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Local Tides

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Halibut Tie-Up Is Near End

Settlement Of Dispute Expected Momentarily

Settlement of the halibut fishermen's tie-up which has paralyzed fishing operations on the west coast since the start of the season on April 15, looms imminent. According to word received this morning by W. H. Brett, president of the Prince Rupert Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, settlement of the dispute is expected "very shortly."

Allies On Advance

Are Moving Ahead on all Sectors Around Imphal Back-Jap Offensive Halted

KANDY, Ceylon, May 9 (CP)—Allied troops have advanced in all sectors around the Imphal Plain of Eastern India, headquarters announced today, but the Japanese are attacking in Northern Burma where the Allies are driving for Myitkyina, major enemy base. The Japanese suffered heavy casualties in the Kohima area, northeast of Imphal.

APRIL VERY FINE MONTH

Weather Man Behaved Very Well in Prince Rupert

The poet who wanted to be in England "now that April's here" might well have settled for a visit to Prince Rupert last month for, according to the meteorological station records, April in this district had the most sunshine, the least rainfall and the highest temperature of any month in a long time.

For instance, April had 95.5 hours of sunshine on 17 days and to locate a month that had more solar vitamins dancing about you have to go back to May 1943 when fair skins tanned under the effects of 132 hours of sunshine. March, 1944, had only 55.2 sunlit hours.

In the matter of rainfall, April also had the proper inverse ratio. With 2.98 inches falling on 16 days, April had the least rainfall of any month since June, 1943, when 1.29 inches fell. March of this year kept umbrellas and raincoats busy fending off the downpour of 9.09 inches. Total rainfall so far this year is 24.96 inches.

Average temperature during April was 45 degrees, the highest by a slight margin, of any month in 1944. The maximum temperature during the month was 57.5 degrees. This was the warmest extreme reached since November 24, 1943, when the temperature "soared" to 59 degrees.

The lowest temperature recorded in April was 32 degrees, on April 1. Barometer pressures reached a high of 30.24 millimeters on April 1, and a low of 29.51, on April 12. The wind achieved a maximum velocity of 28 miles an hour from the southeast on April 5.

WINNERS OF BONDS

Winners of the \$50 Victory Bonds on the raffle in connection with admission tickets to the Victory Loan concert Sunday night were Mrs. Georgina Brydges, G. W. Wajmough, Alex Slater, Private Fred Baron, Capt. S. R. Gilman and William Gairdner.

HIS BODY IS FOUND

Arthur Hill Escapes Death By Drowning to Die of Exposure on Lonely Islet

The story of how Arthur L. Hill, Kitkatla native, cheated death at sea by drifting almost 100 miles in a disabled gull net boat in wind-whipped Hecate Strait at the beginning of the year, only to die of exposure on an uninhabited island, was brought to the city by members of the B.C. police marine detachment Sunday night.

The police brought back Hill's body from Zayas Island at the northwestern tip of the Dundas group, where it had been discovered on Saturday by Andrew Tait, of Port Simpson.

Hill left Kitkatla on December 28 in the 26-foot B.C. Packers boat "J.S." to do some trapping on nearby Stephens Island and was not heard from again.

Police believe that Hill experienced engine trouble with his boat shortly after he had entered Hecate Strait after leaving Kitkatla Inlet on the south side of Porcher Island and drifted through the rough seas that pounded the coast early in January, until his boat was thrown up on the beach at Zayas Island. At that time of year boats rarely pass close to the island, which would explain his not having been discovered sooner.

When anxiety over the 68-year-old man's disappearance was felt by his sons, patrol boats of the Royal Canadian Navy and the B.C. Police scoured the more likely areas in search of him. The likelihood of so small a boat drifting 100 miles in the extremely heavy seas that prevailed at that time was hardly considered.

On Saturday Andrew Tait, of Port Simpson, passing the island, saw the wrecked boat high on the beach. He investigated and discovered Hill's body. On his return to Port Simpson he phoned the B.C. Police district office here, and the P.M.L. 15 was dispatched immediately to bring in the body.

A reward of \$150 was posted in January by Norman Lewis, one of the missing man's sons, for information regarding his fate.

