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Tomorrow's Tides
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High	8:01 a.m.	17.9 feet
	21:26 p.m.	17.3 feet
Low	1:43 a.m.	9.1 feet
	14:38 p.m.	5.9 feet

Pacific Coast Guerillas

EVERYBODY SHOULD VOTE AND VOTE 'YES' ASSERTS HANSON ON PLEBISCITE

No Chances Should Be Taken About Backing Government In Its Plan To Wage Total War By Removing Conscription

"Everybody should vote in the [illegible] manpower plebiscite and everybody should vo[illegible] declared Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena, who arrive[illegible]y on the Prince Rupert this morning to spend a [illegible]ere and at Smithers in the course of the Easter [illegible]m the session of Parliament at Ottawa. It is very [illegible]tant, Mr. Hanson feels, that there should be a most emphatic affirmative vote. Thus the government will be accorded a mandate to go full speed ahead with all phases of the total war effort, the critical need of which is becoming more apparent with each passing day.

Mr. Hanson says that the government itself is most anxious to have the people of the Dominion express themselves in favor of cancelling certain commitments to which it feels itself morally bound. From these it would be released by an affirmative vote in the plebiscite.

Those who for various reasons may take a negative stand on the plebiscite will most certainly not fail to get out and vote "no," Mr. Hanson believes. It is most important, therefore, that the outcome of the plebiscite should not be risked through any spirit of indifference or apathy on the part of those who feel the government should be in no way hampered in a total war effort.

Whether or not one approves of the plebiscite being held is not the question now, the Skeena member points out. Because one may feel that the plebiscite should not have been held is certainly no reason why one should vote "no" or fail to vote at all.

Mr. Hanson believes that, generally speaking, the people of Canada are strongly in favor of a "yes" vote on the plebiscite. Leaders of all parties are urging their followers to vote in the affirmative.

Speaking of the session which is now recessed Mr. Hanson states that business of the war transcended all other questions. Alongside the war, general administration business pales into insignificance.

While possibly not so voluble as some of the other members, it soon became evident in an interview with Mr. Hanson that he has been leaving no stone unturned to keep Skeena and Prince Rupert to the fore both as regards defence needs and its position in an offensive war in the Pacific.

Mr. Hanson evidently fully appreciates his position as parliamentary representative of a riding which is as directly exposed to war as any other in Canada.

The local member expressed gratification at A.R.P. work which was being so zealously carried on here. He was anxious to do all in his own power to help and agreed that it was advisable for every civilian who could possibly do so to play his part in the civilian protection organization.

Pacific Coast Defence.

Mr. Hanson commented on an announcement made today by Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, regarding the formation of guerilla units in connection with the protection of the British Columbia coast and urged as full a measure of enlistment as possible in these.

Speaking in regard to Pacific Coast defence generally, Mr. Hanson told of a conference that British Columbia members had had at Ottawa just before adjournment with the three ministers—national defence, navy and air force—together with their chiefs-of-staff. Full provision was being made for the adequate defence of the coast and measures had been taken on a scale far larger possibly than the public believed. This was under the joint defence plan of Canada and the United States which, as far as the navy was concerned, provided for Great Britain generally watching the Atlantic and United States the Pacific. The British Columbia members were informed that anti-aircraft guns had been placed at all essential points.

Mr. Hanson in Ottawa also attended a conference with Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, head of Canada's expeditionary force in Britain, who had expressed himself as well pleased with Canada's war effort so far.

King Asks Free Hand

OTTAWA, April 8: — Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, in a radio broadcast last night, said that the government was asking through the forthcoming manpower plebiscite for a free hand to carry on the war. The pledge given at the last general election against conscription was not legally binding, declared Mr. King, but it was a moral obligation which could not be ignored in a democratic country. The pledge had been given at the time in order to preserve national unity.

AXIS MOVE IN AFRICA

Another Push, Involving 125,000 Men, Appears Under Way on Libyan Desert.

