Local Temperature

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Local Tides

Thursday, Feb. 24

High	1:40	21.9 feet
	13:39	23.7 feet
Low	7:40	4.0 feet
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Major Allied Operation Is Foreseen

Two-Quarters of Territory Regained by Reds From Naz

LONDON, Feb. 23 (CP)—German troops in Krivoi Rog, are retreating westward along Dnieper River.

Premier Joseph Stalin announced today that the had been driven in the past year from almost two-quarters of the territory they occupied since invading Russia in the summer of 1941. The Red Army advanced westward as much as 1,000 miles in places, he said.

Further advances are being made by the Red Army both in the north and south—in the north the Dno enroute to Pskov, in the south beyond Krivoi Rog toward the Black Sea and Crimea.

Planes are flying and guns firing in Moscow today in observance of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Red Army.

HOSPITAL'S BIG YEAR—

President Indicates

Patients as Result of Increased Population—Finances and Other Matters Reviewed.

The large increase in population of the city, due to war conditions, was reflected in a large increase of patients treated in the Prince Rupert General Hospital during the year 1943, the annual meeting of the hospital association was told last night in the report of the president, G. P. Tinker.

The number of in-patients was 2,432 as compared with 2,009 in 1942. The number of out-patients in 1943 were 3,- against 2,395 in 1942 while the number of days treatment given was 26,132 as against 22,- in 1942. There were 298 major and 1,043 minor operations and last year there were 316 births as against 221 in 1942. There were 6,813 x-ray films taken for 4,016 patients.

The last year, continued the report, besides being extraordinarily busy, had been a very difficult one. Changes in the staff—both nursing and domestic—were numerous, 143 persons being employed during the year. In December, the lady superintendent, Miss Mabel Faust, had resigned, to be succeeded by Miss Olga Tamblin by whom the standard of administration was being well maintained.

FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

With reference to the balance sheet shows the institution to be financially sound," said the report. "Fortuitious circumstances have enabled us to set aside $17,500 for the retirement of the debentures debt. This sum represents the balance of the bond issue of $19,500 sold in August, 1943, and which would have become due for payment in August, 1958. Provision was made for the redemption of this bond at par value of principal and accrued interest at any interest bearing date after August 1, 1943 at the option of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association.

At this point I would advise a fund has been created to enable us to be in a position to make an offer after the war for acquiring the very fine addition to the hospital, built by the Department of National Defence. It is needless for me to say that this is a vital matter and that the fund is a very important one to keep in view.

The revenue account shows a sum of over $19,000 derived from x-ray fees, the majority of which is for work done in this department for the armed forces which in a large measure, accounts for the gratifying surplus. This, of course, is a condition solely due to military [illegible]

No Signs Of Finn Peace

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (AP)—Juhu K. Paaskivi, former member of the Finnish cabinet, returned to Helsinki today without indications that Finland was any nearer getting out of the war. Paaskivi's arrival here on February 12 led to rumors that the Finns are trying to contact Moscow for a separate peace.

Construction Man Dies Here

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital last night of Martin Joseph Gillis, aged 65, a stationery steam engineer for various construction companies in the district after an illness which forced him to stop working about six weeks ago.

The deceased was employed by the Coast Construction Company until late in December and, prior to that, he had worked for the E. J. Ryan Construction Company and the B.C. Bridge and Dredging Company. He was a widower and was born in Nova Scotia.

Before coming to Prince Rupert eighteen months ago, the late Mr. Gillis had been employed at Zeballos, Vancouver Island.

Activities Stockholm Is Bombed

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 — A small number of "foreign aircraft" flew over Stockholm Tuesday night and several bombs fell but no casualties were reported and it is possible the planes were enemy craft jettisoning explosives before trying to land. The Swedish telegraphy agency said that Russian lettering was found on bomb fragments at Stracnmore, west of Stockholm, after the planes dropped explosives. Signal letters indicating that they were trying to land were also dropped by the plane this leading to the belief that they were damaged aircraft which jettisoned their explosives before attempting emergency landings.

Russian bombers raided Turku, Finland, 150 miles from Stockholm, last night.

BRITISH TROOPS STALK JAPS IN BURMA HILLS—British troops stalk Japs in the hills bordering on the Chidwin river in Burma. These men have been specially trained in jungle fighting and are now beating the Japs at their own game. Here they examine a dead Jap.