A week after Hill's disappearance another boat, slightly larger, containing two young Prince Rupert men, also disappeared in the vicinity of Stephens Island. No trace of it has yet been discovered.

WAKE-GUAM ARE BOMBED

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA, May 9 (CP)—Allied bombers have pounded Wake Island, northwest of captured Hollandia, New Guinea, and the Schouten Island group beyond. Land based United States bombers hit Guam Island in the Marianas group for the second time in the war.

Chinese Push Japanese Back

CHUNGKING, May 9 (CP)—The Chinese have launched a successful counter-offensive south of the city of Loyang, which the Japanese have been threatening in a drive pointed at the heart of China, field dispatches said today. The Japanese were driven back across the Yi Yi river.

Bulletins

RESERVES PARADE TONIGHT

Feature event this evening in connection with the Victory Loan campaign will be the parade through downtown streets of First Reserve Battalion, Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment. Fall in will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Armory and the March Past will be at 8:15 in front of the Post Office where Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston, commanding officer of Prince Rupert defences, will take the salute. Lieut. Col. G. C. Oswell, office commanding, announced today that all ranks were required to take part.

ALEUTIAN AIR ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — There has been an increase in the tempo of American air attacks on the Japanese Islands from bases in the Aleutians. Heavy attacks were made on May 5 and 6.

PUTTING VICTORY FIRST

MOSCOW — A Russian war loan drive with an objective of 25 billion rubles was over-subscribed by 13 billion rubles within the first two days of the drive. The dollar value of the objective was about twelve and a half billion.

SEEK LABOR SOLUTION

WINDSOR—Officials of the National War Labor Relations Board will meet here shortly in an effort to implement and clarify a solution to a labor dispute which has been wracking the Ford Motor Company plant.

Russ Blast Sevastopol

LONDON, May 9 (CP)—The Red Army has cracked the main defence belt at Sevastopol, killing 4,000 Germans, and winning hill-top positions dominating the city.

Russian guns, standing wheel to wheel on the heights, are pouring shells into the ruined Nazi stronghold, where suicide troops are making a last desperate resistance. Russian military observers say that the city will soon fall.

Ploesti Oil Badly Hit

LONDON, May 9—Lieut. General Ira Eaker of the United States Ninth Air Force told newsmen yesterday that, as a result of American bombings of the Rumanian oil fields, refinery production at Ploesti had been reduced to 20 per cent of its normal capacity. There have been heavy intermittent raids on Ploesti since November, 1942.

PR. RUPERT IS LEADING

Military Here Showing Way to Rest of Province in Victory Loan

With 132 percent subscribed on their objective, Prince Rupert Area (Army) still holds first place in the Pacific Command Sixth Viceroys Loan campaign. Vancouver Area, with a standing of 123% holds second place.

It was announced from Pacific Command Headquarters yesterday that the local Anti-Aircraft Regiment had won the Chief of the General Staff's "3" star pennant which is an award given weekly to the unit obtaining the highest percentage of dollar objective in the command.

In the local interunit competition, the Prince Rupert Military Hospital is another unit to receive the National War Finance Committee objective pennant, having obtained over 100% of the allotted quota and at least 75% of personnel subscribing.

A bulletin of particular interest received from Pacific Command yesterday announced that the Overseas forces have subscribed 249% of their dollar objective.

As far as the Army is concerned, during this campaign, there has been little difficulty in persuading the men to invest their money in Victory Bonds as they all appear to realize now that Victory Bonds are the safest place to invest their money in order to provide them with a "nest egg" for the post-war rehabilitation period.

Your Prince Rupert National War Finance Committee is at your service and our sales are anxious to make a good job of backing up our boys.

"Everyone can buy a bond on the Monthly Instalment Plan, so please see that you do your utmost to Put Victory First.

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ARE WE GOING OVER IN LOAN DRIVE?

Some Anxiety expressed at Local Headquarters As to Prince Rupert Making Its Quota This Time

The Sixth Victory Loan campaign in Prince Rupert is lagging decidedly behind the Fifth, and local committees are expressing some anxiety today about the situation wherein there are only six days left to reach the objective of \$850,000 with more than \$200,000 yet to be subscribed. One of the measures taken in the campaign is to conduct a canvass with a view to receiving subscriptions from those who have not yet bought or to obtain further subscriptions from those who have.

