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Weather

NORTH COAST and QUEEN CHARLOTTES—Fresh winds decreasing to moderate in evening. Overcast and cool with intermittent rain. Saturday: strong winds decreasing to moderate. Overcast

Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)

Saturday, December 9, 1944

High	9:08	18.3 feet
	21:36	16.0 feet
Low	2:11	8.1 feet
	15:26	9.0 feet

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Churchill Wins Vote Of Confidence

To Aid Northern Fishermen—

BREAKWATERS AT WIAH POINT AND ZAYAS ISLAND—DREDGE SKIDEGATE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8 (CP)—Major J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries for British Columbia, announced that a $3,350,000 post-war public works scheme designed to aid Northern British Columbia fishermen was under consideration by federal public works officials.

The plan involves three separate projects including construction of breakwaters and dredging out channels at several points on the coast.

Details of the scheme have been submitted to the United Fishermen's Union for consideration.

Proposed breakwaters would cost $1,550,000 and would be at Wiah Point and Zayas Island in the Skeena River area.

A new channel would be dredged between Graham Island and Moresby Island on the Queen Charlottes and would cost $1,800,000.

NAZIS FOUND WITH GREEK PARTIZANS

ROME, Dec. 8 — General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has commented on the Greek situation. He said today that the fighting in the Kingdom was caused by irresponsible extremists. General Wilson revealed that British authorities have found deserters from the German and Bulgarian armies among the Greek partizans.

Halibut Conference—

Conserve Flatfish

Steps With That End in View Being Taken as Result of Vancouver Meeting

Move towards bringing about another international fisheries agreement with a view to conserving flatfish, the banks of which, off Cape Flattery particularly, are showing signs of becoming depleted after two years of more or less intensive fishing was initiated when representatives of otter trawlers and others interested in that fishery met last week in Vancouver with Major J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries for this coast, and representatives of the United States government. The only way to protect these fisheries, it was agreed, would be by international treaty such as govern the halibut and salmon fisheries. Accordingly, it was decided to proceed with further steps towards that end.

AUSTRALIAN SETTLEMENT

The first settlement by white men in Australia was on the site of modern Sydney in 1788.

Bulletins

HEPBURN ACCEPTS

TORONTO—The former premier of Ontario, Mitchell Hepburn, has returned to the party fold as house leader in the provincial legislature. Mr. Hepburn resigned two years ago after eight years in office. The 48-year old member for Elgin County has accepted an invitation to take over the house leadership of the 16 Liberals in the 90 seat Ontario Legislature. He succeeds Harry Nixon although Mr. Nixon still holds his post as provincial leader. Hepburn led the Liberals to one-sided victories in 1934 and 1937, but the party was badly defeated in the last election after Mr. Hepburn had retired.

CANADA GETS AIR SEAT

CHICAGO—Canada has been voted a seat on the council of 21 members states in the provisional International Civil Aviation Organization. The Dominion has also been chosen as the headquarters for the organization but no Canadian city has been named for the honor as yet. Only 20 of the 21 council seats have been filled, as one vacancy was left for Russia if the Soviet Union decides to enter the organization. Russia is not represented at the international air conference now being concluded at Chicago. Latin American countries have six out of nine seats in the western hemisphere, while continental Europe has only four. All seats have equal voting power. The conference here has ended.

MRS. COMER DIES

The death occurred Thursday at her home at White Rock of Mrs. John Comer, formerly of Prince Rupert and Stewart. Mrs. Comer had been in poor health for some time before her death.

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Western Front—

Nazis Stand At Cologne

Indications They are Falling Back—Third Army Deeper Into Reich

PARIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—Indications point today to a German decision to fall back along the northwestern front toward Cologne.

American First Army forces have been scouting the enemy positions near the Roer river, and have made three new attacks against the Nazis in this sector.

To the south, Third Army forces have broken into the city of Saarbruecken. Fighting continues in the eastern outskirts of Saarlautern. One crossing of the Saar has taken Third Army troops 15 miles inside Germany.

The gap between the French First Army and the American Third Army has been narrowed to 32 miles.

More Fish Requested

Fishermen and Boat Owners Ask May 1 Opening Date—Also Greater Allowance Incidental to Cod

Recommendations that the quota of halibut which may be taken from the combined areas of the coast be increased by 4,000,000 pounds from the present 51,000,000 pounds, that the opening date for the season next year be May 1 instead of April 15 and that the allowance of halibut to be caught incidental to cod fishing in the fall between the closing of Areas No. 2 and No. 3 be increased from 14 to 25 percent were made by halibut fishermen and boat owners of British Columbia, Alaska and Washington when in conference with the International Fisheries Commission at Seattle last week. George Anderson, local agent of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, returned to the city at the first of the week after attending the conference over which G. W. Nickerson of this city, chairman of the International Fisheries Commission, presided. Capt. Anton Dybhavn of the local halibut boat Borgund represented the Canadian Halibut Vessel Owners' Association of Prince Rupert.

The proposal was that the increase in the total quota of halibut would be equally divided between Areas 2 and 3.

