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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1942

Tomorrow's Tides	
(Standard Time)	
High	4:49 a.m. 17.1 feet
	16:43 p.m. 18.0 feet
Low	10:45 a.m. 8.7 feet
	23:34 p.m. 6.5 feet

Local Temperature	
Maximum	59
Minimum	54

Two Japanese Submarines Are Hit

Enemy Undersea Craft Caught On Surface By Air Attack On Kiska

Details Revealed Of How Submersibles and Planes Were Hit By American and Canadian Fliers In Aleutians

ANCHORAGE, Sept. 29 (CP) — The Alaskan Defence Command said today that two enemy submarines in Japanese-held Kiska Harbor were believed damaged by United States and Canadian fliers who caught them on or near the surface. Air Force officers said that one submarine came up underneath a squadron headed by Lieut. Col. Jack Chennault who strafed it himself. A second squadron, headed by Major Wilbur Miller, used the same tactics after sighting another submarine. Chennault also got one of the Japanese float plane fighters which rose to greet the raiders. Lieut. Gerald R. Johnson of Eugene, Oregon, got a second and Wing Commander Kenneth Boomer of Ottawa, leader of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the action, got a third.

It is estimated that 150 Japanese were killed or wounded in the raid. No American or Canadian planes were lost.

Forty-Two Japs Down

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 29—Forty-two Japanese aircraft have been shot down over the Solomon Islands during the last four days since Friday without loss of a single United States plane. In addition three other enemy planes were damaged. Announcement was made yesterday of the action by United States Army and Navy planes. Direct hits were scored on two enemy cruisers and an aircraft tender and a transport or large cargo vessel was set afire.

FIGHTING BY YARDS

Battle Goes Back and Forth In Stalingrad—Reds Capture Some Heights

MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (CP)—Through-out the city of Stalingrad victory and defeat were measured at times in yards today. Nazi tanks pivoted and charged within the workers' settlement in an effort to hold gains from the assault yesterday. While Russian street fighters struggle to hold their own, Soviet forces northwest of Stalingrad advanced somewhat and captured several heights in swift night assaults, the noon communique said, declaring that more than three companies of Germans had been wiped out.

Field dispatches indicated that fighting flamed along a front of more than forty miles as Soviet shock troops struck against the Axis flank across the Don-Volga corridor. A Nazi-occupied stronghold and two villages were declared recaptured.

Culverts Ordered Northern Road

Northern Wood Preservers Limited, 2nd Avenue, Port Arthur, Ont., have started work on a contract to supply all creosoted timber culverts to be used in the construction of the highway to Alaska. The culverts will be fabricated and knotted in Port Arthur and shipped knocked-down to Alaska where they will be assembled and installed under N.W.P. supervision. The contract is expected to be completed by December.

The culverts will be mostly three feet in diameter. Owner is the United States Public Roads Administration, Washington, D. C.; Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Western Region Office, Phelan Building, San Francisco, Calif.

ONE JOB FOR SHEEP

The sheep supplies the bulk of raw material used in glove making.

HOLIDAYS LIMITED

Only Six To Be Observed During War Under New Federal Order-in-Council

OTTAWA, Sept. 29 (CP)— By order-in-council yesterday, the federal government declared that only six statutory holidays should be observed by employers and employees in Canada for the duration of the war apart from Sundays or weekly days of rest apart from Sunday.

The government order set forth the following days as statutory holidays:

- New Year's Day.
- Good Friday.
- First Monday in July in lieu of July 1.
- Labor Day.
- Thanksgiving Day.
- Christmas Day.
- Victoria Day, May 24, has been dropped as a public holiday for the duration.

BLACKOUT ON COAST

Prince Rupert Like Rest of Country Darkens When Unidentified Aircraft Appear

OFFICIAL STATEMENT VICTORIA, Sept. 29 (CP) — Western Air Command said today that the coastal blackout order for three hours last night was because of the presence of an unidentified aircraft which was later found to be friendly.

At the instance of Western Air Command, there was a precautionary blackout at Prince Rupert, as elsewhere along the coast, last night from 9:55 until 11:05 p.m. It was later announced that the alarm had been caused by the presence of an aircraft which was at first unidentified but which later turned out to be friendly. The blackout covered the entire mainland and Vancouver Island. It lasted for three hours at some places. Shipyards at Vancouver and Victoria were exempted. Radio stations were off the air for a while.

On the sounding of the air raid sirens local Air Raid Protection wardens proceeded to their beats, later reporting that householders and others in control of lights had co-operated well and there were comparatively few that had to be checked. For the most of the time of the blackout the city was in complete darkness. Dry Dock and street lights all went out. Once again, however, the effectiveness of the blackout was somewhat spoiled by glaring automobile lights.

The alarm was taken in good spirits by the people and there was, generally speaking, little excitement or undue anxiety.

The effect of the alarm has been to give a filip to blackout preparations which is some cases had undoubtedly been slackened up on.

HALIBUT SALES

Summary	
American	71,500 pounds, 17c and 13c to 18c and 13c.
Canadian	None.
American	
Coolidge	35,000, 17c and 13c.
Booth	
Tatoosh	21,000, 18c and 13c.
Royal	
Oceanic	15,500, 18c and 13c.
Storage	

TOLL OF FIRES

BOSTON, Sept. 29 (CP)—The National Fire Protective Association says 10,000 persons in the United States lost their lives in 1941 as a result of fires. Property loss was nearly 306,000,000.

FLOODS IN MARITIMES

Three Deaths, Transportation Tie-up and Thousands of Dollars Damage in Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, Sept. 29 (CP)—Raging flood waters for six hours caused a deluge which lashed large areas of Nova Scotia last Monday and Tuesday. There were three deaths as a result. The worst transportation disruption in twenty-five years was brought about and thousands of dollars damage was done to roads, railways, buildings and crops.

