Local Temperature

Maximum 52
Minimum 45

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Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	5:32 a.m.	19.6 feet
	17:19 p.m.	19.0 feet
Low	11:30 a.m.	8.0 feet
	23:55 p.m.	4.8 feet

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United States Steamer Is Mined

SHACKLING NOW ENDED

Reprisal Measure Against Germany Is Now Concluded as Policy In Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 (CP)—Handcuffing of a limited number of German prisoners, a policy which was adopted last October 10 as a reprisal against similar action taken by Germany, ended officially this morning.

Department of National Defence Headquarters said that an order issued by the government Thursday that there should be no shackling on or after December 12 had been carried out.

WILL NOT BLOCK HIM

Prime Minister Makes Statement Following Choice of Bracken As Conservative Leader

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 (CP) — Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, in a statement last night, made it clear that the government would place no obstacle in the way of entry into the House of Commons of Premier John Bracken of Manitoba as the new national leader of the Conservative party.

"It will, of course, be necessary for Mr. Bracken to be duly elected to the House of Commons before he becomes leader of the official opposition," said Mr. King. "While not wishing to interfere in any way with the rights of electors of any constituency to select candidates of their own choice in any by-election I might say that the government would not be disposed because of the necessary procedure to delay in any way Mr. Bracken's possible entry into the House."

Mr. King said he thought it "would be well" to reserve any comment on Mr. Bracken's election to the leadership or other Conservative convention proceedings until the new leader was elected to Parliament and duly installed as Leader of the Opposition.

HEAVY XMAS TRADE HERE

Greater Population and Big Payrolls Making Themselves Felt

With a population at least double what it was a year ago and a purchasing power even more greatly increased due to rapidly expanding war industry and heavy construction activity, all of which is further augmented by the concentration of forces in the area, Prince Rupert merchants are endeavouring to cope with the largest Christmas business in history. Already the volume of buying has reached a point that has not been seen in some occasions in the past even during the last few days before Christmas.

Fearing a serious depletion of stocks, local merchants have already decided that they will not open their shops on evenings before Christmas this year. For one thing the rush is so great that some staffs are already overworked.

The trend of business is towards better goods in view of the greatly increased amount of money available for spending. One merchant tells how where formerly one had to bargain to sell at $3.95, now there is no haggling about paying $7.95 and up.

Jewelry is very popular here and the busy merchants of this line are actually indifferent about selling, fearing that they might be better advised to discourage buying at this time and conserve their stocks for next year.

Store windows here are as bright as ever even if shelves in some stores may be getting bare.

AT OPENING OF ALASKA HIGHWAY

Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health, is shown as he made his address during the official opening of the new highway to Alaska. The historic ceremonies were held on a spot that a few months ago was dense wilderness. Note the small tree in the background which has been utilized as a flag pole.

Wants Norris To Remain In Public Life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12— President Franklin D. Roosevelt has appealed to George W. Norris, veteran 81-year old senator from Nebraska, who was defeated in the recent congressional elections, not to retire from public life. "His loss would be tragic," Mr. Roosevelt said.

JAPS IN BAD WAY

Are Running Short of Food and Ammunition on New Guinea Island

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12—Reports from New Guinea are to the effect that the Japanese are running short of ammunition and food supplies in the Buna area where the Allies continue to close in on the trapped enemy force.

A double Allied offensive against the Japanese from the Solomon Islands and New Guinea appears to be in contemplation.

NAZIS IN RETREAT

Stiff Fighting in Russian War Despite Increasing Severity of Winter Conditions

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 — The Germans have been driven into full retreat in one sector of the Stalingrad area as violent fighting continues in various parts of the long Russo-German front despite the increasing severity of winter weather.

A third battle for the elbow of the Don River west of Stalingrad appeared under way today with Axis forces launching repeated attacks on the east bank of the river. However, advices from the front said that the Red Army was repulsing all assaults.

A powerful Russian attack smashed further through the Nazis west of Rzhev today and is continuing.

SOME STAR FALL

A meteorite, left on display where it fell in South America, is estimated to weigh 80 tons.

ITALY HIT ONCE MORE

Naples and Turin Were Targets of Royal Air Force by Day and Night

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)—Allied bombing fleets, roaring over the Alps and the Mediterranean in a two-way assault, gave Italy another one-two punch yesterday, blasting the Naples waterfront in daylight and pounding Turin after dark in spite of unbelievably bad weather over the continent.

