Local Temperature
Maximum 69.5
Minimum 50

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Tomorrow's Tides (Standard Time)
High 5:36 a.m. 17.9 feet
18:35 p.m. 18.8 feet
Low 1155 a.m. 4.8 feet

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Tide of Egypt Battle Has Turned

TOWN OF ANYOX IS ALL GONE

Destruction by Fire Complete—Great Forest Conflagration Still Raging

The destruction of the old mine and smelter town of Anyox by forest fire, which swept in from a northerly direction and overwhelmed it, is entirely complete, it is reported by Corp. F. G. Oldham, provincial police, who returned from there by Royal Canadian Air Force plane yesterday afternoon. When Corp. Oldham left Anyox at 4:20 yesterday morning a great conflagration was still raging. By that time it had consumed every building in the old camp. The warehouse building thereon having just been consumed, the wharf was still afire and the only spot in the old community still left was the extreme end at the entrance of Granby Bay occupied by the old coke plant, a concrete structure which was in the direct path of the flames and would soon be going. Some of the people were expressing fear that, unless there was a change of wind and some moisture arrived, Alice Arm, eighteen miles distant, might be in danger. The fire jumped Granby Bay itself near the entrance and was burning in the dead timber south and west of there.

"It was the biggest fire I ever saw,' was the simple way in which Corp. Oldham described the conflagration of which he had an air view. He estimated that flames and smoke might have been pouring spectacularly from an area possibly twenty-five miles square. There seemed little chance of stopping it. The country there is full of old dead timber—much of it standing—fume-killed over the years by the smoke of the old smelter. It is not the first time that there have been large forest fires in that area. Indeed Anyox had been menaced before. However, this appears to be the largest fire that has ever occurred there.

The old buildings and landmarks which have been devoured by the flames include the smelter and power house. All that is left of the smelter buildings are the big smokestacks. Large bunk houses also are gone as well as the various community buildings, the residences of which there were possibly hundreds and the other structures. The fire also swept "over the slag pile" into that part of Anyox where were located a large Chinese general store and "red light" district. Corp. Oldham was not certain as to whether the old Bonanza mine camp, not far from there, was also gone.

When it became evident that the town was to be consumed by the oncoming flames, the people made preparations to evacuate. They boarded a scow which was moored at the dock and telephoned to Jens Larsen of Alice Arm to come with the mill boat and tow them away. Later the provincial boat P.M.L. 15, which was at Arrandale, arrived on the scene and the Armour Salvage Co. sent the tug Crofton from Prince Rupert.

Yesterday the outfit was in process of being moved to Alice Arm where some of the thirty-two evacuees may remain while others come on to Prince Rupert.

Fortunately enough there were no casualties although there were a couple of narrow escapes as the flames came close while the people fled.

Contrary to earlier information, the evacuees of Anyox saved only a few effects. The storekeeper, T. W. Falconer, lost all his stocks and his household effects.

Sergeant O. L. Hall, district chief

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Vancouver Strike Is Now Ended

VANCOUVER, July 3: (CP) — More than one thousand machinists and blacksmiths in three Vancouver shipyards voted last night to accept Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell's proposal for a thirty-day test of the continuous production schedule. The two unions had been out for nine days in protest against an order to work a seven-day week schedule.

Bulletins

LIQUOR PRICES UP

VICTORIA—There is a general advance in liquor prices as a result of new budget taxes. The advances run 40c and 50c per twenty-six ounce bottles.

GOLD MINE EMPLOYMENT

OTTAWA—The government has moved to prevent employment of more men in gold mines. They must work now in base metal mines.

RAID ON TIMOR

MELBOURNE—There has been a heavy raid by United Nations bombing planes on Timor Island.

MEXICAN DEFENCES

MEXICO—Defences in the Gulf of Mexico are being strengthened to protect important oil fields and refineries against possible shelling.

NAVAL CO-OPERATION

WASHINGTON—Canadian corvettes are co-operating with United States vessels in the Atlantic patrol against U-boats.

SPECIAL MILITARY COURT

WASHINGTON—A special military commission, with authority to impose the death penalty, has been appointed by President Roosevelt to try Nazi saboteurs who were landed from U-boats. The commission consists of seven generals with two colonels assigned to defence.

SPIES ARRESTED

PANAMA — Twenty spies have been arrested in British Honduras. They are alleged to have had plans to blow up Panama Canal.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WELLINGTON — New Zealand has formed a national government, four members of the opposition and one independent trades unionist have been added to the labor administration, making a total ministry of thirteen.

REVENUE INCREASE

Customs and Excise Collections Still Ahead of 1941

Customs and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert for the month of June totalled $67,492.80 as compared with $27,486.39 in the same month last year, bringing the total for this calendar year to date up to $260,205.67 as compared with $219,820.65 in the first six months of 1941.

Baseball Scores

American League
St. Louis 4, Detroit 5.
Cleveland 7, Chicago 5.
National League
Pittsburgh 1, St. Louis 3.

