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Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	2:19 a.m.	22.7 feet
	14:50 pm.	21.1 feet
Low	8:45 a.m.	2.0 feet
	20:56 p.m.	4.0 feet

Agreement Still Possible

B.C.'s Gift to Ottawa—

PEACE RIVER OIL FIELD IS OFFERED TO DOMINION TO ASSIST WAR PROGRAM

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VICTORIA, April 2:—The entire oil and natural gas resources of British Columbia's Peace River block have been offered to the federal government free of royalties, taxes or any other charges for the duration of the war and for one year thereafter as a further measure of provincial assistance in the nation's war program, it was announced today by Premier John Hart. This offer was made in an air mail letter to Prime Minister Mackenzie King after the provincial government had been approached by private interests seeking an opportunity to explore the area, which has now been reserved, with the object of drilling. It was decided by the government to make this offer to the federal authorities before considering the proposals from the private interests, it was explained by Premier Hart.

One year after the cessation of hostilities the province would expect to collect the usual royalties and other fees on oil and gas from any wells continuing in production or drilling at that time and which would be brought into production at a later date, the premier further explained. "The province," Mr. Hart said, "is not desirous of receiving one cent in return from the federal authorities during the war, the desire being to make this a forthright gift of British Columbians to Canada's war effort in order to meet the existing shortage of oil and gasoline."

In his letter to Prime Minister King, the premier gave detailed information regarding geological findings in the area affected and pointed out the importance of the new Alaska highway in facilitating the development of this territory.

The proposal submitted to the federal authorities is in conformity with the policy enunciated by the government within a few hours after Canada had made its declaration of war in the fall of 1939. At that time, the entire resources of British Columbia, both as to material and manpower, were pledged to the nation's cause. Since then, every step has been taken to implement that pledge.

It will be remembered that British Columbia has consistently supported the federal government in its war effort by taking over the entire cost of the Dominion share of unemployment relief, vacating the income and corporation tax field for the duration of the war, supporting the various war loans to the utmost of its ability, assisting in the transfer of Japanese from vulnerable areas, helping in air raid precaution problems, and placing at the disposal of the Department of National Defence all provincial facilities that lent themselves to the work of the three fighting forces.

Widespread Air Raids

LONDON, April 2: (AP)—The Royal Air Force bombed industrial objectives and communications in west and northwest Germany and environs of Paris last night in far-reaching raids, the Air Ministry said. Fifteen bombers are missing. Mines were laid in enemy waters.

Recent Arrival Passes in City

Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth White, mother of Everett L. White, draftsman at the local dry dock, passed away last night in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Mrs. White, who was seventy-two years of age and was born in the United States, had come here from Vancouver only two months ago to make her home with her son and daughter-in-law at 1311 Sixth Avenue East. She had been a resident of Canada for thirty-three years.

Arrangements for the funeral, which will take place Saturday, are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

PRACTICE SUCCESS

A. R. P. Workers of Waterfront District Show Proficiency In Rehearsal

An Air Raid Precaution practice of first aid workers, nurses, fire wardens, police wardens, demolition squad workers etc. was held in District B from headquarters at the Canadian National general offices last night. The practice was a real success.

The nurses under the direction of Mrs. Colin McCarthy had a very busy time attending to the casualties which were brought in by the first aiders. The first aid teams were in charge of Frank Derry. The Sea Cadets, who acted as runners, were in charge of Sidney Alexander and did good service. Fire watchers numbering forty-two were at their posts in various places. After the fire watchers were called in, they were given a lecture on fire fighting and a demonstration on extinguishing fire bombs by Fire Chief H. T. Lock.

The police wardens acted as casualties. Red Cross Service Corps girls, under the direction of Mrs. Floyd Smith, were on hand and did good work. The demolition squad under Harry Long was on hand to do its part but, fortunately, no buildings required their service.

This being the first practice held in this district, it was remarkably successful and all workers did a good job.

The practice was in general charge of the district warden, J. A. Teng.

