

Weather Forecast
North Coast and Charlottes—
Mod. to fresh winds, overcast
and mild with light rain becom-
ing cloudy and cool this evening.
Saturday—Light to mod. winds,
partly cloudy and cool with
light scattered showers.

The Daily News

Tomorrow's Tide

(Pacific Standard Time)
Saturday, October 27
High 10:50 20.7 feet
23:08 20.6 feet
Low 4:24 5.0 feet
17:00 5.6 feet

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1944

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PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL REPORTS ON MOSCOW PARLEY

Dominion Campaign Lagging

Armed Forces Making Best Showing—Thirty Per Cent Reached

OTTAWA, Oct. 27 (CP)—Canada's Seventh Victory Loan lost more than \$7,000,000 of the gain secured in the first three days of the campaign when sales yesterday reached \$87,850,000 compared with the four-day total of the Loan of \$74,000,000. The advance total for the first four days now stands at \$283,000,000 compared with the six-day four-day total of \$271,380,000.

The reports have not yet received from all provinces, but the pace-setter with the highest percentage of objective, British Columbia is second with 30 per cent.

Westminster is the lead in British Columbia with 40 per cent. Prince Rupert, 39 per cent, has nosed ahead of Kamloops, Wells and Williams River.

Forty per cent of the armed forces and general public's quota of the Seventh Victory Loan in British Columbia was reached yesterday after a four-day campaign. The armed forces are leading the parade, having reached 75 per cent of the \$3,000,000 quota.

Up to 18,024 applications for purchasing amounting to \$4,000,000 were made Wednesday by the armed forces and public in the British Columbia area, bringing them up to 20 per cent of objective of the Seventh Victory Loan.

PRINCE RUPERT HOLDS LEAD IN LOAN

With the field passing the turn in the campaign, the Prince Rupert area still shows the way to the rest of Pacific Canada in Army subscriptions to the Seventh Victory Loan. The mark has been passed by the \$1,250,000 objective and competition is developing not only between areas but between individuals. Major General Guy R. V.C., general officer commanding, Pacific Command, expressing keen interest in the accomplishments of the individuals.

Area	Quota	Personnel	Percent	Percent
Prince Rupert	75.7	50.7	67.0	67.0
Kitimat	67.8	42.96	63.2	63.2
Fort St. James	66.1	52.1	60.7	60.7
Vancouver	66	36.6	55.5	55.5
Edmonton	63.3	45.3	71.6	71.6
Prince George	60.5	47.4	78.3	78.3
North Van. Isl.	60	41.3	68.8	68.8
South Van. Isl.	50	36.4	72.8	72.8

Indian Railway Commissioner Visiting Here

Sir Leonard Wilson, chief commissioner for the railways of India, arrived in the city on last night's train, accompanied by Harry Nevin, general passenger agent, C.N.R., Montreal. Sir Leonard and Mr. Nevin were busy today inspecting the outstanding industrial establishments in the city. They will leave tonight for Vancouver.

SALONIKA IS TAKEN OVER

ROME, Oct. 27 (CP)—Unofficial word from Athens this morning says patriot Greek forces now dominate large portions of the harbor city of Salonika. Larissa, 75 miles to the south, already has been taken over by Greek guerrilla forces. An Istanbul report, meantime, says the Germans are using planes to evacuate their forces from Salonika.

HAILS RUSSIANS

LONDON, Oct. 27 (CP)—King Haakon hails the invasion of Norway by the Russians as the beginning of the liberation of his country. He said that Norwegians would fight along with the Russians against the Nazis.

VICTORY LOAN DRIVE IN PRINCE RUPERT IS STILL GOING STRONG

Victory Loan subscriptions purchased in the city soared to \$82,100 Thursday, making it the second highest day from the standpoint of sales so far in the campaign, and bringing the four-day total to \$257,050. This is almost \$100,000 above the \$159,900 at the corresponding date in the Sixth Loan last April.

Crerar Gets Polish Award

LONDON, Oct. 27—Lieut. Gen. H. G. T. Crerar, commander-in-chief of the Canadian Army overseas, has been awarded the highest award of the Polish government for bravery.

UMBAR IS TAKEN

MOSCOW—Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the capture of Umbar as the Red Army advanced another 15 miles in Czechoslovakia.

Bulletins

GRIM WAR MOMENT

LONDON—"We have reached the grim moment in the war," commented Prime Minister Winston Churchill yesterday in stating that releases of long service men in the army on a large scale were not possible at this time without running the risk of prolonging the war.

