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NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

**Tomorrow's Tides**
(Standard Time)

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| High | 1:10 a.m. | 21.5 feet |
| | 13:29 p.m. | 21.8 feet |
| Low | 7:25 a.m. | 3.6 feet |
| | 19:41 p.m. | 3.1 feet |

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# United Nations In Control

## MINISTER OF DEFENCE APPRECIATIVE OF PACIFIC COAST'S WAR POSITION

**Joint United States-Canadian Plan Is Taking Possible Emergency Into Account.**

"We are fully appreciative of the exposed position in which the people of the Pacific Coast feel themselves today and we are plugging along just as fast as we can in the matter of defences," declared Col. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, following his arrival at Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon in the course of an inspection of Pacific Coast defences.

Col. Ralston stated that the joint United States-Canada defence plan was providing to meet any emergency which might arise on this coast and that there would be no delay in taking necessary action if and when it was required.

Col. Ralston arrived at 6 p.m. by Royal Canadian Air Force plane about an hour later after Major C. G. Power, minister of air, had landed on another plane. They had come up the coast from Vancouver following different routes. Both planes, as well as flying along the rugged 500-mile coast, line went inland to size up the country there. Major Power's plane also made a short run north to the Alaska Panhandle before landing at Prince Rupert and flew over the new United States air base at Annette Island, near Ketchikan. The planes stopped at Bella Bella enroute from Vancouver, this being their only stop, and between there and Prince Rupert passed over Terrace.

Both Col. Ralston and Major Power were entirely non-committal when asked as to their opinions in regard to defences. They said they were making the trip to the coast to see and not to talk. It had been a wonderful trip and a revelation. They were much impressed with the country and with Prince Rupert as a city and a strategic base.

Col. Ralston likened his department of defence to the "goal keeper" in a game. They are the forwards—the ones who go out and do the fighting," he remarked, turning to Major Power, the minister of air.

It was the first visit to Prince Rupert for Col. Ralston. Major Power was last here a year ago last fall when the Seal Cove air base was in an embryonic stage. "A great job has been done here," he said.

Splendid weather favored the flight north of the ministers and their party. They were shown the local defences this morning after which they left in their planes for Victoria. Major Power and his party left at 11:15 a.m. for Alliford Bay enroute to Victoria. Col. Ralston left this afternoon. They are operating on no particular itinerary as far as the coast tour is concerned, being guided to large extent by weather conditions as they find them. Col. S. D. Johnston, M.C.V.D., met and escorted the minister of national defence and Flight Lieut R. H. Morris, acting in command at Seal Cove, received the minister of air. There were guards of honor and inspection of units. The visitors had dinner last night at the Edmonton Fusiliers' officers mess.

**A Narrow Escape.**

**Col. Ralston and Major Power left Ottawa shortly after noon on Saturday. The plane of Col. Ralston had engine trouble while flying over northern Ontario and had to make a forced landing on a snow and ice-covered lake about twenty miles from Kapuskasing. Conceivably, the incident might have been attended with much more serious results. "Happily enough," remarked Col. Ralston, "none of us suffered a scratch." The minister and other members of his party, however, had to hike off the lake and out to a railway line half a mile or so through deep, soft snow. Another plane was soon on hand to pick them up and Col. Ralston continued the flight west with Major Power, leaving other members of his party behind to catch up later. Col. Ralston paid tribute to the manner in which Wing Commander Edward Pritchard handled the situation in the forced landing.**

In addition to the ministers, the party visiting Prince Rupert overnight included Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, chief of air staff for Canada; Air Vice Marshal Anderson, air member for air staff; Air Vice Marshal L.F. Stevenson, chief western command, Victoria; Major General R. O. Alexander, officer commanding, western military command, Victoria; Col. George Currie, executive assistant to the minister of national defence; Wing Commander McFarlane, personal assistant to the chief of air staff; Flight Lieut. Diamond and Flight Lieut. Schooling, pilots of the ministerial planes, and Lieut. Preston.

General J. C. Murchie, assistant chief of staff, department of national defence, who was here last week, will join the ministerial party at Edmonton as it returns to Ottawa.

