

Local Temperature

Maximum 38
Minimum 22

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Tonight's Dim-out

(Half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise.)
7:07 p.m. to 8:43 a.m.

Eight Army Is On Move Again

WIPE OUT ALL JAPS

Guadalcanal Island Is Now Taken Completely by Allies

AT AN ADVANCE BASE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, Feb. 10 (CP)—Major General Alexander M. Patch, commander of American troops on Guadalcanal, reported officially today that the island had been taken completely and "there is no longer any vestige of any Japanese organized forces on that island."

The last enemy resistance was overcome yesterday afternoon. The Japanese previously evacuated a number of senior officers by destroyers and submarines but there was no indication of mass removal of troops.

MORE SUN, MORE RAIN

Lowest Temperature in Many Years Recorded Here During Month of January

There was almost twice as much precipitation in January this year as there was in January 1942 but there was almost twice as much sunshine, a compilation of official meteorological figures for the month ended recently shows. The lowest thermometer reading in many years—one above zero on January 19 was recorded.

The official weather summary for January as announced today from the Dominion meteorological is as follows.

Maximum barometer, 30.29 on January 29.
Minimum barometer, 29.32 on January 25.
Maximum temperature, 51.5 on January 8.
Minimum temperature, 1 on January 19.
Mean temperature, 30.
Precipitation, 10.16 inches.
Sunshine, 67.8 hours.
Maximum wind, southeast, 48 miles per hour on January 7.

Worthless Check Passer Sentenced

Peter Shelby Gets Six Months on Five Counts—Is Wanted in Vancouver

Peter Shelby, worthless check passer, sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each of five counts on appearing before Judge W. E. Fisher in County Court yesterday charged with false pretences, the terms to run concurrently. He had victimized a number of local merchants and was later arrested in Vancouver and brought back here. Now he is wanted in Vancouver on similar charges.

Campaign Against Venereal Disease

Local Junior Chamber of Commerce to Co-operate With Vancouver Junior Board in Health Education Week

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce agreed last night to co-operate with the Junior Board of Trade of Vancouver in observance of a province-wide health education week designated for February 15-20 when the subject of venereal disease in relation to industry will be stressed. The object is to acquaint the public with the true facts in connection with venereal disease. The campaign here will include the distribution of some 75 pounds of literature which has been sent from Vancouver. C. F. McCarthy and Len Griffiths were named a committee for the campaign here.

BU...INS

GLADSTONE MURRAY RESIGNS
TORONTO — Gladstone Murray announces his resignation from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and says he will become public relations counsel in the general field of industry. Murray was CBC general manager from 1936 until 1942 when he became director-general of the broadcasting for Canada.

EDMONTON WATER TROUBLE
EDMONTON—A broken water main flooded forty houses and caused complete water failure throughout Edmonton for four hours.

EXTEND RATIONING
CHICAGO — Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board of Canada, forecast extension of coupon rationing in Canada to commodities not yet under control and the introducing of the point system of rationing for some lines of goods. Gordon, addressing the Chicago Better Business Bureau, said Canadians on the home front were winning the battle against inflation.

ACCEPT 48-HOUR WEEK
WASHINGTON—United States will adopt the forty-eight hour week in all war industry, James Byrnes, economic stabilization director, said. For over forty hours, overtime wages will be paid. He forecast an Allied invasion of Europe in 1943.

CARDIN SPEAKS OUT
OTTAWA — P. J. A. Cardin, former works and transport minister, told Commons yesterday that the National Resources Mobilization Act should be suspended "until a survey has been made of the whole situation to ascertain most pressing needs of Canada and the Allies."

GANDHI ON FAST

Mahatma Starts Another Hunger Strike in Protest at His Detention

BOMBAY, Feb. 10 (CP)—Mahatma Gandhi today began a 21-day fast in the palace of the Aga Khan at Poona after the government of India refused to grant his unconditional release from confinement.

Gandhi, who is 73 years of age, announced he would take only fruit juice and water during the fasting period which is a sequel to correspondence with the Marquis of Linlithgow, Vice-Roy of India, in which Gandhi denied that the All-India Congress party was responsible for killings and sabotage which have occurred since his detention.

The Viceroy, in one letter, said he regarded the fast for political purposes as "a form of political blackmail for which there can be no moral justification."

Committed On Theft Charge

Herbert Going Alleged to Have Stolen \$160 in Cash from Fellow Worker at Salvus

Herbert Going, charged with theft of \$160 from a fellow worker at Salvus in a construction camp, was committed for trial by Stipendiary Magistrate W. D. Vance here yesterday and elected for speedy trial on appearing before Judge W. E. Fisher. Trial was set for Monday.

