Local Temperature

Maximum 43
Minimum 35

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Local Tides

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High	5:42	18.7 feet
	18:20	15.7 feet
Low	12:14	7.5 feet

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Russo-Finn Peace In Making

Lines Official Looking o Service Possibilities ncouver to Prince Rupert

A direct flying boat service betw ouver ince Rupert or an airplane ser Van- to some landing field, possibly es- ed at Massett on the Queen Char. shuttle service running into Prin lternatives suggested before the m

ce Rupert Chamber of e last night by Herbert Kenyon, superintendent dian Pacific Airways, here in connection with ying of possibilities of ercial service between r and Prince Rupert. ollick-Kenyon made it t the purpose of his visit was to obtain in- n. The plans for the had not yet reached the re it was possible to t would or what would one. His mission was to n what was feasible. ere two difficulties in of a service to Prince the fact that it might ary to come down some miles or so from here difficulty of obtaining nt for commercial avi- this time. Equipment, s and personnel were, e, prime requisites for a

ollick-Kenyon was in- in finding out what might be given such a ial service. This brought uestion of fares and, in o a question, the speaker present basic rate was assenger mile.

uest spoke of the desire p in wartime air routes ld also have peacetime nce.

transportation commit- e Prince Rupert Cham- Commerce had luncheon Hollick-Kenyon today. ved from Vancouver night and will be pro- from here to the in- a day or so.

L PROPOSAL—

EASE NCES

ne Offers Suggestion at ing of Chamber of Com- e.

means of depriving rev- the municipality at this hen the federal govern- lled to head appeals for F. Stone offered at last meeting of the Prince Ru- mber of Commerce a sug- which he himself admit- ht be considered "radi- at, in these good times any merchants were pay- vy excess profits taxes, trades licence might be d say by tenfold and against business as a ble expense.

Winslow, acting chair- elt that merchants who ot making large profits not welcome the sugges-

Mackenzie was very much d. "Once taxes are put on ry difficult to get them felt.

s Brooksbank mentioned ssibility of a business tax tionate to profits.

proposal will have the at- of the civic committee.

In Air ce; One Navy

tair H. Ross has graduated Number 3 Bombing and ry school at MacDonald, oba as Sergeant air gunner R.C.A.F. He is now spend- ave with his parents Mr. rs. T. A. Ross, Jasper.

able has also been received safe arrival overseas of Mechanic Thomas L. Ross s with the Navy.

h boys were employed at cal dry dock before enlist- year ago, they are grand- f Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Killin s city.

REDS CLOSE IN—

Nazis Fail In Attempt At Cherkasy

Soviet Amphibious Force Lands Back of German Lines Near Narva Bay.

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (AP) — The Red Army today halted a heavy tank attack northwest of Tvenigoro in an unsuccessful Nazi attempt to rescue forces trapped in the Cherkasy pocket. About fifty thousand of the original 150,000 Germans are thought to be still alive in the Charkasy pocket.

At the northern end of the front two Soviet armies are moving closer to the stronghold of Pakov.

The Berlin radio said today that a small Soviet amphibious force landed yesterday in Narva Bay in the Baltic Sea behind the German Estonian line and made several attacks on a coastal battery but was repulsed with "heavy losses."

BULLETINS

SLIPPERY WEATHER

VANCOUVER. — Emergency wards in Vancouver hospitals have been taxed with patients who have suffered fractures as a result of slippery streets caused by fog and frosty weather.

DRAWING 60,000 MEN

OTTAWA. — Sixty thousand men will be drawn this year from Canada's manpower pool for the Army, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, says. Of these 48,000 will be for service anywhere.

TRAGIC DEATH

PITTSBURG. — A little five-year old boy died in hospital yesterday as a result of being struck by a truck while hurrying home with a valentine card for his mother. The simple little card was clasped in the youngster's hand.

TO CALL UP DOUKS

NELSON — Selective Service officials declare that they intend to proceed with the call-up of Doukhobors as provided for under the regulations, demonstrations notwithstanding.

SUBMARINE IS LOST

LONDON — The Admiralty announces the loss of the new type submarine Simmons.

ISLAND IS OCCUPIED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC — The Allies have occupied Rook Island and between New Guinea and New Britain.

BISCAY IS MINED

LONDON — The Admiralty has declared 150,000 square miles of water in the Bay of Biscay bounded by Spain and France as unsafe. The waters are being mined, it is believed.

ARGENTINA AT WAR?