## NAZIS LOSE DESTROYER

**Enemy Naval Attack on Convoy Headed for Murmansk Beaten Off by British.**

LONDON, March 31: (AP)—British and Russian naval forces sank a German destroyer and beat off attacks of German surface craft and U-boats on Sunday while escorting a convoy to Russia, the Admiralty announced today. Three German submarines were severely damaged "if not sunk." Two British destroyers were damaged but returned safely to port.

Germany, admitting the loss of the destroyer, claimed that an Allied transport, carrying tanks to Murmansk, had been destroyed.

## Lew Ayres to Conchie Camp

**Famous Moving Picture Star Takes This Rather Than Bear Arms**

HOLLYWOOD, March 31:—Lew Ayres, noted moving picture star and hero of the "Young Dr. Kildare" series as well as one of the leading members of the cast of the famous old "All Quiet on the Western Front," has refused on the grounds of religious objection to war to take up arms and has been ordered to a conscientious objectors' camp in Oregon. (Ayres' father—a court stenographer in Minneapolis—expresses surprise at his son being a conscientious objector. The younger Ayres had been interested in the Red Cross, the father said).

## CEYLON HAS AIR ALARM

**No Enemy Planes, However, Came Over Famous Tea Isle of India**

COLOMBO, Ceylon, March 31:—This principal city of Ceylon had ts first air raid alarm yesterday. The all clear signal soon came. No Japanese planes came in sight.

## CENTRE IS LIVE ISSUE

**Incorporation Papers Have Arrived and Plans for Local Project Are Due in April.**

Papers of incorporation of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association have just arrived from Victoria and the first public meeting of the association will have to be held within a month, it is announced by Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the association.

Word has also been received from the provincial architect's department that the plans will be ready in April. When the plans arrive, the committee will immediately go into action again with a view to pushing on to the actual accomplishment of the objective.

## Another Slugging Incident in City

**Police Are Continuing Investigation of Logger's Complaint of Being Robbed.**

City police are continuing their investigation of another slugging complaint. The complainant is Joseph Tamashumas, logger from the Queen Charlotte, who says that he hired a taxi which let him out at a lane near Third Avenue and Sixth Street where he was set upon and relieved of a stake of $200. Tamashumas lost some teeth as a result but, otherwise, was not badly injured. He is uncertain as to the identity of his assailant.

### TODAY'S STOCKS
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| **Vancouver.** | |
| Grandview | .14½ |
| Bralorne | 7.20 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.06 |
| Hedley Mascot | .25 |
| Pend Oreille | 1.20 |
| Pioneer | 1.51 |
| Premier | .38 |
| Privateer | .26 |
| Reno | .20½ |
| Sheep Creek | .75 |
| **Oils.** | |
| Calmont | .11 |
| C. & E. | .95 |
| Home | 2.30 |
| Royal Canadian | .03¼ |
| **Toronto** | |
| Beattie | .68 |
| Central Patricia | .98 |
| Consolidated Smelters | 37.50 |
| Hardrock | .35 |
| Kerr Addison | 3.30 |
| Little Long Lac | 1.00 |
| Madsen Red Lake | .42 |
| McLeod Cockshutt | 1.20 |
| McKenzie Red Lake | .65 |
| Moneta | .23 |
| Pickle Crow | 1.90 |
| Preston East Dome | 1.88 |
| San Antonio | 1.60 |
| Sherritt Gordon | .72 |

## Casey Resigns to Become Minister In War Cabinet

MELBOURNE, March 31:— Premier John Curtin announces the resignation as from midnight tonight of Rt. Hon. R. G. Casey as Australian minister to the United States. Mr. Casey is joining the Imperial war cabinet as minister of state for the Far East.

Dorothy Thompson—

## GO BRITAIN, EVERYTHING ELSE GOES

**Famous Woman Commentator Deplores Criticism Over Singapore—What About Pearl Harbor?**

The following is by Dorothy Thompson:

All right . . . all right . . . Yes, I read Cecil Brown, and so did Goebbels. He's quoting him all over the place. Yes, I know the show in Singapore was not so good. Yes, I know about the complacency . . . Yes, I know they did not follow a scorched earth policy. Yes—you can't feel worse about it than I did. I know what it means. Maybe I know what it means better than you do—the fall of Singapore.

