Local Temperature

Maximum 37

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Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	2:30 a.m.	19.6 feet
	14:09 p.m.	21.2 feet
Low	8:20 a.m.	8.1 feet
	20:54 p.m.	3.0 feet

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Germans Are In Headlong Retreat

British and Australians Are Drowned

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23—Between 500 and 1,000 British and Australian prisoners of war were lost when the Japanese steamer Lisbon Maru was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of China in October, according to word received here. It was at first believed that Canadians were aboard the vessel but this was later denied.

CLOSING ON JAPS

Americans and Australians Continue to Make Progress on New Guinea Island

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23—The American and Australian forces are continuing to steadily close in on the remaining Japanese forces on New Guinea, particularly around Buna Mission. The Americans and Australians have reached points but a mile and a half near Buna.

A Japanese cargo ship has been destroyed by Allied aircraft off New Britain and Timor has been bombed.

READY FOR OFFENSIVE

Land Fighting in Tunisia in Spite Of Rain—Air Fighting Lightens Up

LONDON, Dec. 23—In spite of torrential rain, land action continues along the Tunisian front as the Allies appear to be preparing for an offensive against Bizerte and Tunisia.

Air action has been light owing to the bad weather.

Committees Of Gyro Club

Members Assigned to Duties For Year by President W. J. Scott

Standing committees of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club for the coming year have been appointed by President W. J. Scott as follows:

Playgrounds— Frank Skinner, L. B. Lambly and W. D. Lambie.

Program—G. A. Hunter

Sports and interclub—G. L. Rorie and Harry Brook.

Civic Relations—Dr. R. G. Large, Arnold Flaten and Frank Dibb.

Entertainment—W. F. Stone, Dr. Jens Munthe, Dr. John MacDonald and Jack Ray.

Membership — William Cruickshank and W. M. Watts.

Attendance — T. W. Brown and Gordon Bryant.

Bulletin—Dr. R. G. Large.

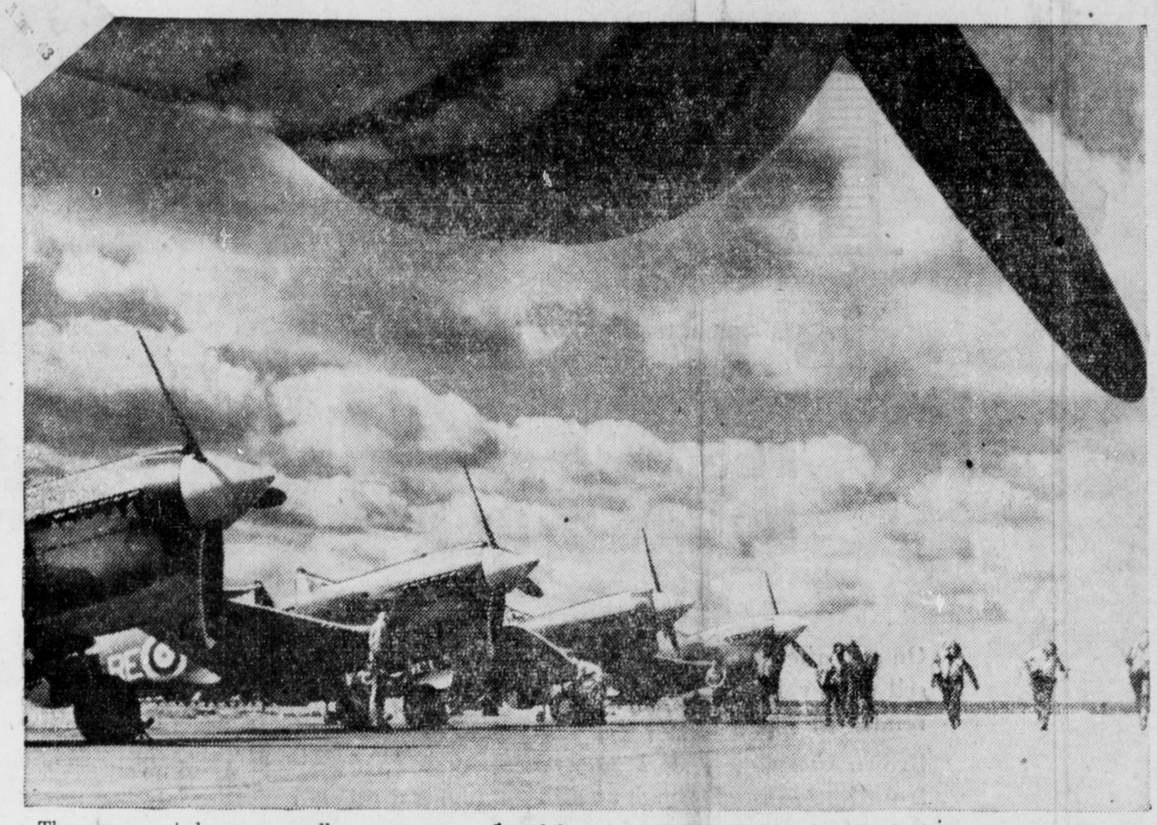
War Activities— D. G. Borland and R. G. Gibson.

