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Local Tides

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High	0:36	19.3 feet
	12:20	22.7 feet
	6:15	7.6 feet
Low	19:00	1.1 feet

Fifteenth Cargo Vessel Is Launched Here

EXIT OF SUDETENS TO U.S. ZONE ACCELERATED IN CZECHOSLOVAK PLAN

23,000 Vets Lack Work in Canada

EDMONTON — The director-general of rehabilitation in Canada, Major-General E. L. M. Burns, has disclosed in Edmonton that there are 23,000 Canadian war veterans out of work. He says that figure is still rising.

General Burns says that only 500 of the 23,000 idle veterans are drawing out-of-work benefits because most of the unemployed ex-servicemen have been out of uniform more than 18 months. Veterans who have been out of the services for more than a year and a half are not eligible for out-of-work benefits.

VETS MAY USE OWN DENTISTS

OTTAWA — Veterans Minister Mackenzie has announced that veterans now may have their emergency dental work done by their own dentists without waiting for authorization from the veterans department. Arrangements for the new plan have been made through the Canadian Dental Association.

PICKET 3 YEARS ON PICKET LINE

CHICAGO (AP)—Alex Orr, who believes that he probably is the country's champion picketer, has been on the picket line for the last six days a week for the last 36 years. Mr. Orr has been on the picket duty of about one-third of a block alongside the agency's office he had walked enough to circle the globe twice. He said he likes his job, believed it good for him and he meets all kinds of people.

TORONTO MAYOR WELCOMES VETS

NEW YORK — Mayor Robert Sanders of Toronto was at the pier to greet Toronto men returning aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth late last night. The mayor was presented to Mr. Churchill whom he invited to visit Canada while on this side of the Atlantic. However, Mr. Churchill said his plans at present do not include a visit to the Dominion.

BRITAIN-U.S. WILL DEVELOP CARIBBEAN AREA

WASHINGTON — Britain and the United States have announced a joint plan for the economic development of their territories in the Caribbean area. The program will seek to increase the agricultural production and limited industrialization in the area. Both countries will do their part by financial aids.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR NAVY MEN

OTTAWA — The chief of the Canadian naval staff in Ottawa, Vice-Admiral G. C. Jones, says the R.C.N. is trying to develop a more suitable type of uniform. However, he says the bell-bottom trousers will probably remain a feature of any outfit which may be adopted.

TEMPERATURE

Maximum	44
Minimum	35
Rainfall	1.47 inches

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—An American liaison officer for arranging transfer of Germans from Czechoslovakia is expected here shortly to discuss arrangements for moving the Sudetens into the American zone.

According to a plan announced in November, the transfers were to have begun December 1, but owing to difficulties existing inside Germany, especially in regard to food, housing and transport during the winter months, none of the December quota of 250,000 actually left Czechoslovakia.

It also appears that the Sudetens were not provided with identity cards, upon which the Americans insisted.

It is now hoped some at any rate of the January quota of 125,000 will go to the American zone, but there is no likelihood that the Russians will accept any for the present.

Half of Russian Quota

The Russians, however, according to the Czechoslovakian ministry of information's official bulletin, have already taken about half their agreed quota of approximately 1,500,000.

The same source says Americans agreed to receive altogether 1,750,000, making over 3,000,000 in all—in other words the whole Sudeten population of the country.

This is considerably higher than estimates current during the summer, when the figure of a little over 2,000,000 was mentioned.

According to the bulletin, 1,000,000 Czechs have already emigrated to the border region and "another large stream of Czech citizens will leave for border regions in the spring, when small estates will be distributed to workers and craftsmen."

The bulletin considers that this "guarantee of the economic life of border regions cannot now be seriously affected, even if the Germans did leave suddenly."

See Danger From Within

A majority of foreign observers and a considerable number of Czechs, however, question this statement. They are agreed that on political grounds it is essential to get rid of a majority of the Sudetens because of the future possibility of their being used once more to destroy the Czechoslovak state from the inside.

But they also point out that the Sudeten population was mainly engaged in industry, so without their skilled labor for which substitutes cannot quickly be trained, Czechoslovakia's hopes of restoring its industrial production and export trade on which the prosperity of the country depends will be seriously jeopardized.

On economic grounds, therefore, the largest possible number of Sudetens ought to be retained consistent with maintenance of the country's political independence in the future.