Resigns

G. C. Derby, president B. C. division, Canadian Red Cross Society.

LOG SCALE FOR MONTH

Production for Month of June Was 23,248,006, Spruce Being Principal Item

The log scale in Prince Rupert forestry district for the month of June totalled 23,248,006 board feet consisting of 625,492 board feet fir, 11,610,472 spruce, 2,062,141 cedar, 7,986,759 hemlock, 490,454 balsam, 376,454 jackpine and 96,234 miscellaneous. Production of poles and piling in the interior consisted of 190,969 lineal feet of cedar. Ties totalled 10,840 pieces, all jackpine, while 354 cords of wood were recorded.

The June log scale this year of 23,248,006 board feet compared with 25,575,562 board feet in the same month last year and brings the 1942 total to date to 69,623,177 board feet as against 91,188,537 board feet in the first six months of 1941.

The pole and piling scale for this June amounting to 190,969 lineal feet compares with 299,707 lineal feet in June 1941, bringing this year's total to date up to 541,441 lineal feet as against 1,103,426 lineal feet in the first half of 1941.

Wartime Prices And Trade Board Opens In Prince George

A sub-regional office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is to be opened at Prince George.

The representative at the central interior city will be M. E. MacEachern who has been a resident of Prince George since 1928. In recent years he has been with the public works department of the provincial government.

Mr. MacEachern is a native of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. In the last war, he went overseas with the 2nd Siege Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery and for gallantry in the field was awarded the Military Medal.

Mr. MacEachern was only 17 when he enlisted. After service in France, he went to England in 1918 and joined the Royal Flying Corps.

The Prince George office will be in the Princess Block, Third and Brunswick.

This is the sixth sub-regional office to be opened in British Columbia, others being Victoria, Prince Rupert, Nelson, Vernon and Nanaimo.

ANCIENT WEAPON

The bayonet, described as the "weapon that is always loaded," is believed to have derived its name from Bayonne. Bayonets were first made, or first used, in that French town in the 16th century.

Wiping Out Bremen—

THIRD BIG RAID UPON NAZI PORT

Canadians Help in Job of Wiping Out Remaining Vital Points—"Most Satisfying" Results

LONDON, July 3: (CP)— German reports say that the Royal Air Force attacked Bremen again last night. It was the third heavy attack on Bremen within a week. The German reports said that eleven British planes were destroyed, London later announcing that thirteen raiders did not return.

Scores of Canadians helped the Royal Air Force smash at the remaining vital points of Bremen in a "very heavy" attack last night, it was officially disclosed today. Canadian aerial gunners shot down at least one of the numerous Nazi fighters which challenged the attackers. The Canadians agreed that it was the most satisfying of recent raids on Bremen and said that fires were burning so fiercely when they reached the target that it was like "aiming at a patchwork quilt."

The raid was on an "impressive scale," it was stated in London. Heavy cannonading was heard from British guns in the Dover area. They were, apparently, firing at German ships.

An announcement last night said that objectives in Germany were being raided by the Royal Air Force.

ARMY CAMP IS VISITED

Eastern Ontario Regiment Plays Host To Public—Band Concert And Carrier Rides

Prince Rupert people had the opportunity and many took advantage of it yesterday afternoon to observe the Army Week occasion by visiting the new camp of an eastern Ontario regiment on the highway. Lieut. Col. J. C. Gamey, officer commanding, and his officers and men were very courteous in showing the visitors around the camp, explaining the various points of interest. In spite of the fact that the camp is still only in a state of establishment with some buildings incomplete and others not even started, everything was in good order and up to the mark.

During the afternoon there was music by both the regimental brass band and the bugle band.

Many of the visitors were taken for a spin along the highway in the universal carriers, this proving quite an interesting diversion.

TERRACE SERVICE

Diesel Electric Car to Run Between Here and There Daily

The Canadian National Railway is about to institute a new local passenger and express service by the operation of a diesel electric car daily except Sunday between Prince Rupert and Terrace, it is announced by Superintendent George Glay. This car will carry thirty-nine passengers in addition to baggage and express. Later, if traffic warrants, a trailer with capacity for fifty passengers may be added.

The trip will take about four hours each way with a four-hour stop at Terrace. The tentative schedule provides for departure from Prince Rupert at 8 o'clock in the morning, arrival at Terrace at noon, departure from there at 4 p.m. and return here at 8 p.m.

Counter-Attacking British Forces Smash at Flanks Of Axis and Turn Back Assault

Enemy Met Their First Reverse in Battle of North African Desert Since Capture of Tobruk

CAIRO, July 3 (CP)—The tide of combat in Egypt seemed to be turning in favor of the British today as both the attackers and the defenders threw all their resources into the battle. Counter-attacking British armored forces, smashing at the flanks of Axis spearhead points toward Alexandria, were reported today to have crushed the assault on El Alamein and forced the invaders to withdraw to the west. It was the first reported reverse met by the Axis army since it surged across the Egyptian border following the capture of Tobruk June 21. British headquarters said the enemy had suffered sharp losses and declared British defence positions at El Alamein, 65 miles from Alexandria, are holding firm.

