**Local Temperature**

Maximum ..... 38
Minimum ..... 29

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**Local Tides**

Wednesday, Jan. 26

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| High | 2:00 | 21.0 feet |
| | 13:49 | 23.7 feet |
| Low | 7:52 | 5.5 feet |
| | 20:27 | 0.4 feet |

# Allies Drive Inland In Italy

## NORTHWEST CANADA DEFENCE--

The Wartime Information Board has prepared a series of articles on Canadian-United States defence projects in Northwest Canada. Today we publish one of the series—

### ALASKA MILITARY HIGHWAY

The Alaska Military Highway, completed in November, 1943, one month ahead of schedule with the exception of certain permanent bridge construction, has been developed from the pioneer road stage of a year ago to meet the standard requirements of a military artery and is capable of handling a flow of heavy vehicular traffic from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks with little interruption. While seasonal thaws and flood conditions still produce periodically their maintenance problems it is anticipated that the construction and reconstruction work of the past few months will have eliminated the serious hold-ups of last spring and summer.

Of a total of some 700 bridges, varying from a few feet to 2,000 feet at the Peace River crossing, only 14 temporary structures will remain at the end of the year to be replaced by permanent installations.

Maintenance crews stationed at comparatively short intervals are carrying out sanding and snow removal operations that have so far successfully countered winter hazards. The Northwest Service Command is operating a military bus service from Fairbanks to Dawson Creek, carrying military personnel and construction workers exclusively and covering the distance of more than 1,500 miles in less than 60 hours driving time. To what extent this schedule can be maintained will depend on weather conditions.

The Canadian section of the highway, 1,257 miles from Dawson Creek to the Alaskan boundary, has been pushed through mountain and muskeg for more than half this distance until it completes the crossing of the Rockies through a pass, as yet unnamed, a few miles west of Fort Nelson. At one point it rises to an altitude of 3,350 feet. In such country hairpin turns and steep hills are unavoidable but banking and grading, nowhere exceeding 10 per cent, have eliminated the worst of the hazards.

North of Fort St. John, the width of the road is 26 feet from shoulder to shoulder with a wider strip from Fort St. John to Dawson Creek. The roadbed, except where muskeg or other conditions required a variation, averages 12 inches of rock or coarse gravel surfaced for the most part with fine gravel or crushed stone.

**BEGINNING OF ALASKA ROAD**

The Alaska Highway had its beginning in a recommendation of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence of February 26, 1942, providing for:

"the construction of a highway along the route that follows the general line of airports, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Watson Lake, Whitehorse, Boundary, Big Delta, the respective termini connecting with existing roads in Canada and Alaska."

This recommendation was based on military considerations only and received the endorsement and approval of the service departments and the Governments of Canada and the United States, the latter asking that the project be carried out with the minimum delay. The United States Government undertook the building and wartime maintenance of the highway.

United States engineer troops pioneered the road, which followed the general line of the main landing fields along the Northwest Staging Route, and arrangements for the highway's completion were made under contracts let by the United States Government. The contracts for construction and maintenance were awarded on basis of completion of the work in the shortest possible time and without regard to where the contractors were Canadian or American.

The United States Government undertook to maintain the highway until six months after the termination of the

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**JAPS POUNDED—**

## Biggest Victory

**Fifty-One Nipponese Planes Brought Down Over Wewak and Rabaul.**

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA, Jan. 25. — Hundreds of Allied planes swarmed over Japan's two key southwest Pacific air strongholds of Wewak, New Guinea, and Rabaul, New Britain, to score the biggest triumph of 1944 by shooting down at least fifty-one and probably sixty-five Nipponese planes Saturday and Sunday, it has been officially announced. Thirteen American planes were lost.**

## SUITCASE IS FOUND

**Mystery of Representative Magnuson's Missing Papers in Vancouver Solved.**

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 (AP)—Representative Warren G. Magnuson (Democrat, Washington) said Monday night that "everything apparently is intact" in his suitcase which was turned over to the police by a Vancouver shipyard worker who said that the suitcase fell from an automobile crossing Granville Street bridge. He (the shipyard worker) took the suitcase home and held it until he heard of Magnuson's loss.

Magnuson said he would be leaving today for Alaska as a member of the House of Representatives naval affairs committee without picking up the suitcase.