It was the second smash at Naples in eight days and an Italian communique acknowledged heavy damage. The Italians asserted that the damage at Turin was slight.

Despite the hazardous flying conditions, only three British planes were lost on the mission.

Today the Royal Air Force was engaged in heavy and uninterrupted attacks across the Channel into Nazi-occupied territory.

WAR AT GLANCE

Lifting of a blizzard has been followed by a resumption of heavy fighting on the central front in the Russo-German war. The Red Army's counter-offensive continues with success.

Air combat continues in North Africa with both Allies and Axis reinforcing themselves prior to an expected decisive battle in the Gulf of Bazat region.

Allied forces appear to have gained complete control of the Buna area in the drive to rid New Guinea of the Nipponese invaders.

POST OFFICE GETTING BUSY

General Delivery Wickets Are to Be Opened this Evening

With Christmas mail both inbound and outbound beginning to develop quite heavily already, general delivery wickets at the Post Office will be opened from 7:30 to 9 o'clock this evening, Postmaster J. R. Morison announces.

Congestion at the Post Office every day now exceeds what it used to be on the busiest days just preceding Christmas in former years.

Anti-Draftee Had Faint In Making Talk

QUEBEC, Dec. 1.. (CP)—Jean Drapeau, young unsuccessful anti-conscriptionist candidate in the recent Montreal-Outremont by-election against Major General L. R. Lafleche, the new minister of national war service, who failed to report for medical re-examination at Montreal yesterday, fainted during a speech here last night. He was taken from the hall after medical attention.

OBSERVING BLACKOUT

People in Inaccessible Areas Must Not Show Lights at Night

A warning is issued by W. C. Mainwaring, chairman, Advisory Council, Provincial Civilian Protection Committee, to those persons who are not conforming with the regulations regarding blackout.

Complaints are constantly being received by the committee of persons in what are known as inaccessible areas west of the summit of the Cascade Range who are showing lights at night in contravention of the regulations.

Section 10 of the regulations reads as follows: "In those parts of the province west of the summit of the Cascade Range (including islands) that cannot be reached by means of announcement prescribed, every person shall every day without exception from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise on the following day, comply with the conditions prescribed for a 'precautionary blackout.'"

"This means," said Mr. Mainwaring, "that every light must be completely masked each and every night, as if a precautionary blackout were ordered. By 'prescribed announcement' is meant the established siren system or other method of warning with the exception of radio." Section 10 applies to those persons on the islands and more isolated places not covered by the regular warning system, and it is obvious if these areas that cannot be warned are permitted to show lights, the purpose of blacking out would be defeated.

"In future," Mr. Mainwaring added, "violators will be severely dealt with."

FIRST REFLECTORS

The cat's eyes do not shine—they merely reflect the faint light of dark places.

Big American Transport Lost

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 12 (CP)—The former liner President Coolidge, operating as a United States Army transport fully loaded with approximately 4,000 troops, hit a mine and sank in the South Pacific with loss of only four men, the Department of Navy announced today.

CANDIDATES MUSTERING

Papers of W. M. Watts for Mayoralty Are in—City Council and School Board

The nomination of W. M. Watts for the mayoralty was filed at the City Hall this morning. Four candidates of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association for aldermanic seats have been nominated, making nine candidates so far in the field. Since yesterday two candidates for the school board have also been nominated.

The list of nominees to date is as follows:

For Mayor

William Milne Watts, merchant, proposed by G. W. Nickerson, seconded by P. H. Linzey.

For Aldermen

Richmond E. Mortimer, broker, proposed by J. P. Cade, seconded by Robert Gordon.

Joseph E. Jack, millwright, proposed by S. E. Parker, seconded by Robert Gordon.

Norah E. Arnold, widow, proposed by Alexander MacKenzie, seconded by G. W. Nickerson.

Alleyn Donald Ritchie, accountant, proposed by Robert Gordon, seconded by Dr. C. H. Hankinson.

William H. Brett, fisherman, proposed by W. J. H. Deane, seconded by L. Fitzgerald.

Harry Mark Daggett, carpenter, proposed by G. W. Rudderham, seconded by Thomas O. Morgan.

Thomas H. Elliott, fish packer, proposed by George Hills, seconded by William H. Brett.

Thomas O. Morgan, charge hand, proposed by H. M. Daggett, seconded by Tage Sorensen.

Tage Sorensen, store manager, proposed by Alexander Sinclair, seconded by Mary C. Viereck.