Hockey Scores

Boston 3, Toronto 1.

Kharkov Is Now Menaced As Russians Drive Germans To Point Of Starting in 1942

MOSCOW, Feb. 10 (CP)—Strong Russian Army forces are pouring through the Belgorod gap in German defences north of Kharkov, the only point on a 20-mile front where the invaders still hold the line from which they launched their 1942 offensive, it was reported today. The great industrial city which the Germans have held since October, 1941, thus is menaced by a tightening semi-circle of assault with the Red Army roughly forty miles from its limits to the north and south.

At the same time the Russians announce repulse of desperate counter attacks against a second semi-circle closing upon Rostov and against the Kramatorsk wedge to the northwest which, if carried out to the Sea of Azov, might pinch off the whole Rostov defence force.

NOT EVEN ONE HORSE

Lack of Recreational Facilities Here Are Deplored by Ald. Thomas Elliott

"Why, we're not even a one horse town anymore. There is not even a beer parlor or honky-tonk." Such is the statement of Ald. Thomas Elliott in urging that the United States authorities be asked to remove building from Acropolis Hill grounds so they may be available again for local sports in which both the military and civilians might participate, also that the interests which have been talking about a new theatre here get on the job and really do something about it.

Ald. Elliott referred to the lack of recreational facilities here both for soldiers and civilians. It was something that needed attention.

When it was pointed out that Acropolis Hill grounds area would probably not be open to the public again, suggestion was made that something be done to get a sports field or ball park established in the Ninth Avenue and McBride Street area where one had been proposed before.

New Traffic Bylaw Ready

Referred to Committee for Conference Before Being Finally Adopted

The city council has been informed by Mayor W. M. Watts that the revised street traffic bylaw is now ready for further consideration by the council. Meanwhile the draft is before the co-ordinating committee of the council with a view to taking it up with other interested authorities before it comes before the council for final ratification.

Under the new traffic bylaw provision is made, among other things, for new safety measures on streets in the vicinity of schools including the installation of signs. No parking will be permitted adjacent to Borden Street School between 8:30 in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The new bylaw is based on recommendations made by Inspector Hood who came here in 1941 for the special purpose of studying local traffic problems.

When the matter of the new bylaw was discussed at the council meeting on Monday night, Ald. Robert McKay emphasized the necessity of co-operation of the military authorities. There was little use putting a new bylaw into force if the military as well as the civilians were not to observe it.

To Open Up North

Important Announcements by Premier Hart — New Road and Railway—Steel Plant and Public Works

VICTORIA, Feb. 10 (CP)—Premier John Hart this afternoon pledged the government to tap northland resources telling the Legislature that United States authorities even now are engaged in surveys of routes that would link the Alaska Highway with the British Columbia road system at Prince George and considering the railway to Alaska if an not immediate defence project a post-war development.

The Premier said he was convinced that an iron and steel industry would be established in British Columbia after the war.

The Premier announced that the government did not intend to lower automobile licence fees. He announced grants to improve teachers' salaries.

Mr. Hart outlined a \$15,000,000 post-war program of public works.

AID TO RUSSIA

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes W. A. Hogg (\$8,447.89), David Blackhall (5.00), J. Knudsen (5.00), J. Roberts (5.00), Mrs. T. Fulton (5.00), W. Harkot (10.00), Breen Melvin (5.00), Y.M.C.A. Staff (14.00), J. P. Biggs (20.00), Sundry donation (2.00). Total to date \$8,523.89.

Bad Weather Holding Down Reich Attack

LONDON, Feb. 10 (CP)—Bad weather presumably kept the Royal Air Force from operating in force over enemy territory either Monday or Tuesday night.

Having enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Jack Eastwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eastwood, left for Vancouver Monday night.

KEEP UP ASSAULT

Allied Bombers Are Giving Italian Ports No Respite

CAIRO, Feb. 10 (CP)—Allied bombers, maintaining attacks on important supply centres on the Italian mainland and the strategic island of Sicily, blasted the important port of Palermo on Sicily Monday night and started a number of fires, a British communique said today.

IS KILLED INSTANTLY

Soldier Loses Life When Army Jeep Leaves Icy Road and Jungles Over Embankment

Private J. G. Stafford of an Ontario regiment was instantly killed when a Canadian Army jeep plunged off the icy road over a twelve foot embankment at the lower corner of Sixth Avenue and Hays Cove Avenue at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. He was pinned under the vehicle and his head was badly crushed.

The jeep was coming down Hays Cove Avenue and, on entering Sixth Avenue, went right across the street and over the bank.

Private E. W. Keith was driving the vehicle and other passengers were Sergeant Major Deyell and Corp. King. The other soldiers suffered from shock but were not badly injured.

