

May this Christmas be a Hopeful and Pleasant One for All!

Weather

(Period up to 6 p.m. tomorrow)
North Coast and Queen Charlottes — Moderate winds, strong along exposed portions.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

The Daily News

Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)		
Sunday, December 24, 1944		
High	8:51	20.0 feet
	21:30	17.5 feet
Low	2:01	6.8 feet
	15:10	6.3 feet

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PRICE FIVE CENTS



DOG MESSENGER FROM THE ENEMY—Sgt. Harold Jahnki, of Chicago, Ill., an interpreter, is taking a note from the collar of a German dog sent over from the German lines to the Allied side. The dog brings all kinds of messages, some telling the Allies they are fools for fighting on; others asking for cigarettes. With Sgt. Jahnki is Sgt. Johnny Slavik, of Nashville, Tenn.

Nazi Strength Not Exhausted

Germans Still Have Great Power On Western Front

Believed to Be Waiting For Decision As to Prospects For Major Victory—Have Driven All Way Through Luxembourg MAY BE TURNED BACK

PARIS, Dec. 23 (CP)—Pent-up fury of Allied power, shackled by a week of bad weather, was loosed today against the armor of Field Marshal von Rustedt's drive fifty miles deep in Belgium and Luxembourg and first reports indicated a staggering blow may have been dealt the German counter-offensive. Meanwhile the powerful German smash has reached the St. Hubert area, sixteen miles west of Bastogne. This is only twenty-nine miles east of Sedan. The Germans have entered the surrounded city of Bastogne and won control of Wiltz, marking the deepest penetration of the enemy. Fog which for three days almost completely grounded the massive Allied air forces lifted sufficiently to permit flying fortresses and fighters to hammer western German targets today. Stiffened defence was holding on the northern penetration front where many Germans were cut off by the Americans along the narrow Ambleve River, a short distance west of Stavelot. The Germans are pouring in more armor for a second try. The Germans have lost two hundred tanks in five days of fighting around Malmedy. Both flanks along the German breakthrough at Monschau on the north and near Eternach on the south are still regarded as firmly held.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP) — Allied military men say the Germans have not committed their total possible strength to the breakthrough on the western front, and that the German High Command is waiting until it can decide what the prospects are for a major victory. The German offensive has been slowed but not until Nazi columns had driven all the way through Luxembourg and cut the major roads north, east and south of Bastogne.

Clearing weather over western Europe has enabled British heavy night bombers to resume their attacks on German rail facilities behind the front with most recent targets being the Rhineland cities of Coblenz and Bingen.

"SMOKY" SMITH CONGRATULATED

Personal Message From Premier King to Newest Victoria Cross Winner

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (CP)—Prime Minister King has sent a congratulatory message to Canada's most recent Victoria Cross winner, Private "Smoky" Smith of New Westminster, British Columbia. The Prime Minister told the soldier that the whole Dominion was stirred to learn of his matchless personal courage and inspired devotion to duty.

DEPENDENT UPON MAN
The moth of the silkworm has lost the ability to fly and is completely dependent upon man for survival.

Miss A. Brewster of the social service department is leaving tonight to spend the holiday season in Vancouver.

MR. PERRY'S GREETING

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone in the Prince Rupert area, and especially the men and women overseas and wherever they are serving, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

HARRY G. PERRY,
President, Prince Rupert Daily News Ltd.

RUSSIA NOT IMPRESSED

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (CP)—Red Star, official organ of the Russian army, said yesterday that German successes in the west were "only of tactical significance."

CLEANING UP ON JAPANESE

Americans Destroying Nips At Rate of 1800 Per Day On Leyte Island

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 23 (CP)—On Leyte Island in the central Philippines, American troops are destroying the remnants of the Japanese garrison at the rate of 1800 a day. They are driving the Japs toward Palompon which is the last Jap escape port on the island.

COLITIS WAS DEATH CAUSE

Post-Mortem Examination Following Deaths of Two Young Boys at Spatsum on Fraser River

VICTORIA, Dec. 23 (CP)—Colitis is believed to have caused the deaths of five-year-old Harold Hewitt and his three-year-old brother, Martin, at Spatsum earlier this week, the provincial police say. A third member of the family, seven-year-old Thomas, and a nine-month-old sister, Winnifred, are also ill. A post-mortem examination of the bodies of the two boys was conducted yesterday. Spatsum is near Ashcroft in the interior.

