

Local Temperature

Maximum 52
Minimum 43

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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)
High 7:45 a.m. 17.2 feet
21:45 p.m. 18.8 feet
Low 2:54 a.m. 8.1 feet
15:14 p.m. 6.2 feet

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Biggest Naval Battle In History

AIR ALARM IN LONDON

Sirens Sounded After Midnight Last Night For First Time in Months

ATTACK ENGLISH TOWN LONDON, May 8 (Canadian Press)—German raiders attacked southeast English coast town shortly before noon today, roaring over rooftops, dropping bombs and spraying the streets with cannon and machine gun fire. Extent of casualties was not immediately known.

LONDON, May 8—Forth first time in months, air alarm sirens sounded in London just after midnight last night. No bombers appeared and no guns were fired. London has not had an air raid for about a year now although there have been heavy raids on some coastal towns in recent weeks. There were two German hit and attacks last night on south and southeast coast towns.

PLAN FOR WAR END

President Edouard Benes Tells Allies They Must March Into Berlin This Time

LONDON, May 8—Speaking here last night, President Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia warned the Allies to be ready for a speedy and sudden end of the war. He called upon the Allies to prepare for the armistice conditions now and to march into Berlin this time. Germany's borders must be restricted to what they were before the Anschluss in which Austria was taken over. Germany must be shown once and for all that might is not right.

EXPLOSION OF BOILER

Narrow Escape of Francois Lake Farmer—John Keefe Only Slightly Hurt

FRANCOIS LAKE, May 8—John Keefe, well known Francois Lake farmer had a narrow escape on Tuesday when the steam boiler he had been tending blew up. He had just finished stoking up the fire and had only left the shed a few yards when there was a terrific explosion. The boiler blew through the shed roof and the shed collapsed. It careened over the dwelling house and fell two hundred feet away in some bushes. Burning wood had caught in the boiler and embers fell on the house roof, also setting fire to some undergrowth. Houses in the vicinity were shaken and the noise of the explosion was heard several miles away. Mr. Keefe suffered a few burns and scratches and shock.

Police Court Fines Higher

Have Totalled \$2649 As Compared With \$1590 in Corresponding Period Last Year

Police court fine collections in Prince Rupert for the present year to date have totalled \$2649 as compared with \$1590 in the first four months of 1940. Fines for this April amounted to \$1134 compared with \$340 in the same month last year. The fines imposed in April totalled \$1992 but time was served in a number of cases.

FIRE AT EPSOM

Fire damaged 100 acres of furze and heatherland on England's famous Epsom Downs.

BULLETINS

200 MORE HOUSES A message received this afternoon from Olof Hanson M. P. at Ottawa states that an order-in-council has been passed authorizing the construction of 200 more houses here under War-time Housing. This is in addition to four more new staff houses to be built in the Hays Cove Circle area.

NAZIS AGE REPULSED MOSCOW—A German spring offensive intended to smash across the Soviet-Karelian frontier from Finland at three points has been repulsed, battle-front dispatches said today.

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION QUEBEC—Notice of motion has been given for a resolution in the Quebec Legislature which will ask the federal government to retain the voluntary enlistment plan and not conscript for overseas service.

HEADS NAVAL COLLEGE OTTAWA—Commander J. M. Grant has been appointed officer in charge of the new Hatley Park naval training college for cadets at Victoria. Lieut. P. E. Haddon, formerly of H. M. C. S. Saguenay, will be executive officer.

RUBBER DEPOSITORIES OTTAWA—Service stations throughout Canada will be depositories for scrap rubber to be gathered for the Red Cross in connection with the salvage campaign.

"MOTHER OF DOVER" DIES VANCOUVER—Mrs. Fannie Louise Gillam, who became known as "Mother of Dover" in the last war, died here yesterday at the age of 76 years. She had six sons in the First Great War and three were killed. She had lived 26 years in Vancouver.

CRUISER WAS EDINBURGH LONDON—H.M.S. Edinburgh is the British cruiser which it was reported yesterday had been lost in a Nazi attack on the convoy to Murmansk.

GOVERNOR OF MALTA LONDON—Viscount Gort, now at Gibraltar, has been named governor and commander-in-chief at Malta succeeding Sir William Dobbie.

WOMEN'S NAVAL BRANCH OTTAWA—A woman's branch of the Royal Canadian Navy, several thousand strong, is to be organized shortly, Hon. Angus MacDonald, minister of naval affairs, announced yesterday. Mr. MacDonald also announced that keels for destroyers would be laid before long in Canadian shipyards.

FINED FOR SPEEDING TRAIL—The first motorist in British Columbia to be charged with exceeding the new 40-mile speed limit was fined \$15 and costs here yesterday.

