

British Columbia Only Province to Reduce Its Public Debt in Decade

VICTORIA, Nov. 6.—A reduction of \$12,329,857.14 in the gross debt of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31 last, places British Columbia in the enviable position of being the only Province in the Dominion where a reduction has been shown in the public debt during the past ten years, it was announced today by Premier John Hart, Minister of Finance.

BRETT FOR MAYORALTY

Prominently Mentioned as Candidate Next Month.

W. H. Brett, chairman of the public finance committee, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for mayor to succeed W. M. Watts at the civic election on December 16. There appears to be a possibility that he might be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Brett was elected for the first time at the election a year ago and would have to resign as mayor to run for mayor.

Weather October

Great extremes of temperature were reached here during October, the weather record shows. The average temperature for the month was 49 degrees, the thermometer reached a high of 66 degrees on the fifth, and the lowest temperature was 37 degrees on the twenty-fourth.

The sun showed through on 14 days for a total of 71.8 hours, which was somewhat lower than the previous month, which had 84 hours of sunshine, and considerably higher than the corresponding month last year which was blessed with only 47.6 hours of sunshine.

Total precipitation for the month was 15.76 inches, a decrease of 6.86 inches from the corresponding month of last year, which had 22.62 inches of rain.

The maximum wind speed for the month was 36 miles per hour, from the southeast on the thirtieth.

Thirsty Thieves Break and Enter

Entry by smashing a window at the rear, thieves broke into the Variety Store on the Avenue either last night or Saturday night and, as far as is known, got nothing but a few bottles of hair tonic.

According to Gordon Bryant, manager of the store, the thieves were not the objective of the police. He believes the store was broken into for the purpose of getting a few bottles of hair tonic.

At the present time there is no need for the province to go to the market for either new or conversion money. The next maturity, \$3,000,000 at 3 1/2 per cent, payable in Canada and New York, will fall due on March 31, 1944, and as yet no decision has been made as to the manner of its repayment.

KILLED IN ITALY

CHAMBERLEY, Eng. (CP)—Brigadier Caldwell, made a C.B.E. in August for gallant and distinguished services in Tunisia, was killed in an accident in Italy. His home was in this county town.

WORKED THROUGH BLITZ

VALETTA (CP)—Malta's briar industry has continued, almost without interruption, all through the war. One factory, based on the heaviest air raid, worked without losing a day's work.

Speed the Victory Buy Victory Bonds

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Local Tides

Tuesday, Nov. 9:		
High	11:18	21.9 feet
	23:46	20.6 feet
Low	5:01	5.4 feet
	17:41	4.1 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Red Steamroller Drives On

MORE GAINS MADE

Nazis Are Abandoning Italy Port

Lies Now Within Seventy Miles Rome—Two Armies Moving Steadily on

ALGIERS, Nov. 8 (CP)—Repeated explosions at Gaeta indicated today that the Germans were preparing to abandon the Tyrrhenian Sea port some seventy miles south of Rome as Allied headquarters announced today that another mile gain had been made by the Anglo-American Fifth Army in a push which threatened to short-circuit the west coast mountains where the enemy had anchored a new defence line.

The British Eighth Army, sweeping five miles along the Adriatic coast, took possession of the entire length of the Sinello River and advanced on the Sangro River, the next natural barrier in the area. The Eighth Army's most advanced positions were around Casalbordino, a town near the Adriatic coast. On the left, where the Canadians are operating, gains of several miles were registered beyond captured Isernia along an important highway which runs across the mountains.

SOME MINERS ARE WORKING

But Return to Work Following End of Coal Strike by no Means Complete

CALGARY, Nov. 8 (CP)—Some coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia were back at work on Monday following the federal government's strike settlement proposal but others remained out. Some seven hundred in the Nanaimo-Cumberland field of British Columbia did not return to work as a meeting on Sunday did not authorize the return. The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday for further discussion of a settlement plan.

The Royal Commission, with powers of the War Labor Board, will begin hearings on Tuesday of the coal miners' application for wage increases. The miners quit work October 31 at midnight protesting at a delay in considering wage increases.

Local Temperature

Maximum	53
Minimum	43

Hockey Scores

SATURDAY	
Chicago 4, New York 3.	
Boston 5, Toronto 2.	
Sunday	
Boston 4, Detroit 6.	
Toronto 7, New York 4.	
Chicago 1, Canadiens.	

WAR FILM MAGNET

LONDON (CP)—"Desert Victory" the official film of the advance of the 8th Army to Tripoli, was seen by 70,000 persons in Moscow in the first two days it was shown there, it is reported in London.

AWARDED U. S. STAR

SUVA (CP)—A corporal of the Fiji Military Forces, Thaken Sallasa, received the United States Silver Star for gallantry in Guadalcanal.

WAR NEWS

NAZI RETREAT IS ROUT

MOSCOW—The Red Army, driving rapidly on beyond Kiev, has now taken Fastov, another important centre thirty-six miles southwest of Kiev, and has also advanced thirteen miles to the northwest. The Russians are driving ahead so rapidly that the Nazi retreat is developing into a complete rout. Speaking on the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Soviet Republic, Premier Joseph Stalin declared the German army was "ready for the scrap heap."

ADVANCING TOWARDS ROME

ALGIERS—Heaviest fighting in Italy is now being fought by the Allied Fifth Army which is eighty miles from Rome where important heights have been taken.