. . .

Just the same I can't stand the cackling. Who's calling whom names? Is this war in the Far East the fault of the British? We talked a year and a half—Ham Fish with a German agent in his office, the American first committee riddled with Nazi agents—about whether this was our war. The British supported us in the Far East, not we the British. Do you remember Pearl Harbor? Were we so hot at Pearl Harbor?

Listen, brothers: This is a war against Japan and Nazi Germany. Get this straight. The British are our allies.

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I read all the interviews with the American citizens who came from Penang. The British didn't evacuate the Americans properly. The British didn't have anti-aircraft guns. The British didn't this and the British didn't that. The lady with the Siamese cat had plenty to say, as I remember.

Listen, sister, you got home all right, didn't you—you and the Siamese cat? Ever occur to you to offer one prayer of gratitude to God? If you weren't properly protected, what have you ever done to protect anyone else? Listen, sister, you get busy and join the air raid precaution service. Get busy. There's a lot to do right here. And if things don't go well right here whom will you blame—the British?

. . .

The British didn't have to have a war with Japan and they did not have to have a war with Hitler. Do you know that? They could have tossed the continent to the winds and made a deal with both our enemies—against us. A military deal, a financial deal, a trade deal. All they had to do was go Nazi. All they had to do was agree about spheres of influence in the western hemisphere and the east. Hitler's still moaning that they didn't do it.

Did you ever look at the map? There are seventy-odd million Anglo-Saxon members of the English speaking world outside the United States and they are scattered from land's end to hell and gone. Not quite two years ago they had the Germans at the channel and there weren't any anti-aircraft guns in Britain, either. Forty-seven million people on a little island and they could starve in a fortnight. And for a year and a half they held the world at bay alone. That doesn't make any impression on you? Fifty thousand of them died—right in England. I can't remember that anybody whimpered.

. . .

When the king of Belgium made a separate peace, Paul Reynaud cried, "Treason." Churchill said, "We reserve judgment."

Did you ever read Lincoln's second inaugural address? Take a look at it again. "The judgments

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## CRUISER IS LOST

**H. M. S. Naiad Torpedoed—Was Vessel of 5,000 Tons**

LONDON, March 31:—The Admiralty announces the loss of the 5,000-ton cruiser Naiad, giving no details. (This is believed to be a 9,000-ton cruiser, the torpedoing of which has been claimed by Germany).

## BURMA IN BAD WAY

**Japanese Are Making Headway—Toungou Abandoned By Defenders**

NEW DELHI, March 31: (AP)— A mixed force of Japanese and traitorous Burmese has penetrated to Shedaung, within ten miles of Pronie, in heavy fighting in which an Indian frontier force inflicted three hundred casualties and captured seventy prisoners.

Possible abandonment of Toungoo was indicated in dispatches from the eastern front but Chungking dispatches said the Chinese still held the eastern part of the town.

## TRIALS MAY BE STOPPED

**War Guilt Hearings At Riom To Be Suspended And May Not Be Resumed**

VICHY, March 31:— The war guilt trials at Riom are to be suspended from April 2 to April 15 and it is doubted if they will be resumed. Five former French leaders—Edouard Daladier, Leon Blum and Maurice Gamelin among them—have been ont rial since February 19.

The evidence has been distasteful to Chancellor Adolf Hitler who has been urging that the trials be suspended.

## Only Half of Motorists to Purchase Gas

OTTAWA, March 31.—Only half of the motorists in Canada will be allowed to buy gas when rationing goes into effect tomorrow. Only about that proportion have made application for rationing tickets.

## Allies Have Supremacy of North Australia Air 'Tis Said at Melbourne

**New Blows Delivered at Air Bases of Enemy in New Guinea—Nipponese Lose Many Planes and Ships.**

MELBOURNE, March 31: (CP)—New aerial blows at the Japanese invasion base of Lae in New Guinea were announced today. Direct hits were scored by United Nations airmen in a bombing attack in which fires were set among airdrome buildings. The rainy season has started and is severely hampering the enemy on land.