## ORGANIZING OF SECOND FRONT

**Three Principal Aides to General Eisenhower Named.**

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Allied military organization for the western front is now nearly complete, it was announced last night. Three principal aides to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, commander-in-chief, have been named: Major General Lee, deputy commander-in-chief; Major General Smith, Chief of Staff, and Col. Lord, Deputy chief of staff.

## Newspapers Under Fire

**Objection Taken to Publicity in Vancouver Murder Case.**

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.— Both prosecution and defence counsel having taken objection to the manner in which the newspapers have handled the preliminary trial of Charles Hawken, charged with the murder of Frederick Boland, Chief Justice Wendell Farris stated that he and his colleagues would consider the matter and that a statement might be forthcoming today. Counsel suggested that what had been published might be prejudicial.

The chief justice agreed that even judges could not close their eyes to what had appeared in the press—much less could potential jurymen be uninfluenced.

## AMBULANCE OPERATION

**City Council Closes Contract For $200—Free Rent, Light, Water and Fuel.**

W. Bergey was given the contract by the city council last night to operate the new ambulance service for the city and hospital and also to supervise the new civic restroom in which he will be given residence. Mr. Bergey will receive $200 per month and, in addition to residence, will be provided with light, water and fuel. He will provide a 24 hour ambulance service, the service to start on arrival of the ambulance. Meanwhile, the restroom will be opened [illegible] and Mr. Bergey will be employed in [illegible] work pending the opening of the ambulance.

Ald George [illegible], chairman of the ambulance committee, informed the council that bids for the ambulance service had ranged from $125 to $450 monthly. Mr. Bergey had been discharged from the Royal Canadian Air Force and was at present employed at the dry dock. He was an expert truck driver. Financial responsibility for the operation of the ambulance would be shared by the city and hospital board on a fifty-fifty bases as regards to profits or deficits. The hospital would be responsible for collections. The new operator had undertaken to take instruction and qualify in first aid. His wife would assist him in the operation of the ambulance.

## STORK WINS TWO TO ONE IN 1943

**Births Numbered 313, Deaths 136 and Marriages 194**

With a birth rate of well over two to one above the death rate in 1943, Prince Rupert city and district offer small substance for pessimism for those whose hobby it is to view with alarm the natural decline in the population of the country.

Births registered at the Government Agent's office last year totalled 313 for the city and district. There were 136 deaths during the same period.

Of the 313 births, 307 were registered as having occurred in the city, and six in the district. Of the total number, five were still births.

There were 111 deaths in the city, and 25 in the ristrict.

The blissful state of matrimony was extended to 194 couples in the city and district in 1943. Of these 191 tok place in city, and 25 in the district.

## Swimming Pool To Come First

**Civic Centre Association Executive Feels it Should Come Ahead of Skating Rink.**

In the face of an agitation which has been recently commenced in favor of a skating arena, the executive of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, reaffirmed its policy as favoring a swimming pool as the immediate objective. The executive took the stand that it was committed to the swimming pool project prior to any other undertaking.

T. Norton Youngs, chairman of the civic centre committee, presided and other members of the executive present were Dr. R. G. Large, C. G. Ham, P. H. Linzey, Robert Gordon, Ald. Nora Arnold and Oscar Haveroy.

## Bulletins

**MUST GET-TOGETHER**
**TORONTO. — Lord Halifax, speaking here, said that it was essential that the United Kingdom get together in the closest possible partnership if the British Commonwealth was to have equal partnership with the United States and Russia in post-war affairs.**

**VANCOUVER STRIKE**
**VANCOUVER.—Two hundred employees of Western Steel Products have quit work in protest against the dismissal of some other workers.**

**IN YUGO SLAVIA**
**BUDAPEST. — Twenty - five thousand Yugo Slav partizans are endeavoring to cross from Bosnia into Serbia and are being heavily engaged by the Nazis. It is reported that King Peter is anxious to return to Yugo Slavia.**

**CONSUL IS RECALLED**
**VANCOUVER.—The Spanish consul here has been recalled to Madrid and has left here for Washington to report to the embassy there. Reason for the recall is not made known.**

**ARTHUR EVANS INJURED**
**VANCOUVER.—Arthur Evans, well known as a radical labor leader throughout the west, is in serious condition in hospital here as a result of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile while getting off a street car.**

**SOFIA IS BOMBED**
**CAIRO.—Railway yards near Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, have been heality bombed by Allied planes.**