NEW GERMAN GENERAL

BERLIN—Chancellor Hitler has appointed the chief of army staff and a tank expert to take sole command on the eastern front.

EDEN IN ATHENS

ATHENS—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain is visiting Athens. Three shots rang out in a street today as a welcome parade was being held. The shots were fired by a man wearing the uniform of a Greek major.

GOERING'S ESTATE TAKEN

LONDON—The estate of Vice-Chancellor Herman Goering in East Prussia has been taken by the Red Army which continues its advance despite the fiercest of German resistance.

Landings On Island Hem In Germans

Good Beachhead Established—2nd Army Takes Hertogenbosch

LONDON, Oct. 27 (CP)—In a nut-crackers movement, British troops, supported by Canadians, have landed on the Netherlands island of South Beveland, north of the Schelde River estuary, and are pressing thousands of trapped Germans against other Canadians sweeping in from the east. The surprise landing on Thursday reinforced Canadians struggling on both sides of the Schelde to open Antwerp. A seven-square-mile beachhead was established. The Germans claimed that another attempt to land several thousand Canadian troops at Hansweert to the east of the bridgehead was broken up today. There was no Allied confirmation of this claim.

On the eastern side of the British salient in Holland, the Second Army has captured Hertogenbosch.

- ### Syndicate Formed—To Develop Gold Mine In Interior
- Following up Idea That Lead Should Be Taken in District Possibilities
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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Thomas W. Graham | 50 |
| Wayne C. Denis | 100 |
| W. Henry Spencer | 2,000 |
| Telephus Guentee | 100 |
| Miss L. E. Engelcke | 50 |
| Miss B. E. Engelcke | 50 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh | 50 |
| Joseph Ogilvie | 50 |
| John H. Macey | 1,000 |
| Mr. and Mrs. A. Wasend | 1,500 |
| Boston Shoe Shine | 50 |
| Gordon D. Bryant | 1,000 |
| Prince Rupert Daily News (additional) | 1,000 |
| Mrs. F. J. Capretto | 1,000 |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Connery | 50 |

VICTORY LOAN RESULTS

OTTAWA—Canada's Seventh Victory Loan campaign is in its fifth day with an estimated \$27,000,000 subscribed for the purchase of bonds. The fourth day's purchases showed the armed forces still pulling ahead, reporting a combined grand total of almost \$30,000,000. This figure is 73 per cent of the \$40,800,000 service objective.

GENERAL DECORATED

LONDON—General B. Hoffmeister, commander of the Canadian forces in Italy, has been awarded the C.B.E. Lieut. F. Ladner of New Westminster gets the Military Cross for valor in removing mines under fire in Italy.

WINNIPEG FIRE

WINNIPEG—The Porter Building was destroyed by fire during the night. Army clothing to the estimated value of \$300,000 was destroyed.

DAVIS RAFT LOST

VANCOUVER—A Davis raft containing \$75,000 of high grade Sitka Spruce timber has been lost on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Agreed on Balkans But not in Poland; "All Solid" Among Allies—War in "Last Lap"

LONDON, Oct. 27 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that "a very good working agreement" has been reached with Russia on the problem of south-eastern Europe. He acknowledged, however, that his efforts to end the Russo-Polish dispute, prime objective of his mission to Moscow, had not proven successful.

Likening himself to a "wandering minstrel of diplomacy," Mr. Churchill said he and President Franklin D. Roosevelt should confer with Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia before the year ends.

The Prime Minister declared that "all is solid, sure and sound" among the three Allies.

Mr. Churchill summed up the results of the Moscow conference with the statement that it was "highly satisfactory." He underscored the necessity for dispersing misunderstandings and forestalling them before they occur.

The Prime Minister touched lightly but definitely upon the military situation, asserting that "we are in the last lap" of the European war and also "let all hope die in German breasts that there will be the slightest division or weakening among forces that are crowding in upon them and will crush the life out of their resistance."

Churchill said that recognition of the French provisional government of General Charles De Gaulle heralded the return of France to its rightful role in the world stage but he declared the future of the world in the next few years depended upon united action by Russia, the United States and Great Britain.

Following up Idea That Lead Should Be Taken in District Possibilities

Following up the idea that local men should take the lead in fostering the development of mineral, timber and industrial resources of Prince Rupert district in which there is prospect of profitable return for enterprise, the Rupert Mining Syndicate has just been organized. As an initial undertaking, an option has been taken on the Bob Creek mineral property south of Houston in the Bulkley Valley and it has been decided to carry out a diamond drilling program which has been recommended by an engineer, S. H. Davis, following a recent examination.

