

Period up to 6 p.m. tomorrow) NORTH COAST AND QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS—Mostly fair and mild today and Wednesday with fog patches forming at night. Wind light to moderate.

The Daily News

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1944

(Pacific Standard Time) Wednesday, December 13, 1944 High 11:45 20.9 feet Low 5:37 8.3 feet 18:29 4.2 feet

AGGETT DISSECTS NON-PARTIZAN PLATFORM AT FEDERATION RALLY

Many disagreements which arisen between the city and federal government in the two years, the city council and the unanimous support members, Mayor H. M. Aggett, leading speaker at a Labor Federation rally told audience in the Oddfellows' last night. In dissecting the five-point program of the Partisan Association, the Mayor charged that the 1942 bill had the full support of Mayor Wm. Watts and Mayor McKay in its dealings with the government and that Alderman Arnold did not raise her voice in protest that regard.

Mr. Black spoke in support of Norman Bellis, the candidate nominated to take his place when he was disqualified Saturday. The Federation's four school board candidates were also presented to the audience. In an outline of the utilities situation the Mayor said that any new work that was being done on sewers was designed to be a part of a post-war rebuilding project, particularly in the downtown area where "the sewers are all broken down and running in the open waterways." "The city engineer is at present working on plans for the complete rebuilding of the sewers in Section One, and strong pressure is being brought to bear on the government to supply funds at one or two per cent interest," he declared.

Criticism of Bus Deal Is Answered

Answering criticism of the financing of the bus deal, Mr. Aggett admitted that the city had a net debt of \$1,000,000, which would not be paid off until 1955 but said that the bus purchase was to be financed with debenture bonds which would be offered to the citizens. "I feel sure that the people of Prince Rupert have enough faith in the future of their city to buy those bonds," the mayor said.

"The opposition charges that some of us are making 'careers' of politics. Well, I must admit that they did oppose raising the Mayor's salary from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year. Alderman Arnold raised her voice against that but the citizens did not. The fact that I am Mayor-elect by acclamation means that the people feel that the administration must be doing a pretty good job."

Alderman Brett dealt with administrative changes in the city hall, describing the present set-up as "obsolete." He also said that high insurance rates charged municipalities were to be investigated.

"Municipalities must now pay fire insurance rates far in excess of what is being paid out by the companies in claims."

