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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1944

Local Tides

Wednesday, April 5
High 11:45 18.6 feet
Low 5:51 7.9 feet
18:05 5.3 feet

Local Temperature	
Maximum	49
Minimum	43

WAR NEWS

LULL IN INDIA BATTLE

DELHI—A lull in the fighting is reported from the south of Imphal with no fresh progress by Japanese forces which are pressing on that communications center. Japanese are advancing in central Burma in the Mogaung, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

JAP SHIPS ALL HIT

WASHINGTON—All Japanese ships caught at anchor at Iwo Jima and Yap by an American task force raiding these islands a few days ago were either sunk or damaged, it is revealed.

QUIET AT ANZIO

ROME—Italian Fascist troops have been sandwiched in between forces ringing the Allied beachhead below Rome. Comparative quiet on the land front there now with only small clashes and artillery fire.

REDS DEEP IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST—The Russians thrust deeper into Rumania today in a drive for Iasi, driving ever closer to Lwow. The Red Army has taken a broad front, the Red Army has fifty villages and struck to within nine miles of Iasi, an important rail centre, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

WILL MAKE REPARATIONS

BERNE—Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday expressed regret of himself and all Americans at the accidental death of a Swiss city and said that reparations would be paid.

THIRTY U-BOATS SUNK

WASHINGTON—Thirty German U-boats were sunk in the Atlantic Ocean, it is announced.

BOMBINGS IN MARCH

WASHINGTON—British bombers dropped 31,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries on enemy territory in Europe in March. Americans dropped 30,000 tons.

Sell Time uses

Which would enable citizens to purchase by War-time Housing which, according to a newspaper, is a good deal of support for the province for the scrutiny of the last night after Mr. Dagggett read aloud the Hills was of the cost of re-valuation of the Housing subdivision to be high and that would be stuck for the

ability of the indiscriminate of wartime houses and to be Alderman who said that it a tremendous cost to the war to maintain necessary services for the houses on Rush or other outlying

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BUTTER SSIBLE

Prices and Trade Board prices Dropping Another

Canadian Frigate Gets U-Boat

WORK SNAG

United States Engineering Department Leaving So Will Do Nothing

Mayor H. M. Dagggett told the city council in meeting last night that he had interviewed Col. T. J. Weed, United States commandant here, regarding repairs to city streets considered as being the responsibility of United States forces and that he had been told that the city government would have to get in touch with Major General W. W. Foster, Canadian Northwest commandant at Edmonton, and that his decision would govern the amount of repair work done.

The matter came up during the reading of the Board of Works committee report by Alderman Black, committee chairman, and was included as a recommendation.

It was also recommended that the Canadian Army be granted the use of the city roller for street repairs.

The board recommended that the contracting firm of McCarter and Nairn be notified that their proposed method of repairing Seventh Avenue East is not approved by the city council, and that the city will accept no responsibility for future maintenance of the street if the work is carried out.

The matter of repairing the crushed sewer on Second Avenue was held in abeyance pending a forthcoming interview between the city engineer and the District Engineer of the Naval Services.

The report was accepted by the council on the motion of Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Sorensen.

Local Man's Brother Is R.C.A.F. Hero

Enjoying a well-earned furlough on the Pacific Coast, Flying Officer R. H. Strouts, veteran of many overseas bomber assaults, including the smashing of Rommel's forces in Africa, is on this coast renewing acquaintances with relatives and many friends, but already itching a bit to return for another



F. O. STROUTS

ing a bit to return for another slap at the enemy. He is a brother of Constable R. W. Strouts who is with the provincial police here.

The 24-year old Wireless Air Gunner came through 34 operational tours, including three of the 1,000 plane assaults on the Reich and declares he got his biggest thrill from helping to chase the "desert fox" (Rommel) back to his lair. Formerly attached to the Royal Air Force, F. O. Strouts, who calls New Westminster his home town, is now with the R.C.A.F. Over such targets as Cologne, Essen, Bremen, Hamburg, Mannheim and Stuttgart, F. O. Strouts handled the guns on several occasions against attacking enemy fighters, but recalls that when the Allied forces really got rolling in Africa there was not a great deal of air opposition to the crusading airmen, who never gave the Germans a root.

