

# The Daily News

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### Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)		
High	8:40 a.m.	19.2 feet
	21:18 p.m.	17.0 feet
Low	1:55 a.m.	7.4 feet
	15:05 p.m.	7.7 feet

### Local Temperature

Maximum	47
Minimum	45

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# Buna Has Been Taken By Allies

## Important Base on New Guinea has Been Taken By Allies; Jap Landing

### Further Forces Are Put Ashore by Japanese With Bombers Smashing Away at Invaders

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Allied jungle fighters stormed into Buna village yesterday and heavy fighting raged about the Japanese-held Buna mission to the east today. Meanwhile Allied bombers smashed at new enemy invasion expeditions put ashore by a strong cruiser and destroyer force at two points farther northwest on the New Guinea coast.

The Allies slashed their way into Buna five days after the capture of Gona, twelve miles to the northwest.

Buna and Gona were the main bases of a foothold established by the Japanese last July in a thrust toward Northern Australia.

### BATTLE OF RUSSIA—

## ADVANCE OF NAZIS IS ENDED

### Offensive of Enemy Yesterday Was Only Momentary—Russians On Move Forward

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (CP)—With dive bombers, tanks and infantry attacks sprung out of rolling fog, the Germans have seized the offensive momentarily southwest of Stalingrad but the Russians declared today that the attacks which cost the Nazis 1600 men were checked after initial gains.

On the battlefronts northwest of Moscow the Red Army's attacks rolled on, overrunning the German trench line west of Rzhev and capturing a hill near Velikie Luki despite pressure of German counterattacks.

## CANADIANS ARE HEROES

### Acts of Gallantry as Service Men Gave Their Own Lives in St. John's Fire to Save Girls

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Dec. 15 (CP)—Eye-witnesses, who stood helpless while flames roared through a Knights of Columbus hostel here Saturday night, told how gallant Canadian service men forfeited their chance of escape from the burning building to help their girl companions to safety.

One unidentified spectator of the fire, which took ninety-nine lives and injured 169 persons, said that two sailors stood in windows of the hostel and kept passing the girls to safety until they could no longer stand the savage heat. One was rescued but the other perished in the flames.

The fire raged through the hall, trapping scores within sight of exits.

## Tom McRostie Passes Away

### Veteran Anvox Mining Man Dies Here After Having Been in Failing Health for Some Time

Thomas McRostie, veteran mining man of this district, having been located for many years at Anvox where he still has property, passed away this morning in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. He was a well known figure in Prince Rupert and had many friends here.

The late Mr. McRostie, who was some seventy years of age, who had been in failing health for some time, was unmarried but is survived by a sister in Ottawa. She is being communicated with pending the making of funeral arrangements.

Mr. McRostie had for a long time made his home at the Savoy Hotel. Tonight's train, due from the East at 11 o'clock, was reported this afternoon to be one hour and twenty minutes late.

## Montreal Mayor Is Re-elected

### Adhemar Raynault Continues As Chief Magistrate of Canada's Greatest City

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (CP)—Adhemar Raynault was re-elected mayor of Montreal yesterday by a sweeping majority over three competitors in light balloting.

## NAPLES IS AIR RAIDED

### Allied Bombers Are Also Active Over Palermo in Sicily

ROME, Dec. 15 — Naples was bombed again last night by raiding Allied aircraft. Dozens of bombs were dropped, the Italian High Command admits, but no statement is made as to damage or casualties.

Palermo in Sicily has also been bombed again.

## Sugar Robinson Winner of Fight

### Scored Technical Knockout Over Al Nettlow in Philadelphia Bout

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, Harlem welterweight, battered Al Nettlow at will last night to score a three-round technical knockout.

For shoplifting from the Variety Store, John William Trayling was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in city police court this morning. He was caught red-handed, police officers finding stolen articles on his person after they had been called. Mike Durban was similarly charged but his case is not yet concluded.

## ISSUES OF CITY ARE DISCUSSED

### Public Meeting for Labor Candidates Last Night—Views on Variety of Subjects Aired

Labor presented its municipal elections case at a public meeting last night in the auditorium of Booth Memorial School. The attendance was not large but the audience was responsive. George W. Rudderham, veteran labor alderman of former days, was in the chair and the speakers were T. H. Sorensen, W. H. Brett, J. S. Black, T. H. Elliott, H. M. Daggett and George Hills, civic labor federation aldermanic candidates; J. T. Langridge and Jack Deane, candidates for the school board, and Bruce Mickleburgh, Labor campaign manager.

