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## Local Tides

Saturday, January 5, 1945	
High	2:51 19.3 feet
	14:24 21.7 feet
Low	8:26 8.1 feet
	21:00 2.6 feet

## General Blamed— Escape From Singapore Is Unjustified

CANBERRA (CP)—An Australian government commission has found that Lt.-Gen. Henry Gort Bennett was not justified in relinquishing his command of Allied troops and escaping from Singapore early in 1942 after its capture by the Japanese, it was announced today.

A public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the escape of the commander of the Australian forces in Malaya found that, having regard to the terms of capitulation of Empire forces in Singapore, Bennett's escape was not justified.

During the inquiry Bennett admitted he escaped because he wanted "to let Australia know the truth about the Malayan campaign."

Bennett left Singapore in a Chinese junk and reached Melbourne.

## OTTAWA ACTION BEING AWAITED

Land Offered as Gift to Service Personnel, Kenney Says

VICTORIA (CP)—Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands, announced that one million acres of land offered by the provincial government as a gift for rehabilitation of this province's service personnel wishing to go on the land is still awaiting action by Ottawa.

## Weather Forecast

North Coast and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh southwest winds, cloudy and mild with frequent showers today and Saturday.

## C.N.R. POLICY ON NORTHERN RAILWAYS UNDER CRITICISM

By PAGE RIDEOUT  
(In Peace River Record-Gazette)

As many of us know we have a standing committee on railways and shipping at Ottawa which is made up of about twenty members. J. H. Sissons was member of that committee for the Parliament of 1940 to 1945. At the June sitting of 1940 the committee had a number of C.N.R. officials before it and here is what passed between Mr. Sissons and Mr. Cooper, a C.N.R. official, as it appears on the records of the meeting.

Mr. Sissons—Is there any item here which shows the returns the C.N.R. received from the Northern Alberta Railways?

Mr. Cooper—Our share which is 50 per cent of the loss of the N.A.R. last year was \$638,000. The C.P.R. would have the same amount of loss.

This would make a total loss for the N.A.R. for that year of \$1,276,000. Later came Pearl Harbor and the Yankee invasion. The N.A.R. was floundered with U.S. equipment and Yankee dollars which lifted our railway out of the red. The Yankees have folded their tents and moved from our midst. But the railway committee is still with us and here is what passed between Mr. Harkness, a member of the committee, and Mr. Vaughan as it appears on page 38 of the records of the meeting of the committee held October 18, 1944.

Mr. Harkness—On page 7 under surplus, you have a loss of \$1,486,000 on the N.A.R. due to revenue being lowered by \$3,853,000. What is the reason for that?

Mr. Vaughan—The N.A.R. had a heavy increase in revenue due to the Alaska Highway traffic, which traffic has now disappeared. I do not think the N.A.R. can hope to enjoy that traffic again.

Mr. Harkness—You anticipate a deficit of something like \$1,500,000 from it.

Mr. Vaughan—I believe the N.A.R. will show a deficit for some time which will be shared by the C.P. Railways.

Mr. Harkness—Entirely due to lack of traffic?

Mr. Vaughan—Yes, entirely due to lack of traffic.

Mr. Harkness—Would it help the situation if the railway was

## TRUMAN PUTS IT TO PEOPLE

For Them to Decide on Full Production and Employment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Harry Truman, in an address to the nation last night, said the people of the United States must decide this year whether full production and employment would be reached. He spoke of the strike situation in the country.

## LESTER PATRICK TO RETIRE SOON

NEW YORK — The New York Daily News says Lester Patrick definitely expects to retire at the end of this season as manager of the New York Rangers in the National Hockey League. Rumors of Patrick's retirement have been current in several quarters for some days now.

## Helicopter and Small Plane Not Practical For Private Flying

MONTREAL (CP)—The Australian-born inventor of the Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun has arrived in Montreal. He says the public has been gravely misled about the prospect for private flying by Helicopter and small plane. Inventor Antoine Gazda says the Helicopter in its present form requires skilled handling and he adds, while small planes are relatively safe and easy to fly, the maintenance costs put them out of the financial reach of the average person.



