Local Temperature

Maximum 48
Minimum 36

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Local Tides

Friday, Dec. 10

High	0:21	19.7 feet
	12:15	22.3 feet
Low	6:15	7.2 feet
	18:56	2.3 feet

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Turks, Germans Face Bulgar Border

Recapture Changteh

Centre of Chinese Rice Bowl in Chinese Hands Again.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Chinese High Command announced today that Chinese forces had recaptured the strategically important city of Changteh in Hunan Province which fell to the Japanese December 4 after many days of bloody fighting.

The victorious Chinese stroke provided another decisive turn in bitter battles in which China's last "Rice Bowl" area is the major prize.

The loss of Changteh last week opened the prospect of an enemy drive on Changsha, the capital of the province.

AMBULANCE AVAILABLE

Arrangements Made for Temporary Service.

The Prince Rupert Ambulance Committee announced this morning that arrangements had been made for the use of an ambulance and driver in cases of necessity, pending the purchase of a permanent unit.

It was emphasized that this service consists of ambulance and driver only, and that additional help would have to be furnished by the applicant when required.

The hope was expressed that this privilege would not be abused and that the service would be utilized only when no other suitable conveyance was available. In case of emergency the public is advised to call the telephone operator and ask for "Ambulance."

Special Christmas Meeting Held

The Women's Missionary Society of First United Church held a special Christmas meeting on Monday evening in the home of Mrs. J. Carr, president of the society, 925 Borden Street.

Included in the program was a very impressive candle light ceremony, during which Mrs. E. G. Large sang the hymns.

A gift of a life membership was presented to Mrs. Carr by the members in appreciation of her faithful and valuable services. The presentation was made by Mrs. J. S. Irvine.

A small token of remembrance was given to Mrs. C. Hogarth, first vice-president, who is leaving for the south to join her family.

Delicious refreshments were served.

INCORPORATE LIVING COST

Present Cost of Living Bonus to Become Part of Basic Wage Rate, Mitchel Says.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6 (AP) — Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell made public today a revised wage control order providing for the incorporation of the cost-of-living- bonus into basic wages and altering the method of handling wage adjustments with a view to tighter stabilization of the cost of living.

As forecast by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the order bases future wage adjustments on the rectification of "gross inequality or gross injustice." Coupled with that is the ability of the employer to pay an increase without raising prices.

The new order is effective February 15.

HUNS ARE ENCIRCLED

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (AP) — Red army gains which outflanked the strategic Dnieper Bend rail centre of Znamenka and severed the important Znamenka-Nikolaev railroad threatened encirclement today of tens of thousands of Germans concentrated on the lower banks of the Dnieper River.

Russian forces outflanked Znamenka by capturing the town of Sharkova, 15 miles south, the Soviet communique said.

FIFTH ARMY MOVING ON

Eighth Also Making Progress in Italian Campaign.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, December 9 (AP) — The British-American Fifth Army yesterday fought its way past important heights into the valley of the Gariano River on the way to Rome, the last important hill having been taken.

On the Adriatic side of Italy General Bernard Montgomery is keeping up his drive.

Contends Silence Not Sign of Guilt

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—A British army gunner, 24-year-old Dennis Edmund Leckey, had his conviction of murder and death sentence quashed by the Court of Criminal Appeal which held that silence of the part of a man accused of crime shall not be construed as pointing to his guilt.

It was the tenth time the court has quashed a murder conviction. Leckey was accused of strangling an 18-year-old movie house usherette.

The conviction was quashed because Mr. Justice Singleton in his jury address drew attention to the silence of Leckey when first charged with the crime.

Laid at Rest Last Monday

The funeral of the late J. Bennett took place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Greenville Court Funeral Chapel. Rev. Canon W. F. Rushbrook officiated and Mrs. J. C. Gilker presided at the organ for the hymns. Pallbearers were O. L. Murray, J. McLeod, J. MacPhaden, J. Murray, R. Duchan and Mr. Miller. Interment was made at Fairview Cemetery.

Among those sending flowers were: Sinclair Paton, Jap Inlet; Col. and Mrs. C. S. Von Auron; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Jap Inlet; Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLeod; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Finnie; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Murray and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bayne.