SHOT DOWN AT MALTA VALETTA—No less than 101 Axis planes were shot down over Malta in April. The Royal Air Force slashed at Bengasi again yesterday.

GERMANS MUTINIED LONDON, May 8 (Canadian Press)—German troops stationed in Enghien, southwest of Brussels, mutinied when ordered to leave for the Russian front, according to the Free Belgian News Agency. Similar incidents were reported at Alost and Verviers.

Fire Chief H. T. Lock of this city will visit Palo Alto, California, shortly to attend an international civilian protection fire fighting conference. Mr. Lock will be one of six representatives from British Columbia.

No Rubber No Petting

WASHINGTON D.C., May 8 (Canadian Press)—Under Secretary Robert P. Patterson of the United States War Department warned today that the rubber shortage was "so acute" that the time had come to stop "Sunday trips, visits to Cousin Joe and petting parties."

JAPANESE IN INDIA

This Is Claim In Berlin As Battle of Burma Still Goes Badly LONDON, May 8—Japanese

troops, it is claimed in Berlin, have crossed from Burma into India and are sixty miles from Chittagong. Such a move would evidently be designed to cut off the Chinese frontier from Calcutta. The Japanese design appears now to put a squeeze on China from north and south and drive toward Chungking, the capital, 600 miles away. Meanwhile the Japanese have commenced a bombing campaign on east and southeast China.

So rapid has been the Japanese advance northward from Burma into China that the defenders have been unable to follow out their scorched earth policy and blow up bridges. However, they have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The Japanese were still advancing northward today. There has been another attack on Canton by Chinese guerrillas.

Long range United States bombers, operating from bases in India, made an attack this morning on Japanese-held Rangoon, starting many fires, it was announced today.

TO TOUR COLONIES LONDON, May 8 (Canadian Press)—Because colonial governors are unable to come to London to report Sir Cosmo Parkinson, 57-year-old permanent under-secretary for colonies, will visit colonies and report back to the government.

RED CROSS IS ACTIVE

Disaster Relief Supplies Are Assembled Here—Salvage Being Disposed Of

Progress is being made in connection with the assembling here of disaster relief supplies, both food and clothing, it was reported this week at an executive meeting of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Vice-President O. C. Young in the chair. Three boxes of clothing have been recently received here by the Christian Science Society for distribution in an emergency.

Regular shipments of salvage materials are now going forward, it was reported, with satisfactory returns.

Response for knitters for the workroom was more satisfactory now but more workers could be used, it was stated.

A display of work done by Junior Red Cross members will feature a Red Cross tea to be held at the home of Mrs. L. W. Kergin on June 3.

Inquiries were received at the meeting regarding civilians in Singapore and Shanghai. The treasurer's report showed total receipts for the month of \$49.40 which included a donation of \$49.40 from the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, Kitkatla branch.

Mighty Ships Engaged in Death Struggle In Coral Sea; Evident Both Sides Suffering Losses

Is Stricken



TOM MOORE

MONTREAL, May 8—Although he had some rest during the night after having regained consciousness, the condition of Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, who sustained a paralytic stroke while addressing a labor rally here last night was reported today to be critical. There is, however, no immediate danger. Moore, 64 years of age, had been speaking for only a few moments when he was seen to weaken. Finally he sat down and continued to speak but at last collapsed in the arms of others on the platform. He is in St. Luke's Hospital.

POSITION IMPROVED

British Cleaning Up On Madagascar and Land Reinforcements On Ceylon

LONDON, May 8: (CP)—Prospect of a swift clean-up of Vichy ordered resistance in Madagascar and the arrival of strong Imperial reinforcements in strategic Ceylon put the United Nations in a better position today for a rapidly-nearing test with the Japanese on the Indian Ocean supply lanes to India, China and the Soviet Union.

British reinforcements from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Zanzibar and Northern Rhodesia have landed on the island of Ceylon, it was announced today.

NAZIS ARE RECAPTURED

Prisoners of War Who Escaped From Bowmanville Are Taken At Ottawa Today

OTTAWA, May 8 (Canadian Press)—Lieut. Reinhardt Pfunder and Lieut. Ernest Wagner, German prisoners of war, who escaped earlier this week from prison camp at Bowmanville, Ontario, were arrested here today by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING Man belongs scientifically in the zoological division of chordates distinguished by having an actual or rudimentary spinal chord.

