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Local Tides

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High	2:46	20.1 feet
	14:40	20.8 feet
Low	8:50	6.3 feet
	21:08	3.3 feet

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Nazi Eastern Front Crumbling

German Retreat Is Now Rout; Debacle Develops Near Krivoi Rog Town

MOSCOW, Feb. 10 (CP) — The German eastern front is crumbling at many points under blows of seven Russian armies. The Nazi retreat in the lower Ukraine is approaching rout proportions with ten to fifteen divisions trapped between Cherkasy and Nikopol. The German retreat west of Apostolovo is now a debacle with the iron ore centre of Krivoi Rog outflanked and the Kiev-Nikolaev railway threatened. This railway is the sole escape for the fleeing army in this sector.

Canadian Reserve Army Streamlined; Training Period Is To Be Reduced

OTTAWA, Feb. 10 (CP)—A streamlining policy of the Reserve Army is announced, cutting the training period from forty to thirty days, reducing the number of full-time personnel and dropping units unable to maintain "satisfactory strength." No statement was made in regard to full time personnel but Army circles indicated they would be absorbed into the active army.

Funeral Of J. Dawes

Funeral services for the late George Dawes, who passed away Sunday, were held in the Temple and St. Andrew's Cathedral this afternoon, Rev. J. B. Gibson, dean of the cathedral officiating. B.C. Funeral Directors directed the arrangements.

Following with a short service at the Masonic Temple, where the funeral ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star was carried out, the mourners marched to the cathedral, where the dean preached a sermon. Organist was Mrs. Allen, the hymns were "Rock of Ages" and "Unto the Hills."

Pallbearers were W. D. Vance, J. Wilkins, H. Calderwood, W. Carter, Neil McDonald, and J. E. Wilson.

The body of the late Mrs. Dawes is being sent south tonight for burial in Vancouver. Accompanying it are Mr. Dawes, a son and daughter, Edward and Nancye, and a sister-in-law of the deceased, Mrs. George Grosvenor of Terrace.

Ambulance Due In Six Weeks

The new city ambulance has been ordered in Vancouver and is expected to be here in about six weeks' time, it was intimated last night at the meeting of the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Pending the arrival of the city ambulance, the armed forces are co-operating in maintaining a service for the hospital.

ALLIED PLANES BAG ANOTHER JAP VESSEL—Black smoke pours from a 520-foot vessel of Japan's rapidly-shrinking merchant fleet after B-25 Mitchell bombers of the U.S. 14th Air Force (based in China) scored bomb hits on her. Later reconnaissance photos showed the battered hulk of the ship in drydock at Hong Kong where the Mitchells sought her out again, scoring another direct hit.

CHINAMAN STUDYING RAILWAYS

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 10.—"China anticipates tremendous development after the war and the yardstick insofar as this development is concerned will be railway transportation. We have only about 9,000 miles of railway in China at the present time and our plans for the first ten years following the war will be to construct close to 100,000 miles of new lines," declared C. L. Ken Chao, of the department of railways, minister of communications of the Chinese government here yesterday. Mr. Chao is in Winnipeg making a complete inspection of the Winnipeg terminal of the Canadian National Railways and its communications system.

"China will expand a very great deal as soon as conditions allow but we fully realize that the main cog in the machinery of our sound expansion will be railway transportation. We have tremendous natural resources of minerals that we ourselves will need and also other world countries will need. We must get them to seaboard. We have plenty of manpower but our transportation facilities have been very limited so far and we realize that one of our first great problems will be more railroads.

"I have been on this continent for more than two years on this particular trip and have spent most of this time studying the railway operating condition in the United States on the larger railroads. I am concentrating on three phases — operating, engineering and radio communications. The latter phase will be most important to us after the war and we plan much expansion along these lines.

"China will send many of our best technical experts to this country after the war in an effort to become familiar with all the latest trends and developments in railway transportation. I have learned much on this trip. Our railway system in China is government owned and, as we have similar weather conditions to yours in both summer and winter, I find the operation of the Canadian National Railways a most interesting study," stated Mr. Chao.

Mr. Chao speaks excellent English although he received his entire education in China. He also speaks several other languages including French. He leaves for Ottawa on the first leg of his return journey to China this evening.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE—

Trying To Break Up Our Lines

ALGIERS, Feb. 10. (C.P.)—The Germans have launched a strong attempt to break Allied lines on the Anzio beachhead, striking six points along the Anglo-American defence perimeter, while on the main Fifth Army front street fighting continued in Cassino where the enemy are still in control of most of the town.

