

Today's War Summary

The Daily News

Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide information: High 9:30 a.m. 19.5 ft., 21:56 p.m. 16.7 ft.; Low 1:59 a.m. 8.5 ft., 15:25 p.m. 5.5 ft.

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Fate of Singapore Hangs in Balance

Determined defenders... rallied today for an attempt to throw a pinning force of Japanese off the embattled island...

Nazis Desperately Pressed in Russia

Desperately-pressed German troops laid vast minefields in Donets Basin today in the attempt to halt onrushing Soviet forces...

Counter-Offensive in Libya Is Stemmed

In Libya the British main force has, evidently, stemmed the Axis counter-offensive which commenced from Agedabia three weeks ago...

TANGIERS TROUBLE

Anti-British Rioting at Spanish Morocco Seaport Over Week-end

TANGIERS, Spanish Morocco, Feb. 9.—Serious and destructive anti-British riots were staged by Arabs and Spaniards...

Cover War in Alaska

On his way to Juneau where he will make his headquarters as a newspaper correspondent...

COURT OF REVISION

Several Reductions in Improvement Values Allowed by City Commissioner This Morning

After hearing and disposing of a number of appeals, City Commissioner D. J. Matheson rose in his capacity as judge of the court...

The following revisions were ordered this morning, all being on improvements:

- Swift Canadian Co., waterfront lease, \$1455 to \$355. Harry Long, lot 2, block 4, section 1, \$1855 to \$1800. Edward O'Gara, lot 4, block 25, section 1, \$1935 to \$1850. K. Sakamoto, lots 11 and 12, block 33, section 1, \$1755 to \$900. Salvation Army, Fraser Street, \$1355 to \$1155, \$2880 to \$2680. L. W. Patmore, lots 32 and 33, block 7, section 5, \$1235 to \$1100. L. W. Patmore, lots 38 and 39, block 14, section 5, \$6180 to \$5500. L. W. Patmore, lot 12, block 15, section 5, \$155 to \$1100. Mah Wah Kee, lots 23 and 24, block 15, section 5, \$7710 to \$7000. Fred Lanza, lot 39, block 29, section 1, \$400 to \$300. Certain adjustments were also allowed in connection with land concerned in the Wartime Housing project across Hays Creek.

The military police patrol car and the Overwater light delivery were in collision this afternoon at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street.

SUBS SINK BIG SHIP

Amerikaland, One of Largest Freighters, Is U-Boat Victim—Two Others

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The 15,000 ton Swedish freighter Amerikaland, one of the largest freighters in the world, was sunk February 2 thirty miles off Cape Hatteras and within 200 miles of New York when an enemy submarine drove two torpedoes into her...

The Amerikaland was under charter to American interests.

The United States Department of the Navy states that Axis submarines are still operating in a waters off the United States and Canadian coasts.

Survivors of three torpedoed ships were landed at Atlantic ports of Canada and the United States over the week-end. In addition to the Swedish freighter Amerikaland, from which eleven survivors have been landed and twenty-eight other crew members are being sought...

GERMANS SMASHED

All Nazi Attempts to Regain Initiative Are Foiled By the Russians

MOSCOW, Feb. 9.—Soviet forces have smashed all German attempts to regain the offensive on the Russo-German front.

A whole Nazi battalion has been annihilated on the Moscow front as the Battle for Smolensk continues.

The Germans are believed to be withdrawing from the siege of Leningrad toward Esthonia.

Germany may have decided to fall back from long-besieged Leningrad at the north end of the long Russo-German war front to Esthonia.

Both sides are moving huge reinforcements east of Smolensk in the central sector west of Moscow.

RETREAT IS ENDED

British Cease Falling Back in Campaign on Libyan Desert

CAIRO, Feb. 9.—British forces have ceased falling back before General Erwin Rommel's Axis counter-offensive on the Libyan Desert west of Tobruk.

The British who have followed a scorched earth policy of retreat, are now making a determined stand west of Tobruk and a turn in the tide has started.

British desert fighters, holding positions firmly before Tobruk, have thrust out patrols against the enemy in the El Mechili area, south of Gebel el Achdar ranges, it was announced today.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE table with Maximum 51 and Minimum 40.

Great Liner Normandie, Now United States Navy Vessel, Fireswept Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 9: (CP)—A disastrous fire swept the huge former French liner Normandie at her Hudson River pier today.