**HOLLANDER EXECUTED**
**LONDON.—A 25-year old Hollander is reported to have been executed at The Hague as a result of the slaying of two Nazi officials.**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**
**BUENOS AIRES.— The foreign minister of Argentine said today that he would make an important announcement on foreign policy. It is expected this may have to do with relations with the new Bolivian government.**

**CANNOT DIVIDE ALLIES**
**MOSCOW.—Newspaper Pravda says that the Teheran and Cairo conferences blasted any hopes of the Axis to divide the unity of the Allies in the war.**

**SUING NEWSPAPERS**
**TORONTO. — The Toronto newspapers Globe and Telegram are being sued for damages as a result of the publication of advertisements during the civic election campaign by the C.C.F. attacking a business concern.**

**DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**
**NEW YORK.—The Democratic national convention will be held in Chicago. President Roosevelt will undoubtedly be renominated if he chooses to accept. Henry Wallace and Sam Rayburn are mentioned for the vice-presidency.**

**NELLES IN BRITAIN**
**LONDON,—Admiral Sir Percy Nelles, new senior flag officer for the Canadian navy in Britain, has arrived by bomber from Canada.**

**LEGISLATURE OPENING**
**VICTORIA. — Preparations are proceeding for the opening of the Legislature. Conservative member R. C. MacDonald of Dewedney will move the reply to the Speech from the Throne and R. H. Carson, Liberal, Kamloops, will second it.**

**COUNTESS INTERNED**
**BERNE.—The widowed Countess Ciano and three children, from Italy, are interned in Switzerland.**

**PREMIERS' CONFERENCE**
**LONDON.— There will be a conference of British Commonwealth of Nations premiers within the next few months, Rt. Hon. Clement Atlee told the House of Commons today.**

**WARNS AGAINST STOCKS**
**TORONTO.— W. G. Malcolm, president of the Toronto Stock Exchange, warns the public against a possible early "Unreasonable and unsound" campaign in promotion of mining stocks.**

## Local Man Has Two Sons With Army In Italy

William Flewin of this city has two sons in the Italian campaign which is the centre of war interest these days. One son, Thomas, is a corporal and the other a private. The former enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war, the latter joining up a year later.

## Local Soldier Returns Home From Overseas

Gunner William Brass, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brass, will arrive home tomorrow morning by way of Vancouver, after having been overseas for three years with the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was with the old 102nd Battery here and enlisted for active service at the start of the war.

## To Soft Pedal Second Front

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Newspapers and war correspondents have been requested to exercise discretion in speculating on dates and places for the opening of a second front. Nothing should be done that might give information of value to the enemy.

**GERMAN CLAIM**
**LONDON.—Berlin claims that an enemy destroyer was sunk and two cruisers badly damaged in connection with the new Allied landing south of Rome.**

**DECISION REVERSED—**

## Incinerator Is Up Again

At the instance of Mayor H. M. Daggett who referred the matter back for reconsideration, the city council last night rescinded a resolution of a week ago whereby it had decided to use for the disposal of municipal garbage the new United States Army incinerator on the Kaien Island Highway for three months on an experimental basis.

The action of the council, in reversing its decision to utilize the incinerator, came after the mayor had presented a report that the military and other services were not using the incinerator themselves for consumption of all their garbage, a major portion of which was also being put over the open dump. The mayor recommended that, until the military and other services ceased to deposit their garbage on the open dump, the city should not take any action to use the incinerator. There should also be a definite understanding as to the personnel which the city should have to provide and an estimate of the cost of the fuel, gasoline and water. The city engineer and the utilities committee should also first present a report on the increaseed cost, if any, of the proposed operation and whether a different method of collection of garbage and trade waste would be involved. There should also be a report to the city on the cost of a proposed ramp.

The mayor also reported on visits which had been paid to the incinerator when it was found that trucks of the services were dumping the most of their garbage instead of putting it through the incinerator. Within one hour's time, 18 truckloads of garbage had arrived and only three put their contents into the incinerator, the rest being dumped.

A report from the city engineer suggeseted that the incinerator was not capable of handling all the garbage and also said that the city would need four trucks if it was to use it. Ald. Rudderham felt that the incinerator was "entirely inadequate." He was in favor, however, of incineration of garbage as a principle.

