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Local Tides
Saturday, Feb. 19
High ..... 9:07 18.9 feet
22:28 16.3 feet
Low ..... 2:20 9.7 feet
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Attack On Jap Base At Truk

esident of Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Tur... ousebreaker In Vancouver

e Scott, well known local young business man resident of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Com-, attracted the attention of the Vancouver a few days ago as a potential housebreaker— which, according to the stories brought home the south, ended up in a practical demonstra- the intrepid local nim- how a fine northern should be first obtained en prepared for the epi- table.

ppears that Joe had been ffing in his old duds on in question and return- the home of Dr. H. L. der, where he is visiting, the place locked up. So ceeded to make entry by prying open a basement . Unable to get into the the house he then began time by plucking a goose he had taken south.

while, neighbors had tly seen the entry and Joe for a burglar. Soon house was surrounded by a of policemen and a plain man came to the base- door.

sauve Joe had some diffi- at first in establishing his ity and the innocence of ntent but it was not long he was giving the offi- a lecture on the pleasure se hunting on the Queen tte Islands. And thus the t ended.

ULLETINS

APS SUFFER LOSS
LIED HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH PACIFIC. — The ese have suffered a heavy ss in the Bismarck Archi- o at the hands of Allied ft. Six vessels of a con- were either sunk or badly ged.

DIANS ARE RELIEVED
LCUTTA. — Fresh British s have relieved Indian s which were encircled by Japanese in Burma.

VETO SUSTAINED
ASHINGTON — The House Representatives has sus- ed President Roosevelt's to of the anti-subsidy bill h the chief executive dub- as an "inflation measure."

OLISH GOV'T. CHANGES
ONDON.—It is being said the present Polish govern- t may resign so that an inistration acceptable to ia may be formed.

RUSSIA AND FINLAND
ONDON. — There are many fficial reports of Russo- sh peace negotiations but hing official is available.

venile Said Have Stolen ottle of Rum

A juvenile who appeared be- fore Magistrate W. D. Vance in ile court yesterday morn- charged with stealing a bot- of rum was given a six ths' suspended sentence by magistrate. The lad is alleged have tried to sell the bottle of r in the city.

police court, Jack Gilchrist, pleaded not guilty to a ge of public intoxication, remanded until this after- noon.

ntence was reserved by the istrate in the case of Louis found guilty of vagrancy. o remanded until this af- oon was the case of Edward er who pleaded not guilty to harge of keeping liquor for

Richard Nolan appeared be- fore Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court yesterday and fined $25 or seven days on harge of public intoxication. missed by the magistrate was se against Andrew Capp, ged with common assault.

DEVENISH AND OWENS—

LONG IN RAILWAY SERVICE

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—William Robe ts Devenish, promoted to be vice-president, western region Canadian National Railways, is a native of Cahir, Ireland, and a civil engineer by profession, having been educated at St. Colomba's College and Trinity College, Dublin. He has been forty years in Canada during which he acquired an extensive railway experience, having served in important capacities in the maritime provinces, central and western Canada. His first service was in western Canada after which he joined the engineering staff during the construction of the National trans-continental railway which later was incorporated in the Canadian National system. In 1913, Mr. Devenish transferred to the Intercolonial railway, first as division engineer at Moncton and subsequently as superintendent at Campbellton and Moncton.

In 1920, he became general superintendent for the Canadian National Railways at Toronto, later serving at North Bay, Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Mr. Devenish was appointed to the position of general superintendent of transportation for the western region in 1936 and three years later was appointed general manager of the region. He was promoted as vice-president and general manager in June, 1942, with jurisdiction over the Canadian National rail activities from the Great Lakes to and including the Pacific coast where the company is engaged in important wartime shipbuilding in its own yards.

Walter Clark Owens, who has been appointed general manager, western region, Canadian National Railways, with headquarters at Winnipeg, has had forty years experience in railway work. He was born at Manitou, Man., and started as a clerk in May, 1904. Later he progressed through various positions in the operating department being brakeman, conductor and trainmaster with the former Canadian Northern Railway at a number of points in western Canada.