LONDON, April 8: (CP) — Axis forces numbering 125,000 desert-wise troops were reported in motion across the Libyan Desert today against British lines in what may be the opening of a spring drive to conquer Egypt and smash through east of Suez toward the southern Russian flank. The action came as the German air force launched worst raids of the war against the tiny island fortress of Malta and Alexandria, the chief Egyptian port and base of the British Mediterranean fleet.

CUT DOWN ON BOOZE

Prince Rupert Ministrial Association Backs Up Rotary Club Resolution

At the regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association on Monday it was agreed that the association go on record as heartily approving the action of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in seeking to curtail the consumption of alcoholic liquors in this city.

Hope was expressed that every organization and loyal citizen would back up the effort being made to curb the drunkenness now so prevalent in our city. It is felt that this is a definite menace to our fight for freedom.

It is also the feeling of the association that excessive drinking is not only wasteful but extremely unpatriotic.

Defence Unit For Smithers

People of Bulkley Valley to Organize Against Emergency.

SMITHERS, April 8:—A public meeting will shortly be held in Smithers to organize an auxiliary defence unit in the Bulkley Valley for the protection of this area in any emergency. Meetings have already been held at Round Lake and at Telkwa and organization in those places is already under way but it is expected that there will be one central unit in Smithers with detachments in the outside communities.

SERVES IN A. T. S. SIGNALS

LONDON, April 8: (CP)—Pte. Jean Wolk of Montreal, wife of a Canadian army officer called home to serve with the R. C. M. P., is serving in an Auxiliary Territorial Services signals company in southeastern England.

Chances of Settlement Of India Issue on Side of Allies Looks Better

Meanwhile Situation in Philippines Is Becoming More Acute and Position of United Nations in Burma Is Extremely Grave.

LONDON, April 8: (CP)—New hope for a settlement which would enrol India's millions on the side of the Allies arose today while in the Philippines the situation became more acute as Japanese troops pressed a headlong offensive against the defenders of Bataan. Reuters said the executive committee of the powerful All-India Congress was discussing a new formula regarding India defences which was generally acceptable.

On the Burma front the situation remains extremely grave with the Japanese reorganizing to attack British troops holding the line only sixty-five miles from the rich central Burma oil fields.

REDS MAKE BIG SMASH

Drive Across Dneiper River in Effort to Crush Nazi Armies on Central Front.

LONDON, April 8: (CP) — Soviet forces have smashed across the upper Dneiper River in a furious final drive to pinch off the Vyasma-Gzhatsk-Rzhev bulge toward Moscow. Soviet dispatches said today. The Red Army appears intent on utilizing the brief period remaining before the spring thaw to crush Nazi armies in the central front and prepare to meet later the German offensive from the direction of Smolensk.

The score in the air war between Germany and Russia yesterday was 79 to 19 in favor of Russia. In the last eight days some 500 German planes have been brought down by the Russians who have lost only about one-fifth of that number themselves.

GOOD SHOTS AT PREMIER

Two Marksmen There Win — Expert Shield Awards.

MONTREAL, April 8: — Two members of the Premier Rifle Club at Premier have succeeded in gaining the Expert Shield Award, one of the highest distinctions in sporting rifle marksmanship, it is announced from the headquarters of the Dominion Marksmen organization here.

They are W. G. Murray, secretary of the club, who posted a score of 5911 out of the possible 6000 points, and A. G. Shether who posted 5907 points and holds the honor of being the first member of the club to win this shield.

It requires outstanding marksmanship to post a score better than the necessary minimum of 5860 points of the possible 6000 in this competition in which each marksman must shoot 20 targets from each of the standing, sitting and prone positions.

Terrace Having Salvage Drive

Red Cross Will Collect All Sorts of Materials There.

TERRACE, April 8:—Terrace Red Cross is sponsoring a salvage campaign. The intention is to ask the railway to make available a car. It is hoped the co-operation of local truckmen can be enlisted.