DID NOT BOMB VATICAN

ALGIERS—It is officially denied by the Allies that Vatican City was raided by Allied bombers.

GRANTED TURKISH BASES

PARIS—Turkey has given the Allies permission to use bases in Gallipoli Peninsula, it is reported here.

GERMANY IS BOMBED

LONDON—United States bombers raided western Germany Sunday and again today following Royal Air Force attacks Saturday night.

INVASION FAVORED

Resolution Passed Yesterday by Civic Labor Federation.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at meeting of Civic Labor Federation yesterday:

"Whereas Prince Rupert stands at the crossroads of the great democratic powers

"And whereas the peaceful development and prosperity of this region are dependent on firm friendly relations between these powers

"And whereas the people of Prince Rupert desire a speedy conclusive victory over the Axis,

"Therefore, be it resolved that this body greets the decisions of the Moscow conference to bring concerted blows to bear upon the enemy and pledges its full support to the full-scale invasion of Europe."

First Division Feels Confident

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, Nov. 8 (CP)—"Rome by Christmas"—or by New Year at the latest is the confident and optimistic expectation of Allied troops who are advancing successfully in Italy. General Dwight Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief in the Pacific area, shares the optimism.

First Donation For Ambulance

It was not long after Saturday afternoon's paper, announcing that donations would be received, was out that the first subscription for the new ambulance fund was received at the Daily News office. It was in the form of a \$5 bill from a donor who desired that the name subscription be regarded as anonymous. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Roy Argue made a donation of \$5 followed by \$3 from P. C. Larsen and \$25 from the Prince Rupert Nurses' Association.

Veterans Brave Stormy Weather

With Ladies and Led by Reserve Band, They March to Church For Remembrance Day

About forty members of the Canadian Legion and a dozen or so members of the Women's Auxiliary, under the respective presidents, Dr. R. C. Bamford and Mrs. F. Barber, braved a very stormy morning yesterday to take part in the annual Remembrance Day church parade to First United Church. They were led by the band of the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment which is showing great improvement each successive time that it is heard.

Fifth Total Beats Fourth

With less money coming in on Saturday than on the final day of the Fourth Victory Loan drive last spring, a comparison of the cumulative totals of the two drives reveals that the Fifth Loan drive, which closed on Saturday night, is ahead by more than \$66,000.

Basketball at Port Edward

A fourth game in the inter-service basketball league inaugurated last week took place at Port Edward where the Yanks overwhelmed the Ontarios 113 to 30. As the score indicates, it was the Americans all the way.

U.S. Football

Notre Dame 26, Army 0. Navy 24, Pennsylvania 7. Dartmouth 47, Columbia 13. Cornell 13, Penn State 0. Brown 21, Yale 20.

FEWER HIGHWAY DEATHS

LONDON (CP)—Road accident deaths in Britain in the fourth year of war—up to Aug. 31—numbered 6,535, the lowest total in 15 years.

Nazi Resistance In Dnieper Bend Cracks; May Quit Leningrad

LONDON, Nov. 8 (CP)—The Russians were rolling swiftly toward the Rumanian border today after taking Fastov, vital rail junction thirty-five miles southwest of captured Kiev, thus snapping the principal rail link between German forces in the northern Ukraine and the Nazis still battling at Krivoirog. The mighty offensive moving at twenty-four miles per day threatens to crumble Nazi resistance in the Dnieper Bend and raised the possibility of trapping huge numbers of Germans. In the Crimea the Russians said they had killed one thousand Germans in repulsing counter-attacks and bridgeheads near Kerch and had generally improved their positions. There are indications that the Germans will abandon the Leningrad area.

Tragedy By Bomb

Single German Bomb Causes Heavy Casualties and Heavy Death Toll.

LONDON, Nov. 8 (CP)—A single plane dropped a bomb in the London suburban area Sunday night causing heavy casualties and a high death toll. The bomb crashed through a dance hall into the basement restaurant and the explosion damaged a whole block of buildings while hundreds of men and women were pouring into the streets from theatres. Three members of the Canadian Women's Army Service Corps were injured.

William Brown Jr. Is Believed Killed

Further Information is Received In Regard to Young Local Airman Who Was Reported Missing

Mrs. W. M. Brown of this city has been advised by the Royal Canadian Air Force casualties officer at Ottawa that German information received through the medium of the international Red Cross states that her son, Sergeant Pilot William Brown, previously reported missing, had lost his life. No additional particulars are, however, given. "Pending further confirmation your son is to be considered missing and believed killed," the message regretfully states.

SUBJECT TO CALL

NAIROBI (CP)—All trained hospital nurses in Kenya, under the age of 50, have been told to hold themselves ready for a call-up. It is expected that most of these chosen will be given part time work.

KNITS SOCKS AT 105

COMPTON, Eng. (CP)—"I can't sit at home twiddling my thumbs when our boys are out saving the country from that man," said Mrs. F. O. Pitt of this Hampshire town, who celebrated her 105th birthday knitting socks for servicemen.

HISTORIC CROSSING OF DNEIPEP AS RED ARMY PURSUES NAZIS



When the history of the campaigns of the war is written, a special chapter will be devoted to the historic moment that is photographically recorded here. This is the crossing of the Dnieper from the east to the west bank in the battle against the retreating Germans. This particular crossing was at the widest part. Artillery is being loaded on small rafts.



This picture taken during the crossing of the Dnieper was made from the German side of the river after a bridgehead had been established. Here Russian trucks are seen rumbling across.