Toronto Favored Over Red Wings

Final Series For Stanley Cup Getting Under Way Tonight

TORONTO, April 2:— Toronto Maple Leafs rule favorites to win the Stanley Cup, emblematic of world's professional hockey championship, the final series for which with the Detroit Red Wings opens tonight. It will be a best four out of seven game series.

First Night Air Raid on Darwin

LONDON, April 2: (AP)—The Japanese made their first night air raid on the Australian north coast at Port Darwin last night, the All India radio reported today. No details were given.

CALL OUT RESERVES

Services Will Be Made Compulsory If and When Necessary, Minister of Defence Says.

VICTORIA, April 2: (AP)—In an interview here during a tour of inspection, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of defence, said compulsory service would be instituted for reserve army units "when and if it is considered necessary."

Col. Ralston and Hon. C. G. Power, minister of air, are meeting today with commanders of active service units of the British Columbia lower coastal area.

TRIED DASH TO BRITAIN

Norwegian Merchant Vessels were, Evidently, Not Successful in Attempt to Escape Sweden.

STOCKHOLM, April 2: (AP)—German warships were declared today to have battered or sunk two and possibly four of eleven British-chartered Norwegian merchant ships which risked a daring dash to England from Goteborg, Sweden. Several others were reported to have turned back. The possibility is held out that some might yet be at large, racing toward safety in the British Isles.

SKIRMISH ON BATAAN

Sharp Engagements Follow Latest Large-Scale Attack on Philippines' Defenders.

WASHINGTON, April 2: (AP)—The Department of War reports sharp skirmishes on Bataan Peninsula today in the wake of the latest large-scale Japanese attack on the defenders. United States forces have made successful raids on Mindanao Island.

EQUIPMENT IS COMING

British Columbia A. R. P. To Get First Bid, Says Minister Of Pensions

VICTORIA, April 2: — British Columbia will have first bid on A. R. P. equipment from the Dominion government, Hon. Ian MacKenzie, minister of pensions, said yesterday. There had been difficulty over priorities, said Capt. Mackenzie, but these troubles were almost over and A. R. P. was now being taken seriously.

LOG SCALE FOR MARCH

Production Lagging This Year Compared With Last—Forest Products Output Up

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of March this year totalled 8,102,403 board feet compared with 8,017,677 board feet in the same month last year. The scale for this year to date has reached an aggregate of 12,625,002 board feet as against 23,596,140 board feet during the first quarter of 1941.

The log scale per varieties this March was as follows:

Douglas Fir	564,736
Spruce	4,654,247
Cedar	1,375,621
Hemlock	1,007,872
Balsam	928
Jackpine	482,999
Miscellaneous	16,000
Total	8,102,403

Forest Products

The production of poles and piling in the interior this March was 266,102 lineal feet, compared with 39,593 lineal feet in the same month a year ago. The month's total was comprised of 159,348 lineal feet cedar and 106,754 lineal feet miscellaneous. So far this year pole and pile production amounts to 300,553 lineal feet as compared with 583,115 lineal feet in the same period last year.

The jackpine tie count this March was 2093 pieces as against 2053 pieces in March 1941.

Cordwood production showed a big increase this March, 1059 cords comparing with 180 cords in March 1941.

War News

MANY SUBS BAGGED

WASHINGTON—Twenty-eight Axis submarines have been sunk by the United States Navy since United States entered the war. The destruction of four more enemy U-boats was reported yesterday—three on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific.

AIR FIGHT AT MALTA

VALETTE, Malta — Six Axis planes were downed over Malta yesterday—three by Royal Air Force fighters and three by anti-aircraft fire. No British planes were lost.

REALLY AT WAR

MELBOURNE—All single men between 18 and 45 in Australia are called up and all married men from eighteen to thirty-five. Twenty-four hour alert against invasion has been ordered.

FIGHTING IN BURMA

Warfare Is Fierce With Defenders Having Difficult Time Owing To Lack of Air Control

NO CHANGE TODAY

NEW DELHI, April 2: (AP)—A British headquarters communique on the Battle of Burma said today there was no substantial change since yesterday on the western or Irrawaddy front where main British forces are now holding their line south of Prone.