NORMAN MINTS

After the Norman conquest of Britain there were more than 70 mints coining gold and silver in the country, more than now exist in the world.

Coroner M. M. Stephens, who has been at Burns Lake on business since Saturday, is expected to return to the city on tonight's train.



SHIPBOARD "CHEESECAKE"—CANADIAN KILTIE STYLE—The traditional shipboard arrival "cheesecake" pose of photogenic girls is indulged in by a trio of tough fighting men in kilts and gets the approving nod of Pte. Margaret Sadler, C.W.A.C., of Strathmore, Alta. The knee-showing males are (left to right) Pte. Reno Bono, of Cumberland, B.C.; Pipe Major Archie McMillan, of Victoria, B.C., and Piper McMillan, of Coquitlam, B.C. All arrived in New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

BUTTER SCARCE, QUEUES FORM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Worst Food Shortage in Years Hits Union Cities

CAPE TOWN — Butter is so scarce in Durban that queues form at midnight, last night 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning and even then the majority go away empty handed.

The butter scarcity is one of several food problems affecting South Africa, which is suffering from the most serious meat shortage in years. The meat scarcity is attributed by officials to drought, increased consumption and large-scale outbreaks of cattle diseases.

Government authorities have made it an offense to have more than a week's supply of butter or enough sugar, condensed milk, tea and rice for a month. Rice also is scarce.

In Johannesburg hotel proprietors are finding it difficult to provide enough food for their resident guests. Butter is not available in most cases except for breakfast.

To speed up air travel between South Africa and the United States, a new service has been started between Pretoria and Casablanca, Morocco, where it will connect with a U.S. civilian line. It is being operated by the United States Army Air Force Air Transport Command and at first will be restricted to mails and high-priority passengers. Applicants for accommodation will be screened through U.S. officials here to eliminate those who want to go to the United States on shopping expeditions.

The end of February should see all South African troops home from the Middle East, according to officials of the British Ministry of War Transport. The British government has allocated three additional ships for repatriation, bringing the number of vessels to embark troops at Suez between December and the first half of February to 11. The three extra ships are the Canadian liners Empress of Scotland and Duchess of Bedford and the Antenor.

There are 13,000 men, women and children on the waiting list for passage from South Africa to the United Kingdom and more than 5,000 of these are dependents of service personnel.

At least 200 South Africans are going to Europe shortly to search for lost relatives. Many applications for passports have

Jap Admiral Is Sentenced to Die—Is 'Discontented'

SYDNEY, Australia — A Japanese rear admiral has been sentenced to death by an Australian military court in Sydney. Admiral Hamanaka was found guilty of ordering the killing of Australian prisoners of war. As he received the sentence, the admiral declared, "I am very discontented."

RIGHTS AGAIN RESTORED TO AFRICAN TRIBE

Colorful Ceremony Marks Return of Chief to People of the Wild Olive

KURUMAN, British Bechuanaland — The Bechuana tribe of Bathlarios (People of the Wild Olive) has at last redeemed itself after rebelling 43 years ago and as a reward the tribesmen again has a paramount chief. He is the grandson of the last chief who was killed in the rebellion, staged as a protest against the annexation of Bechuanaland by the whites.

Robanyane Tole is the new chief of the Bathlarios. He was discovered only after a long search by officials of the native affairs department. They found him working at his trade as watchmaker in Vryburg.

At a largely-attended and colorful ceremony on the edge of the Kalahari Desert near Kuruman, the new chief was installed by the secretary for Native Affairs, W. J. G. Mears, who presented him with a framed certificate of approval from the officer administering the government.

Part of the ceremony was the traditional poisoning-out of the new chief by the headman and elders of the tribe, who placed a leopard skin over him and installed him in office. The new chief has administrative jurisdiction over his tribal portion of the Kuruman district and he can preside over all trials except those for murder, treason and rape.

In their request for a paramount chief, made some time ago to the government, the Bathlarios said that despite the South African War, the children of Queen Victoria and their former enemies were now friends. The tribe, therefore, should also be forgiven and granted more freedom, as well as the right to restore tribalism and ancient customs.

U.S.-WON JAP ISLANDS BECOME TROUBLE SOURCE

LONDON — There is disagreement among the American delegates to the United Nations organization meeting in London over what to do with the Japanese islands in the Pacific captured by United States forces during the war.

Military officials of the delegation are said to be arrayed against their civilian mates.