Metals of all sorts, rags, fibre and bottles are the lines it is intended to collect for the war effort. Donations of time, material and transportation facilities may be made to the local committee.

PAPER TOWN BASKETBALL LAST NIGHT

Prince Rupert Boys Win Again While Local Girls Suffer Another Defeat—Series Resuming Here.

Last night in Ocean Falls the Prince Rupert High School won the boys' basketball game and lost the girls' game. Prince Rupert girls lost by 18 to 13 and the boys won 29 to 20. This put the Ocean Falls girls ahead by three games while the paper town boys are trailing two to one to the local lads. The Ocean Falls teams arrived on the Prince Rupert this morning together with the local teams and the series will be resumed here.

The boys' game last night was the best so far in the series. Both teams worked hard, though, at times, they were a little rough. Five lads were sent to the showers on personal fouls. Sharp-shooter for the locals was Santerbane who came through for sixteen points. As usual, Axenbury starred for the paper makers with nine points.

Travelling under Coach Carl Peterson, the high school lads from down south are now in Rupert, with their girls' team, to finish the annual series here. Centre and captain of their team is Vic Wali. Forwards are "Red" Garvie, "Cookie" Powers and Fred Oxenbury who is a real sharpshooter, when he gets going. Clozza, a hard-working little fellow, is at guard, assisted by "Tank" Charleston, a six-foot six monster, and Dean Bonney and "Swede" Larsen.

Miss McLaughlin of the teaching staff of the Ocean Falls High is in charge of the visiting girls. Jean Lewis, captain and centre, is their star player, assisted in the forward line by two fine players, Edith Benson and Joan Rhodes. Another forward is Nives Pistor. Their guards are Mae Allen, Pat Palmer and "Teena" Marshall.

Both teams guarantee their supporters victory, while they are here and they mean to make good their words if humanly possible. Games will be played tomorrow and Friday nights in the Exhibition Building.

The local boys and girls report having received fine hospitality at Ocean Falls.

Mrs. Rees Morgan of White Rock arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from the south. She is here to attend the wedding on Friday night of this week of her son, George Reich, to Miss Judith Jerstad.

WOMEN ARE MOBILIZED

Compulsory Service Applied to Those Able and Not Already in "Useful" Work.

By DOUGLAS AMARON
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LONDON, April 8: (CP) — Britain has on record the names of 11,000,000 women — approximately 60 percent of the nation's adult female population—registered under government order. Every British woman, married and single, from 20 to 37 inclusive, has registered. Those younger and older will have their names taken when their age groups are called. From information it obtains at registration, the ministry of labor and national service decides what women are available for war service.

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Most women already are doing "useful" work, but the balance, in time, will be conscripted into the services or directed to industrial jobs.

Registration normally is followed by an interview. Women with no jobs are called for interviews first, followed by those already employed, depending on the importance of their work. Compulsory service takes one of two forms—conscription to the women's auxiliary services, at present applicable only to women born in 1920 and 1921, and direction to work in industry.

Can Volunteer

Single women between the ages of 20 and 37 inclusive are given the opportunity of volunteering for the services or for other war work, but this des not necessarily mean they will be placed in the job they want. Their preference, however, will be taken into consideration when they are posted to factories or the services but they must be prepared to leave home unless this would mean exceptional hardship.

Single women with domestic repossible for them to take a job possible for the mto take a job will not be expected to do so, but they may be asked to discuss their position with a women's panel. Married women with children under 14 cannot be called up but are free to volunteer for full or part-time jobs. The same applies to expectant mothers.

Other married women, with husbands at home or in the forces, are dealt with in the same way as single women of their age group, with due regard to their domestic responsibilities. They are not asked to leave their home town if directed into industry, and cannot be conscripted into the services.

As To Widows

Widows with no young children living with them are in the same position as single women in the same age group, but special regard is given to women recently widowed. Women who marry after joining the service are still members of the force in which they are enrolled and cannot leave without permission.