Main British armored forces were battling Axis columns last night in Egypt in a possible last-ditch stand in the desert only seventy miles from the Nile delta.

British forces at that time were stated to be making a stand in defence of Egypt on a line approximately seventy miles west of Alexandria. They had repulsed heavy Axis attacks yesterday at Alamein, British headquarters announced, a communique declaring that results of fighting were "not unfavorable for us." One attack by enemy tanks effected a temporary break but these latter were driven out and engaged by British columns.

Mines Adrift On This Coast

VICTORIA, July 3: (CP)—Naval headquarters here have issued a warning that mines may be adrift off the British Columbia coast. Shipping is urged to stand at least two hundred yards off anything that looks like a mine and to report its exact position at once to the naval authorities.

GREAT TANK BATTLE ON

Mechanical Fight On Grand Scale Proceeding In Russo-Nazi War

MOSCOW, July 3: (CP)—The greatest tank battle of the current German offensive with hundreds of machines engaged on both sides is in progress east of Kursk while 75 to 100 miles to the south Nazi shock troops are attempting to outflank and separate the Russian central and southern armies.

Soviet military dispatches reported today that the battle on the Kursk front began last Wednesday morning with an attack by about 200 German tanks which were hurled back in a prelude to the real battle. Dispatches added that the Germans have suffered tremendous losses.

A noon communique today said that Sebastopol was still holding out.

The Russians acknowledged last night that Axis troops had advanced in hand - to - hand fighting but claims that the Crimean port had fallen were not confirmed.

A United States war correspondent at Berne says that Chancellor Adolf Hitler has given up hope of defeating Russia this year although the Soviet may be crippled to such an extent that it will be possible for Germany to divert forces to cope with a second Allied front.

Police Court Fines Mount

Total For This Year to Date is $6,332 Compared With $2,392 In Same Period Last Year

City police court fines for the month of June amounted to $1,333.75 in comparison with $482.75 in the same month last year, bringing the total for this year to date up to $6,332.75 as compared with $2,392.75 at a corresponding period last year.

Postal Official Is Looking Into Improvements

An official of the postal service is at present in the city going into the matter of bringing about improvements of the very ineffective eastern mail service which is now in effect here. Also being investigated is the matter of a street delivery service and other improvements in mail service generally are being looked into.

No Fire Damage Here Last Month

Department Had Seven Calls, Bringing Year's Total Up To Forty-Six

For the month of June the city fire department had seven calls with no damage, in comparison with 5 calls in the same month last year, bringing the total up to date for this year to 46 calls as compared with 35 calls for the corresponding period of last year

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.11
Bralorne	6.70
Caribou Quartz	1.07
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	.95
Pioneer	1.30
Premier	.45
Privateer	.29
Reno	.03¾
Sheep Creek	.65
Oils	
Calmont	.13
C. & E.	.91
Home	2.15
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.67
Central Pat.	.90
Cons. Smelters	35.25
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	4.00
Little Long Lac	.35
McLeod Cockshutt	1.26
Madson Red Lake	.43
McKenzie Red Lake	.58
Moneta	.25½
Pickel Crow	1.66
Preston East Dome	1.67
San Antonio	1.60
Sherritt Gordon	.61½

SHOPS

Regimental institutes are established to supply the troops with articles at reasonable prices without restricting their right to resort to any other available stores or markets. The institutes also organize recreation.

Mediterranean Naval Losses

LONDON, July 3 (CP)—The Admiralty announced today that the British cruiser Hermione was lost on recent Mediterranean convoy operations. Also lost were four British destroyers—Bedouin, Hasty, Grove and Airdale and the Polish destroyer Apr Kukuwiak.

TO HELP FARMERS

Without Raising Price of Butter To Consumers In Canada

OTTAWA, July 3: —Butter consumers of Canada will continue to have the protection of a 35 cent a pound price ceiling for another year but the prices paid to farmers for milk sent to creameries will be increased by bonuses to make returns more in line with farmers whose milk is used for cheese, the Canadian Press learned today.

STRIKE IS THREATENED

Tie-up of Quebec Metal Plant Looms As 600 Employees Decide To Go Out

BEAUHARNOIS, Quebec, July 3: (CP)—A strike of six hundred employees of Alloys and Metals Limited was announced today by a company official who said that production would be halted for two or three weeks should the plant's metal pots freeze within the next twenty-four hours due to lack of operation.

BUILDING FOR JUNE

Permits for Civilian Construction Mounted to Total of $2,280

Building permits issued in Prince Rupert during the month of June represented a total value of $2,280 as compared with $10,588 in the same month last year, bringing the total for this year to date up to $43,605 in comparison with $56,218 for the corresponding period of last year.

The building list for June was as follows:

W. Field, repairs to roof and porch, Eighth Ave. East, $80.

George Bristol, new foundations, Eighth Ave. West, $350.

John Chisholm, frame building, Ninth Ave. East, $750.

Joseph E. Stone, frame building, Ninth Ave. East, $600.

Ideal Cleaners, porch added to their building, $500.