Several local business men have already become interested in the syndicate and have taken out unit shares. W. M. Watts was elected chairman at an organizational meeting.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

OTTAWA—The government has decided against rescinding the order-in-council establishing daylight saving time on a year-round basis in Canada. It was decided that confusion would have been caused by some municipalities reverting to standard time while others remained on daylight time.

PROPOSAL FOR PRISON TERM IS REJECTED

A fine of \$200, with confiscation of gambling equipment, and two sums of money amounting to about \$750, was imposed in city police court yesterday upon Ruby Gold of the North Star Club for being the keeper of a gambling house.

In imposing the fine on Gold, Magistrate W. D. Vance rejected the request of H. A. McLean of the Attorney General's department from Victoria for a term of imprisonment.

Gold had pleaded guilty to the charge a week ago and the case had been adjourned so that Mr. McLean might arrive from Victoria to conduct the prosecution.

The money confiscated included one quantity that was on a counter in the club and another in a cash drawer.

Money taken from Gold's pocket was ordered returned to him.

T. W. Brown acted as defence counsel.

Thirty-five inmates of the North Star Club, arrested in the raid and later released on bail, were fined \$7.50 each.

Officer, Robber?

R.C.A.F. PILOT CHARGED WITH BANK HOLD-UP

VANCOUVER, Oct. 27 (CP)—Three bank robbery charges were laid against Pilot Officer William Mullett of Vancouver. The Royal Canadian Air Force operator was arrested when he attempted to rob a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Kitsilano but was foiled and trapped by W. F. Granger, the manager. Mullett has been remanded for sentence.

ALLIES REACH RONCO RIVER

ROME, Oct. 27 (CP)—British and Canadian troops have reached the Ronco River on a broad front and at several points patrols crossed the swollen stream but were withdrawn following sharp German counter-attacks with tanks.

BERLIN SAYS NEW LANDINGS

Allied Naval and Land Forces Said to be Getting Ashore on Scelde Island

LONDON, Oct. 27 (CP)—Berlin radio said yesterday that combined Allied naval and land forces are attempting to land on the south coast of the flooded Dutch island of Walcheren where big German guns guard the approaches to Antwerp. Such a landing would trap an estimated 11,000 Germans between the beachhead and the Canadians pushing west of South Beveland Peninsula.

WAR NEWS

Nazis Yield in Holland

LONDON—The Germans gave ground all along the 50-mile front from Bergognozoom to Hertogenbosch as the Allies drove to clear the water way to the Port of Antwerp. The British have cleared the Nazis from two-thirds of Hertogenbosch but street fighting continues. The rest of the western front from the North Sea to the Swiss Alps is relatively quiet.

On Eastern Front

MOSCOW—Russian troops have beaten back German counter-attacks in East Prussia. These Soviet troops are understood now to hold a 15-mile strip of secondary rail line running northwest to the city of Tilsit from the junction of the main line between Konigsberg and Kaunas. The Germans have announced the evacuation of civilians from the communications centre of Gumbinnen. In the north, Russian troops driving through Finland have captured six localities in the Petsamo area. On the southern front, Russian troops have enveloped two-thirds of the former Czech province of Ruthenia which was annexed to Hungary.

Eighth Meets Resistance

ROME—British Eighth Army troops continue to meet the fiercest German resistance to their drive up Italy's Po Valley toward Bologna. At present, the Nazis are trying to hold their positions two miles east of the communications centre of Forli.

Canadian Airmen in Burma

OTTAWA—Ten Canadian airmen are doing their bit to drive the Japanese out of Burma. An R.C.A.F. press release discloses that they have been credited by the British Army with helping to drive the Japanese back in the Imphal area. The Canadians are attached to Royal Air Force dive-bomber squadron which has completed more than 2,000 sorties in the Arakan and Assam sector of the Burma front. It was this squadron which dropped the first Allied bombs of the war in a raid on Wilhelmshaven on September 4, 1939.

Yanks Improve Positions

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—Allied invasion forces have established firm positions along a 40-mile front on the Philippine Island of Leyte. Fifteen more communities on the island have been liberated by Allied troops.

LOCAL CHINESE SUPPORT LOAN

The Chinese Patriotic Association is strong in its support of Prince Rupert's Seventh Victory Loan campaign, and its sales force is active in canvassing Chinese homes and residences in the city.