HUGE RUSSIAN FORCE ATTACKS

Ski Troops and Tank Forces Take Part in New Drive On Latvia

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (CP)—More than a quarter of a million Russian troops, including ski troops and tank forces, have opened an attack in Latvia, according to a Berlin broadcast.

NOT SINGLE YANK LOST

Made Clear Getaway From Superfort Attack On Nagoya, Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (CP)—The United States War Department has announced that not a single American plane was lost in the latest American superfortress attack on the Japanese aircraft centre of Nagoya. The Japanese sent up a force of 150 planes manned by first line fighters to attack the superforts.

General Crerar's Message to Army

WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Dec. 23 (CP)—The First Canadian Army commander, General Crerar, has addressed a Christmas message to his troops. The message points out the great successes achieved by the First Canadian Army since it came into existence on July 23, and it concludes as follows: "Best of luck to all and let us lose no time or opportunity to finish off this business completely and convincingly."

Columbia is the only South American country with both a Pacific and a Caribbean coast.



WINS COMMISSION — John Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Good of this city, who has received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Canadian Army. He was married in Vancouver last Saturday night to Miss Mona Watson, daughter of C. C. Watson, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Duncan, Vancouver Island, and has since returned to Currie Barracks, Calgary, to continue his officers' training.

CHANGES IN CO-OP HEADS

Changes in the business offices of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative have been announced, and will be effective at the beginning of the year. John Dean, present general manager, is to become general manager of the newly created Interprovincial Fishermen's Co-operative and will be replaced by W. H. Brett, present manager of the Fish Department. Replacing Mr. Brett as head of the Fish Department is T. H. Sorenson, now manager of the co-operative store. Norman Bellis, now head of the store's hardware department, will succeed Mr. Sorenson as store manager.

Allies Are Massacred

British and Americans Among Those Slain by Germans at Lwow

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (CP)—The Moscow radio broadcast that the Germans killed an undetermined number of British and American prisoners at an extermination camp at Lwow, in Poland. The broadcast said that the Soviet extraordinary commission for investigation of war crimes has established that nearly seven-hundred thousand men, women and children were killed by the Nazis at Lwow.

FOR RELIEF OF HOUSE SHORTAGE

Federal Government Takes Steps to Make Rental Accommodation Available

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (CP)—The federal government now is waiting for the response on the part of municipal authorities to a proposal that emergency shelter administrators be appointed in certain areas where serious housing congestion exists. The government yesterday announced a six-point program designed to help in overcoming the housing shortage. There would be surveys and compulsory rental of all rooms, suites and houses. Landlords would not be allowed to deny rental to people with children.

CANADIANS WERE THERE

Canadian squadrons were represented in the forces that for six days and nights rained down 40,000 tons of bombs on German defenses in Normandy.

Among those leaving tonight for Vancouver to spend the holidays are Miss Clara Pierce and Lawrence Pierce.

TO THE LOVED ABSENT ONE ON THIS CHRISTMAS DAY

Our love to you when Christmas bells are ringing,
Dear Absent One; across full many a mile
Our hearts reach out to you—our thoughts go winging,
When firesides gleam and happy faces smile.

Where'er you are let memory enfold you,
New courage rise within you on this Day,
And give us strength you yearn just to behold you,
Till war is done and you come home to stay.

Our Island shores—our grand old mountains send you
A golden wish within your heart to dwell;
May there be Peace on earth—Goodwill attend you,
And keep you safe for those who love you well.

—WINFRED O. BRASS.

Greeting From Olof Hanson

Once again it is my sincere pleasure to convey my hearty good wishes to every citizen of the riding of Skeena. I expressed to you one year ago my conviction that 1944 would have seen the accomplishment of many things in the war along the path of victory and peace. The world is still in bitter conflict today but 1944, we all must agree, has brought us a measure of victorious progress which should be of the utmost satisfaction. Possibly the coming year may see the final consummation of our aims.