Public announcement of the storm was deferred to week in compliance with censorship regulations.

Malta Stepp In Service Overseas

Former Local Boy, Now of Ketchikan, With Eagle Squadron Attached to R. A. F.

There had been reports here concerning Malta (Junior) Stepp, formerly of this city and now of Ketchikan, who is on service overseas with the United States Eagle Squadron attached to the Royal Air Force. According to word received from Ketchikan, Junior last week cabled his father, M. L. Stepp, one time United States customs officer here, saying that he was alive and happy somewhere in England.

Last Port Of Madagascar Is Taken Over

LONDON, Sept. 29 —Prime Minister Winston Churchill reported to the House of Commons today on the British occupation of Madagascar, announcing that he had been informed of the fall of Tuleay, the last port remaining in French hands. Resistance, Churchill said, had been slight in the whole campaign and casualties on both sides were very small.

PLANS TROUBLE FOR ROMMEL IN EGYPT



Lieut.-Gen. B. L. Montgomery, commander of the British 8th Army charged with the defence of Egypt, is shown here as he discusses a tactical situation facing the 22nd Armored Brigade in the western desert. Under Montgomery's brilliant leadership Allied troops have stopped the Nazi General Rommel's drive toward Alexandria and Cairo cold, and have driven them back beyond the starting point of their last attack. Standing just behind and to the left of Montgomery is Lieut.-Gen. Horrocks.

War News

On Russo-German Front...

MOSCOW—The Russian offensive northwest of Rzhev was reported today to have cleared the Germans from the banks of the upper Volga while Soviet troops expanded their flanking attack from the lower Volga to the Don bend in an effort to relieve the embattled garrison of Stalingrad. A fresh German penetration from the northwest, however, added to the gravity of Stalingrad's position.

Churchill Disapproves...

LONDON—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today voiced emphatic disapproval of speculation on the time or place of a second front as the subject cropped up in the House of Commons. A British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast to France that an Allied offensive "is in the making."

Claims Quite Untrue...

LONDON—The Ministry of Information declared today that a German claim to having sunk American troop transports in the Atlantic is "quite untrue."

Allies On Offensive...

MELBOURNE — Allied forces have taken the offensive in the land fighting on the southern slopes of Owen Stanley Mountains in New Guinea, infiltrating into and outflanking enemy positions. Lae, Buna, Kokoda all have been bombed from the air.

Ran Into Bad Weather...

LONDON—Royal Air Force fighters, in an offensive sweep over northwest France, ran into bad weather and abandoned the expedition. Their wings iced up. Eleven planes failed to return.

EXTENDING RADIO HERE Premier's Visit Here Shortened

CBC Considering Coming Into Prince Rupert

Hon. John Hart Will Arrive Thursday Night and Leave Friday Morning

VANCOUVER, Sept. 28: — The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is considering taking its programs by land-line to Prince Rupert for relay broadcasting from there, says Dr. Augustin Frigon, assistant general manager of CBC, who is a visitor to this coast.

A repeater transmitter is being set up at Prince George and later, if conditions are favorable, the line will be extended to Prince Rupert, says Dr. Frigon.

INSINKABLE SWIMMING

Specific gravity of the Great Salt Lake is so great a swimmer cannot sink in it.

BIG STORM IN ALASKA

Damage Done But No Lives Lost When Territory Is Battered By Tempest

ANCHORAGE, Sept. 29 (CP)—One of the worst storms in recent history of Alaska battered various parts of the territory yesterday, causing extensive damage from wind and waves but resulting in no reported deaths.

TRIAL NOW TRAVERSED

Mental Condition Causes Atlin Murder Case to be Deferred From This Assize

The case of William Scott, charged with the murder of John Clee at Spruce Creek near Atlin on August 5, was finally traversed at the Supreme Court Assizes here today after having had a number of delays in getting started. It was set over until the next Assize session here in view of the mental condition of accused.

When the case was called again last evening following an adjournment from morning, W. O. Fulton, defence counsel, asked for the adjournment until this morning as he had been unable as yet to interview an important defence witness who had just arrived from Vancouver. Furthermore, crown counsel, T. W. Brown, was unable to appear, being indisposed with a severe attack of influenza.

In granting the adjournment, Mr. Justice Harold Robertson said that the delays were both unfortunate and inconvenient but every opportunity must be given to ensure a fair trial for the defence. He trusted that all steps would be taken to expedite the trial.

On the reconvening of the court this morning, Mr. Brown informed the court that, as a result of information from Dr. J. G. MacKay, Vancouver psychiatrist, he (Mr. Brown) was of the opinion, in an opinion in which defence counsel concurred, that accused was not mentally well enough to stand trial at this time. Dr. MacKay had not certified as to accused's insanity but had found accused so confused in mind that it would not be possible for him to stand trial fairly. He therefore, asked that the trial be traversed until the next assizes. This would give opportunity in the meantime for further mental examinations of accused.

Mr. Fulton agreed to the application of the crown for a traverse. His Lordship remarked that it was unfortunate that the circumstances were such that the trial could not be proceeded with. The expense to the government in bringing witnesses had been considerable. However, in a British court of justice the animating requirement was that a prisoner must have a fair trial and, in view of that, he could see no other course than to traverse the case to the next assize.

Jurors were excused from further service at this session of the court.

Inside Drop Letter Box

At last an inside letter drop box is to be installed at the local Post Office, it was announced today by Postmaster J. R. Morrison. It will be located in the box section at the east end.