Fiercest of the Nazi attacks on the beachhead came in the area north and west of Carroceto where heavy fighting continues. Three enemy thrusts directed against American positions west of Cisterna were repulsed and some ground captured.

HAWKEN ON STAND—

SELF-DEFENCE IS CLAIMED

Accused in Vancouver Murder Cases Testifies on Own Behalf —Verdict Expected Tonight.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 9. (CP)—Charles Hawken testified in Supreme Court Wednesday how he shot five bullets from a .38 calibre revolver into Francis Boland, former provincial policeman, on December 13. Hawken said he shot Boland after Boland pointed a gun at him.

It is expected that the case will go to the jury today with the possibility of a verdict by tonight.

CATCHING UP ON JAPANESE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Feb. 10. (CP)—Rapid progress in the Australian drive up the northeast New Guinea coast and destruction of twelve Japanese planes at Rabaul, New Britain, were disclosed by Allied headquarters Thursday.

Allied aircraft also scored a direct hit on a surfaced submarine at Rabaul.

The Australians are now only seven miles from the Americans who extended a beachhead near Saidor.

The Japanese appear to have deserted Madang on north New Guinea.

Restriction of Meat May Be Relieved

OTTAWA, Feb. 10. (CP)—Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, told the House of Commons Wednesday that consideration can be given to discontinuance in Canada of meat rationing and meatless Tuesday.

Later a statement by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board said that the meat control situation would have to be reviewed "in relation to needs of the United Kingdom. All present regulations will remain in force so long as needs for the United Kingdom continue and provision for necessary transportation arrangements can be worked out."

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, had previously said that there was so much meat on hand now that storage space and shipping were taxed to capacity.

The death occurred last night at the home of his parents of baby Terry Vincent Tkachuk, age six months, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Alex Tkachuk, Plaza Place.

C.C.F. DISCUSSED—

Intolerant Attitude

VICTORIA, Feb. 9 (CP)—Hon. Dr. K. C. Macdonald, minister of agriculture, told the Legislature Wednesday that he has no quarrel with Co-operative Commonwealth Federation political philosophy but objected to the C.C.F. attitude that none but the C.C.F.'er has any thought for the welfare of society. Dr. Macdonald believed agriculture as well as labor should have collective bargaining rights.

C. Grant McNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver Burrard, had told the Legislature Tuesday, while speaking in the Throne Speech debate, that the coalition government's twenty-seven point program will not take care of 70,000 returned men and women and 100,000 dislocated war workers.

W. A. C. Bennett, coalition Conservative member for South Okanagan, suggested that the coalition government should form a provincial organization to support a set-up now and in postwar years.

DEMOBILIZATION PLANS

OTTAWA.—Canada's demobilization palns cannot be settled upon until it has been determined the circumstances under which the war will end, Hon. Ian Mackenzie said in Parliament today.

WAR NEWS

QUITTING RABAUL?

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC — The Japs appear to have withdrawn all their warships from Rabaul, New Britain, and the amount of shipping there has been greatly reduced.

BIG AIR BATTLE

LONDON—In a desperate effort to break up a great Allied raid on Brunswick today, the Germans threw hundreds of a number of fighting aircraft against the British and American bombers which, however, continued to drop their heavy loads of missiles from an altitude as high as five miles.

HEAVY NAZI RESISTANCE

ALGIERS — Heavy armored units were thrown against the Allies on the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead today, the main attack being against the British.

DANGER CONSIDERABLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Under Secretary of War said today that the danger to the Allied forces in Italy was not to be minimized.

BISHOPS CRITICAL

LONDON—The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Chichester, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday, criticized the bombings of Hamburg and other German cities as being of a very large scale. Viscount Cranbourne replied that the Royal Air Force was not engaging in terror raids.

SHIP LOSSES LOW

LONDON—Allied ship losses by enemy action during January were the lowest of any month since the war started, it was announced yesterday. At the same time more enemy U-boats were disposed of.

SANK WHOLE CONVOY

WASHINGTON—It was announced yesterday that on January 31 the United States destroyer Burns sank an entire convoy of four Japanese vessels off the Marshall Islands.

FINNS CONSIDER PEACE

STOCKHOLM—It is believed here that the Finnish cabinet, meeting last night, considered the possibility of peace negotiations with Russia. It has been denied that Finland has adopted "death rather than surrender" policy.