It is felt that the city has ample capacity to meet the objective providing the public realizes its responsibility in the matter. It is the first time that Prince Rupert has had to be so re-canvassed. To obtain a canvasser it is only necessary to telephone Victory Loan headquarters.

Said a statement from local Victory Loan headquarters today: "By going over the top we will have assured the Prince Rupert boys who are serving their country that we are behind them. Surely it will never be said that Prince Rupert did not keep its faith with these boys."

"To those who have purchased their Victory Bonds we are grateful, and to those that have not purchased their bonds we hope that they will do so before the end of this week.

"Remember that the monthly instalment plan of buying bonds is the best way of saving money in the best investment in this country of ours.

"When our sales people call, please give them an opportunity of telling you about Canada's and Prince Rupert's Sixth Victory Loan and should you wish any further information about Victory Bonds, please consult your local banker.

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TIE-UP TO END SOON

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 9 (CP)—Representative Henry Jackson, Washington Democrat, said yesterday that he believed the halibut tie-up would be ended in a few days with government officials giving the fishermen and vessel owners price adjustments against the ceilings ordered by the Office of Production Administration.

Another Plate Glass Window

Continued boisterousness by night downtown was testified to this morning when a small broken plate glass window was to be seen in the office of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Third Avenue and Fulton Street. The shattering hole in the window had evidently been caused by a heavy tumbler, the remainder of which was to be seen on the show window floor inside.

Temperature table with columns for Maximum and Minimum. Values: 51, 41.

Calm Approaches

LONDON, May 8 (CP)—The approach of the most powerful of the weather fronts finds the British people in their traditional qualities of coolness and confidence. While reports from Germany, Sweden and Spain, and from the United States sense of mounting excitement as the invasion nears, the British reaction would appear to casual observers to be less positive even than during the 1943 period of agitation for a second front.

Withdrawal of Front

LONDON, May 9 (Canadian)—The Allies have followed a surprise German withdrawal in the mountainous area of central Italy which has been the British Army's left flank. Headquarters announced the length is 24 miles and the depth of the withdrawal not announced.

Wives Get Terms

and Five Women Who had Themselves Given and Two and Half

EVER, May 9 (CP)—Kobor men were sentenced to three years' imprisonment, five women to two years' each and one man to one month as a result of a demonstration in Park on Sunday. Six of the strippers in the park yesterday as the proceedings were arrested and will appear today.

who demonstrated in Park were first charged with producing national identity cards but yesterday new charges of indecency were laid against the fanatics.

Bookshoppers began their tirade Sunday with the singing of hymns in the park and appeals to the spectators for support in the release of other prisoners of the sect now in jail. At five o'clock they started to sing and were hustled off to jail by policemen.

The original charges were

Baseball Scores

MONDAY American Association Toledo at Milwaukee postponed. Louisville 4, St. Paul 11. Indianapolis 3, Minneapolis 6. Columbus at Kansas City postponed.

INTERNATIONAL Syracuse 10, Toronto 5. SATURDAY International Newark 10, Montreal 11. Jersey City at Toronto postponed. Baltimore at Buffalo postponed.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION Louisville 4, Minneapolis 7. Toledo 2, Kansas City 3. Columbus 4, Milwaukee 6. Indianapolis 3, St. Paul 8.

SUNDAY Coast Sacramento 2-2, Portland 6-4. Los Angeles 4-2, San Francisco 5-0. Oakland 3-6, Hollywood 9-13. San Diego 0-5, Seattle 3-2.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION Louisville 0-0, Minneapolis 4-2. Toledo 0-18, Kansas City 2-4. Indianapolis 2-3, St. Paul 4-6. Columbus 4-6, Milwaukee 8-7.

AMERICAN Washington 2-3, Philadelphia 1-7. Chicago 4-4, Detroit 1-2. St. Louis 7-2, Cleveland 4-3. Boston-New York postponed.

Frank Dibb left last night for a trip to Vancouver. Mrs. Dibb is already in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Forrester of Inverness, left this afternoon on a trip to Vancouver.

