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Wednesday, January 23, 1946

High	5:26	19.3 feet
	17:34	17.3 feet
Low	11:39	8.2 feet
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FRENCH ARMISTICE WAS MERELY TRICK

Nothing More Than Srap Of Paper To Nazis, Court At Nuernberg Told Today

NUERNBERG (CP) — The French-German armistice of 1940 was just another "scrap of paper" to the Nazis when their occupying forces set out to control France's wealth and economic resources, the French prosecution charged today before an international military tribunal. The French prosecutor told the tribunal that the Germans deliberately distorted armistice terms to gain control of French industry and put the country's production at the disposal of the Nazi war machine.

The prosecution also presented a report showing that the Germans seized the bulk of Belgium's huge textile output after the occupation and then purchased machinery at forced sale and bargain rates.

Robert Patterson, United States Secretary of War, is expected in Nuernberg tomorrow and may attend the tribunal.

BRITISH IN GREECE BY INVITATION

ATHENS (AP) — Premier Sophoulis said today that "British military forces are in Greece with full consent of the Greek government and in earnest collaboration with it in maintaining order."

The statement was the first to be made in the way of official Greek reaction to Russia's request to the United Nations Organization to give early consideration to the situation in Greece. The Russians maintained that the presence of British troops in Greece represented interference with Greece's internal affairs.

Premier Sophoulis spoke in reply to an Associated Press request for a statement outlining his position.

The tension in Greece over fighting between Royalists and left wing E.A.M.'s was easing today.

Insurance Delays Are Hard on City

Delay of the Unemployment Insurance Commission in some cases in supplying unemployment insurance to discharged workers is throwing an unfair relief burden on the city, City Clerk H. D. Thain informed city council last night. Mr. Thain said that the situation had arisen "three or four times" recently.

The applications were the first that the city had received in a long time and were caused by delays, some as long as six weeks, in discharged workers getting their unemployment insurance checks, he said.

Council supported Mr. Thain's suggestion that an adjudication office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission be established in Prince Rupert. At present all claims are adjudicated in Vancouver. A letter will be written to William McKinistry, commission head for B.C., asking that such an office be established here.

The Carpenters' Union here recently sent a similar request to Mr. McKinistry.

STRIKE EFFECT UPON DOMINION

Canada Might Not Feel Steel Tie-up Unless it Were Prolonged

OTTAWA—A question beginning to cause deep anxiety in Canada is just how much will Canada be affected by the big steel strike in the United States? Canadian industrialists say that the Dominion's reconversion program will not be seriously affected, unless the walkout is prolonged. Most of the steel used in Canada comes from domestic sources. What Canada does import are heavy structural sections and fabricated parts. It is indicated that most companies having these parts have supplies on hand for several weeks. After that they would be hard hit.

NEW AGENT FOR C.P.R. ARRIVES

David Scott Takes Over From P. A. Hole

David Scott, veteran purser on the Canadian Pacific Coast Steamship Service, arrived in the city Monday afternoon to take over the C.P.R. general agency in Prince Rupert from P. A. Hole who has been agent here for the last few months. Mr. Hole has returned to Victoria.

'WELCOME HOME' IN EARLY APRIL

Celebration for Returning War Veterans Decided Upon

Prince Rupert's official "Welcome Home" celebration to its war veterans probably will be some time in early April. City Council committed itself along that line last night—although it didn't mention any date.

What the aldermen did do was pass a motion which stated that they would sponsor the "Welcome Home" celebration a month after the city takes over the Civic Centre building.

The motion was made following discussion of an offer by the local Canadian Legion branch to co-operate in the homecoming celebration. Site of the celebration, of course, will be the Civic Centre building.

According to Alderman T. N. Youngs's statement at the annual meeting of the Civic Centre Association last week, the building will be turned over by the Y.M.C.A. War Services on a temporary basis on March 1. Thus, according to City Council's commitment last night the date of the celebration would come early in April.

NO DATE SET FOR STOPPING CHLORINATION

Although the date set by the federal Department of Health and Welfare for discontinuing water chlorine treatment in other west coast cities is March 31, the department is still uncertain as to when it will be stopped in Prince Rupert.