NINE JAPANESE WARSHIPS SUNK IN ADDITION TO OTHERS BADLY DAMAGED—TOKYO CLAIMS FIVE UNITED NATIONS VESSELS—AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND HEAVY CRUISERS

Allied and Japanese warships fought to the death in a mammoth five-day old battle in the Coral Sea north of Australia. British, Australian and American gunners have already sunk or crippled at least thirteen enemy warships. The fateful struggle, still raging, appears by all accounts to be the greatest naval battle of the war and the biggest engagement in all American naval history, perhaps rivalling in magnitude the historic Battle of Jutland.

United Nations headquarters communique announced that nine Japanese warships were sunk including an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, two destroyers, four gunboats, a transport and a supply ship. Another Japanese carrier was so badly hit that she was a total loss and heavy damage was inflicted on a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser, a seaplane tender and a cargo ship.

Tokyo headquarters claimed a toll of five United Nations warships including the sinking of a United Nations battleship of the California class, the aircraft carrier Saratoga and the aircraft carrier Yorkton.

These claims were not confirmed in Allied quarters and in London the Admiralty denied the damaging of the British battleship Warspite as claimed by the Japanese who asserted that an Australian cruiser of the Canberra type was also damaged and may have gone down.

The running battle apparently started on Monday off the Solomon Islands and swept westward to the Coral Sea. All Australia waited tensely for news to be flashed on the outcome, realizing that the fate of the Commonwealth may hinge on an Allied victory or defeat.

Naval and military experts agreed tonight that the great sea battle off the Solomon Islands was the beginning of the Battle for Australia and that the result would have a tremendous bearing on the whole course of the war. The immediate objective of the Japanese warships appears to be to sever the Commonwealth's lifeline with the United States.

Presence of Japanese transports in Louisiade Islands off the southeastern tip of New Guinea mentioned yesterday in an Allied bomber attack on Japanese shipping might mean the beginning of the long-expected assault upon Port Moresby or even a thrust at the Australian continent.

Move On Siberia

LONDON, May 8 (Canadian Press)—Reuter's News Agency reports today that the Japanese are rushing troops into Manchuria and a dispatch said a report from North China indicated the Japanese hoped to be ready to move from Manchoukuo against Siberia some time next month.

Baseball Scores

National League New York, 1-6; Pittsburgh, 2-2. Brooklyn at Chicago, Boston at St. Louis, postponed. Cincinnati, Philadelphia at St. Louis, postponed. American League All games postponed. RATIONS FOR ERIE Plans have been completed for distribution in the near future of ration books in Erie.

Bishop Rix Is Vice-President

Local Church Head Is Named To Lord Day Alliance at Annual Meeting

VICTORIA, May 8 (Canadian Press)—Rev. G. A. Rix D.D. of Prince Rupert, Anglican Bishop of Caledonia, was among the vice-presidents named yesterday at the provincial executive meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance here.

HALIBUT SALES

American Elleen, 44,000, 13.6c and 11c. Royal, California, 14,000, 13.4c and 11c. Storage. Canadian Oslo, 9,000, 13.3c and 11c. Atlin, P. Dorreen, 14,000, 13.2c and 11c. Storage. Nornen, 4,000, 13.3c and 11c. Booth. Peerless, 3,500, 13.3c and 11c. Whizz.

VICTORY BY NAVY

Japanese Lose Several Warships As Result of Naval Battle in Solomon Islands

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 8:— "Excellent news has been received" said a Navy Department announcement last night of a naval engagement in Solomon Island waters on Monday. Three American planes were lost but twelve Japanese vessels—nine of them warships—were sunk or damaged. The enemy vessels sunk were a light cruiser, two destroyers, four gunboats and a supply ship. The damaged vessels included an aircraft tender—The Japanese also lost at least three planes. This makes 238 Japanese vessels to be accounted for since they started war.

United States submarines elsewhere are reported to have sunk two Japanese cargo vessels and a tanker.

BUSY IN AIR WAR

Report For Month of April is Made By British Fighter Command

LONDON, May 8—The fighter command announced yesterday that raids made in April on enemy territory were three times in number those of the entire first three months of the year. The number of German aircraft brought down was 107 while 99 British fighters were lost.

Power and water systems in Stuttgart have been badly strained if not crippled as a result of successive bombing attacks aimed at plane and submarine engine works there.

There was a let-up last night in the Royal Air Force offensive against German controlled territory.

MINERS OR SOLDIERS

British Government Decides That Latter Are Needed More At This Time

LONDON, May 8 (Canadian Press)—The government today rejected proposals that, in order to avert fuel rationing, thousands of miners be released from the army. "On the eve, perhaps, of great new campaigns," President of the Board of Trade Hugh Dalton said that release of sufficient men to produce ten million tons of coal which the government hopes to save by rationing would mean the blotting out of whole regiments of the army.

STOP MAKING PIANOS Manufacture of pianos in England is expected to end this year because of materials shortage.