Brain Stroke Proves Fatal

Arrangements have been made for the funeral tomorrow afternoon of George Henry Bristol, who was seized with a cerebral hemorrhage on Tuesday morning while at work on Borden Street and succumbed that evening in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Mr. Bristol, who was a carpenter, was born in Ontario 63 years ago. He had resided in British Columbia for 30 years and here for three years. He is survived by a widow at 133 Eighth Avenue West.

PLATFORM ANNOUNCED

Labor-Progressive Party Adopts Plans for Provincial Election.

The following platform has been adopted by the Prince Rupert Labor-Progressive Club, which has nominated Bruce Mickleburgh as its candidate for the next provincial election:

Labor — Amendment I.C.A. Act to eliminate company unions, increased minimum wage, Workmen's Compensation to cover all injuries at high rates.

Development — Completion Skeena Highway, link to Alaska Highway, scientific development of the north, completion and public ownership P.G.E., hydro-electric development under public ownership, steel mill for B.C.

Social Security from before the cradle to the grave, implementation and extension health insurance, provicial educational finance system, extension social security benefits to natives, free dental, optical and other necessary treatment, $50 old age pension at 60.

Co-operatives — Amendment Co-operative Act to make "phony" co-ops impossible.

Rehabilitation for returned men to give each one chance to enter profession of own choosing, those electing to go on land, to go on already developed sites with assured markets and government help.

Extensive agricultural program including assistance in establishing farm co-ops, government machinery depots, full use of science.

Rights of criticism—Removal property qualifications for voters and candidates in municipal elections, proportional representation, extension franchise to native Indias, Chinese and Sikhs, voting age lowered to eighteen.

Czechs Rout Nazis Over Bay of Biscay

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Outnumbered by 7-1, the Czech crew of a Coastal Command Liberator shot down a Ju 88 and damaged two others in a 45-minute running battle over the Bay of Biscay.

The Liberator, whose pilot had had eight previous combats with fighters in the bay, was on an anti-U-boat patrol when seven Ju 88's were sighted above the aircraft, said the Air Ministry News Service. The fighters attacked in force three or four times and suffered such heavy damage that they broke off the fight.

MUSICAL IS MERRY

"What's Buzzin' Cousin?" Completing Showing at Capitol Theatre Today.

A merry swinging musical, "What's Buzzin' Cousin?" is completing its run at the Capitol Theatre here today. There is also an interesting story with good music, singing, dancing, comedy and a fine cast in a well rounded plot.

The leading lady, Ann Miller, is a clever little actress and fine dancer. Rochester is the other featured player and is droll as ever.

In the picture Miss Miller is an heiress who inherits a ghost town. In company with three girl friends she goes to claim the property. By taking over the town's hotel and installing Freddie Martin's orchestra they revive the town. Rochester finds a nugget in his victory garden and that starts a gold rush. Everybody is happy and business thrives, the story ending up on a high note of fun and melody.

C.C.F. IS DEFEATED

Failed to Elect Candidate in Vancouver Civic Election, Non-Partizans Sweeping Field.

VANCOUVER, December 8 (Canadian Press)— Non-Partizan candidates made a clean sweep in the Vancouver civic elections Wednesday, defeating the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and trade union representative committee candidates.

Four Non-Partizans were elected as aldermen, four won seats on the school board and three were chosen for the Parks Board.

Four Non-Partisan aldermen and Mayor J. W. Cornett, also Non-Partizan, were elected for two year terms a year ago so the 1944 council will be one hundred percent Non-Partizan.

Aldermen re-elected yesterday were S. L. Corey, Charles Jones, George Buscombe and Jack Price.

Stewardesses Of Air Lines Are Promoted

WINNIPEG, December 9 — Miss Edith Hemingson, formerly chief stewardess for Trans-Canada Air Lines at Lethbridge has been appointed supervisor of stewardesses with headquarters at Winnipeg, D. R. McLaren, supervisor of passenger service, announced yesterday. She succeeds Miss Margaret Dickson who has resigned after three and a-half years' service with the Air Line. Miss Hemingson was born at Manson, Manitoba, and is a graduate of St. Boniface hospital. She joined Trans-Canada Air Lines in March, 1941.