The boat owners presented a proposal that halibut boats be licenced to one area only in a single year.

The recommendations of the fishermen and boat owners were taken under advisement by the Commission for consideration when setting up the regulations to govern the coming year.

OBSTRUCTIONS BEING REMOVED

International Commission Aiding Migration of Salmon Up Fraser River

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8 (AP) — Thirty-seven obstructions hampering salmon from reaching Fraser river basin spawning grounds are scheduled for removal by the International Sockeye Salmon Commission, E. W. Allen of Seattle, chairman of the commission, announced following a conference here. The first obstruction at Hell's Gate Canyon is now being removed.

R.C.A.F. OVER CAP GRIS NEZ

One of the largest forces of R.C.A.F. bombers ever to take to the air participated in the bombing of heavy gun emplacements in the Cap Gris Nez area, near Calais.

AS U.S. BOMBS RIPPED JAP BASE — Telltale-smoke rises thousands of feet in air over Iwo Jima island, vital interception base 650 miles south of Tokyo, after the U.S. Army 7th Air Force caught the Japs off guard and blasted their planes (see them far below on the airfield) "like fish in a rain-barrel."

BRITAIN AND U.S. AGREED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8 (AP)—The Earl of Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, said today that the United States and British governments had achieved "understanding" on Greek and Italian political issues.

Dr. C. H. Hankinson returned to the city this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

FOUR CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

WESTLOCK, Alta., Dec. 8 (AP)—Four children named Paulson, the oldest six years of age, were burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed their farm home. The mother was visiting with neighbors. The father is in the army.

Mrs. Anton Dybhavn returned to the city this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

WAR NEWS

Air War Is Keeping Up

LONDON—R.A.F. Mosquito bombers last night dropped block busters on the industrial city of Cologne. The assault marked the continuation of the Allied campaign to knock out German's communication system. England was also under attack last night. Flying bombs peppered the countryside. At least two of the flying missles were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

On Eastern Front

MOSCOW—Russian forces are quickly nearing the Austrian frontier. The Soviet columns driving through Hungary are now within forty-one miles of the border, and some unofficial dispatches places the Russians within one hundred and ten miles of the capital of Austria, Vienna. Berlin radio has issued a report, meantime, telling of another Russian offensive, this one northeast of Budapest. According to the German report, the Russians are now within nineteen miles of the city. Hungarian government officials are said to be leaving the capital.

Battle of Pacific

SAIPAN—American superfortresses are apparently determined to give the Japanese capital no rest. An enemy report this morning said the B-29's were over Tokyo last night and this morning but the enemy report adds that no bombs were dropped during either flight. Other superfortresses have raided Iwo Jima in the Bonin Islands. In the Philippines, meanwhile, the Allies are continuing their drive against the Japanese-held Leyter port of Ormoc. Latest word from the front indicates the Allies are within three miles of the city. Yesterday, the Allies launched an amphibious attack behind the Japanese lines. The landing took place at Ormoc Harbor.

Chinese Take Burma Town

CHUNGKING — Counter-attacking Chinese forces have retaken the rail town of Tushan, seventy-five miles southeast of the Burma Road city of Kweiyang. This is a Chungking dispatch but has not been confirmed by the Chinese High Command.

BREAKTHROUGH BY RUSSIANS

Red Forces Are Moving Steadily Toward Capital of Hungary

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The German News Agency reported yesterday a new Russian breakthrough northeast of Budapest. This suggested that the Russians had reached the Danube river north of the Hungarian capital and south and east of the Slovak border.

Russian forces have gained eight miles to reach a distance of 22 miles from Budapest.

The entire south shore of Lake Balatan has been cleared by the Soviets.

ATHENS NOW IN CONTROL

ATHENS — Fighting continued on a much reduced scale in Athens today as Greek Leftist resistance faded before British patrols spread from the centre of the city.

Intervention Policy Is Endorsed by Parliament

House of Commons Wastes No Time In Giving Government Rousing 279 to 30 Approval of Policy Being Followed

LONDON, Dec. 8 (CP) — This morning, Prime Minister Churchill won confidence for the government's policy in regard to Greece and other liberated countries. He demanded a vote of confidence following British intervention in Greece, Italy and Belgium, and was accorded it by a resounding vote of 279 to 30. Some British Laborites stood by their statements that the Greek Leftists are fighting for democracy and therefore are in reality on the same side as Britain.

The Prime Minister, in fighting form, defended Britain's intervention in Greece and Italy.

Mr. Churchill declared that Britain had acted in Greece to keep gangsters out of power and had intervened in Italy because she did not trust Count Sforza.

In the heated debate Mr. Churchill denied that the British government had broken any joint agreements with the United States on Italy.

The Prime Minister declared that Britain would not stand for "a gang of men from the mountains" overthrowing constitutional authority by violence in Greece." He said: "If I am to blame for this action I will gladly accept dismissal of the House but, if I am not dismissed, make no mistake about it, we shall persist in the policy of clearing Athens and Athens regions of all those who are rebels to constituted authority in Greece."

Mr. Churchill repeated British objections to Sforza by declaring "We do not trust the man nor would we put the slightest confidence in any government of which he is a dominant member."