Dr. R. G. Knipe, medical health officer, expressed the belief that the incinerator, when functioning properly on a 24-hour basis, was capable of handling all the available garbage but he agreed that the council might well wait to be shown before making its final decision.

## New Gov't Is Snubbed

LONDON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced in the House of Commons today that Great Britain had refused to recognize the new pro-Axis government of Bolivia. The move followed similar declarations by the United States and seven other American republics. United States, in refusing to recognize it, described the new government of Bolivia as a "subversive movement."

**BOMBERS OUT AGAIN**

## French Coast Hammered

**Allied Bombers Out in Strength Again After Being Held Up by Gale.**

LONDON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Thundering out across the English Channel for the third successive day strong formations of Allied bombers hammered the French coast from Dunkerque to Boulogne today as fine flying weather succeeded a turbulent night.

Observers reported large groups of both bombers and fighters had launched new assaults shortly after dawn and soon raiders were shuttling back and forth across the channel.

Twenty-one German planes were shot down in air battles yesterday as American bombers attacked unspecified targets in western Germany.

There were Axis reports of Allied planes over Berlin last night but these were without confirmation.

## Impersonating Of Policeman

B. W. Taylor appeared in city police court this morning, charged with impersonating a police officer. His case was remanded by Magistrate W. D. Vance until Wednesday morning.

Also remanded was the case of Jacob C. Herberg, charged with failing to return to the scene of an accident. The case will come up again on January 28.

Norman Letendre, charged with public intoxication, was fined $25, or seven days, by Magistrate Vance.

## Appian Way and Railway In Control

ALGIERS, Jan. 25 (CP)—Allied troops have driven 12 miles inland from the Nettuno-Anzio beachhead and patrols are pushing in deeper with no formidable German opposition yet encountered, Allied headquarters announced today. The famous Appian Way to Rome and the main coastal rail line are about 12 miles inland from the landing area but it was not specifically stated that invasion forces had reached them. It is probable, however, that they are at least under Allied domination. Last night it was reported that Allied forces had reached as close as four miles from the Appian Way and 20 miles from Rome.

Allied spearheads have met "hastily organized battle groups" of Germans, apparently moved northward from the Fifth Army front around Cassino. The Nazis are still launching fierce counter attacks on that main front but these blows have decreased somewhat in number and intensity in the last 24 hours, indicating that enemy forces are being pulled back to meet the invasion flanking threat.

The beachhead has been lengthened, headquarters said, without disclosing the exact area it covers.

Reinforcements and supplies continue to pour in with little enemy interference and the communique said that the town of Anzio, bordering Nettuno to the west, had been taken.

One report today was that the Allies were inland as far as 18 miles.

# Russians Still Racing Forward

## Survey Plan Meets Favor

The proposal of Inspector of Schools B. Thorsteinsson for a community survey in such spheres as recreation, vocation, health, youth, industry, culture, housing and safety met with favor of the city council last night and the recreational committee of the council consisting of Ald. Thomas Elliott, Ald. Nora Arnold and Ald. J. S. Black was named to represent the city in co-operating with the organization and carrying on of such a survey.

The council gave permission for the use of the city council chamber for the holding of a meeting of organizations' representatives in connection with the inauguration of the survey.

## MINISTER CONFIDENT

**Allies Have More Shipping Than at Start of War—Outlook Much Brighter.**

WINNIPEG, Jan. 25—Thanks to the production of British, Canadian and, especially American, shipyards, the Allies had beaten the German U-boat menace and had now more shipping tonnage than at the start of the war, Hon. Angus Macdonald, naval minister, said here today.

"The outlook is much brighter today than it was at this time in 1943, declared Mr. Macdonald who, however, warned that harder battles and longer casualties probably lay ahead.

## Quarter of Million Nazis In Danger Of Being Caught In Trap

LONDON, Jan. 25 (CP)—The Russians advanced seven miles on Monday to cut the main railway line to Esthonia. Perhaps 250,000 Germans are now pocketed southeast of Leningrad. Moscow announces that the Germans, under threat of encirclement, are retreating hastily, sustaining great losses in manpower and equipment. Sixty miles to the south other Russians have raced to within 20 and 30 miles respectively of Dateskaya and Luga, secondary rail junctions through which the Germans must withdraw if they are to avoid disaster.

On the Leningrad front the Soviets killed more than 2,300 Germans yesterday and swept through 40 towns and villages.