In a letter, which was ordered filed, Deputy Minister G. B. Chisholm conveyed that information to city council last night.

In discussion Alderman Hills and City Engineer Phillips agreed that the city should acquire the chlorination unit when it becomes available and keep a qualified operator on hand in case of emergency.

ARRESTED IN KIDNAPPING

Twenty-one-year-old University Student Taken Into Custody at Toledo

TOLEDO, Ohio — Capt. Ralph Murphy of the Toledo homicide squad reported today that a 21-year-old Chicagoan had been taken into custody and would be returned to Chicago for questioning in connection with the Degnan kidnapping and murder case.

Murphy identified the man as a Northwestern University student. He said that no charges had been filed against the man.

Weather Forecast

Fresh west to southwest winds locally strong over Queen Charlottes today decreasing to moderate winds this evening and Wednesday. Cloudy to partly cloudy and cool with rain showers, generally clearing this evening. Partly cloudy and cool with few widely scattered showers Wednesday.

APPLYING FOR BUS FRANCHISE

Application of Arrow Bus Lines for a five-year franchise to operate in the city brought forth an almost complete round of comment by city council members last night and ended up by being turned over to a three-man committee for investigation. The committee will report back to council.

The application was signed by M. L. Strickland, trustee for the estate of L. C. Griffiths, founder of the bus line which has operated between the city centre and Seal Cove for the last five years without a formal agreement with the city.

The committee which will investigate the request is composed of Alderman Robert McKay, Alderman S. D. Johnston and Alderman George Hills.

Although the matter of acceptance or rejection of the bus company's offer was never brought before council, Mayor Daggett allowed members freedo mof discussion. In the past the matter has aroused considerable contention and once was the subject of a bylaw in which property holders rejected public ownership of the bus line.

Alderman McKay led off the discussing by declaring himself in favor of letting the franchise because of the revenue which he believed it would bring the city.

"Since the matter was brought up before the first council I have favored granting the franchise," Alderman McKay declared. "I believe the city has lost between $6,000 and $10,000 a year in revenue. As it is we get $10 a year from the business licence and have no control over operation of the line."

He then presented the motion which authorized the new committee to draft proposals regarding the matter and bring them back before council.

Alderman Hills declared himself "opposed to any franchise other than a people's franchise—public ownership."

Alderman Sinclair was "dubious about granting a five-year franchise because we are not in a position to say what the condition of the city will be that far ahead." He suggested that under a franchise the company might give poor service for the first three years then improve it during the final two in order to get a renewal.

"We know that Arrow Bus Lines have operated profitably during the war years," he said.

Alderman Rudderham, who opposed granting an outright franchise, favored a year-to-year lease with an option of renewal.

Alderman Ham pointed out that, if the company did not live up to its part of the agreement, "we could drop the franchise."

CITY ACCEPTS $27,000 LEGACY IN PROPERTY

Benificiary of $27,000 in local real estate under the terms of the will of an Englishman who visited Prince Rupert only once—35 years ago—the city also has inherited the problem of administering it in the interests of ex-servicemen in Prince Rupert.

The property is the Helgerson block, corner Third Avenue and Sixth Street, and the Westholme block on Second Avenue, bequeathed to the city by Clift Ford, wealthy Englishman who died at Eastbourne, Sussex, England, January 13, 1945. City Council last night adopted a resolution accepting the legacy.

Contained in the bequest is the stipulation that it be used "for the relief of ex-servicemen and their families who are resident in Prince Rupert" and that probate and succession duties be paid by the city.

Aldermen agreed that the phrase "for the relief of ex-servicemen and their families resident in Prince Rupert" covered a lot of territory but accepted the legacy and approved the appointment of City Clerk H. D. Thain as attorney for the executors in order to allow that portion of the will to pass through the provincial and Dominion probate courts.

Mr. Thain suggested that the simplest method for the city to handle the propery would be to sell it and administer the money as prescribed by the late Mr. Ford's will.

Alderman Nora Arnold, who is financial agent for the properties, said that $2,600 in revenue has accumulated since the death of Mr. Ford a year ago. This will also go to the city.

Opinion by the legal firm of Brown and Harvey is that since the legacy is in the nature of a gift, no succession duties would be charged in Canada.