LONDON—An Algiers radio report that Argentina has declared war on the Axis is discounted here.

KORSUN CAPTURED

MOSCOW—The Red Army has captured the important city of Korsun in the Ukraine, it was reported today.

Two Local Lads Lost at Sea

Louis Earl and John Thiesen Are Missing For Over Month Now

Alarm at Disappearance of Two Young Men in Boat Was Delayed by Strange Circumstances.

Returning yesterday afternoon from an investigation trip to Stephens Island, Provincial Game Warden Edward Martin brought back with him the story of the disappearance at sea of two young Prince Rupert men more than a month ago. The two men, Louis Earl 21, and John Thiesen 18, have not been seen or heard of since they sailed in their gill net boat from Chiakle Bay on Stephen's Island for Prince Rupert in a heavy east gale on January 7. Circumstances were such that they were not seriously missed until late last week.

Earl and Thiesen who had been packing oysters from the fishing stations to Prince Rupert, left the city on January 5 for Chiakle Bay on the west coast of Stephens Island, facing stormy Hecate Strait. On January 7, having loaded their small boat with 33 bags of oysters, they set out into the gale to return home.

Knowledge that the two young men were missing was slow in developing. Residents of Stephens Island had no way of knowing that the boat had been lost and the family and friends of Theisen and Earl in Prince Rupert believed them to have been delayed on Stephens Island. Mrs. Kathleen Thiesen, proprietor of the U-and-I Cafe, mother of one of the boys, told the police that she felt no alarm until recently because she believed them to have a two months' supply of food aboard the boat.

It was learned by Mr. Martin from residents of Stephens Island at the week-end that Earl and Thiesen had only a very small supply of food with them.

Mr. Martin sailed for Stephens Island on Friday to investigate the disappearance of the two lads. He found that there had been no alarm felt on the island for the boys, everyone believing that they had stayed in Prince Rupert.

A careful search of the area by Mr. Martin revealed a broken piece of wreckage of the lifeboat belonging to the Rupert 43 which had been owned by Earl.

"I doubt if they even made it out of Chiakle Bay, the weather was so rough," he said. "It is likely that they found it too strong and were swamped when they tried to turn back. Their small boat had an open hold and was heavily loaded."

An enquiry regarding their whereabouts was made to the police on January 20 by the proprietor of the company which bought the oysters the two lads brought in.

John Theisen is the son of Mrs. Kathleen Theisen of this city. There is one other brother, Jacob, 17, of Great Central, Vancouver Island, and a sister, Rose, 15, of Prince Rupert. Louis Earl has no relativs in the city and is believed to have come from Ontario.

Westminster Wins Title

VANCOUVER, Feb. 15 (CP) —New Westminster defeated Vancouver 8 to 7 to win the provincial senior hockey championship last night. New Westminster will now meet Edmonton in inter-provincial play-offs.

UPSTART RELIGIONS

Taking as his text "We Preach Christ Crucified" on Sunday evening in the First United Church before a large congregation, Rev. J. A. Donnell spoke on "upstart religions."

Mr. Donnell referred to the deterioration in meanings of certain words. The word "propaganda" was now usually considered as having an objectionable implication. Actually "propaganda" might be good or bad and, in the original use, was employed to indicate the propagation of the gospel itself. Another word that had deteriorated in its implications in the minds of some was "uplift." This word was really a word of commendation but now was generally used in contempt. So the word "upstart" now generally monnoted someone who, by insolent impertinent behaviour, achieved and unwarranted measure of success. The speaker warned his listeners against using this word in connection with cults that might in themselves have worthy objectives and be the sincere expression of thoughtful supporters of religion. Mr. Donnell asked his congregation to consider what the contemporaries of Christ thought of His religion at the start. To the critics then Christ was a criminal. He died a disgraceful death. His followers were ignorant men of humble origin. They made preposterous claims. They claimed fantastic manifestations. All this and more was the verdict of the so-called upper and privileged classes of the time. It was an "upstart" religion.

But the centuries since had proved these statements false. And time would deal with upstart religions similarly. Any religion that could more fully live and whos e followers could outdie their opponents would survive. Their earnestness and their confident belief in the presence of God would provide a faith and a religion that would last. Christianity had proved this and would survive. What was an upstart religion would save the world.

The choir's special anthem was "Lift Up Your Hearts."