Miss J. Beattie, who goes to Lethbridge as chief stewardess, trained in the Toronto hospital for sick children and entered T.C.A. service in September, 1941. She was born in Calgary.

Miss Leone Barry has been appointed chief stewardess, Toronto. Born at Tuxford, Sask., she is a graduate of Regina General Hospital and went to T.C.A. in November, 1940.

Miss M. E. Brezinski, appointed chief stewardess, Moncton was born in Cobalt and trained in the Civic Hospital, Toronto. She entered Trans-Canada service in December, 1941.

Old Coaches Given New Lease of Life

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 9 (AP)—No one wanted the darn thing before the war, but when a 30-year-old landau—once the property of a peer—came up for auction an offer of $180 was refused.

An old-fashioned brougham, destined for cab work, realized $81. A high-wheeled, open-fronted, three-seater Ralli car which might have had a pre-war value of $14, went under the hammer at $99.

Railway Train Houses Miners

EDINBURGH, Dec. 9 (AP) — A community of 50 miners from Purghlee Colliery, near here, is living in a train, the fuel ministry's latest experiment in providing homes for the increased labor it wants for thep its.

Five railway carriages have been adopted to form a lounge. There are two dining rooms and three double-size carriages with sleeping accommodation, and two meals a day.

State of Emergency Declared As Participation of Turkey In War Becomes More Likely

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 9 (CP) — Turkey and Germany have stationed troops along the opposite sides of the Turkish border facing Bulgaria and Greece and a state of emergency has been declared along the entire boundary. All traffic has been halted, say dispatches from Berne, Switzerland, and the Bulgarian capital.

Dispatches said that border measures had been ordered as nervousness over a possible Allied invasion mounted through the Balkans.

In Ankara Foreign Minister Menemenioglu said today that President Inonu's conferences in Cairo with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt had led Turkey closer to the Allied camp but he carefully avoided the natural inference that this meant Turkey is nearer to participation in war. The foreign minister made the first authoritative statements since Inonu's return from Cairo.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS ARE SUNK

PEARL HARBOR, December 9 — Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that six Japanese warships, including two light cruisers, were sunk, four other vessels were damaged and at least seventy-two enemy planes were destroyed by American carrier task forces which attacked the enemy-held Marshall Islands in mid-Pacific Saturday.

It was announced Wednesday night that one unidentified American ship suffered minor damage and there were light aircraft losses.

Will Recognize Colonial Claims

Sir Basil Brooke Says Aims of British Empire Misunderstood.

BELFAST, Dec. 9 (AP)—Britain has shown the world that when her colonies are ready for it, she is prepared to give them self-government, to cease to regard them as children and to welcome them to her side as adults and as powerful allies, said Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, in a speech in which he attacked widespread ignorance and misunderstanding of the structure and aims of the British Empire.

"If the British Empire is the skeleton in our cupboard, I am all for dragging it out into the light of day," he said. "If then it proves not to be a matter for shame and apology but a source of pride, let us put it in a public place and declare to the world that we are proud of it. If it proves to be shameful object, let us bury it and be done with it forever."

To refer to the British Commonwealth and Empire is completely accurate," he said. Strictly speaking, the expression "Commonwealth" comprised the self-governing dominions while the term "Empire" covered the dependent crown colonies and mandated territories.

He added: "But what I want to emphasize is this: the ultimate aim is that Empire should develeop into Commonwealth."

Must Not Scorn "Honest Dirt"

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Hope that the war had taught British people that skilled craft was as creditable as clerical work was expressed by Chuter Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education.

"Many boys and girls live a life of frustration in some respectable clerical job because their parents think that honest dirt is something of which to be ashamed," he said.

LOTTERIES DEPLORED

Resolution by Ministerial Association — Sunday School Attendance Survey.

"We regret that money is raised by raffles, lotteries, sweepstakes and other games of chance. We recognize that the end in view is often praiseworthy, that the intention of the sponsors is to do good and that the method is easy ad often apparently effective but, in our opinion, the use of these methods is contrary to the whole spirit of the law, is anti-social in its implications and dries up the sources of free giving."