Few of our homes may be completely happy this year. Still we have much to be thankful for. May our prayer be that next Christmas will find our homes filled with greater Christmas joy through the return of all our loved ones from the battles around the world. May peace and prosperity by then be the lot of this and every land.

It is in that spirit that I wish you all the season's compliments.

OLOF HANSON,
M.P. for Skeena.

COLD STORAGE CONTRACT LET

Contract for building a cold storage plant at Fairview Bay has been let by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative to the Dominion Construction Company, Vancouver, it has been learned. Cost of erection will be slightly more than \$150,000. It is understood that the contractors have agreed to have the plant ready for use by next June 30.

Bulletins

E.L.A.'s STILL ACTIVE

ATHENS—A strong attack by left wing E.L.A.'s in north-west Greece against rightist guerrillas led by General Zervas was announced today by British headquarters. The announcement said the attack was a violation of an agreement signed by opposing Greek forces before Allied forces landed in Greece to drive out the Germans. Progress has been made in Athens in subduing E.L.A.'s.

\$50,000 FOR MACKENZIE KING

TORONTO — Sir William Mulock, who died October 1, left \$50,000 to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, probating of the will disclosed today. Sir William introduced Mackenzie King to public life. The will of the former University of Toronto chancellor disposed of a \$2,500,000 estate.

NELSON APARTMENT FIRE

NELSON — Twelve tenants were forced from rooms above the Liberty confectionery store into the cold Friday night when fire destroyed an apartment and extensively damaged a large grocery stock in the store. Damage is not estimated but it is believed will run into several thousand dollars.

MAY TIE UP BUSES

VICTORIA—Complete tie-up of all buses of the Vancouver Island Coach Lines Limited will start January 6 unless acceptable proposals in connection with wage and working conditions are presented to the company before January 4, Albert H. Hart, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transport Workers union local, announced.

"SMOKY" DUE HOME SUNDAY

NEW WESTMINSTER — Home-coming celebrations for Private Ernest "Smoky" Smith, V.C., will be held next Friday instead of Thursday as previously announced, the welcoming committee has decided. A parade and civic reception are planned similar to those in honor of Major J. K. Mahoney, V.C., this week. No definite word of Smith's arrival has been received but his parents hope he will be home Sunday.

NAZIS TRY TO GET OUT

Are Fighting Fiercely to Get Out of Canadian Trap On Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 23 (CP)—In Italy, the Germans continue to battle fiercely in an effort to extricate men, tanks and artillery from a trap set by Canadian forces along the Lamone River. German resistance has crumbled under the blows of the Canadians northeast of the captured road hub of Faenza and around the nearby town of Baginacavallo, which now is in Allied hands.

MESSAGE FROM PREMIER KING

Assures Servicemen That They Are In Thoughts of Friends and Loved Ones

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (CP)—A Christmas message from Prime Minister Mackenzie King has gone out to Canada's three armed services, addressed to the heads of the services. The message extends cordial greetings for the holiday season from the people of Canada. Mr. King himself and his colleagues. Mr. King says in the message, "Be assured that you, one and all, are constantly in the thoughts of your loved ones and many friends at home."

Tory-Progs Pay Visit to Britain

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)—Two members of the Progressive Conservative Party, Col. Alfred Brooks, member of the House of Commons for Royal, N.B., and R. K. Finlayson of Winnipeg, the adviser to Conservative Leader John Bracken, have arrived in London. They are expected to visit northwestern Europe fighting zones after a short stop in London.

CONFLICTING OF REPORTS ON GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (CP)—Reports conflict as to the position of internal war conditions in Greece. One report last night was that the leftists had made counter peace proposals while another was that the civil war was spreading from Athens to other parts of the country.

A leftist army, 15,000 to 20,000 strong, was reported to be advancing on territory held by the rightists. Leftist guerrilla forces had entered rightist territory in Epirus and were massing on a ridge overlooking Yanina, rightist headquarters.

Mr. Pattullo's Greeting

May I, through you, extend Felicitations and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to All.

The past year has been one of transcendent difficulties but of transcendent issues.

I do not believe that the world is going to the dogs. The world is suffering from growing-pains. Knowledge and information are being more widely disseminated. Out of it all I am optimistic enough to believe there will come about order and peace.