United States Army headquarters reported that United States flyers had shot down fifty enemy pursuit planes in action and sank or seriously damaged forty-six Japanese transports and sixteen warships up to March 1.

It was also declared at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia that the United Nations had now assumed control of the air north of Australia from the Japanese.

## BULLETINS

**RED CROSS APPEAL**

**OTTAWA—The Canadian Red Cross Society will launch its $9,000,000 campaign on May 11, it was announced yesterday. This will be the first appeal since October, 1940.**

**ARMY PAY INCREASE**

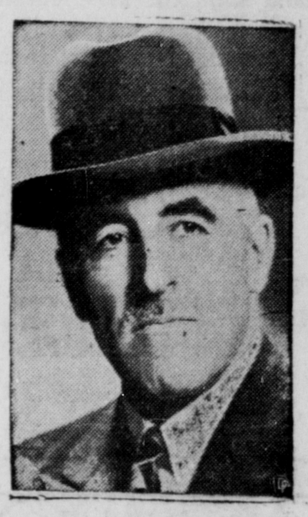
**WASHINGTON—The basic pay for a United States Army private is being increased from $30 to $42 with proportionate increases in all other non-commissioned ranks. A second lieutenant will get $1800 instead of $1500 per year.**

**HONG KONG INQUIRY**

**OTTAWA — The inquiry into the manner of sending of Canadian troops to Hong Kong ended yesterday. The report will be made later.**

**FAVORS RATIONS**

**VICTORIA — Speaking here yesterday, M. J. Coldwell, Dominion C.C.F. leader, said Canada should impose rationing of cheese, butter and bacon if that is necessary in order to ensure supplies of these foods for Britain.**



**COMMISSIONER S. T. WOOD**
Head of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, formerly inspector at Prince Rupert.

## REDS STILL MOVING ON

**Further Victories To Russians In Spite of Stiff German Counter-Attack**

MOSCOW, March 31: (AP)—Hard won gains by Soviet cavalry which repulsed a stiff German counter-attack on the Kalinin front northwest of Moscow and occupied an important populated place were reported today by the Soviet information bureau. On the central front the Russians continued to drive towards Smolensk while in the north a strategic point west of Leningrad was claimed to have been recaptured by the Red forces.

## LOOKS LIKE BREAKDOWN

**Outlook Not Good for British Plan In Regard To India**

**NEW DELHI, March 31: — Growing indications that the proposal to grant India Dominion status might break down over Britain's insistence on retaining control of Inda's defences during the war came today from the All-India Congress executive committee and other sources. London sources also were pessimistic.**

## Fraser Valley Products Will Be Decreased

VANCOUVER, March 31:—Decreased production of berries, produce and eggs in the Fraser Valley will be unavoidable as a result of their removal of Japanese from that area, it is forecast by Austin C. Taylor, chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission.

## WAR NEWS

### SUBMARINE WARFARE

**WASHINGTON—An intensification of submarine warfare in waters off the United States coast is expected with the coming of spring. Of course, combatitive measures will be similarly intensified. Nazi U-boats were reported yesterday to have sunk four more vessels—two Allied merchantmen, one United States and one medium-sized British ship.**

### ADMITS RAID WAS HEAVY

**BERLIN—The German High Command says that the Royal Air Force raid on Lubeck in the Baltic Sea over the week-end was the heaviest so far in the war. Civilian damage was severe but not comparable to that which was wrought to industrial establishments.**

### PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL

**WASHINGTON—The Pacific war council, meeting here tomorrow, will deal with questions of production, supply, shipping and general war strategy. The membership consists of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, United States, China and the Netherlands. India may be given a seat at a later date. Formation of the new war council has been given a friendly but not enthusiastic reception in London. It is taken as a logical sequel to the appointment of General Douglas MacArthur as commander-in-chief of United Nations forces. Wide acclaim was given in Melbourne to the new council, formation of which "completes the organization for offensive action and ultimate victory."**