Pattullo On B.C. Electric

VICTORIA, Feb. 15 (CP) — The Liberal member for Prince Rupert, T. D. Pattullo, accused the government of floundering around in an attempt to come to a conclusion over the British Columbia Electric Railway Ltd. assets and of questions of purchase by the municipalities. He said that years ago he had advocated the taking over of the B.C. Electric by the municipalities.

First societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals were formed in England.

The carnation, one of the oldest flowers still under cultivation was first described in 300 B.C. by the Greek philosopher Theocrastus.

Local Man Dies Of Wounds On Active Service

Private Harold Wasend, son of Andrew Wasend, Prince Rupert, has died of wounds on active service overseas with a Saskatchewan regiment, the last Canadian army casualty list discloses.

Another northern British Columbia casualty is Private Kenneth William Wilson of Dawson Creek listed as killed in action with an Alberta regiment. His next of kin is Mrs. Norah Maria Wilson of Dawson Creek.

Berthing Of Fish Boats Considered

The following message has been received by Rev. A. F. MacSween, secretary of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce from Hon. Ernest Bertrand, minister of fisheries: "During my visit to Prince Rupert last October, I was impressed with representations made to me to the need for additional berthing facilities for fishing vessels. Since my return I have given my full support to the proposal. I understand the matter is under active consideration of the department of public works at the present time."

B.C. Electric Is Up Again

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting last night, reaffirmed a previous stand opposing the provincial government assuming any financial responsibilities in respect to the British Columbia Railway for the benefit of southern cities and will draft another resolution on the subject. There would be no objection, it was felt, to municipalities concerned taking over the property.

"Mails" Letters In Alarm Box

A city fire alarm call box is definitely not the modern version of the old romantic "trysting tree" where people, usually lovers, deposited their letters for later collection by the addressee. In fact it has nothing to do with His Majesty's mails whatever.

However, Friday morning, apparently confused by the screaming red paint which adorns both mail boxes and fire alarm boxes, someone placed three letters in call-box 37 at the corner of Dodge Street and Eighth Avenue, ringing the alarm during the process.

City firemen who arrived on the scene were unwilling to take responsibility for the delivery of the letters which were addressed to points in Alberta, and turned them over to the city police who, have written to the "mailer," asking him to drop in and call for them.

SECRET FORTS ARE BOMBED

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP)—American bombers blasted German secret fortifications in northern France today on their eleventh mission this month. Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force fighters escorted the bombers on their raids. No night raids on Germany by the Allies were reported.

Life Saving Equipment Is Too Expensive

VANCOUVER, Feb. 15 (CP)—Federal regulations requiring virtually all fishing and towing vessels on the Pacific Coast to instal additional life-saving equipment are regarded as too costly by small boat operators who have drafted suggested modifications to be forwarded to Ottawa.

ADMITTING REFUGEES

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at last night's meeting, went on record as favoring the admission to Canada of war refugees from Europe providing this admission has due regard to safety of Canada and the refugees undertake to comply implicitly with all the laws of Canada.

A committee of the Chamber consisting of Arnold Flaten, W. R. McAfee and H. A. Breen recommended that the federal government should be petitioned to make temporary changes in the Immigration Act to permit refugees in Europe to seek sanctuary in Canada. This recommendation, complying with a request of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, did not meet with complete approval of the meeting and the addition of the clause "with due regard to the safety of Canada and undertaking to comply with the laws of Canada" was the result.

Frank Skinner felt that this was a matter which should be seriously considered. Canada had had unfortunate experiences in the past with undesirable immigrants. Once these people got here they would probably never go back. It seemed consistent to be thinking of admitting European immigrants at a time when there was concern as to how the returned men were going to be taken care of after the war.

Arnold Flaten felt that, from the humanitarian standpoint, there seemed nothing else to do but to receive these refugees. The Canadian Congress of Labor was in favor of the idea and had so expressed itself by resolution. The refugees more particularly thought of were those who were stranded in serious straits at Lisbon. It was thought they only desired temporary sanctuary and would return to their native lands after the war.

J. E. Boddie said there was a general opinion that this would be only the "thin edge of the wedge." Workingmen he had talked to were opposed to the idea.

W. F. Stone felt that Canada could hardly sit smugly by and refuse to permit refuge to unfortunate people in this vast country. They need not be undesirable if they were educated to be good Canadians.

Alex Mackenzie agreed that it was a matter to be very careful about. Where would the line be drawn? To discriminate against races by specifying Europeans only was not in compliance with the spirit of the Atlantic Charter.