For School Trustees

Gordon E. Madison, sheet metal worker, proposed by John Gurvich, seconded by J. J. Collert.

Kathleen Mary Hill, housewife, proposed by Alexander MacKenzie, seconded by George Hill.

There are eight aldermanic seats and five on the school board to be filled.

ONLY ONE IN FIELD

No Opposition in Sight as Yet To W. M. Watts as Prince Rupert's Mayor

William M .Watts, running as the head of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association slate, is still the only candidate in the field for the mayoralty unless a dark horse should appear. It is understood there is little likelihood of a Labor candidate.

United States Ship Is Lost

Auxiliary Merchant Vessel is Disposed of by Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — The United States has lost an auxiliary cargo vessel in the Solomon Islands waters.

EARLY NATURALIZATION, GREATER POPULATION IN WEST, UNIFORM EDUCATION

These Factors Seen by Returning Missionary as Essential Factors in Developing True Canadian National Spirit

In order that a true Canadian national spirit may be developed, Rev. E. W. Slater, missionary in charge of the local Anglican missionary boat Northern Cross, believes that every person who comes to Canada should be compelled to become naturalized if he decides to stay in the country. He also believes that there should be more people in the west including the prairie provinces and British Columbia so as to get a more adequate representation in Parliament of English speaking people. These measures should lead up to a standardized federal educational system which Mr. Slater believes is essential in building up a real Canadian nation.

Has Ideas

REV. E. W. SLATER

These are conclusions which Mr. Slater arrived at in the course of a three months' trip to Eastern Canada from which he returned yesterday morning. He travelled rather extensively through various parts of the Dominion during that trip and formed some rather definite ideas. For one thing he felt that it should not be necessary for two languages appearing in instructions on packages of merchandize. This was not consistent, he believed, with the spirit of a united nation.

Leaving here in September, Mr. Slater, on the way east, spent a couple of weeks in Edmonton and vicinity lecturing on work of the British Columbia coast mission as carried out by the Northern Cross. Then he proceeded to the Ontario dioceses of Niagara and Huron giving similar lectures which were illustrated by lantern slides, many of which were taken by Mr. Slater himself. Mr. Slater reports that great interest was taken in the lectures which were given on behalf of the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada. There were mid-week meetings and many schools were visited by Mr. Slater. Mr. Slater also preached in a number of churches, one that in London, Ontario, of Rev. A. Abraham, who formerly was located at Massett as missionary in charge of the boat Wester Hope, before that being in Anyox.

Since his return to Prince Rupert, Mr. Slater has resigned as missionary on the Northern Cross to accept the rectorship at Terrace. He will leave Stewart January 15 for Terrace to take over the new charge. Gordon Smith, still a studnet ot theological college in Vancouver, will come here next spring after graduation to take up the work with the Northern Cross.

Mrs. Slater, while her husband was in the East, visited in Victoria, returning here from the south this week. Mr. and Mrs. Slater will leave tomorrow night for Stewart to spend the next month.

Bracken Is Reactionary?

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12 (CP) — Matthew R. Sutherland, president of the Manitoba Liberal Association, said last night that Premier John Bracken has now severed his connection with liberal and progressive thinking people and joined the ranks of a party which, despite its apparent change of front, has always been reactionary and still is."

SPARRING IN AFRICA

Decisive Battle for Tunisia Still Appears to be in Offing

LONDON, Dec. 12—Both Allied and Axis forces seemed still sparring for position today in an expected battle for Tunisia. There is little change in the general situation.

Reuters News Agency said today that the Rome radio reported a meeting in North Africa between Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, and Lieut.-General Kenneth Anderson, commander of the British First Army, adding "this seems to foreshadow concerted action" by the Allies.

Meanwhile by pouring troops and supplies into Tunisia by transport planes, the Axis has an army of approximately 28,000 men concentrated in a small area and bitter struggles for Tunis and Bizerte seem in prospect despite growing Allied air strength.

There were indications today that the British army was resuming the attack on Marshal Erwin Rommel at El Agheila.

Two new German attacks were thrown back in Tunisia today as the British held position for miles from Tebourba.

YANKS ARE OVERSEAS

Will Be Million Fighting Men Abroad by End of Year, President Announces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — One million fighting Americans will be overseas by January 1, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said last night. The "lease-lend" program for the last quarter has cost the United States two-and-a-quarter million dollars.

SNAKE ROUND-UP

Certain venomous sea snakes swarm by the thousands in tropical waters.