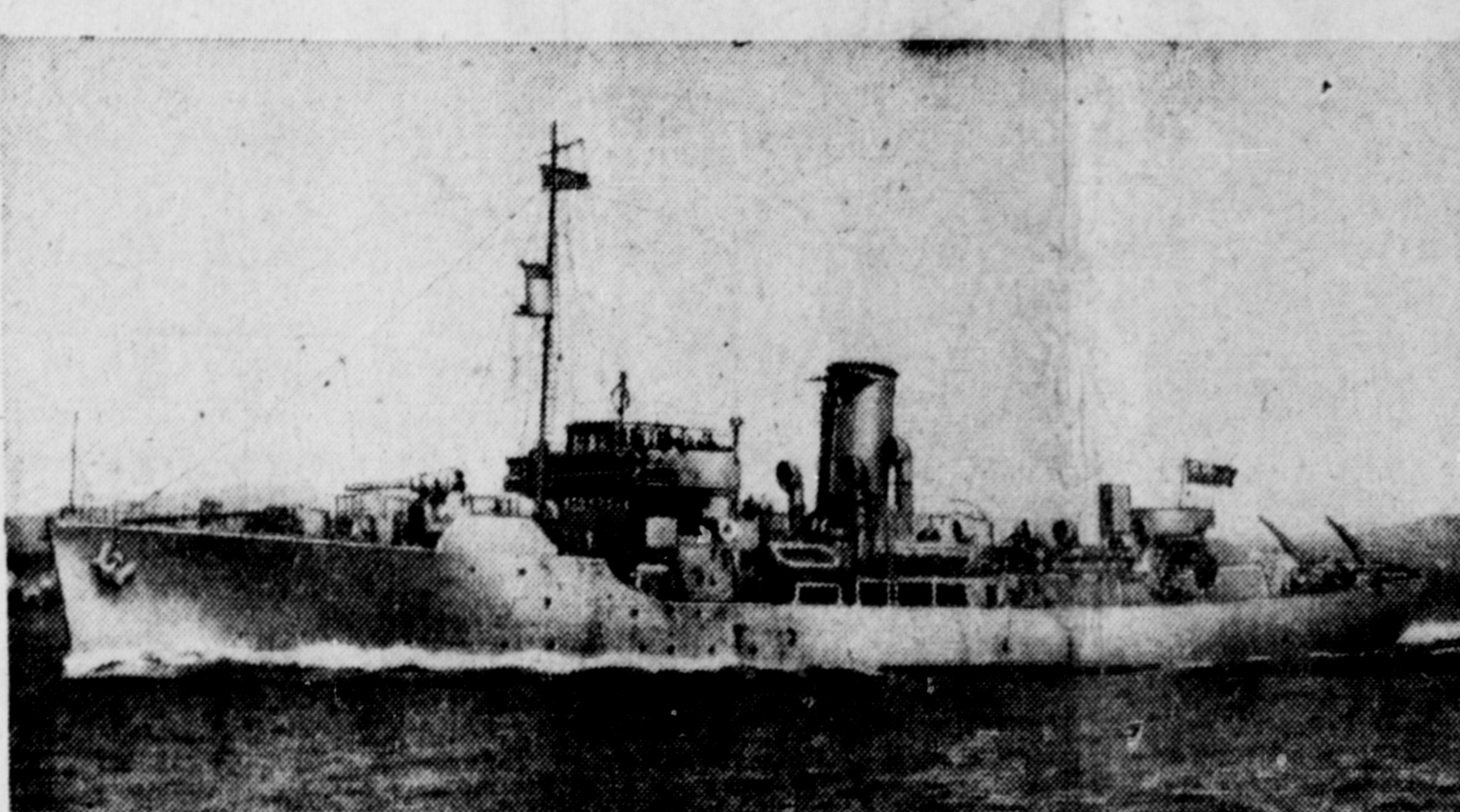
Alderman Hills, who had spoken previously on the radio, termed the Non-Partisan an "anti-labor coalition" and proceeded to outline the arrangements for the purchase of the bus line.

Alderman Alex Sinclair told the meeting that the city's most profitable utilities, the telephone and water systems were hampered by having to pay 38 per cent of their profits on previous loans.

"These utilities could pay off their debentures if they did not have to share in the costs of other utilities. That is why the public should not fear public ownership of the bus line. It is one utility that will pay for itself."

During the question period Bruce Mickleburgh spoke in support of the bus line purchase. Chairman of the meeting was A. Wallin.

Ontario's Worst Snowstorm



H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN Royal Canadian Navy corvette, of which lies in the North Atlantic has been announced by Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence for Naval Services. All on board perished.

George Zbura Is Confirmed As Casualty

An official casualty list of the Royal Canadian Air Force which has just been released confirms the previous announcement received privately here of Pilot George John Zbura of Prince Rupert being missing on active service after air operations. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Zbura, 512 Eighth Ave. E., and was born and brought up here.

Battle of Italy

Nazi Air Force Is In Action

ROME, Dec. 12 (CP)— Allied headquarters announced today that the German air force has returned to the Italian front, bombing, and strafing troops and communications on the Fifth Army front. In Eastern Italy, the Lemone river has risen to a depth of eight feet, slowing down British Eighth Army operations.

Greek Peace

BOTH SIDES ENGAGED IN PEACE TALK

ATHENS, Dec. 12 (CP)— Sharp gunfire still echoed today through Athens, sending homeless and terrified civilians scurrying out of the path of the fighting while rebel leaders were reported drawing up peace proposals. An impartial source described the rebel leaders as "realizing now that they will eventually lose the bloody conflict with British and regular Greek troops."