The \$60,000,000 liner, now the United States Navy auxiliary ship renamed Lafayette, was being refitted and is estimated to have had 2500 to 3000 workmen aboard when the blaze started.

The entire upper deck of the 83,000-ton vessel was ablaze and flames raced through the length of the superliner.

SIRENS ARE EFFECTIVE

Air Raid Alarm Yesterday in Prince Rupert Tried Out Sunday Afternoon

Prince Rupert's newly installed air raid alarm system was tested out for the first time yesterday afternoon and proved very effective.

The air raid sirens are located at Besner Apartments, Besner Block, Army, Booth Memorial School and Seal Cove air base.

At many points two or more of the alarms could be heard.

The results of the reports are being tabulated and, when the maps showing the intensity of the sound are plotted, a reconsideration with a view to changing the position of a siren or installing another one, will be taken up by the committee.

The reports of the district wardens were very comprehensive as the many individuals who were asked to note the effectiveness of the warning did so very willingly.

Others in attendance at the meeting were Inspector Ernest Gammon, J. J. Little, J. S. Wilson and A. M. Davies.

Sees Defeat Of Germany Within Year

BRISTOL, Feb. 9.—Sir Stafford Cripps, former British ambassador to Russia, said confidently yesterday that there was every reason to believe Germany would be defeated this year.

U.S. ARMY INCREASED

Twenty-Seven New Divisions to Be Formed—Expanding Air Force

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Twenty-seven new divisions, mostly motorized, are to be formed in the United States Army.

VOTING IS ON TODAY

Results of Four Hard-Fought By-Elections in Canada Being Awaited With Interest

OTTAWA, Feb. 9: P.—Electorals went to the polls in four federal constituencies today after an intensive campaign featuring the conscription issue.

The line-ups are as follows: Welland—Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor; Douglas Watt, Independent; Mark Krilik, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

Quebec East—Hon. A. E. St. Laurent, Liberal; Paul Bouchard, Canadian Party.

Montreal-St. Mary—Baoul Perillard, Canadian party; Marcel Ostiguy, Gaspard Fauteux, Emil Naud, all running as Liberals without official Liberal party support.

Wentland is the most bitterly fought with Premier Hepburn supporting Watt and suggesting that, if he is elected, Prime Minister Mackenzie King might call a general election instead of a plebiscite.

MALTA IS HARD HIT

Axis Bombers Continue to Pound British Mediterranean Fortress

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Malta reported its toughest day of air attacks since the war began.

A German claim was that one British submarine had been sunk at Malta and a cruiser hit. A German Messerschmidt was brought down and four British planes are missing.

Japanese Still On Offensive in Pacific; Land Near Singapore

Blows Rained on Burma and Netherlands East Indies and Even Fort Darwin in Australia Has Alarm

After nine weeks of warfare in the southwest Pacific, the united nations are still on the defensive with the Japanese raining blows thick and fast on Singapore, Burma, the East Indies and the Philippines.

POSITION IMPROVED

Things Much Better in Burma—Wavell Pays Visit—Is Well Satisfied

RANGOON, Feb. 9: P.—At the point where some observers are believing the Japanese drive in the Far East may be broken, General Sir Archibald Wavell, commander-in-chief of the united nations forces in the Far East, visited the Burma front at the week-end.

Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton, British commander in Burma, said that the presence of General Wavell had given great satisfaction and confidence to everyone.

SOAP NOW RATIONED

Is Latest Commodity To Be Limited in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Soap is the latest commodity to be rationed in Britain.

Air Force Mobile Recruiting Party

To Visit Prince Rupert and Other Parts of District Around End of This Month

A mobile recruiting unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force will again visit Prince Rupert on March 4 and 5, it is announced.

The itinerary for this district is as follows: Feb. 19 to 21—Prince George. Feb. 21 to 24—Vanderhoof. Feb. 24 to 26—Smithers. Feb. 26 to 28—Hazelton. Feb. 28 to March 3—Terrace. March 3 to 5—Prince Rupert. March 6 to 7—Ocean Falls.

Sinking Of Destroyer

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Admiralty announces the loss of the destroyer H. M. S. Matabello.

The vessel had a normal complement of 190. No particulars are given as to the place or circumstances of the sinking.