Total assessed value of the Helgerson block is $19,130 while the Westholme block is valued at $8,300.

The late Clift Ford, who died at the age of 73, visited Prince Rupert only once—in 1910. At that time he purchased the two buildings mentioned in his will, and the Westholme Theatre and several unoccupied lots. The latter reverted to the city several years ago although the theatre was torn down. Said to have been a contractor in England during his early life, he was during his later years a devoted patron of the hospital at his home town of Eastbourne. He left an estate of more than £170,000.

Military Activity—

Palestine Operations

Purpose Along Coastal Area is To Seek Out Jewish Settlements, it is Believed

JERUSALEM, (AP)—Large scale military operations involving several thousand troops and extending for 35 miles along the main road in the coastal area of Palestine between Haifa and Jaffa were reported today. All traffic was diverted inland as light armored cars and Bren gun carriers were posted at vantage points. It was believed that the operation was part of a search for Jewish settlements as a result of Monday's fatal fire bomb explosion at a police station near Haifa.

NOW UP TO PRESIDENT

Philip Murray Charges Companies With Trying to Break Unions

WASHINGTON—Former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota declares that the only prospect of an early settlement of the steel strike rests with the President of the United States. C.I.O. President Philip Murray has come out with a charge that the rash of strikes is the outcome of an industrial plot to break the unions and collective bargaining.

Bulletins

ATTLEE EXPLAINS

LONDON — Prime Minister Clement Attlee, answering Soviet charges before the United Nations Organization, told the House of Commons today that Britain aimed only at "amicable settlement between the Dutch government and Indonesian nationalists in Java. He said that the Java situation appeared to have improved.

RUSSIANS AND MEYER

LONDON — Major General Kurt Meyer, S. S. division commander, convicted as a war criminal for responsibility in connection with the killing of Canadian prisoners of war, is not being sought by the Russians to face similar charges arising from incidents on the eastern front, it was learned on good authority today.

SEARCH FOR DOCTORS

FRANKFURT, Germany— In the American zone of Germany, United States authorities are searching high and low for 30 once-high Nazi doctors who are alleged to have murdered some 600,000 Europeans. The people were murdered in five years of hostilities because they retarded the German war effort in one way or another.

PARLIAMENT REOPENS

LONDON—The British parliament re-assembled today after its Christmas recess. The new session is expected to produce the first major clash over the Labor government's nationalization program.

NEY U.N.O. PROBLEM

LONDON — Russia and the Soviet Ukraine have jointly placed a new problem before the United Nations security council. The two Soviet republics have asked that the council consider what it terms Britain's "internal interference and military action" in Greece and Java.

SOCIALIST CABINET?

PARIS—The directors of the Popular Republic Party—one of France's three big political parties—met today to decide whether they will form a coalition with the Communists. However, it is understood that the majority of the M.R.P. members favor a Socialist cabinet.

PALESTINE ARRESTS

JERUSALEM—A number of arrests have been made in connection with last weekend's rioting in Palestine. The government disclosed that an attack on an R.A.F. experimental station near Haifa was frustrated by discovery of two sacks of explosives.

SHIP IN TROUBLE

HALIFAX — The American Liberty ship Frederick Hicks, which had sent out an S.O.S. from 280 miles southeast of Halifax, reported herself today to be out of difficulties. The vessel is carrying returning troops.

MAURETANIA DELAYED

HALIFAX—The liner Mauretania, bringing over 5,000 Canadian veterans from overseas, has been delayed and will not arrive until tomorrow. The Lady Rodney is also due tomorrow and the Ile de France on Friday.

McKINNON SPEAKER

LONDON—Hon. J. A. McKinnon, minister of agriculture for Canada, was the speaker at a luncheon today in honor of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, the Governer General designate of Canada.

NO TRACE OF PLANE

VANCOUVER—There is still no trace of an R.C.A.F. Dakota aircraft missing since Saturday with seven men on board while on a flight from Vancouver to Winnipeg. Poor visibility and new snowfall hampers the search.

VICTORIA FISH PLANTS

VICTORIA— A new $50,000 fish smoking and packing plant is being established on Victoria's inner harbor and will be ready for operation this summer.