See Prestwick Big Peacetime Airport

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)—A parliamentary and national campaign has begun to impress on the government the importance and urgency of the case for Prestwick, Scotland, as an international airport after the war. The base, on the west coast of Scotland, has been the main transatlantic terminal in the United Kingdom since November, 1940.

JEWELRY NOTED

Columbus called Costa Rica the "rich coast" because the Indians wore gold jewelry.

VANDERHOOF MAN WINS DECORATION

Gnr. Dick Patrick of Vanderhoof, serving with the Royal Canadian Artillery, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action overseas. He is a native of British Columbia where he was born February 27, 1920, and was employed as a trapper and farmer prior to the war. He enlisted with the Active Army April 7, 1942 and proceeded overseas October 27, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Vitaline Patrick, lives at Vanderhoof.

CANNOT WORK IN UNITED STATES

Regulations in regard to Women Crossing Line Still Unclear

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12 (CP)— Canadian women, although able to get Canadian labor exit permits to enter the United States, still will not be permitted under American immigration regulations to enter the United States to work, Thomas L. Hughes, United States consul here, said. Hughes said that women could enter only under special arrangements through Ottawa or Washington or contingent upon a request by a United States firm for Canadian female labor.

EVACUATING TOKYO CITY

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)—Berlin radio said today that evacuation of non-essential workers from Tokyo was proceeding with a contingent of 20,000 to leave the city of more than 7,000,000 population today. Plans to evacuate several districts had been announced previously by Tokyo.

16 MAYORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12 (CP)—At least sixteen of the 22 mayors of B.C. towns, cities and municipalities who were elected by acclamation at the close of nominations Monday were re-elected to the office they held for the past year. A large number of reeves were also re-elected to their posts, according to returns late Monday.

BY-ELECTION DATE IS SET

That Date Set for Grey North, Ontario, Where General McNaughton Will Run

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 (CP)—A federal by-election will be held in the Ontario constituency of Grey North on February 5, it was announced today. Defence Minister A. G. L. McNaughton will contest the by-election as Liberal candidate. It is expected General McNaughton will be opposed by Mayor Garfield Case of Owen Sound as Progressive-Conservative candidate.

The seat became vacant when the Liberal members resigned because of ill health.

New Westminster Mayor Re-elected

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 12—William Mott was re-elected as mayor of New Westminster for a third term yesterday. He received an acclamation.

Britain and Greece

Eden Tells Of British Sacrifices

Suffered 40,000 Casualties and Lost Many Warships and Planes

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)— Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed in the House of Commons today that British forces suffered 40,000 casualties and lost nearly five hundred aircraft in fighting to free Greece and Crete since the beginning of the war.

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D.F.C. FOR LOCAL MAN

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 (CP)—Flight Lieutenant J. A. Partridge of Prince Rupert has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force announced today. Partridge is serving overseas.

SOVIETS SMASH INTO BUDAPEST

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (CP)—Russian tanks battled into the northern suburbs of Budapest today. Other Russians drove westward past the great bend of the Danube above Budapest toward Bratislava and Vienna. The main body of the Russians were within full view of Budapest. The Germans suffered high casualties.

HOUE MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Man Who Spent Four Years in Internment Again Chief Magistrate

MONTREAL, Dec. 12—Ex-mayor Camille Houde, who was released a few months ago from internment camp where he had spent four years because he told the people of Montreal not to comply with national registration, was re-elected mayor of Montreal yesterday. He will serve a three year term. Houde received 63,000 votes and Adelard Reyraud, the present incumbent, 48,000.

NON-PARTIZANS IN BROADCAST

Mrs. N. E. Arnold, Robert McKay and C. G. Ham were speakers over CFRP last night in a radio broadcast sponsored by the Prince Rupert Non-Partisan Association. Civic affairs were discussed from the standpoint of the Non-Partisans. Mr. Ham devoted himself to the outlook for the future in the city and expressed opposition to the bus by-law. Mr. McKay confined his talk to public works matters including future care of roads and streets.