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—

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES

Telephone and telegraph lines, built by the United States government, with a capacity of six voice and teletype communications, are now in operation between Edmonton and Fairbanks, Alaska, a total distance of 1,993 wire miles. The lines follow the general direction and route of the Alaska Military Highway, with right-of-way arrangements secured as part of the highway scheme. Poles to carry the wire strands, ranging up to 80 feet in height, were cut on the spot.

A telephone line has been strung along the 110 miles of pipeline involved in the supplementary Canol project and a line is being strung along the main Canol pipeline from Norman Wells to Whitehorse.

CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD LUNCHES

Deck Punchy Portable Packets For Noon-Day Repast Advocated by Local Committee

"Pack a lunch that packs a punch" is the slogan of the newly elected nutrition committee of the Union Board of Health, which was formed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the board in the court house library.

As the slogan clearly explains the purpose of the committee is to encourage those who eat part of their day's food from lunch boxes to eat the right kind of nourishing food in the right quantity.

Starting with the young, the committee, whose members are drawn from such important organizations as the I.O.D.E., the Order of the Eastern Star, the Housewives' League, the Parent-Teachers' Association and the Prince Rupert Teachers' association, has embarked on a campaign for good eating among school children. Their method is to grade nutritional value of lunches according to the balance of their nourishing elements and charts are available which are graded "A, B, C, and D." Well balanced lunches will grade high, poor ones will be low.

It was said to be a clear matter of policy that there would be no prying into childrens' lunch boxes by teachers or investigators. The charts will be made available to the children and they will grade the lunches themselves and mark the food status of each of their lunches on the score card attached to the chart. The thing will have the competitive nature of other school assignments.

It is expected that, when the school campaign is under way, lunch carrying adults will be approached with the idea.

The executive of the committee, elected at yesterday's meeting was: Miss Betty Young, representing the High School, chairman.

Mrs. C. E. Dodimead, vice-chairman, and Miss Ruth Corbould, R.N., secretary treasurer.

BRUNSWICK TARGET—

Big Allied Bombers On Offensive

LONDON, Feb. 10. (CP)—United States heavy bombers today attacked targets at Brunswick in central Germany.

Earlier Berlin radio reported a great air battle during penetration of northwestern Germany by Allied bombers.

Royal Air Force mosquito bombers ranged over unspecified targets in western Germany last night.

Royal Air Force Spitfires accompanied the American raid on Brunswick.

Moose Lodge Has Meeting

A well attended meeting of the Moose Lodge was held on Wednesday night in the Oddfellows' hall when business of a routine nature was attended to. Gillis Royer, governor, was in the chair. It had been intended to hold an initiation of new members at the meeting but, due to circumstances beyond the control of the organization, the ceremonies could not be held. It is expected that they will be held at the next meeting.

British Join Slav Partizans

LONDON, Feb. 10. (CP)—Marshal Tito's YugoSlav headquarters announced today that British units have joined YugoSlav partizans on the island of Hvar off the Dalmatian coast midway between the ports of Split and Dubrovnik and British naval units have sunk four German sailing vessels off the Dalmatian coast.

BULLETINS

LOWER MOTOR LICENSES

VICTORIA.—A bill was given second reading in the Legislature yesterday to reduce motor vehicle licence fees in British Columbia.

SHIP STRIKE ENDED

VANCOUVER.—The strike on a Park Line steamship ended here when it was agreed to meet the crew's demand for improved living conditions aboard ship.

FAVOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

VANCOUVER. — Municipal delegates, meeting here yesterday, favored public ownership of utilities but were not agreed on whether it should be provincial or municipal ownership. Mayor Andrew McGavin of Victoria favored municipal ownership. He described the Victoria street car system as "absolute junk."

WHILE WE GO DRY

OTTAWA.—Canadian breweries last year exported 2,000,000 gallons of beer to the United States as compared with 360,000 gallons in 1942 and also sent considerable quantities to Egypt, West Indies, Ceylon and North Africa where troops are located.

Accidents in Great Britain killed 17 per cent fewer workers but injured 16 per cent more in 1942 than the previous year.

BRITISH GENERALS VISIT CANADIANS IN ITALY—General Sir Allan Brooke, chief of the Imperial general staff, is shown here (centre) with General Sir Bernard Montgomery during his visit to Canadian units of the Eighth Army in Italy. On the left is General Sir Harold Alexander.

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