Sweeping over at night, they would light up the area under attack with flares and then circuit and return to blast the fleeing Huns with bombs. The Germans got little chance to sleep. Following his tour of duty in the Middle East, F. O. Strouts returned to England and instructed for a time on heavy conversion, that is training crews who were converting from two-engine bombers to four-engine aircraft. He enlisted in the Air Force in Vancouver June, 1940. One brother was lost in operations overseas, F. F. Strouts who was a navigator.

Twelve other men will soon begin T.C.A. training.

TELEVISION PROPOSED
CAPE TOWN—The annual report of the South African Broadcasting Corporation states that the corporation must be in a position, as soon after the war as possible, to finance a television service and to introduce an adequate broadcast service for natives.

SLEEP-PRODUCING
Scientists have proved that drinking warm milk induces sleep.

Trees provide almost all the food for natives of the atolls in the Pacific.

Only Few Destroyers

Has Little Along European Coast With Which to Meet British Fleet

LONDON, April 4 (CP)—Germany has only about 12 destroyers posted along the European coast from Norway to France to put against the British fleet. This has been revealed following the further disabling of the battleship Tirpitz in a Norwegian fjord where the already damaged ship was hit with aerial torpedoes.

Mail Delivery Here Proposed

Desirability Placed Before Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Last Night.

Alex MacKenzie brought forward at last night's meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce the desirability of a house to house mail delivery service being instituted in Prince Rupert. This was the only city of its size in Canada without such service Mr. MacKenzie said. Besides being a great convenience to the people, a mail delivery service would help to provide employment for returning war veterans. The suggestion was referred to the civic committee for report.

VETERANS IN T.C.A.

War Service Pilots Taken Over Under Rehabilitation Policy

WINNIPEG, April 4—As the beginning of a policy of rehabilitation of returned airmen, TransCanada Air Lines is engaging for its flight crews a number of men who have distinguished themselves on operational duties overseas and who are now back in Canada, their tour complete. They have been made available through an arrangement with the Royal Canadian Air Force and are undergoing specialized air training before being assigned to service.

The first five men are: Flight Lieutenant E. L. Howey, D.F.C., Exeter, Ont., who was a member of the famous Demon Squadron, took part in 1,000 bomber raids of Germany and was decorated for gallantry.

FO. R. S. White, Orillia, Ont., who took part in 40 operations, including 14 raids over Germany, served in Egypt and Libya and was at Malta for three months.

FO. S. H. Bolton, Stettler, Alta., who was attached to the coastal command in Great Britain and flew as far as Iceland.

FO. J. C. Morden, Fleming, Sask., who has 34 operations to his credit in Wellington bombers and was in Egypt and Libya.

FO. R. C. Fogal, Edmonton, whose duties were over Scotland, Gibraltar and North Africa.

BUDAPEST HIT AGAIN

Royal Air Force Follows Up Its Attacks on Hungarian Capital.

NAPLES, April 4 (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers followed up yesterday's daylight attack on Budapest with a night smash against other targets in the Hungarian capital through which supplies roll to the southern Russian front. Steel works, armament plants and railroad yards were the main targets.

German Stations Off Air Today

LONDON, April 4 (CP)—German radio stations left the air today indicating an Allied raid over Europe.

TAXIS MUST SERVE PUBLIC

Ald. Elliott Has Some Caustic Remarks to Make at Council Meeting.

"City taxi drivers must be made to realize that, since they operate under city license, their purpose is to serve the public," Alderman Elliott said last night in a discussion of a transportation committee report to the city council.

"Some drivers think that they are here strictly to make money and they must be reminded that public service comes first."

Alderman Elliott said that he had received a complaint from the superintendent of telephones to the effect that taxi drivers will not answer their phones at night. It had been his own experience to call every taxi company in town and not get a reply from any of them, he added.

"There is more money being made by gambling in the back rooms of taxi offices than there is by driving taxis and that is why the public does not get service," Ald. Elliott claimed.

Trying to Get Radio Network

Possibility of Using Wire Now Available Being Looked Into by Chamber of Commerce.