The military advisers are arguing for retention of the islands by the United States, while the delegates are reported to be favoring a trusteeship plan. The issue may be submitted to President Truman for settlement.

THIEF GRABS \$9 FROM REGISTER

Benjamin Sampson, proprietor of Little News Stand on Second Ave., reported to police that a "grab and run" thief had scooped up \$9 from his cash register at 8 o'clock last night and made off with it. According to the city police the man had not been caught before noon today.

The theft was the first of two incidents in the same section of town. Murdo MacArthur, proprietor of Mac's Shoe Hospital, reported that a prowler had gained entry into his Second Ave. workshop by smashing a rear window, but had found no loot.

JAVA FIGHTING STARTS AGAIN

BATAVIA — Fighting has broken out again in Java, with clashes reported at several points. In Batavia, one Indonesian assault has been hurled back by tank-supported Indian troops and off Semarang British warships have traded shots with Indonesian artillery.

JAP PREMIER BACK TO DUTY

TOKYO — Japanese Premier Shidehara has returned to his office following an illness of 20 days. Meantime, the Japanese Communist party has declared that it still favors the abolition of the emperor system in Japan.

Weather Forecast

Mild and partly cloudy; light to moderate winds. Wednesday — Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy with light rain toward evening; wind.

ROAD IS NOT RECOMMENDED

Official Statement From Department of Public Works In Regard to Prince Rupert Highway

The Prince Rupert Highway is closed on account of snow west of Shames and between Shames and Terrace snow conditions are bad, says a report on the highway which was received at the local office of the provincial department of public works yesterday afternoon from Smithers. The road is not recommended for travel at this time.

MEXICO PROBES MASS DEATHS OF DEMONSTRATORS

MEXICO CITY — Government officials launched a formal investigation into reports of a mass killing of political demonstrators at the central Mexican industrial centre of Leon on January 3.

Twenty-three persons were officially listed as fatalities and 33 as wounded.

The casualties occurred when supporters of Carlos A. Obregon, defeated mayoralty candidate, paraded past the Municipal Palace, where Dr. Ignacio Quiroz, member of the government-supported party of the Mexican Revolution, had been installed as mayor.

Reports from Leon said the demonstrators were mowed down by pistol, rifle and machine-gun fire from troops and police.

Presidential candidate Ezequiel Padilla, who is supported by the New Mexican Democratic Party, said in a statement that those killed were "martyrs" who were "showing Mexicans the road of honor and duty."

President Azila Camacho sent Secretary of the Interior Primo Villa Michel and State Attorney General Ernesto Gallardo to Leon to investigate.

Argentine Gov't Assures Food In Labor Lock-Out

BUENOS AIRES — The government of Argentina is today taking measures to ensure an adequate supply of food for the populace in the face of a 72-hour management lockout.

The lockout was called by Argentine businessmen in protest against the labor policies of the military regime. Anti-government newspapers in the country say the closure is 95 per cent effective.

"BESS" BRINGS 12,000 CANUCK TROOPS HOME

NEW YORK — Some 12,000 Canadian war veterans arrived in New York last night aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth and started disembarking at ten o'clock this morning, E.S.T. The men took the ferry to New Jersey where their troop trains awaited them.

The great liner brought back the bulk of the Fifth Division, and the units aboard represent nearly every military district in Canada.

Winston Churchill, also a passenger on the Queen Elizabeth, is already on a train heading southward toward Miami, Florida, for a six-week vacation.

Paul Aivazoff Is Out of Hospital

Later word from Vancouver is to the effect that Paul Aivazoff is now out of hospital and has been able to proceed to his home following a recent painful accident as a result of which he suffered the amputation of his left arm three inches above the elbow.

Ottawa Palette Is Final Vessel of War Contracts

MANY TOWNSPEOPLE ATTEND LAUNCHING CEREMONY TODAY

The fifteenth Prince Rupert-built cargo vessel of the wartime era was launched at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock today. She was the 1,500-ton China coaster Ottawa Palette, second of her type to be built here. Her launching was witnessed by hundreds of townspeople and shipyard workers.

Bedecked with bunting, the Ottawa Palette slid into the water at 11:30, leaving the building berths vacant and without promise of further fulfillment for the first time in five years. So far no further contracts for ship construction are pending.

More than 50 townspeople stood on the launching platform at the prow of the new vessel as it sped toward the sea after being christened by Mrs. W. F. Stone, wife of the president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. The Ottawa Palette was blessed by Bishop J. B. Gibson of the Diocese of Caledonia, dressed in the colorful vestments of his office.