The sales force, which is under the direction of Mr. Liang, assisted by Miss Grace Lee, Miss Margaret Lee, Wong Look, and Wang Chan feels that they can count on the Chinese population to continue the fine example set in previous drives by buying to the limit of their resources.

APPEALS TO PENSIONERS

Retired Employees of C.N.R. Urged to Buy Victory Bonds

MONTREAL, Oct. 27—In a message to all retired employees of the Canadian National Railways yesterday, R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president, spoke of the great contribution the pensioners of the system had made to the transportation industry, in particular, and to the nation. "In past Victory Loan campaigns," he said, "you have clearly demonstrated your understanding of the necessity to purchase Victory Bonds to the limit of the resources at your disposal and I know that the same self-sacrificing response will be made by you in this Seventh Victory Loan offering, the requirements being greater than ever before."

TWO-THIRDS OF JAP NAVY OUT OF COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 27—Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal stated last night that an estimated two-thirds of the Japanese navy battleship strength had been sunk or damaged as a result of the great battle in the Philippines this week.

BENGOUGH PRESIDENT

TORONTO—P. R. Bengough was re-elected president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada here today. Bert Showler of Vancouver and C. E. Berg of Edmonton are vice-presidents.

Sea Battle—Nips Admit Naval Losses

However, Whole Story Not Yet Told Nipponese People

AMERICAN LOSSES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—American losses in defeating the Japanese Navy in the Battle of the Philippines total six warships. They were the aircraft carrier Princeton, two escort carriers, two destroyers and a destroyer escort. No details are yet available of the circumstances of the loss of the ships which probably carried a total of about 3,900 men.

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 27 (CP)—Tokyo is at last admitting that the Japanese have suffered in the naval battle off the Philippines. The whole story is not being told the Japanese people but Tokyo has admitted the loss of six Nipponese warships, including one aircraft carrier and one battleship. In addition, the broadcast admits the loss of two Japanese cruisers and two destroyers and says that one Japanese carrier and one battleship have been substantially damaged.

Tokyo had previously announced the loss of 126 Japanese planes.

Meanwhile, Pearl Harbor has confirmed the sinking or damaging of 27 enemy warships in a series of three naval and air encounters off the Philippines. Included in this number are three carriers and ten Japanese battleships.

It is revealed this morning that some Japanese ships actually penetrated Leyte Gulf. Before they were driven off, they attacked Allied transports engaged in landing operations on Leyte Island.

The Japanese fleet has retired after a raid on Allied naval units in Leyte Bay, said a Tokyo dispatch to the German Trans-Ocean agency today.

DeGaulle Gov't Controls News

PARIS, Oct. 27—Six pro-Vichy French news agencies have been suspended by the DeGaulle government which is setting up a co-operative news gathering distributing agency.

Local Temperature

Maximum	59
Minimum	53

Had Excitement in Navy—

L.T. ROBERT CAPSTICK SERVED 14 MONTHS ON H.M.C.S. HAIDA

Home on leave after participating in historic events aboard a Canadian destroyer in the English Channel and northeastern Atlantic, Leading Telegrapher Robert Capstick, 21, son of Mrs. H. Capstick, 1040 Hays Cove Avenue, wouldn't mind going back on similar service again.

His experiences in 14 months aboard the famed Canadian destroyer Haida were probably more exciting and more numerous than most people meet in a lifetime. These included naval actions against German submarines, destroyers and E-boats in the Channel and along the French coast, convoy duty from Iceland to Murmansk, and participation with units of the British Home Fleet in the action that sank the German battleship Scharnhorst.

However, he admits that he "didn't mind it," and would be willing to go back if he had the chance.

Bob joined the Haida directly after she was commissioned, and served on her until he received his leave a short time ago. Prior to that time he served on this coast, and on a minesweeper out of Halifax. He enlisted in the R.C.N.V.R. in July, 1940, after being a member of the local Sea Cadet Corps.

He was with the Haida last summer when she and other Canadian and British destroyers blasted an escaping German convoy from the sea outside the French port of St. Nazaire.

Earlier, the Haida took part in convoy duty with units of the Home Fleet protecting the Murmansk lifeline when German raiders from the Norwegian ports earned it the name of "hell's corner."

VICTORY LOAN STANDING

QUOTA	\$725,000
RESULTS	\$257,050

Buy one more than before