers and men were killed when a time bomb exploded in the Rex Theatre in Paris.

QUISLING OF DUTCH

Chief of Nazi Party Designated by Hitler as "Leader of Netherlands People"

LONDON, Dec. 14 — Chancellor Adolf Hitler today appointed Anton Mussert, chief of the Dutch Nazi party, as "Leader of the Netherlands people." Some observers predicted that Mussert's first task would be to raise a duty army to fight for the Axis.

KEEP UP AIR WAR

Occupies Centre of Stage in South Pacific—Americans Active From Gaudalcaanal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—The war in the air holds the centre of the stage in New Guinea. Salamaua and Lae on New Britain were bombed yesterday by United Nations aircraft. Heavy rain has been hindering land fighting on New Guinea where the Allies have the Japanese forces trapped in a small area around Buna. On the Solomon Islands United States planes bombed a Japanese air field 150 miles north of Gaudalcaanal.

SMITHERS MAN DIES

David Jones Was Carpenter and Undertaker in Interior Town

David Jones, carpenter and undertaker of the interior town of Smithers, passed away there yesterday morning.

The late Mr. Jones was a native of Aberystwyth, Wales, and had had been a resident of Smithers for twenty years. He is survived by a widow and several children.

The funeral will take place in Smithers.

Bulletins

BURMA IS BOMBED
NEW DELHI—Royal Air Force planes have hit heavily again at Japanese-controlled railways in Burma. Mandalay was also hit.

OFFICERS' FRILLS OUT
OTTAWA—A new order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board does away with frills and friperies on Canadian officers' uniforms. Pleats on pockets and trousers are eliminated.

IN CHARGE OF JAPS
OTTAWA — George Collins of Winnipeg is named as general supervisor of Japanese re-allocation in Canada.

BARGAIN SALES OUT
VANCOUVER — Bargain sales have been ruled out for the duration of the war by Vancouver department stores.

SHIPPING SEASON OVER
TORONTO—The shipping season on the Great Lakes will close tomorrow. Traffic this year reached an all time high.

JAP CONVOY SMASHED
WASHINGTON — Another Japanese convoy attempting to land reinforcements on Gaudalcaanal in the Solomons has been sunk. A Japanese destroyer was sunk when American dive bombers attacked warships.

Street Railway Strike Looming

Vancouver and Victoria to Have Tie-up Unless Living Cost Bonus Paid

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14 — Street railway employees of Vancouver and Victoria will go on strike at 4 o'clock Friday morning of this week unless a cost of living bonus, to be made retroactive, is paid them.

Assistant Director, Selective Service, Resigns His Post

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — Austin Wright of Montreal has resigned as assistant director of national selective service. He advised Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labour, that he feels he should resume his former position as secretary of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

BUILDING INCREASE

Value So Far This Year in Interior Town is \$74,535

PRINCE GEORGE, Dec. 14—New construction and improvements carried out in Prince George during the past 11 months reached a value of \$74,535, according to the building permit records at the City Hall.

This is \$55,375 more than the total for the same period in 1941. Value of permits issued last month for new construction and improvements was \$2,900. Permits were issued to the following: Sid Roberts, small dwelling, \$400; Pearl Smith, improvements, \$400; J. Nowakowski, dwelling, \$400; Fred Lockyer, shed, \$100; James McLean, building, \$300; Bank of Montreal, alterations, \$500; Mrs. Alice Paxton, dwelling, \$500; A. B. Moffat, store dwelling, \$300.

SUBS GET BIG BAGS

British Undersea Craft Having Good Hunting Against Axis In Mediterranean

LONDON, Dec. 14—British submarines are still having good hunting of Axis craft in the Mediterranean. An armed merchant cruiser and a medium supply ship have been torpedoed and another supply ship bombed, these being among a week-end bag of four vessels.

Miss Kathleen Lillian Nickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Nickerson of this city, is listed among latest recruits in the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Speaker Passes

MONTREAL, Dec. 14 — Senator George Parent of Quebec, speaker of the Senate, died suddenly today.

Edward J. Smith, salesman, proposed by W. M. Watts, seconded by Alex Finnie.
The mayor's term of office is for one year.
The four aldermanic candidates receiving the highest votes will serve for two year terms. The four next will have one-year terms.
Three of the five school trustees will serve for two years and two for one year.
The newly elected civic administration will take office January 1 with the first meeting of the city council on the first Monday in January and the first meeting of the board of school trustees on the first Wednesday in January.