Standing beside Mrs. Stone as she hurled the bottle of champagne at the prow of the vessel was little Valerie Davis, who presented the ship's sponsor with a colorful bouquet of chrysanthemums as the ship slid down the launchways.

At a reception at the Dry Dock general offices afterward, Dry Dock Manager Bernard Allen presented Mrs. Stone with a sterling silver salver as a memento of the occasion. To little Miss Davis he presented a locket.

More than 100 guests attended the reception which began with a toast to The King proposed by Mr. Allen, and continued with refreshments and conversation for more than an hour. Refreshments were served by members of the dry dock office staff.

Among the guests were H. G. Archibald, M.P., Mayor and Mrs. H. M. Daggett, Capt. and Mrs. J. R. Elfert, Prince Rupert harbor master.

Launching of the Ottawa Palette brings to an end a series of wartime and post-war shipbuilding contracts for which the Prince Rupert Dry Dock launched more than 135,000 tons of ships. First contracts were for the construction of minesweepers. These were followed by 13 Sands Point, Victoria and Canadian type 10,000-ton cargo ships whose workmanship has held a high place among shipping men.

Contracts for two 1,500-ton China coaster type ships followed, and the second of these was launched today.

Dry Dock Manager Allen told the Daily News recently that as far as he knew no word of new contracts had been decided on. However, there is a possibility that badly-needed Canadian National Steamships vessels may be built in this yard.

At its peak construction period late in 1942 the Prince Rupert dry dock employed some 2,200 men. At present the working force is only some 300 to 400 men.

Electrical Strike Starts In 13 States

NEW YORK — The electrical workers' strike started this morning. The international president of the C.I.O. Electrical Workers' Union, Albert Fitzgerald, announced at 5:30 a.m., E.S.T., today that the strike had started, involving 200,000 electrical workers in General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors plants in 16 states.

Fear Rebels May March On Teheran

TEHERAN — New trouble is reported in Iran's Azerbajan province. Insurgent officers are reported to have seized rail cars and halted rail traffic at a point about 60 miles from the capital of Iran, Teheran. Army officers fear the insurgents may be preparing for a march on Teheran.

TO INQUIRE INTO DEATH OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE MAN

An inquest will be held Wednesday night into the death of Alexander Bell, Queen Charlotte Islands logger who died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning as a result of head injuries said to have been received aboard a vessel en route from Vancouver to Prince Rupert last week.

Bell, an employee of Pacific Mills at their Sandspit logging camp, was brought to the city by aircraft on Sunday. He was accompanied by Dr. D. T. R. McCall of the Skidegate Inlet Hospital at Queen Charlotte City, where Bell received treatment prior to being sent here.

How Bell received the head injury that resulted in his death is not known, but it was said that he received at least two stitches to close a wound in his head after he arrived here from the south. He after continued on to Sandspit where the injury apparently grew worse, resulting in him being taken to the Skidegate Inlet Hospital.

An autopsy being conducted today by Dr. R. E. Coleman, pathologist.

THREE LOCAL MEN ON ELIZABETH

Three Prince Rupert men landed in New York today from the liner Queen Elizabeth which docked early this morning carrying 12,000 troops. Two of the men will travel with their regiments to Cranbrook and Kelowna to take part in public receptions, then will proceed to Prince Rupert.

Returning home are: Pte. R. Montgomery, whose next-of-kin is M. Montgomery, Gnr. J. T. Moran, whose next-of-kin is Mrs. T. Moran, Tpr. G. J. H. Schaeffer, whose next-of-kin is Mrs. G. Schaeffer, Beach Place.

Gnr. Moran will stop at Cranbrook and Tpr. Schaeffer will remain briefly at Kelowna for public receptions for their units, then will continue individually to their homes here.

CHINA ENJOYS WAR-FREE DAYS

CHUNGKING — Apparently the Chinese Nationalist-Communist cease-fire agreement, effective Sunday midnight, is being observed by both sides. An official Chungking dispatch says all fighting fronts are quiet, and the country is enjoying what appears to be one of the few war-free days in the past decade or so.

ENTENTE CORDIALE

LONDON — The ministry of education has prepared plans to bring French and British youth closer to each other. It plans to encourage boys and girls in both countries to exchange correspondence and provides for the pairing-off of schools with the same background and interests.