DIP' IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA—There has been a death from diptheria in Esquimalt and a carrier has been found and isolated.

NO REFRESHMENTS

VANCOUVER — City council has turned down applications for licences from persons who would serve coffee and hot chocolate on the streets.

BLAMES C. I. O.

NEW YORK—The president of United States Steel today blamed the C.I.O. for the country-wide steel strike.

REGARDING SHIP WORK

Prince Rupert Industrial Committee Interesting Itself In Company's Policy

Determined to pursue the subject until some satisfactory answer is received in regard to the policy to be adopted by the Prince Rupert Dry Dock authorities in the matter of seeking new work to keep the plant active, the Prince Rupert Industrial Committee is communicating with Bernard Allen, manager of the yard, to ascertain what is being done in regard to bidding for the million dollar job of reconverting Castle class corvettes to coastal liners for Union Steamsships Ltd. A furthur meeting will be held this Friday night after a reply has been received.

Carl Halterman, general manager of Union Steamships, has intimated that bids will be invited from coastal shipyards for the work.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	18.25
B. R. Con.	.22½
B. R. X. 1935	.18
Cariboo Gold	2.80
Dentonia	.32
Grull Wihksne	.21½
Hedley Mascot	2.81
Minto	.03
Pend Oreille	3.80
Pioneer	6.20
Premier Border	.09
Premier	2.51
Privateer	.80
Reeves McDonald (ask)	.95
Reno	.12
Salmon Gold	.23½
Sheep Creek (ask)	1.95
Taylor Bridge	1.01
Whitewater	.04
Vananda	.60
Congress	.14¾
Pacific Eastern	.19½
Hedley Amalgamated	.11
Spud Valley	.28
Central Zeballos	.22½
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.21
Calmont	.43
C. & E.	2.45
Foothills	1.75
Home	3.80
Toronto	
Aumaque	1.24
Beattie	1.50
Bobjo	.24½
Buffalo Canadian	.39
Consol. Smelters	87.25
Eldona	1.18
Elder	1.31
Giant Yellowknife	7.60
Hardrock	1.05
Jacknife	.33
Joliet Quebec	1.05
Little Long Lac	2.71
Madsen Red Lake	4.45
McLeod Cockshutt	3.35
Moneta Porcupine	.76
Omega	.31
Pickle Crew	4.50
San Antonio	5.60
Senator Rouyn	1.40
Sherritt Gordon	2.90
Steep Rock	3.45
Sturgeon River	.36
Lynx	.35
Osisko	1.30

United States Is Reactionary?

MOSCOW— The official Russian news agency Tass accuses the United states military command in southern Korea of arousing reactionary protests against decisions made concerning Korea at the Moscow conference of foreign ministers.

AMMUNITION TRAIN BLAST

Twenty Killed in Blast Near Naples, Italy—Many Injured

NAPLES, Italy—An ammunition train explosion near Naples, is said to have taken the lives of 20 persons. One hundred and fifty other persons were wounded in the blast. The accident involved 15 carloads of ammunition, which exploded in Torre Annunziata, a town of 40,000 persons located 20 miles from Naples. The ammunition cars went up in three terrific blasts which occurred in the space of three-quarters of an hour.

CITY OWNS POWER GRADER

Motorists, who today witnessed the welcome sight of a power grader levelling off the surface of the city's streets, may recognize the drab-painted machine as one which under American ownership did the same work intermittently during the latter part of the war.

They will be glad to learn that the diesel-powered grader is owned by the city and will devote its full time to making their harrassed lives more bearable. Mayor Daggett announced to city council last night that the city had bought the machine from War Assets Corporation for $4,500.

The aldermen, whose cars lined Fulton St. in front of the city hall, gladly approved the mayor's action in purchasing the grader. Purchase funds came from the city's land sales trust account.

The machine went into action today.

CHURCH IS IN SESSION

Presbyterians Hear of Successful Year—Officers Elected

At the annual congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church last evening in the Church Hall, Rev. A. F. MacSween presiding, reports presented by the various departments and organizations of the church showed that the past year had been one of fruitful achievement and encouraging progress.