Any woman, except those in the 1920-21 groups, can volunteer for the services or a war job and her application normally will be accepted unless her present job is covered by an essential work order. Permission of the ministry is needed before a woman can quit an essential job.

William Schriaberg returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

Militia Rangers Are Being Organized For Protection of B.C.

One Hundred and Fifty Such Units May Be Formed—Will Not Be Uniformed and Will Use Own Arms

OTTAWA, April 8: (CP)—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, told a press conference today that guerilla units which may eventually total 150 units are being organized on the Pacific Coast. He said that a battle training school for such type of warfare was being established somewhere in the west.

Men in the guerilla groups will probably be called Militia Rangers and will be organized by Major T. A. H. Taylor. They will not wear uniforms but may be issued arm bands and will use largely their own firearms.

Nehru Urges Indians To Resist Jap

NEW DELHI, April 8: — Pandit Jawharlal Nehru, former president of the All-India Congress, yesterday urged all Indians to resist Japanese aggression. Any professions by Japan of friendly motives must be considered absurd and "wholly false." This was clear in view of deeds in China and Korea. Nehru considered it his duty to resist any interference with India by foreign nations.

War News

AUSTRALIA'S POSITION

CANBERRA — Australian defence leaders say the Commonwealth was never in better position than it is today to repel an invasion attempt.

PRISONERS MISTREATED

CANBERRA — Reports are being investigated of the Japanese having bayonetted and shot to death Australians who were taken prisoner at Rabaul, New Britain.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver.	
Grandview	.15
Bralorne	7.30
Cariboo Quartz	1.02
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.20
Pioneer	1.50
Premier	.33
Privateer	.29
Reno	.21
Sheep Creek	.68
Oils.	
Calmont	.10½
C. & E.	.95
Home	2.50
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto.	
Beattie	.68
Central Patricia	.93½
Consolidated Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	3.50
Little Long Lac	.93
McLeod Cockshutt	1.20
Madsen Red Lake	.46
McKenzie Red Lake	.70
Moneta	.25
Pickle Crow	1.80
Preston East Dome	1.90
San Antonio	1.47
Sherritt Gordon	.74

HONEYMOON MARKS SET

Fifty-Three Newlyweds Board Trains Easter Monday at Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 8: — Records in honeymoon travel were established during Easter Monday at Bonaventure station of the Canadian National Railways when fifty-three happy married couples boarded trains for various parts of Canada including Niagara Falls.

The total number established a record for Bonaventure station while a second record was set by the "Maritime Express," noon-day train for Halifax, which carried twenty-seven newlyweds for stations in Quebec and the Maritimes.

Other principal trains which had honeymoon passengers were those for Sherbrooke, Ottawa and the day Toronto trains.

Train time is always busy at Bonaventure these days but Easter Monday provided a day to be remembered because every couple came to the station accompanied by friends and relatives. Flowers were in abundance and confetti and rice, were far too plentiful for those who have to keep the building neat and clean.

Quite a proportion of the honeymoon couples had grooms from the military forces, all branches of the service being represented.

RESTRICT TELEPHONES

Strict Priority Ratings to Be Applied in Canada.

OTTAWA, April 8: — Telephone services in Canada are to be brought under strict priority ratings on the basis of essential function. Companies may refuse to supply or continue services unless considered necessary to the defence of Canada or carrying on of essential industry or business.

The Bell Telephone Co. of Montreal says the new restrictions may lead to inconvenience or even hardship to accustomed telephone users.

Adjutant Mark McKay, well known native Salvation Army officer, has returned to his home at Kitselas after spending Good Friday and Easter Sunday at Skeena Crossing.

Detroit Wins Second Game

TORONTO, April 8: (CP)—Detroit Red Wings went two up in the Stanley Cup series last night by defeating Toronto Maple Leafs 4 to 2. Detroit had won the first game Saturday night 3 to 2. It is a best four out of seven game series.