Reporting to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly meeting last night, D. C. McRae, chairman of the radio committee, disclosed that his committee was taking up with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation the possibility of obtaining unused wires now installed in Prince Rupert from the outside for the purpose of transmitting network programs to the Prince Rupert broadcasting station. To commence with, the matter was being taken up with Ira Dilworth, the regional director, and, failing action through him, it would be taken up with Ottawa.

A vote of thanks was tendered by the chamber to the radio committee for its sustained activity in connection with the local radio situation.

AWAY FOUR YEARS

The first contingent of the First Canadian Division landed in the United Kingdom on Dec. 17, 1939, three months and seven days after Canada declared war.

H.M.C.S. Wakesiu Bags German Submarine In Battle Of Atlantic

QUAWA, April 4 (CP)—White engaged on escort duty in the North Atlantic recently, the Canadian frigate, H.M.C.S. Wakesiu, Lieut. Commander J. P. F. Fraser, R.C.N.R., destroyed a U-boat which was attempting to attack a valuable convoy. The Wakesiu carried out a series of attacks with depth charges which apparently mortally wounded the enemy undersea vessel and forced it to the surface.

WARNED BY RED RADIO

LONDON, April 4 (CP)—Moscow radio, in a broadcast in the name of the Soviet government, called on the Rumanian people to abandon the Germans and capitulate at once.

The broadcast warned that all Rumanian would become a battlefield unless the country capitulated.

Port Arthur Leads Series

New Westminster Loses First Decision in Allen Cup Western Canada Finals.

PORT ARTHUR, April 4 (CP)—Port Arthur Shipbuilders defeated New Westminster Lode-stars by a score of 5 to 1 in Allen Cup western finals here last night to lead the series one victory to none. The first game had been tied.

Handling Of Explosives

Chamber of Commerce Would Move Commodities Over Gibson Island.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night decided to move towards handling explosives handled through Watson Island, where all facilities are available for such a purpose, instead of over the local waterfront. The port committee brought in a recommendation to this effect to the chamber. The recommendation had the concurrence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was adopted.

The report of the committee stated that the peak of large construction work here which had involved considerable quantities of explosives had now passed and the situation, which at one time might have justified some alarm, was now improved. All safety regulations were observed here strictly, the report said, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had all times kept close check on movement of explosives. Explosives had never been left in docks or sheds here but had always been moved in box cars to a safe distance.

OLD MEN'S HOME HERE

City Council Thinks Something Much Better Should be Done

Prince Rupert owes it to itself to have an Old Men's Home that the city can be proud of, the city council feels.

In the report of the police, health, relief and licensing committee, read by Alderman Hills, it was recommended last night that the various social and service clubs in the city be asked to contribute to the cost of a new Old Men's Home and that the city defray the other half of the estimated \$10,000 cost.

"The Dyer Apartments are not suited for an Old Men's Home," Alderman Hills said in commenting on the report. "The men there are living in squalor."

The project was supported by Alderman Nora E. Arnold who, claiming that charity begins at home, said: "This city has been more than generous to outside causes. The Red Cross asks us for \$10,000 and we give them \$20,000. Victory bond campaigns have always been oversubscribed. Surely we can find the money to give our elder citizens a decent place to spend their old age."

ATOLLS ARE CONTROLLED

PEARL HARBOR, April 4 (CP)—The Americans have gained control of fourteen major atolls in the Marshall Islands following disappearance of Japanese resistance, the Department of the Navy announced today. This includes ten more atolls which have just been taken with practically no fight being put up.

Must Defer City Airport

In a report of the rehabilitation committee, read by Alderman G. H. Rudderham to the city council last night, it was stated that the committee would not send a delegate to an Aeronautical Conference to be held in Toronto this summer.

Four Day Holiday

City Hall Inside Workers Get Four Day Week-end at Easter

City Hall workers will get a long week-end at Easter, the council decided last night.

Acting on an example set by the Vancouver council, it was decided to close the city hall on Thursday night and not re-open it until Tuesday morning. City hall offices will not be open as usual Saturday morning.

The motion, moved by Alderman Sorensen, and seconded by Alderman Arnold, was passed by the council which agreed that, since both Friday and Monday are holidays, there was not much point in opening for business for three and a half hours on Saturday.