LONDON, April 2:—Fierce land fighting continues on both fronts in Burma although there is gradual withdrawal by the defenders, due largely to the fact that air control has been lost to the Japanese and that the native population is going over to the enemy. The Burma situation is worrying both London and Washington.

British forces in the Irrawaddy Valley have broken out of a trap and fallen back on Prome.

Around Tangou the Chinese have been equally successful in extricating themselves from the Nipponese encirclement.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.15
Bralorne	7.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.00
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.15
Pioneer	1.45
Premier	.38
Privateer	.29
Reno	.20½
Sheep Creek	.68
Oils	
Calmont	.10
C. & E.	.95
Home	2.30
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.70
Central Pat.	.93
Cons. Smelters	37.75
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	3.40
Little Long Lac	.97
McLeod Cockshutt	1.20
Madsen Red Lake	.44
McKenzie Red Lake	.70
Moneta	.25
Pickle Crow	1.75
Preston East Dome	1.85
San Antonio	1.50
Sherritt Gordon	.72

Miss E. A. Mercer, Miss M. D. Hartin, Mrs. B. Walker, Miss D. Sherritt, Miss Betty Young and Miss A. McDiarmid are among local teachers sailing tonight on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to spend Easter.

LOCKED IN BIG FIGHT

Greatest Battles of Entire Russo-German War Are Now In Progress

REVERSES FOR NAZIS

MOSCOW, April 2: (AP) — The Soviet government said today that Leningrad front troops effected a number of successful operations during the last two days, annihilating three thousand German officers and men. Twenty-four German planes were reported destroyed on Tuesday.

MOSCOW, April 2: — Russian and German armies from Leningrad to the Black Sea are now locked in the greatest battles of the war. Fighting is going on in the Donets Basin on a titanic scale. Southward to the Crimea the conflict is equally sanguinary. Both sides are throwing in reinforcements on a huge scale.

The Germans are making their greatest effort in the south, evidently endeavouring to break through Crimea to the Black Sea at Sebastapol. They are completely reckless of casualties.

The Russians are concentrating their main push towards the north and close to Vyasma progress has been made with a number of further villages liberated within the last few days from the Nazi hold.

DE GAULLE INDIGNANT

Demands Recognition of Free French Authority by Allied Nations.

LONDON, April 2: — General Charles DeGaulle, in a statement yesterday criticizing the attitude of the Allies, particularly Great Britain towards the Free French, said that the Free French were ready to march shoulder to shoulder with the Allies if the Allies would march along with them. He demanded recognition by the United Nations of the Free French as allies and belligerents. Without such recognition, the Free French and their supporters in France itself could hardly be expected to carry on the battle.

DeGaulle condemned any spirit of compromise with the Vichy French government which he described as "infamous champions of capitulation."

Two Deliveries This Saturday

Retailers Will Be Permitted To Do This In View of Holiday Tomorrow

VANCOUVER, April 2:—Retailers will be permitted to make two regular deliveries this Saturday, according to an announcement by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

W. R. Dowrey, prices and supply representative for British Columbia, has received the following from the services administration at Toronto:

"In view of the fact that Good Friday, April 3, is a public holiday, we are issuing a permit under our order respecting retail deliveries, permitting all retailers to make two regular deliveries on Saturday, April 4."

Japanese In Ontario Now

TORONTO, April 2:—The first evacuated Japanese from British Columbia—a party of 132 Canadian-born—arrived in Ontario yesterday,

Moresby Is Objective

MELBOURNE, April 2: (AP)—The Japanese, halted in an attempted overland drive in New Guinea by torrential rains and robbed at least temporarily of air superiority by rising Allied strength, soon may launch a sea-borne attack on Port Moresby, it was predicted today.

SHELTERED IN NORWAY

Battleships Tirpitz, Admiral Scheer, Hipper and Prinz Eugen Deep in Fjords.

LONDON, April 2:—The German battleship Tirpitz is still berthed under the shelter of cliffs in the Norwegian fjord with planes of the Royal Air Force and ships of the Royal Navy waiting for her to come forth and pounce upon her.