Britain Calling Upon Canada To Rush Ships Of 4,700 Tons Abroad

Hint of What is to Come Given to House of Commons By Minister of Munitions Howe.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (CP)—Hint of major Allied operations "within the next three or four months" was given in the House of Commons Tuesday night by Minister of Munitions C. D. Howe. Mr. Howe said: "I can say to the House that within the last three weeks we have had most urgent calls for help in delivering 4,700 ton ships to Britain. These are urgently needed for operations within the next three or four months."

More Jobs After War

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (CP) — When peace returns and the transition from war to peace economy is completed there may be available to Canadians from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 more peace time jobs than before the war, said an interim reported on rehabilitation tabled in the House of Commons today by the postwar reconstruction committee.

Raise $15 For Red Cross

KITSELAS, Feb. 23 — At a party given by Carl Bolton in honor of David Mason in this village, Solomon Beaver took the opportunity to collect the sum of $15 for the Red Cross. The party was attended by practically all the villagers, and a good time was enjoyed.

A visitor at the party was Fred Johnson of Kitwanga, who came to Kitselas to go with chief M. G. McKay on the latter's trap line.

RUSSIAN FROST KILLS

In the Russian winter a wounded soldier, if lying in the open, will die of frost in ten minutes to half-an-hour.

Nazis Are Being Held

General Kesselring Regrouping His Forces for Another Assault on Beachhead.

NAPLES, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Fifth Army threw back two localized German attacks west of Cisterna today as General Kesselring brought his long range artillery into p[illegible] ped his forces [illegible] mpt to drive the Allies off the Anzio beachhead.

A lull continued in the fighting on the Cassino front.

There is normal patrolling on both fronts with snowfalls in the mountains hampering movements.

The enemy is maintaining steady pressure on the beachhead.

BLOOD DONOR CAMPAIGN

BRISTOL, England (AP) — A campaign for 50,000 blood-donor volunteers has been launched here in preparation for the Second Front. To save deterioration the blood will be taken fresh from the volunteer when the fighting opens and flown to the front immediately.

Hockey Scores

Chicago 8, New York 4.

Activities and Assessments Are Reduced

The civic court of revision met in its second current session on Tuesday to consider appeals against the assessed values of land and property. Constituting the court were Mayor H. M. Daggett, chairman, and Aldermen J. S. Black, W. H. Brett and Thomas Elliott.

Assessments were reduced in the following cases:

Dybhavn & Hanson, lot 1, block [illegible], section 5, improvements assessed at $9,500 reduced to $4,000.

A. Mitchell, lot 12, block 19, section 5, improvements assessed at $4,750 reduced to $1,250.

J. P. Cade, lot 22, block 9, section 5, improvements assessed at $2,470 reduced to $500.

A. McLeod, lot A, block 32, section 5, improvements assessed at $735 reduced to $535.

L. M. and N. Assemissen, lots 1 and 2, block 19, section 1, improvements assessed at $6,000 reduced to $5,000.

A. Blain, lot 24, block 24, section 1, improvements assessed at $500 reduced to $400.

The assessor's valuation on the property owned by E. C. and P. Cotes, lots 21 and 22, block 13 section 1, was sustained by the court. The land was assessed at $1130, and the improvements at $4,000.

Also considered by the court were the assessments on improvements constructed by the American authorities on Canadian National Railways waterfront property. Figures pertaining to this construction were not available.

A further sitting of the court will be held on Thursday.

Terrace Man Passes Away

TERRACE, Feb. 23 — A. [illegible] Head, who, with his wife and family, have lived here the past twenty years, passed away suddenly last Friday just before midnight. Funeral service at the Anglican Church, Rev. E. W. Slater officiating, took place Monday afternoon.

Deceased was born in England 79 years ago and served for years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His last station at the time of his retirement 30 years ago was at Whitehorse.

Mr. Head leaves to mourn his loss his widow and three daughters—Miss Eliot Head with the R.C.A.F. Women's Division, and Mrs. K. Knapp at Calgary whose husband is also in the Air Force, and Miss Marion Head, a student at the Convent of St. [illegible]

HOSPITAL ANNUAL—

New Board Is Elected

T. B. Black and W. M. Watts Are New Members—G. P. Tinker Re-elected President.

Following the annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association last night at which T. B. Black, G. P. Tinker, Robert Gordon, Arnold Platen and W. M. Watts were elected members of the board of management to serve with Ald. George Hills, representing the city; Norman A. Watt and W. O. Fulton, representing the provincial government; D. R. G. Large, Prince Rupert Medical Association, and Mrs. S. A. Kielback, the Women's Auxiliary, officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—G. P. Tinker.