LABOR DEP'T IS CHANGED

Important Reorganization Move Announced by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, announces that there will be a complete reorganization of his department. Nine branches will be formed and there are to be a number of new official appointments.

CANADIAN AIRMEN EVERYWHERE



They serve at home as well as overseas. Canada's coasts, too, must be well protected. Kittyhawks are constantly ready for instant action at any hint of enemy activity. They also fly regular and their pilots at a coastal fighter station "sweeps" hunting U-boats, protecting shipping.

UNABLE TO BREAK TIE

Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs Play to Four-all Deadlock

BOSTON, Dec. 23—The position of Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs, leaders and runner-up in the National Hockey League, remains unchanged as a result of last night's crucial game here when the teams played to a four-all draw. They had already played a draw in Toronto last Saturday night. On Saturday night they will meet again in Toronto. Christmas night games will be Chicago at Montreal and New York at Detroit.

Thousands Dead In Earthquake

Full Details of Catastrophe in Turkey Are Slow in Reaching Outside World

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (AP)—Berlin radio now says that it is feared thousands of persons perished in a violent earthquake in northeastern Anatolia, Turkey. Full details of the catastrophe are slow in reaching the outside world.

Coastal Ships Get Gifts Of Navy League

Ditty bags containing such welcome articles as socks, scarves, gloves, sweaters, smokes, candies and articles which the Navy League of Canada is responsible for distributing among men of the navy and the merchant marine at this season have been delivered to British Columbia coasting vessels. One captain, arriving in port, reported that these welcome gifts covering every member of his crew had arrived and much appreciation had been expressed by all.

Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston M. C., V. D., commanding staff officer of fixed defences at Vancouver and former area commandant at Prince Rupert, arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver to spend Christmas on leave visiting at his home here.

Jap Sub Is Sunk

SEATTLE, Dec. 23 — Canadian fighting aircraft and United States naval vessels are reported to have disposed of a Japanese submarine off the Aleutian Islands. A Canadian bombing plane damaged the undersea craft and American naval vessels came up and finished the submersible off. The bombing had made it impossible for the enemy vessel to submerge.

TO BOLSTER UP GERMANS

Found Necessary for Dr. Goebbels And His Satellites to do Some Explaining

LONDON, Dec. 23 — Minister of Propoganda Joseph Goebbels and parties of his satellites are to tour the Reich for the purposes of explaining recent Nazi reverses on the various war fronts. It is deemed necessary to do this in order to maintain morale which has been deteriorating of late.

Pittsburg Bus Hit By Slide

At Least Twenty Persons Are Known to be Dead as a Result

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23—At least twenty are known dead as a result of a bus heavily laden with passengers having been caught under a slide on a road near here and virtually flattened out.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Minnis of Victoria arrived in the city this morning to spend the Christmas and New Year season here visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eby. Mr. Minnis is manager of the well known Terry drug store and restaurant business in Victoria and is a past president of the Gyro Club there.

ORGANIZING OF RESERVE

Lieut. Col. G. C. Oswell to be Administrative Commander of Local Militia Unit

Lieut. Col. G. C. Oswell of Kelowna, former officer commanding of the British Columbia Dragoons (now the Ninth Armored Regiment) of Kamloops and more recently area camp commandant at Victoria, has been appointed administrative commander of the local reserve unit which is being organized under Col. J. W. Nicholls, it is announced. With the arrival here at the start of the year, recruiting and full organization of the local reserve unit, to be known as the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment, will proceed. It will be of full battalion strength and it will be trained and fully equipped with powerful armament for fighting only in Prince Rupert if necessary.

The full time staff of the new local unit will consist of two officers and three non-commissioned officers. The rest of the personnel will be merely of militia status although fully uniformed and equipped. There will be the regular militia form of training.

Whipping Cream Is Being Banned

All Sales to be Prohibited After January 1

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23—All sales of whipping cream to consumers must be discontinued as from January 1, 1943, it is announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

This will not apply to sales by a primary producer to a dairy, creamery, milk distributor, or any industrial user of cream, or to sales of cream from one milk distributor to another milk distributor or manufacturer.

Found guilty on a shoplifting charge in Magistrate W. D. Vance's court Monday afternoon, August Harryluk was fined $50 or thirty days in jail. Harryluk was arrested by local police after taking several pieces of merchandise from the Variety Store. When apprehended the stolen articles were found in his possession.

CANADIANS IN BRITAIN

Another Convoy Reaches Old Country Safely—Various Services Included

LONDON, Dec. 23—Another convoy of new Canadian forces, including soldiers, sailors, members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps and a full army hospital unit, reached Britain yesterday.