### Co-operation Needed

T. H. Sorensen asked if the electors would put into municipal office on this occasion the same class of people who had got the city in a mess before or men who represented the masses. He condemned the present form of civic administration and held that co-operative effort was needed. If elected, he would do all he could in the interests of right-thinking citizens.

W. H. Brett deplored the indifference of the working class in failing to register for the election. In fairness to the boys who were away, it was a duty of the people who stayed at home in the war to make some effort to improve conditions. This was where the civic election was a matter of importance. The waterfront situation Mr. Brett described as serious.

J. S. Black charged that the Ratepayers' Association candidates did not really represent the ratepayers as a whole. There must be good local conditions if there was to be a full war effort. Decent homes and wages were necessary. Mr. Black stressed the necessity of looking after the youth of the country. They were the backbone of the nation. He urged the people to vote for policies and not for personalities.

T. H. Elliott said he considered it his duty to run for alderman since he had already been an active critic of the commission. He referred to the "disorganized condition" of public works including roads, sidewalks, sewers and water.

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## Study Groups Plan For Reconstruction

### "Fighting French" Woman Tells of France Looking to Future of Nation

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15 (CP)—Plans for post-war reconstruction are being formed in France today by secret study groups, Miss Aline Chalouf, a member of the Fighting French headquarters in Ottawa, recently told a Winnipeg audience.

Many years will be required in which to rebuild the health of the people, suffering from malnutrition, she said. Reserves of food have been exhausted. Medical supplies are lacking and operations are often performed without anaesthetic.

The danger of tuberculosis spreading is furthered by measures on the part of the Germans to appropriate the pensions of tuberculosis victims and to promote the idea that tuberculosis is not contagious and that patients can, without danger, live with their families.

Resistance is found mostly among the laboring classes and students, Miss Chalouf said. Big business men have collaborated with the Germans to a great extent.

## ROMMEL DISORGANIZED



This is a radiophoto from Cairo—R.A.F. ground crews advancing to take over captured airfields found the wreckage of Nazi aircraft strewn about. British bombers caused this havoc at the start of the advance which may yet catch Rommel's disorganized forces in a nutcracker, one end of which would be pushed by the U.S. forces, who have landed in North Africa.

## Allied Air Power Now Tips Scales Against Axis in North Africa

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Allied air power, grown to such strength that bombers coursed over Tunis for four hours, was tipping the scales against the Axis today in the Battle of North Africa as Marshal Erwin Rommel's Libyan Army retreated from the Gulf of Sirte coast in central Libya. The pace of the British Eighth Army's pursuit of Rommel was not disclosed but some estimates placed the British advance forces in Tripolitania beyond the Marble Arch air field, forty miles west of El Agheila.

Military observers were surprised at the weakness of the Axis stand on the El Agheila line, saving that, even after the defeat in Egypt, Rommel should have been able to muster sufficient force for a more spirited defence.

## She Helped Solve Crime On Prairie

### Regina Expert Has Testified in Many Prominent Cases in the West

REGINA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Dr. Frances G. McGill, affectionately called "Doc" by scores of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who recently resigned her post as Director of the Saskatchewan Laboratories is a gold medalist and honor graduate of the University of Manitoba and entered Saskatchewan government service in 1918 as provincial bacteriologist.

In addition to her laboratory work she did a great deal of medico-legal work for the R.C.M.P. She says she has testified at more inquests, preliminary hearings and murder trials than she can remember. Gifted with keen powers of deduction and insight into human nature she was instrumental in solving many crimes. Her work often took her into remote parts of northern Canada. She travelled by plane, freight car, boat and dog sled.

Dr. McGill found her work so engrossing that she passed up 16 weeks of holidays. Her favorite hobby is riding.

## JUST YEARLY COUPONS

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 15 (CP)—"For the convenience of the small investor," interest on the New South African war bond issue of January 15 is to be payable yearly instead of half-yearly as on previous issues.

## MIGHT IS GROWING

### Churchill Reveals Weakness of 1940 Many Tanks Now Anti-Sub Weapons

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that the British Army had only one hundred tanks in June 1940 to face the threat of a German invasion after the fall of France. The Army now has between 1000 and 2000 tanks he said in a statement on the value of the present heavy tanks which bear his name.