Vice-President—Robert Gordon.

Managing Secretary — H. W. Birch.

New members of the board this year are T. B. Black and W. M. Watts.

The attendance at the annual meeting was one of the largest on record, there being standing room only left in the council chamber. President G. P. Tinker expressed gratification at the large attendance and the interest thereby shown in hospital affairs.

Business included the presentation and adoption of the president's annual and financial reports.

G. L. Rorie was reappointed auditor.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the press and all who had assisted the hospital in any way.

Pioneer Woman Passed Tuesday

Aged Lady, Mother of Four Local Residents, Came Here In 1910.

Mrs. Henry Cameron, respected early resident of Prince Rupert, passed away in her eighty-fourth year at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Adams, Eleventh Avenue, late yesterday.

The late Mrs. Cameron came from England to Prince Rupert in 1910, her husband having settled here two years earlier after coming to Canada in 1906. She was born in Essex, England, in 1861.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Alice Funnell, was married in 1887 at Hastings, [illegible] years in the early days foreman for the Westholme Lumber Company.

There were five children by the marriage, four of whom [illegible]

They are Percy, Fred and Frank, and a daughter Mar[illegible] Jack Adams, all of this city. A daughter, Maudie (Mrs. A. O. Franks) passed away in 1925.

Division In Legislature

Government is Upheld 29 to 17 On C.C.F. Amendment.

VICTORIA, Feb. 23 (CP)—The Legislature, in its first division of the session yesterday, rejected by a vote of 29 to 17 a want of confidence motion by Colin Cameron, C.C.F. member for Comox, the seconder having been W. W. Lefeaux, a Vancouver C.C.F. member. Tom Uphill, Labor member for Fernie, voted for the amendment and T. D. Pattullo, Liberal member for Prince Rupert, voted with the government.

Mr. Cameron, speaking in the budget debate yesterday, said that a C.C.F. provincial government would use the power of expropriation if it deemed it necessary, adding that awareness of the situation had caused "one large utility corporation to consider disposal of its assets."

WAR IN ITALY

Air Attack Is Kept Up

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP)—London Royal Air Force mosquitos maintained aerial offensive against targets in Europe last night, hitting unspecified objectives in western and southwestern Germany without loss.

11,000 Air Men Lost

Navy Has Lost 1,200 Men Since War's Start, and Army, Unofficially, 11,700.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23 (CP)—Total casualties in the Royal Canadian Air Force since the outbreak of the war now exceed 11,000, and Navy casualties are more than 1,200, an official spokesman for the services and Transport Department said Tuesday. Unofficial army casualties are 11,700.

Two Way Raids Upon London

Nazis Over Metropolis Once Again

LONDON, Feb. 23 (CP)—German raiders made a two-directional assault on London last night, causing casualties and starting fires in several districts. The raiders brought out what many termed the heaviest barrage of the war. Ten enemy planes were destroyed.

More Beer Coming Up

VICTORIA, Feb. 23 (CP)—British Columbia beer parlors will have more beer and will remain open longer during March. Liquor, beer and wine rations will be announced soon.

New Building Nearly Ready

The new Killas and Christopher building on Third Avenue across from the Post Office is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of March. The two ground floor offices are being taken by the Canadian Pacific Railway and National Selective Service. The apartments upstairs have all been taken and there is a long waiting list.

AGED BUTTER RARE TREAT

Butter buried seven years was [illegible]

BULLETINS

133 NAZIS DOWNED

LONDON—No less than 133 German fighters were shot down yesterday in one of the greatest air battles of the war. They were offering opposition to large Allied bombing and fighting aircraft forces.

APPEAL TO SPAIN

LONDON — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that Great Britain and the United States had asked Spain to take a stricter view of her neutrality obligations, particularly in regard to espionage.

BIG GUN EXCHANGE

LONDON — There was a heavy exchange of big gun fire across the Straits of Dover today. A German convoy between Calais and Boulogne was scattered.

PRESIDENT DENOUNCED

WASHINGTON — There was a sensational incident in the Senate today when Senator Alben Barkley denounced President Roosevelt for his veto of an important fiscal bill and announced that he (Barkley) was resigning the Democratic leadership in the [illegible]

R.C.N. SERVICE STRIPES

For the first time, Canadian naval personnel will wear chevrons to indicate their length of war service. One red chevron, with wings three-quarters of an inch long, will indicate a complete year's service. After four years' service the four chevrons will be consolidated into one gold one. For the first year of the war the chevron will be silver. Picture illustrates the chevrons as they appear on