The battleships Admiral Scheer, Hipper and Prinz Eugen are also in Norwegian harbors.

READY FOR CONVENTION

Local Teachers in Session—Urging Higher Pay—Join With Labor —Favor Liquor Curbs

At the regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Teachers' Association last evening much time was given to the consideration of resolutions for the forthcoming annual convention to be held in Vancouver during the Easter week. Official delegates appointed were Bruce Mickleburgh, S. A. Cheeseman, C. H. Leighs, and C. E. Holland in addition to T. L. Davies who is geographical representative for Northern British Columbia.

Strong disapproval was registered at the action of the provincial legislature in refusing to grant adequate salaries to teachers, particularly in rural areas. The opinion was expressed that, if democracy is to succeed, there must be free and equal opportunities for all children to get education. Without trained teachers this was impossible. Without adequate remuneration it was impossible to obtain the best teachers. Money could be found for many other less necessary and certainly less important activities. Unless remedial steps were taken immediately the legacy of a limited education would be the lot of the children of this generation and succeeding ones.

The association also went on record, by a majority vote, as favoring a resolution of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association calling for immediate affiliation with a Canadian Labor group. At a previous meeting the teachers had endorsed a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to look into the matter of affiliation.

A resolution calling for restrictions on the excessive sale and consumption of beer and liquor in Prince Rupert was unanimously endorsed.

Miss Kate MacKay was elected representative of Borden Street School in place of J. S. Wilson who tendered his resignation.

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting which was under the chairmanship of the president, T. L. Davies.

NO PAPER FRIDAY

Tomorrow, being Good Friday and a public holiday, The Daily News will not be published. The next regular edition will appear Saturday afternoon.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDING

Negotiations Between Cripps and All India Congress Are Not Broken Down Yet.

MAY BE COMPROMISE

NEW DELHI, April 2: (AP) — Both Sir Stafford Cripps and the All-India Congress Party indicated today their willingness to negotiate a compromise solution of the Indian independence problem. The executive committee of the party is expected to deliver tonight its detailed rejection of the British offer of post-war Dominion status but it is understood to be also drafting counter proposals to be submitted if so desired to the British war cabinet.

NEW DELHI, April 2:—Despite seeming impending breakdown, negotiations between Sir Stafford Cripps, special British envoy, and the All India Congress in regard to the British government's independence for India plan are still going on and hope for a settlement satisfactory to the British have not been abandoned as yet. It may be two or three days yet before a decision has been reached. Meantime United States and China are said to be bringing pressure upon the Indian leaders to moderate their stand in opposition to the British plan.

Mahatma Gandhi, spiritual leader of the All India Congress, has postponed his departure from New Delhi to Bombay for two or three days, this being taken as an indication that negotiations will continue at least that long.

REVENUE INCREASE

So Far This Year Customs and Excise Collections More Than Double 1941.

Customs and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert for the present calendar year to date has reached a total of $122,268.39 as compared with $52,028.32 in the first three months of 1941. The collections for this March, amounting to $57,323.70, compared with $12,832.96 in the same month last year.

BUILDING PERMITS

March Shows Increase Over Same Month in 1941 But Year Is Still Down.

Building permits for the month of March this year in Prince Rupert, amounting to $8,500, were heavier than in the same month last year when $2600 was recorded. So far this year in Prince Rupert permits total $13,250 as against $21,125 in the first three months of 1941.

The building list for this March was as follows:

John Gurvich, residence, Fifth Avenue West, $3500.

F. Frantzen, frame dwelling, Third Avenue, $1800.

Mrs. M. C. Madill, alterations, Borden Street, $800.

V. Basso-Bert, alterations, Biggar Place, $700.

George Basso-Bert, addition to building, Third Avenue, $650.

Oscar Pettersen, frame building, Eighth Avenue and Bacon Street, $550.

Henry Suey, repairs and alterations, Rex Cafe, $500.

Paul Voger, general repairs, First Avenue West, $150.

D. W. Finlayson, general repairs, Seventh Avenue East, $150.

Norman Watt left on last night's train for a brief trip to Woodcock.