The Prime Minister spoke after a Labor member opened an attack on the government's foreign policy with the demand for assurance that British troops, both in Greece and other liberated countries, would not be used to "disarm friends of democracy."

Although in fighting spirit, Mr. Churchill was also in tart humor. When asked at one time to speak up, he took a glass of water, remarking that he might need some "lubrication." Then turning to Lady Astor he remarked: "I know it will please the honorable lady to see me drinking water."

Mr. Churchill waxed warm at interruptions from the Communist member, W. Gallacher. "You get a good deal of tolerance and consideration from this House," he said. "You should learn to keep your mouth shut at least once in a while."

EARTHQUAKES HITTING JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Not only Allied bombers are hitting the Japanese homeland these days. Now it's earthquakes. Tokyo radio admits the quake caused a tidal wave which covered houses with water and started a landslide in one area. Damage was generally light, says Tokyo.

Mackenzie King Upheld

Confidence Voted After Midnight by 143 to 70 Division

OTTAWA, Dec. 8—Parliament after midnight last night voted confidence in the Mackenzie King government by a division of 143 to 70. The House immediately adjourned until January 31.

The vote was on a motion pledging the House to aid the government in maintaining a vigorous war effort.

The amendment of the Progressive-Conservatives calling for all-out conscription was rejected 170 to 44. Four Liberals — including Sinclair and Cruickshank of British Columbia—supported this amendment.

The amendment by Joseph Jean, French-Canadian member, to continue the volunteer method of enlistment was rejected 168 to 43, four cabinet ministers—St. Laurent, Michaud, Lafleche and Claxton—favoring it.

Two other amendments, one of the C.C.F. calling for bolization of wealth and resources as well as manpower and another of Social Credit to send immediate reinforcements overseas, were ruled out of order, the House supporting the ruling.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King closed off the debate at 12:58 a.m. and the main vote followed immediately after.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (AP)—The parliamentary crisis ended early this morning with a sweeping endorsement of government conscription policies. After sitting for more than 10 hours members of the House of Commons voted 143 to 70 in favor of the main government motion calling for the maintenance of "a vigorous war effort." As soon as the vote was taken, the House adjourned until January 31 with the possibility that a general election may be called shortly after the members re-assemble. The life of the present parliament ends next April and Prime Minister King has declared he is opposed to an extension.

The special sitting which ended this morning lasted 13 days and they were the most momentous 13 days of parliamentary debate during the present war.

Yesterday's voting saw the administration win after victory over the two main groups of opponents—the Progressive, Conservatives and the Quebec anti-conscriptionists The final vote gave the government a majority of 73 over both main groups.

Prime Minister King carried with him the full support of the C.C.F. and Social Credit parties as well as the bulk of Liberal members. Opposed to him were all 37 Progressive-Conservatives, the Quebec Bloc Populaire group of three, Quebec Independents, 25 Quebec Liberals, one Manitoba Liberal-Progressive, one Ontario Liberal, and one British Columbia Independent. Thus Mr. King won a majority from inside the Liberal party for his policy of drafting 16,000 Home Defence troops for service in the European threatres of war.

The original motion asked that the House declare it would aid the government in maintaining a vigorous war effort. Just before this morning's vote, Mr. King accepted a C.C.F. amendment striking out reference to the government's policy. On division the amendment was supported 141 to 70. The Progressive Conservative unlimited conscription amendment was defeated 170 to 44 and the amendment opposing conscription was defeated 168 to 43.

In closing the debate, Mr. King spoke in serious tones of the significance of his motion and of the course of the war. He said: "Members of this House can't imagine what this war is like or what it may lead to."

Mr. King thanked C.C.F. leader M. J. Coldwell for his effort to make it clear to the men overseas, to other nations and to the enemy that the House is determined to have Canada pursue a vigorous war effort. The Prime Minister sharply criticized the stand of the Progressive-Conservatives and added:: "The Tory party is defeated beyond all shadow of doubt. We are not concerned tonight about the Tory party or about any other party but we are concerned about the winning of the war and the support of our men overseas."

Members of the House of Commons who have seen service in the present war were divided on the question of conscription for overseas service and indicated the division by their votes as well as in debate during the last two weeks. Three supported the government in the decision to make 16,000 home defence troops available for overseas service. Three were opposed to any form of conscription for overseas service. Two were in favor of all out conscription.

Charged Under Customs Act

Leland D. Kish, an American, appeared in city police court yesterday morning charged under the Customs Act with being in possession of American liquor. The case was adjourned until December 15. Corp. J. F. Piper appeared for the prosecution and T. W. Brown for the defence.

CANADIANS IN ACTION

Score Breakthrough in Italy After Three Days Fierce Fighting

ROME, Dec. 8 (AP)— The First Canadian Corps is back in action again in Italy. Allied headquarters has disclosed that the Canadians scored a breakthrough of the German lines between the Lamone and Montone rivers after three days of fierce fighting.

British and Polish troops are meantime expanding their bridgehead over the Lamone river.

A Slate Worth Noting . . .

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