An inquiry was being held this morning by the coroner, Dr. R. J. Mac Donald.

EDUCATION RESOLUTION

Junior Chamber of Commerce Endorses Provincial Responsibility Idea After Hearing Address By Principal O'Neill

After hearing an interesting address by W. W. C. O'Neill, principal of Booth Memorial High School, on the subject of "Educational Philosophy," the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night endorsed a resolution as follows from the Prince Rupert City and District Teachers' Association endorsing provincial financial responsibility for education:

"Whereas the Prime Minister of Canada himself has stated that if the foundations of the new order of society are not laid now they never will be laid; and

"Whereas equality of educational opportunity should be one of the corner-stones of a democratic society; and

"Whereas the present method of financing throws an undue burden on the land; and

"Whereas many school districts are able to support only the barest minimum educational facilities by means of land taxation:

"Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be urged (Continued on Page Two)

Twelfth Officer For City Police

Gaoler to be Added to Strength Under Contract With Provincial Force

The city council has adopted a recommendation from the police committee that one more man be added to the city police force under the arrangement with the provincial police. The additional man will be in the capacity of gaoler and will bring the strength of the city police up to twelve.

The council disapproves of the sending of two officers of the force away at one time for a six weeks' training course.

Last of Enemy Forces Have Been Eliminated From Libya, Announced

Statement Made by General Alexander, Acknowledging Share of Three Services and American Airmen

CAIRO, Feb. 10 (CP)—General Sir Harold Alexander, British commander-in-chief in the Middle East, announced today that the British Eighth Army is on the advance again after driving the last of the enemy's forces from Libya. "The enemy's forces have been completely eliminated from Egypt, Cirenaica, Libya and Tripoli and the Eighth Army is advancing," Alexander told correspondents.

General Alexander added that "these successes have been equally shared by the three services and the United States Air Force."

Permits For Building Out

The city council Monday night approved a motion by Ald. George Hills that the city engineer be instructed to issue no more building permits until water connections can again be made. Building permits implied a water connection, Ald. Hills felt.

Water Connection For Air Force Is Denied by Council

The city council on Monday night stuck to its guns in the matter of refusing a new water connection to the Royal Canadian Air Force from the corner of Comox and Ninth Avenue, it being the intention of the applicant to take water off in a six-inch main. The city council would not even take a chance on granting permission to put in the connection with a sealed valve not to be opened unless the city engineer gave his permission. It was suggested, however, that the Air Force might lay its main but defer the putting in of the valve until such time as there was an improvement in the city water situation.

WAR SAVINGS IN SCHOOLS

Returns for Prince Rupert and Elsewhere in District

The following are reports received from schools in the Prince Rupert area, showing war savings from September to December 31, 1942:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Pct., Sales. Includes Alexander Manson (100 \$ 8.00), Meadowdale (65 5.75), Prairiedale (100 25.00), Premier (47 25.25), Prince Rupert (King Edward 62.6 511.00, Seal Cove 62.5 65.40, Simpson 57 11.50, Smithers 60 362.00, Victory Bonds 760.42, Vanderhoof 75 90.00, Woodcock 50 35.00).

Payroll of Public Works Department

Figures Are Presented by Ald. Robert McKay, Committee Chairman

Ald. Robert McKay, chairman of the board of works, reports that the total payroll for the public works department of the city in January was \$5,431.51, distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Department, Amount. Includes Engineering department (\$377), Garbage collection (\$402.50), Nightsoil collection (\$402.50), Water maintenance (\$1,099.61), Emergency guards (\$144.05), Sewers and street cleaning, sidewalks and culverts (\$2,219.85).

Ald. McKay mentions that the city engineer had been spending some of his time making estimates for the army.

Jr. Chamber Is Impatient

Not Satisfied With Explanation Made for Delay on East End Post Office

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the meeting of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night at the progress or lack of progress which is being made in connection with the getting into operation of the proposed new Post Office to serve the east end of the city. It was felt that the reason for delay in construction of the building had not been satisfactorily explained. The outcome of the discussion was the decision to send a message direct to the Postmaster General advising him that construction of the building was now at a standstill and had been for some time.

The discussion at last night's meeting followed the reading of communications from the Postmaster General and the presentation of the report of a special committee which had been delegated to look into the matter. The letters from the Postmaster General said that everything possible was being done to relieve the postal service situation at Prince Rupert and the expectation was that in three or four weeks the new Post Office at the east end would be open for business.

The special committee reported it had been advised that lack of material was the cause of the hold-up but there was reason to believe that this was not the full explanation. Meantime, no work on the building had been done for a month. A contracting firm had said it was ready to proceed with the putting in of the box equipment as soon as the building was finished.