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Toronto City Almost Completely Tied Up

People Told to Stay Home From Work—Stores Are Closed Up—Four Persons Known Dead

TORONTO, Dec. 12 (CP)—All southern Ontario was held today in the grip of one of the worst snowstorms in its history. The storm, apparently, centred in Toronto and district. Traffic was paralyzed by deep drifts. Four deaths were reported in Toronto. The chief coroner issued an urgent appeal to all persons over fifty not to shovel snow or walk through heavy drifts.

A broadcast appeal from Mayor Conboy asked all persons not engaged in essential industry to stay home from work. Large department stores are closed.

All highways in southern Ontario are impassable. Motorists have been warned not to take trips. Drifts are as high as six feet at Hamilton.

Toronto hospitals are filled to overflowing and ambulances are unable to move. Twenty-one inches of snow fell between 5:15 yesterday morning and noon today. There had been nothing to equal this since 1872 when 23 inches fell in two days. Little hope of immediate relief is held out by weather forecasters.

Western Front

First Army Along Roer

Takes 1000 Yards of West Bank—Nazi Defences Continue to Weaken

PARIS, Dec. 12 (CP)—The American First Army seized one thousand yards of the west bank of the Roer River today and also advanced within one and a half miles of the fortress city of Duren after reaching Konsdorf. The Americans captured Merode. The Nazi defence was reported weakening west of Roer, inside the Siegfried Line at Dillingen and Saarlautern and in northern Alsace under repeated batterings of three American armies.

No action was reported along the Canadian First and British Second Army sectors at the north end of the front.

The American Third Army captured Sarrenguemines and began shelling Sweibrucken and St. Ingbert inside Germany.

The American Seventh Army captured Haguenau in Alsace and was within 20 miles of Karlsruhe.

DISTRICT MEN IN CASUALTIES

Latest Canadian Army casualty lists contain the names of one Queen Charlotte Island man and one from Ocean Falls as follows: Missing—Private Joseph John Hans, British Columbia regiment, father, Isaac Hans, Skidegate Mission, Queen Charlotte Islands. Severely Injured—Private Lorne Earl Taylor, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, mother, Mrs. Anne Taylor, Ocean Falls.

VANCOUVER'S FOG IS BAD

Fourteen Persons Injured When Interurban Trams Crash—Motorman's Miraculous Escape

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12—Fourteen persons were injured—six requiring hospitalization—when two interurban trams collided head-on in thick fog here last night. George Clark, one of the motormen, sustained injuries described as serious but not critical when the platform on which he stood was completely wrecked and every window in the car was broken. There was one other street car collision last night as well as other traffic mishaps. In all at least twenty persons were injured.

Douglas Frizzell left this afternoon on a trip to Vancouver.

aps Are Wiped Out

ence of Ormoc Resulted in Complete Annihilation of Japanese Force

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S QUARTERS IN PHILIPPINES, Dec. 12 (CP)—Japan's only but vain defence of Ormoc looked on the proportions of annihilation today as headquarters reported thousands of crack Japanese troops wiped out in a trap just south of the island port city. The entire garrison defending Ormoc was annihilated by the Americans.

WICH UNDER BOMB FIRE

Many Objectives Include Oil Refineries and Railway Yards—Hanover and Hamburg

LONDON, Dec. 12 (CP)—Almost 100 American planes bombed Germany's principal synthetic refinery at Menseburg and heavy yards at Hanau, Aschaffenburg and Darmstadt today. A night Royal Air Force mosquito bombers hit Hanover and Hamburg. One mosquito is missing.

Tippling Rector Is Carrying On

ROGERSFIELD, Hampshire, Eng., Dec. 12 (CP)—A church parson, Rev. Hector de la Mothe, convicted of tippling and resorting to taverns had a congregation of only 10 children Sunday. The rector had been carrying on in his parish until he heard from the bishop of the diocese.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Woodside left this afternoon on a trip to Vancouver.

ONLY 8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS THE VARIETY STORE IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR