

Thursday, March 30		
High	5:20	18.6 feet
	18:35	16.1 feet
Low	12:05	5.5 feet

Red Army Drives On Odessa

German Armies Folding Up in Western Europe

Soviet Forces Sweeping Through Poland and Rumania to Objectives of Utmost Importance.

LONDON, March 29 (CP) — The Ukrainian Army, pushing across the steppes from captured Nikolayev toward Odessa on the Black Sea, has now smashed through the crumbling secondary defences of Odessa, only 60 miles away. Capture of Nikolaev, former Soviet Black Sea fleet base, took place yesterday. The Russians are advancing upon Odessa along a 175-mile front. To the west in Bessarabia the Ukrainian Army is within eight miles of the Odessa-Tiraspol-Isai railroad, principal escape artery from the port.

Air Raids On Coast May Come

Therefore Fire Fighters Are to be Trained and Equipped.

VANCOUVER, March 29 (CP) — W. C. Mainwaring, chairman of the provincial advisory council of the British Columbia Protection Committee, said Tuesday night that Allied offensive in the Pacific has increased the danger of Japanese nuisance raids on the Pacific Coast.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY

Washington Farmer Killed Family and Self After Classed AL

WITHDRAWAL AT CASSINO

Indian and New Zealand Troops Pulled Out of Hill Positions

Stanley Cup Puck Series

Montreal and Chicago Now Each Need Only One More Victory to Advance.

Defective Septic Tanks Make Area Most Unsanitary

The Valhalla Lodge, on application of its president, C. H. Insulander, was granted permission by the city council Monday night to install a septic tank in connection with its hall at the junction of Eighth and Ninth Avenues. The installation will be carried out under the supervision of the city engineer.

Power Charges Too High Here

So Suggests Prince Rupert Labor Council in Communication to City

Stephen Leacock Dies in Toronto

TORONTO, March 29 — Stephen Leacock, aged 74, eminent Canadian economist and humorist, died in hospital here Tuesday night after several weeks of illness.

Bulletins

JAP MILITARY SHAKE-UP TOKYO—Four top Japanese generals are involved in another shake-up of the Japanese high command.

BOMBS ON NEW GUINEA ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC—Allied bombers raked New Guinea coast, including Wewak and Hansa Bay, yesterday with 158 tons of missiles in the twelfth straight day of attack.

HEAVY NAZI LOSSES LONDON — General James Doolittle said yesterday that 2100 German planes have been destroyed since February 1 and Allied planes have dropped 20,000 tons of bombs on targets in Germany and 11,000 tons in occupied countries.

EASTER HOLIDAYS VICTORIA — Either Good Friday, or Easter Monday may be observed as a holiday under the Factory Act. For the civil service there will be full holidays on Friday and Monday and three hours' work on Saturday.

SUICIDES IN HUNGARY BUDAPEST—There are hundreds of suicides in this capital of Hungary, apparently in nervousness over the military outlook.

EDEN DENIES DICTATION LONDON — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was cheered in the House of Commons today when he declared that Great Britain was not being dictated to by the United States but that the two nations were "working together in absolute co-operation."

Confusion Over Leaving Train

Elderly and Ill Woman Had Unpleasant Experience at Hazelton.

SOUTH HAZELTON, March 29 — Much conflict is constantly occurring in regard to the point of debarkation of passengers bound for Hazelton. During the past week two passengers suffered great inconvenience by being put off the passenger trains at Hazelton station which necessitates a ten-mile trip by road around by New Hazelton as the bridge between Hazelton station and the town has been out for years.

One, an elderly woman in instant need of medical attention, disembarked from the train at 5 o'clock on a cold morning to find a fireless station. Fortunately Scotty McRae came to the rescue and rushed her to the hospital. A bus service meets all trains at New Hazelton and passengers bound for Hazelton should leave the train at that point.

Trail Wins Over Regina

REGINA, March 29 — Trail defeated Regina seven to two last night in the Memorial Cup junior hockey playdowns. Regina now leads two wins to one in the best of seven series.

LONDON — Mrs. K. Somerville is said to be London's champion house-to-house collector for the Red Cross penny-a-week fund. In two years, Mrs. Somerville has collected the equivalent of \$15,000.

GLASGOW — One of the original Savoyards, Dunward 93, died here recently, aged 93. He was the original duke in "Patience" at the Opera Comique in 1884.

2500 RATION BOOKS ISSUED TUESDAY

City Hall and Parish Hall at Seal Cove Are Meccas.

More than 2500 people called at Prince Rupert's two ration book distribution centres Tuesday afternoon and evening to pick up their new No. 4 ration books. The city hall centre recorded the distribution of 2106 books during both sessions and the Seal Cove centre at St. Peter's parish hall gave out 463. Yesterday's total for both centres was 2574 books.

In the afternoon the city hall centre, which is in charge of Mrs. Doris Teng, issued 1716 ration books and in the evening 390 books were given out. The Seal Cove distributing centre, under Mrs. J. E. Boddie, issued 350 ration books in the afternoon, 118 in the evening.

BIG YEAR FOR C.N.R.

Another Sharp Increase Recorded Over Record-breaking Figures of 1943

OTTAWA, March 29 — Canadian National Railways operations so far in 1944 have recorded a sharp increase over record-breaking 1943 figures. R. C. Vaughan, president of the railway, said Tuesday in presenting the 1943 annual report to the railway committee of the House of Commons.

Recommendation On Waterfront Water Hook-up

The recommendation of a special committee of the city council on the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative water connection on the waterfront was that the cost of the installation be borne by the applicants and the work be done under supervision of the city engineer, that the city be responsible for maintenance, that the city install the necessary fire hydrant, that if later connections are made by others the original applicant be reimbursed proportionately and that in future all such applications for water extensions from mains be submitted to the utilities committee.

During discussion, the view was expressed that this was an exceptional case since the fishing fleet would benefit from the water that would be made available to the new Co-operative premises.

Ald. George Hills inquired if it was to be the city policy not to assist industry by concessions, particularly in the war rehabilitation period.

The recommendation was adopted with Ald. Hills and Ald. G. W. Rudderham dissenting.

Challenge Taken Up

Prime Minister Churchill Not Accepting Parliament Reverse on Minor Issue

LONDON, March 29 — Prime Minister Winston Churchill today took up a challenge posed by a one-vote defeat of government policy yesterday and demanded a vote of confidence in the government.

It was last night that Mr. Churchill's government suffered its first defeat in the House of Commons since its formation but, since the issue was not pressed as a vote of government in the government, it did not require resignation. The defeat of the administration was received when it sought to reject an amendment to the Education bill to provide an equal pay scale for men and women teachers. It caused a sensation at Westminster.

Men at Kiska Exempt From Income Tax

OTTAWA, March 29 — Canadians who served at Kiska in the Aleutians will not be liable for income tax, it was announced yesterday.

Wrens Man Lone Coastal Posts

LONDON, March 29 — Hardy British Wrens man storm-swept emergency landing fields around the coastline of Britain. These tiny green patches in isolated districts often look like heaven to Allied bomber pilots driven off their courses after a raid on Germany.

About two dozen girls of the Fleet Air Arm usually live in bleak wooden huts on these fields. Most of their work is secret. Some of them do the "plotting" work that enables rescue crews to locate both planes and ships in distress.

When there is flying in the district the girls must always be ready at their posts in a crash-tender which puts out to find a plane that has been forced down. One girl of this crew always wears an asbestos suit, in preparation for any needed fire-fighting. There's always a Wren on duty in a spotting chair checking all aircraft that pass the base.

Victoria Cross Winner is Home

MONTREAL, March 29 — Major Paul Triquet, Victoria Cross winner, arrived at Dorval Airport today after a non-stop flight from Scotland.

FATTENS QUICKLY

A young blue whale puts on weight at the average of 220 pounds a day.

Will Build Many Homes

OTTAWA, March 29 — Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King tabled in the House of Commons yesterday a report recommending the construction of 606,000 houses in Canada in the postwar period.

PEVENSEY, England — Oldest public house licensee in England is 93-year-old Eliza (Mummie) Bodle who operates the 500-year-old New Inn here. Her family has held the licence for 100 years and it's been in her name for 34 years since the death of her husband.

LIECESTER, England — Fifty women and girl hosiery operatives went on a one-day strike because the management refused them permission to take their handbags into the factory.

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