SHIP NO POTATOES

Lower Mainland Farmers Decide To Hold Out, Even on Government

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 — Two thousand farmers of the Lower Mainland, meeting here last night, decided to halt all further deliveries to market, including those to the Department of Munitions and Supply, after January 1 unless some action is taken to review the price situation. The farmers are insisting on a minimum price of $48 per ton.

PLEADED GUILTY

Private Albert Servant, local soldier, having been committed for trial by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court on charges of breaking and entering Miller's Cigar Store and the Smiles Cafe, appeared before Judge W. E. Fisher in County Court and, pleading guilty, was remanded for sentence.

Miss Elspeth MacKenzie, who is attending Crofton House School, and Hugh MacKenzie, who is studying at the University of British Columbia, arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacKenzie.

Miss Margaret Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Lamb, arrived in the city this morning from her studies at the University of British Columbia to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Lamb.

Main Action In Russia Is Centered in Region around Don River Bend

Nazis Continue Falling Back in Direction of Rostov—More Towns Liberated and Thousands of Enemy Killed and Captured

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (CP)—Main action on the Russo-German front is reported today in the Don River bend area where the Nazis, "beaten and falling back in disorder," are retreating as rapidly as possible, fighting only rearguard action. The German retreat is in the direction of the important city of Rostov. Several dozen more towns have been liberated and 13,700 enemy soldiers have been killed or captured.

German resistance, which had been marked by increasing counter-attacks stiffened for a while yesterday against the Red Army but the Russians are again making headway in the middle Don drive which has resulted in the capture of another large town in the smash on southwestward toward the Black Sea port of Rostov. The name of the town was not named. Yesterday the capture of Millerovo, important railway junction 120-odd miles from Rostov, was reported.

The Germans are rushing reserves to the middle Don front in an attempt to halt Russian legions which have stormed to Millerovo.

The front southwest of Stalingrad is also boiling anew as the Germans bring heavier pressure against a Russian thrust along the Kalmyck steppes.

PLANE IS UNFOUND

Suggestion That Canadian Pacific Transport May be Down in Mountains Near Chilliwack

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23—In spite of a continuing widespread search by air and land, the Canadian Pacific Airways transport plane, which disappeared Sunday evening while nearing Vancouver on a flight from Prince George, is still not found. There were three crew members and ten passengers on board.

The search, in which Royal Canadian Air Force planes and soldiers from Chilliwack are taking part, has been concentrating in the Chilliwack area. Residents there yesterday reported having seen what they thought was the outline of a plane on a slope of the Elk Mountains south of Chilliwack. What might have been signal fires were also suggested.

King's Christmas Day Address Will Be Emitted Here

There will be special rebroadcasts of the King's Christmas Day address to the Empire over station CFPR of Prince Rupert at 1 o'clock Christmas afternoon and 10:05 in the evening it is announced. The original broadcast will be heard at 7 a.m. Pacific Standard but will not be heard over the local station at that time.

Miss Gladys Gammon arrived in the city this morning from Kamloops to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays visiting with her parents, Inspector and Mrs. Ernest Gammon.

Mrs. William Spalding of Ketchikan, who has been spending some time in Seattle, is here today going through to her home in Ketchikan to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

DROWNED ON DOCK

C. W. Jackson Loses His Life At Local Shipyard Tuesday Afternoon

C. W. Jackson, 28, former resident of Saskatoon, lost his life Monday afternoon as the result of a fall while working at the dry dock here. Although a coroner's inquiry has not been held, Jackson is believed to have drowned.

The accident occurred when Jackson slipped on a pile of wet boards and fell 15 feet into the water. The body was recovered by fellow workmen within a few minutes. Efforts to revive the victim with the aid of an inhalator were unsuccessful although members of the fire department kept trying for an hour and fifteen minutes.

Jackson leaves his father and a younger brother, both living in Prince Rupert.

Members of the dry dock staff who recovered the body from the water and aided in the attempt to revive the victim were D. S. Negrich, H. J. Graham, Thomas Boulter, Lloyd Stevens and Alfred Stanley. The coroner's inquiry was expected to be completed late this afternoon.

Newspapers To Be Published On Boxing Day

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 (CP) — The newspapers will take the usual Christmas Day holiday this Friday but will publish on Saturday, Boxing Day.

V.C. Prisoner Tells of Life

Among Other Things There's a Naval Brass Band for Entertainment

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lt. Cmdr. S. H. Beattie, who won the Victoria Cross in the combined operations on St. Nazaire last March, has described parts of his life in a German prison camp in letters to his wife.

Cmdr. Beattie, who commanded the destroyer Campbeltown which rammed the dock gate at 20 knots with its bow filled with high explosives, wrote that apart from mustering three times a day the time of the men in the camp is their own.

"I am enjoying myself here a lot," he wrote, "smoking like a chimney and eating very well. Plenty of parcels seem to get through. My chaps have formed a naval brass band and play in the evenings. All sort of home-made instruments have been invented; there is only one mouth-organ, but that is only what you might call 'outside influence.'"