During the year the congregation suitably commemorated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the church in Prince Rupert and also the twentieth anniversary of the opening and dedication of the present church building.

The financial report given by the treasurer, E. J. Smith, showed that the congregation is in good financial standing with a substantial reserve fund which will be added to for the purpose of putting a new roof on the church building.

A very gratifying and encouraging part of the proceedings of the meeting was the presentation of reports from three young people's groups which had been organized recently. The C.G.I.T. group under the leadership of Mrs. Stan Saville, Junior Boys' Club in charge of Mr. H. P. Collins, and the Senior Boys' Club in charge of Fred Conrad. These reports were presented by Jean Calderwood, H. P. Collins and David Smith.

Officers for 1946 were elected as follows:

Conregational Secretary, W. W. C. O'Neill.

Congregational Treasurer, E. J. Smith.

Board of Management — R. Parker, George Murray, J. D. McRae, F. Conrad, C. G. Ham, Capt. James Hadden, (with A. McMullen, E. J. Smith, J. Bremner, R. R. Strachan, Geo. C. Mitchell and W. Martin continuing).

Auditor, R. R. Strachan.

Trustees — Mr. Justice A. M. Manson, G. R. Naden.

Members of Session—Rev. A. F. MacSween, moderator; J. E. Davey, S. Massey, H. Calderwood, J. A. Teng, and W. W. C. O'Neill, clerk.

URGE CHEAPER SPUDS

ST. PETER POST, Channel Islands (AP)—Potatoes cost Guernsey people fourpence (eight cents) a pound. Their parliament is being asked for a subsidy of £10,000 ($45,000) to bring the price down to two pence.

Socialist Favored—

President Is Being Sought

No Decision Yet as to Who Will Succeed DeGaulle in France

PARIS, (AP)—The Socialist party voted unanimously today to propose that General Charles DeGaulle's former minister of state, the Socialist, Vincent Auriol, as new president of the French provisional government following the resignation of DeGaulle. The vote by the Socialist Parliament group came after the Communists had failed to win support either from the Conservative Populaire Republicans or the Socialists for a proposed Communist-ied government.

The Communists proposed their own leader, Maurice Thorez as president but withdrew the nomination after the Populaire Republican party refused to join any government headed by a Communist.

DIES AFTER STAIR FALL

Sam Jensen Loses His Life After Accident in McIntyre Block

Victim of a fall down a flight of concrete stairs in the basement of the McIntyre Block on Third Avenue, Sam Jensen, 69-year-old fisherman and deckhand, was found dead at 1:30 this morning.

He was found in the furnace room of the building by the caretaker who called the city police and Deputy Coroner Bruce Stevens. He had received head injuries in the fall. He was pronounced dead by Dr. W. S. Kergin who arrived a short time lafer.

Jensen was unmarried and had lived in the city for more than 20 years. He was a fisherman and had also been a deckhand on the government snag boat Essington. An inquiry will be held.

Indian Convicted For Fur Poaching

George Frederick Auckland, Indian, was convicted before Stipendiary Magistrate A. Thompson in provincial police court for poaching two mink on a registered trap line. He was fined $100 or two months. The two mink were confiscated and given back to the trapline holder.

Was Made Scapegoat

General Walter Short Tells Pearl Harbor Probe He Was Not Treated Squarely

WASHINGTON, D.C., (AP)—Major General Walter C. Short asserted today that the United States War Department had treated him unfairly and had attempted to make him the "scapegoat" of the Pearl Harbor disaster. The 65-year old retired general appeared before the Congressional investigatigational committee to read a 13,000 word defence of his decisions and actions as 1941 commander of Army forces in Hawaii. It was his first public testimony since the Japanese struck at Hawaii December 7, 1941.

Short contended that in four years of official silence his superior officers in Washington had "passed the buck" until the Congressional inquiry forced "revelation of the facts."

Inquest Adjourned Until February 1

Members of the crew of the steamer Catala were heard as witnesses today in the inquest into the death of Alexander Bell, Queen Charlotte Island logging operator, who died supposedly as a result of injuries sustained while travelling from Vancouver to the islands. The hearing was adjourned until February 1 in order that companions of the deceased on the trip may give evidence.