This resolution was the outcome of serious consideration by the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association at its meeting this week of the present trend toward the raising of money for charitable and community enterprises by these methods. While wishing to acknowledge the sincerity and energy of those trying to promote causes that are undoubtedly worthy of support by all, it was felt that resort to these methods was not only a flouting of the law, but demoralizing also, and that steps should be taken to halt the trend.

A report was also received regarding the Church of Sunday School affiliations of children of school age in the city. Out of a total enrolment of approximately 1160, the very satisfactory total of 918 replies were received. Of this number, only 144 did not indicate connection with some denomination in the city. Of the remaining 774, 608 claimed regular attendance at Sunday school or church, 44 occasional and 122 were identified with a church but did not attend. The association expressed appreciation of the co-operation of both the School Board and the staffs of the schools in the preparation of this survey.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for the annual observance of the world-wide week of prayer, during the first week of the new year, in co-operation with Christian bodies throughout the world.

BUSINESS FOR XMAS

Some Prince Rupert stores estimate that Christmas business is double this year what it was last. Others say it is about the same.

The tendency seems to be generally in the way of earlier shopping, undoubtedly to get better choice of stocks before they become depleted.

Jewelry appears to be especially popular and variety gifts are also in demand.

Generally stocks seem to be more balanced and adequate than they were a year ago but some lines are already running out.

One merchant specializing in gift lines said he wished he had twice as much goods and premises twice as large.

JUVENILES REMANDED

Appearing before Magistrate W. D. Vance in Juvenile Court on Tuesday were five youths, charged with a series of depradations which included breaking and entering the premises of Bacon Fisheries, the U and I Cafe, Smiles Cafe, the Ward Electric Company, which was broken into twice, and a number of other recent robberies, including the theft of several bicycles. The case was remanded for eight days.

The youths, four of whom are natives, were arrested at widely separaated points two being taken into custody in Kamloops, one in Hazelton and two here.

They are believed to have operated as a gang with headquarters in a shack off Third Avenue below the isolation hospital.

WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

In the matter of temperature the weather in Prince Rupert in November was only slightly different than in October. The average temperature was 46.5 degrees, as compared with an average of 49 degrees in October. The thermometer reached a high of 59 degrees on November 24 and a low of 29 degrees on November 30.

In October the high was 66 degrees, and the low, 37 degrees.

Scant, however, was the blessing of sunshine in the past month. In the ten days that it showed itself, the sun shone for only 21.7 hours. October received 71.8 hours during 18 days. Total hours of sunshine so far this year are 917.3 hours.

The highest rainfall so far recorded this year fell in November. It was 12.86 inches and fell over a period of 22 days. It brings the rainfall total so far this year to 80.44 inches. In October 7.22 inches of rainfall were recorded.

Barometer readings showed a high of 30.395 on November 25 and a low of 29.075 on November 3.

The highest wind, with a velocity of 27 miles per hour, occurred on November 21.

Nominations Are Entered

Further Candidates in Field for Municipal Contest Here Next Week.

The following are new nominees since yesterday for the civic election contest next week:

For Aldermen

John Mulroney, union business agent, proposed by H. M. Daggett, seconded by T. H. Sorensen.

Leonard C. Griffiths, manager, proposed by G. D. Bryant, seconded by S. J. Hardy.

George Bernard Casey, transferman, proposed by Agnes Murray, seconded by Emily H. Moorehouse.

For School Trustee

Stephen Leo Peachey, engineer, proposed by H. M. Daggett, seconded by E. A. Evans.

Service Heads Take Part in Navy League

Word has been received Navy League headquarters here that the commandants of the three services of the Pacific Command have agreed to act on the membership committee of the Navy League of Canada in its membership drive which is now on.

They are Major General G. R. Pearkes, army, Air Vice Marshal L. F. Stevenson, Royal Canadian Air Force, and Rear Admiral V. G. Brodeur, navy.

It is believed that this may imply official sanction for service people to accept membership in the Navy League.

Most Important News Withheld

CAIRO, December 9 — What the world does not know about the three recent international conferences is more important than what was announced Prime Minister Jan Smuts of South Africa said last night.

Labor Has No Axe To Grind

PRINCE RUPERT CIVIC LABOR FEDERATION