S. E. Parker sympathized with the views of the opponents of admission of the refugees for he could remember seeing undesirable immigrants dumped on the prairies. Yet the sons and grandsons of these very people who sought refuge in Canada were fighting in Canadian uniforms. Canada was also capable of supporting a much larger population.

Arnold Flaten and W. F. Stone moved adoption of the committee's recommendation. G. R. S Blackaby moved in amendment the clause of "regard to the safety of Canada and the undertaking to comply with the laws of Canada," this being seconded by H. A. Breen. An amendment to the amendment by Alex Mackenzie to lay the matter over for a month for further consideration had no seconder and the amendment was carried with Messrs. Mackenzie, Skinner and Boddie dissenting.

Negotiations Already Started, It Is Said; Russia Names Terms?

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 — Germany may make a total or partial evacuation of Norway if Finland drops out of the war, it is said here. Meanwhile it is reported that peace negotiations between Russia and Finland are actually under way. The Russians are willing, it is said, to accept the Karelian Isthmus border of 1940, foregoing the Hango naval base but taking the Arctic port of Petsamo. Another report is that Russia demands unconditional surrender of Finland.

BIG FUTURE FOR SECOND AVE. SEEN

The area along the north side of Second Avenue between McBride Street and First Street, now a quiet, almost neglected part of town, will become a focal point of civic life in the future it plans now projected for it mature. The key to the promise of post-war popularity for this corner of the city will be, of course, the location at the corner of McBride and Second of the civic centre building. The decision to place it there has already attracted businessmen.

In the middle of the block, on the lot adjoining the Civic Centre site, J. H. Macey plans to build a confectionery store, catering to the pleasure-seekers at the Civic Centre. Thus, between the two, six of the twelve lots on that side of the block will be taken up, the Civic Centre having five, and J. H. Macey having one.

Plans for the disposal of the other six adjoining lots, which run from the middle of the block westward to First Street, are also being worked on and has made an offer to the city to buy these six lots.

J. A. Lindsay, proprietor of Lindsay's Cartage, has made an offer to the city to buy these six lots.

The civic centre property, in the western part of the block, cornering on McBride Street, contains five lots giving it a 125-foot frontage on the north side of Second Avenue and has a 170-foot depth. The five lots run back the 100 feet of their surveyed depth, plus the 30-foot width of a lane, and embrace the rear 40 feet of the five corresponding lots which face on First Avenue on the other side of the block. The extra 40 by 100 feet is to accommodate a swimming pool if it is decided to build one.

Local Moorage "Hot" Subject

The matter of providing more adequate moorage facilities for the fishing fleet at Prince Rupert is "hot" at Ottawa these days, it was disclosed in answer to questions at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. It was expected that the estimates before Parliament would be making some provision. Fishing fleet moorage was also expected to receive attention as a post-war reconstruction measure.

IN ITALY—

Monastery Is Bombed

All-out Offensive at Beachhead —Canadians New Fighting as Corps.

ALGIERS, Feb. 15 (CP) — United States bombers bombed Mount Cassino and the Benedictine monastry, which had been used by the Nazis as a fortress, in an all-out offensive to crack the German line while Allied ground troops maintained pressure in the Cassino and Anzio invasion bridgehead. The monastery bombing followed a warning that monks and civilians should vacate the abbey which is the oldest in Christendom.

The Rome radio said that Rome was bombed today also. The British threw back a small German attack in the Carroceto area and the Americans repulsed a Nazi patrol in the Cisterna area northeast of Anzio.

Six rail centres in northern Italy were hit by Allied bombers.

Canadian Corps formations, until recently serving at opposite ends of the Eighth Army front in Italy, are now fighting side by side under command of Lieut. General H. G. T. Crerar as a Corps for the first time. While fighting in the Orsogna area, the Canadians served under British command.

Chamber To Be Kept Informed

The city council has written a letter of appreciation to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce for the offer of the latter body to co-operate with and support the council in representations that may be made to the federal government in seeking aid in connection with rehabilitation of public works and utilities and has advised the Chamber that copies of correspondence on matters in connection therewith will henceforth be furnished to the Chamber. Last night the Chamber received a copy of a letter which had been sent by the city to Wartime Housing projects, one of the proposals being to raise the annual fee on ground rental on a certain type of building from $150 to $270.

NOTICE.

R. G. Van der Sluys wishes to contradict any rumors that he has sold out "Van's Bakery" business.