In the above photograph are the 12 top executives of the Family Allowances administration who met in Ottawa to discuss details of procedure in distributing over 19 million dollars worth of Family Allowances per month to 1,363,802 families in Canada. From left to right they are (standing) Colonel H. M. Jones of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources who assists in the

distribution of Family Allowances cheques to Indians and Eskimos; C. B. Howden, Regional Director of Family Allowances for Manitoba, Department of National Health and Welfare; J. J. McGurran, Regional Director for Saskatchewan; R. B. Curry, National Director of Family Allowances; H. C. L. Gillman, Regional Director for Alberta; W. R. Bone, Regional Director for British Columbia; R.

M. Brousseau, Regional Registrar of Foreign Births and Acting Regional Director for the Yukon and northwest Territories; (sitting) F. C. Jackson, Regional Director for Ontario; J. M. L. LaFrance, Regional Director for Quebec; A. Nicholson, Regional Director for Prince Edward Island; B. M. Stark, Regional Director for New Brunswick; and P. H. Stehelin, Regional Director for Nova Scotia.

## BRITAIN IS COMING OUT

Lord President of Council, Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, in Canada

OTTAWA—The Lord president of the Council in Britain's Labor government, Herbert Morrison, has arrived in Ottawa. He forecasts that Britain will be out of her economic difficulties before 1950. Mr. Morrison declares that Britain is not worried about the future. The country, he says, is healthy, sensible and realistic.

Mr. Morrison has high praise for Canadian servicemen. He declares they stood by Britain in the dangerous days of the Battle of Britain.

## Baseball Mogul Was Disorderly

NEW YORK (CP)—President Larry MacPhail of the New York Yankees was convicted yesterday on a disorderly conduct charge and fined fifty dollars and costs at Bel Air, Maryland. The dapper baseball executive was acquitted of two assault and battery counts. The charges came as a result of an episode in the Bel Air Telephone Exchange last October 5 after MacPhail was unable to place a long-distance call during an operators' work stoppage.

## MORGAN IS STAYING ON

HOESCHT, Germany—Lieutenant General Sir Frederick E. Morgan has denied reports from Washington that he has resigned as chief of operations for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Germany. The Washington report had said that General Morgan had resigned as a result of statements about Jews in Poland he made at a news conference Wednesday. General Morgan stated today: "I have not resigned, for I see no reason why I should."

In New York, meantime, the president of the World Federation of Jews, Doctor Joseph Tenenbaum, has demanded the immediate recall of General Morgan.

In Washington, the Polish ambassador, Oscar Lange, says the Jews are leaving Poland because that country has become a kind of cemetery.

And in Montreal, the United Zionist Council of Canada has requested the immediate and complete repudiation of General Morgan's statement.

## Bulletins

### CORRIDOR WAR CAUSE

NUERNBERG—Field Marshal Werner Von Blomberg, former German war minister, told the international military tribunal in an affidavit today that the whole group of German general staff officers considered war to wipe out the Polish Corridor was a "sacred duty." He said that the Polish Corridor issue was the primary reason for secret rearmament which began about 10 years before Adolf Hitler assumed power.

### SCHOONER CREW LOST

NEW YORK—There are no traces of survivors of a schooner Levallant, laden with salt from the West Indies to Nova Scotia, since December 18 when the vessel reported sinking preparing to abandon ship.

### RESIGNATION ASKED

WASHINGTON—Headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration announced today that it had requested the resignation of Lt. Gen. Frederick Morgan as chief of the agency's operations in Germany. The announcement said that UNRRA felt obliged to call for the resignation as a result of press conference statements by Morgan that he believed a secret Jewish organization was connected with large scale exodus of Jews from Poland. His name has been stricken from the list of UNRRA staff.

### REORGANIZE GOVERNMENT

SOFIA—The government of Bulgaria, which had been said to be Soviet controlled, is being reorganized to admit representation of opposition parties. Great Britain had protested at the present complexion of the government.

### NEWSPAPERMAN DIES

OTTAWA—Lieut. Col. R. F. Parkinson, 63, managing director of the Ottawa Journal for 34 years and with the paper for 38 years, died today. He was an expert in newspaper administration and display advertising.

### C.B.C. TO MEET

VANCOUVER—The next meeting of the board of governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be held January 27-29 in Vancouver where problems of particular interest to western districts will be considered.

### DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC

VANCOUVER—To check the possibility of a diphtheria epidemic in Vancouver, 35,000 school children are to receive toxoid treatment.

### OPERATORS SITDOWN

WASHINGTON—Five hundred Washington telephone operators staged a one-hour sit-down this morning in protest at supervisors doing work that should be done by operators.

### PRISONERS TO DEBERT

TRURO, Nova Scotia—Three thousand prisoners of war are reported to be arriving at Debert military camp in January, pending repatriation. Special wire fencing is being erected in the area where they are to be housed.

### EASTBOURNE BLAST

EASTBOURNE, Sussex, Eng.—The windows in hundreds of houses in Eastbourne were blown out yesterday when a 550 pound bomb was exploded by a bomb disposal squad. The bomb had buried itself 30 feet in the ground during a German air raid September 13, 1940.

### WINDSOR IN LONDON

LONDON—The British Press Association says the Duke of Windsor is expected to arrive in London from France next Monday on private business. It will be his second visit to Britain since 1940.

### SECURITIES CHECK-UP

TORONTO—The chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, C. P. McTague, announces that the commission has ordered 20 Ontario brokerage houses to appear before it and show cause why their registrations should not be cancelled. The names of the firms have not been disclosed, but it is believed that most of them are in Toronto. Mr. McTague says the commission will also attend to salesmen who are conducting business in a questionable manner.

### PALESTINE VIOLENCE

TEL AVIV, Palestine—Violence has flared again in Palestine. This time, three heavy explosions have rocked the city of Tel Aviv, and the explosions were followed by machine gun fire. There has been no immediate official statement on the incident but police have started an intensive search for suspects.

## GESTAPO KILLED POLISH SERVANTS

WARSAW (CP)—Twenty-three of Poland's greatest mathematicians were killed by the Gestapo during the Nazi occupation. An investigator for the University of Warsaw, which like 17,000 other homes and buildings, was burned and blown up by the Nazis after the 1944 insurrection, said the mathematicians were slain simply because they were men of learning or were of the Jewish race. The investigator's report said "in the domain of all other sciences in Poland, the situation is analogous—Poland lost her best under the Nazi occupation."

## FOUR LOCAL MEN HOME

Got Back on Last Night's Train After Rough Crossing Of Atlantic

Four well known Prince Rupert soldiers returned to their homes from overseas on last night's train after landing in New York a week ago from the storm battered liner Queen Elizabeth.

They were Capt. Archie J. Thompson R.C.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Graham Ave., Westview; Bdr. Robert Clark, R.C.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clark, Ninth Ave. W.; Cfn. Thomas William Graham, R.C.E.M.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, Fifth Ave. W.; and Cfn. James Hadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hadden, Ambrose Ave.

Capt. Thompson, who enlisted early in the war, was posted in the Prince Rupert area before going overseas. He served at various forts in the district and was at one time assistant adjutant at Prince Rupert Defence Headquarters. He transferred to the field artillery and went overseas where he was transferred again to the Judge Advocate's department to do army legal work. Prior to his enlistment he practiced law at Trail.

Cfn. James Hadden was attached to the First Army Troop workshop R.C.E.M.E. in France and Germany. He was overseas for two years. Cfn. Thomas Graham was attached to the same unit for some time, then was transferred to another workshop.

Bdr. Robert Clark served overseas with the Royal Canadian Artillery for two and a half years part of the time in France, Holland and Germany.

## Vancouver Had Big Ship Year

VANCOUVER (CP)—Largest deepsea ship movement in five years through Vancouver were registered last year when 531 vessels entered port, it was revealed yesterday. Grain shipments through the port totalled nearly thirty million bushels.

## Temperature

Maximum	44
Minimum	33
Rainfall	24 inches

## MORE VETS HOME

HALIFAX—Fifty-one Canadian Army men have arrived in Halifax aboard the auxiliary aircraft carrier Empire MacKae. The small draft sailed originally aboard the baby flat-top, Empire MacAndrew, but that ship limped back to Scotland after being badly battered by a storm when only two days out of port. From Scotland, the Canadians travelled by train to Liverpool and set sail again, this time aboard the MacKae.

## POLES GUARD TRAINS

WARSAW, Poland (CP)—Polish soldiers have been assigned as escorts on most passenger and freight trains on main lines in Poland to help smash an epidemic of train robberies by "bandits in Red Army uniforms."