Mr. Churchill also intimated that Britain is developing important new air weapons to combat submarines.

## KING WOULD CO-OPERATE

### Prime Minister Appears Disposed To Facilitate Mr. Bracken's Entry Into House of Commons

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced last night that, if Premier Bracken of Manitoba so desires, the government is prepared to have a writ issued immediately for a by-election in Selkirk constituency to afford Mr. Bracken "the earliest possible opportunity to seek election to the House of Commons."

Mr. Bracken, recently chosen head of the Conservative party which changed its name to Progressive Conservative, will need a seat in the House before he can become official Leader of the Opposition.

## More Axis Ships Sunk By British

### Several Vessels Are Sent Down Off Italian Coast by Allied Undersea Craft

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—British submarines, stalking Italy's coastal waters, have sunk two more African-bound Axis ships, including an armed merchant cruiser, scored three hits on others and sank two other supply vessels off Libya.

## She's a Guider So She Escaped

### Polish Girl Arrives in England After Thrilling Trip From Native Country

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Were it not for the fact she was a girl guide Annas Borzek, a Pole, would never have reached Britain to carry on the fight for Poland. "I am a Polish Raider and that is why I am here," she told a Girl Guide's rally. "In the guides I learned the things that helped me escape. I learned to stalk, to move quietly. In that way I crossed three frontiers in the snow, wrapped in a white blanket. I finally reached Rumania whence I came to England in lodge work.

## ANOTHER PARKTOWN

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 15 (CP)—His Majesty's South African Ship Sudey has been re-christened H.M.S. A.S. Parktown to commemorate the ship of the latter name lost during the evacuation of Tobruk.

girl, the former Miss Alice Nelson, also a graduate nurse of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. They have a family of one daughter and three sons.

## YOUNGEST MAYOR OF THIS CITY

### Known as Conscientious Young Business Man Since Boyhood Days

William Milne Watts is the youngest mayor-elect Prince Rupert has ever had. At the age of fifteen years he came to Prince Rupert with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Watts, who moved away from the city long since and now reside at Kelso, Washington. "Bill," as he was known then and is still addressed familiarly by his friends, came to Prince Rupert along the streets of Prince Rupert, was already a working boy when he came here in 1919. He had chosen not to follow in the footsteps of his father who was a builder and contractor. He had early developed a liking for business.

His first job on coming here was as the F. E. Hunt ship chandler on the waterfront. After five or six years there he was placed in charge of the office of George Russell's butcher shop and stayed in that position a couple of years. Then in 1928 he went into business for himself, taking over McMeek's grocery store. He followed the retail grocery line for eight years, establishing a second cash and carry store in addition to the service grocery.

In 1937 Mr. Watts saw an opportunity in the men's furnishings line and got out of the grocery business in partnership with A. S. Nickerson, established the firm of Watts & Nickerson which expanded materially a couple of years ago by purchasing the large pioneer business of George Bryant. There he newly-elected mayor has carried on successfully ever since.

"Bill" Watts was born thirty-two years ago in Conventry, England, and at the age of five came with his parents to Lethbridge, Alberta, where four years was spent. When the family moved to Vancouver where they remained for two years and where the now mayor-elect of Prince Rupert had his first job—as an office boy with the British Columbia Telephone Co.

Modest in manner but a hard worker and conscientious in public as well as his private undertakings, "Bill" Watts has the happy faculty of making and keeping friends. The general esteem in which he is held is, doubtless, responsible for the fact that Prince Rupert people were able to unanimously agree upon him to be their mayor following ten years of companionship and during the trying days that lie ahead.

Mr. Watts is not without considerable executive experience in public and semi-public affairs. He has served as president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association and Prince Rupert Gyro Club. He has been active in the organization of Victory Loan and War Savings certificate campaigns. He is chairman of the local federal planning committee at the present time and is chairman of the Public Marketing Board of British Columbia. He has also been active in lodge work.

Incidentally, the newly-elected mayor is the only remaining member of his family to still reside here. His parents, as said before, now reside at Kelso, Washington. His only sister, Mrs. Lloyd Kelsey, formerly Miss Iris Watts, a graduate nurse of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, is a prisoner of war in the Philippines. One brother, John, resides in San Francisco and another, Frank, who was born here, is overseas with the United States Army. The wife of the mayor-elect is a well known and popular pioneer