## Charges Arising Out Of Shipment of Cars

LONDON (CP)—Three Canadian Army officers have been "placed under close arrest in connection with charges arising from illegal shipment of three cars from Rotterdam to New York," Lieut.-Gen. Guy Simonds, Canadian Army commander in the European theatre, announced today in a press release from Canadian military headquarters.

## PLANNED TO KILL JEWS

Nazi Policy Appears to Have Been Total Extirpation—Former Himmler Aide Testifies

NUERNBERG (CP)—A former aide of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler told an international military tribunal yesterday that special SS commandoes were attached to the German army on the eastern front with orders to kill every Jew and Soviet political commissar in occupied Russian regions.

Police Major General Ohlendorf, testifying at the trial of twenty-two Nazi leaders, said the High Command of the German Army had full knowledge of the commando order. Ohlendorf said his own subdivision liquidated 20,000 persons in the first year of the war with Russia.

From 1942 onward SS Corps war policy planned the destruction of all Jews and approximately five million were killed.

## Vancouver Has Heavy Rains

VANCOUVER (CP)—During the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock this morning Vancouver had 2.1 inches of rain, the heaviest since February of last year when 2.85 inches fell during a similar period.

## 'PEG PRINTERS ARE DISMISSED

Notified of Dismissal By Newspaper Management

WINNIPEG (CP)—One hundred and twenty printers of the Winnipeg Tribune and Free Press have been notified of their dismissal. They have been on strike since November 8.

Officials of the International Typographical Union say the union will protest the dismissal to the National Employment Service because of the wording of the notices sent to the 50 printers of the Tribune. These notices gave the cause of dismissal as "serious misconduct." The printers contend this will prevent them from seeking employment.

The Free Press men are taking no action because their notices say merely "absent from work since November 8."

However, National Employment Service sources in Ottawa say printers of both papers will be treated alike, regardless of the wording of their dismissal notices.

## HUGE DAMAGE IN OREGON'S FLOOD

Loss as Result of High Water Is Estimated at Six Million Dollars

PORTLAND, Ore. (CP)—Williamette Valley flood damage was unofficially estimated Thursday at \$6,000,000. A tentative survey showed 360,000 acres inundated.

## HOMMA WAS TO BLAME

MANILA—A former Japanese lieutenant general today took the stand at the war crimes trial of Gen. Homma and declared that Homma had personally ordered "The Death March of Bataan."

Simonds identified those arrested as Lt.-Col. P. H. Tedman, Capt. S. B. Landell and Capt. D. W. Thomson, all of Toronto. Names of the suspended officers were not given.

The statement said that information had been obtained which indicated neglect and irregularities in the conduct of affairs of the Canadian Army amenities control organization in the Netherlands. This organization has to do with the entertainment of troops.

It was deemed inadvisable to give further detailed information at this time but this would be forthcoming from time to time as felt advisable.

## OFFICER SHOT BY BANDIT PAID

Constable Bobby Hooper, well known Vancouver swimmer and Canadian representative at the British Empire Games in London in 1934 and at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936, was shot twice in the abdomen last night after he had intercepted and pursued two men in a stolen car at a downtown intersection.

Hooper crashed the police car into the stolen machine after which the two thieves jumped out and fired four shots, two of which hit Hooper. He staggered into St. Paul's Hospital. His condition is reported to be fair.

## Found Guilty On Theft Charge

James Wiseman, who was brought back to Prince Rupert by B.C. Police from Vancouver this week to stand trial on two charges of theft, was found guilty by Magistrate W. D. Vance and sentence was reserved until January 7. Wiseman was charged with the theft of two suits of clothes from Ernest Fred Jabour, a fisherman, and the theft of a watch from Calvert James Bodden, second officer on the American tanker Illinois. The offences were said to have occurred shortly before Christmas.

## BIG WELCOME HOME IS GIVEN

VICTORIA (CP)—Victoria's First Battalion, Canadian Scottish, came home Thursday to the greatest welcome ever staged returning heroes by this city. Thousands lined the docks. Royal Canadian Navy ships went out to form an escort and Royal Canadian Air Force planes soared overhead.

More than 200 persons went to Vancouver to meet their next-of-kin and rode to Victoria on a specially chartered ship.

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