After the establishment of the Canadian National system, Mr. Owen's progressed and in 1927 was appointed superintendent at Kamloops. His next move was to Winnipeg as terminal superintendent, and in 1930 he moved to Montreal as superintendent of freight train services. He returned to the west as general superintendent for the Saskatchewan district, then to Edmonton in a similar capacity for the Alberta district. In 1939, Mr. Owens was appointed general superintendent of transportation for the western region, with office at Winnipeg, and in May, 1942, he became assistant general manager to aid W. R. Devenish, then regional general manager.

W.A. Holds Wartime Tea

Wartime refreshments of tea and sandwiches featured the afternoon tea held by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's cathedral held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Watts yesterday afternoon.

Receiving the guests were the hostess Mrs. W. M. Watts, and Miss N. L. Bird, president of the auxiliary. Pourers were Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Mrs. W. J. Greer, Mrs. L. B. Lambly and Mrs. J. A. Hinton. Serviteurs were Mrs. R. E. Mortimer, Mrs. C. C. Mills, Mrs. J. Durran and Mrs. L. Holtby.

Mrs. G. P. Tinker was general convener.

ON SPEAKS—

Old Age Pension Increase

VICTORIA, Feb. 18 (CP)— Hon. George Pearson, provincial secretary and minister of labor, the final speaker before the Legislature adopted the Speech from the Throne yesterday, announced that the Dominion government was considering increasing old age pensions to $425 annually. When the provincial cost of living was added, British Columbia pensioners would get $485.

Mr. Pearson introduced three bills — two amending the male and female minimum wage acts to make it compulsory for employers to give detailed accounting of pay cheque deductions along with details of hours of work and overtime and a third a new act providing for the regulation of employment of children under 18 years of ago.

TALKS OF POST WAR ATTITUDES

"If we are to have a world free from wars and in which the Four Freedoms will be available to all we must remove some of our prejudices and do some thinking along Christian lines," declared Capt. W. T. Rowlands, United States army chaplain here and in civilian life a pastor in New Hampshire, in speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at luncheon yesterday. There would have to be an enlarged and more expansive viewpoint in regard to international affairs. Such organizations as Rotary professed the international viewpoint but had they done any more than merely scratch the surface of international brotherhood? He had hoped that Rotary and these organizations would sow seeds of international trust and understanding, feeling it was the right thing and not with expectation of reward or even appreciation.

A serious international situation faced the world today and, instead of facing it realistically, too many people were going on following only their own inclinations. They should be setting themselves about to remove prejudices, fears and distrusts. Man, dwelling first in a cave with his family, had made a great discery when he had found that he and his family could trust another cave man and his family. Then had been formed the clans and, as trust extended in scope, there had been formed the tribes and in time the nations. Now there was a new phase due —the phase of international understanding. The Four Freedoms as laid down in the Atlantic Charter were meant to be international in their application. After the war it would be definitely necessary to remove prejudices and mistrusts in doing the right thing internationally. And the right thing must be done not with the idea of reward or credit being given but merely because it was the right thing to do.

R. C. St. Clair acted as chairman of yesterday's luncheon in the absence from the city of President A. S. Nickerson. The luncheon raffle was won by P. H. Linzey. Guests were W. P. Armour and George Ortengren of Nanaimo.

ALLIED FIFTH ARMY TANKS ADVANCE—Two days after the surprise Allied amphibious landings south of Rome, Allied Fifth army tanks advance towards the new front. Infantrymen are resting at the side of the road as linesmen string up wire on pole in background. This is where hard fighting in a critical battle is now going on.

Plane Missing Alon Coast

SEATTLE, Feb. 18 (CP)— An American Navy transport plane has been missing since Thursday morning on an Alaskan military flight. The plane carried a crew of five men and nine passengers. It is not stated whether she was northbound or southbound.

New Code Effective

Collective Bargaining and Arbitration is Now Compulsory Under New Edit Affecting Labor.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The government last night brought into force the new labor code, announced yesterday in the House of Commons by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, providing for compulsory collective bargaining and arbitration for workers in war industries and in employment previously covered by the Industrial Disputes Act. Officials estimate that the code will apply immediately to 2,500,000 of 3,500,000 industrial workers in Canada.

IN ITALY—

Allies Hit Nazis Hard

NAPLES, Feb. 18 (CP) — Hundreds of Allied guns, thundering in unison, shook the Germans in Cassino with a six-hour shelling today in one of the war's most intense bombardments. The Allies announced that further heavy enemy attacks aglainst the Anzio-Nettuno bridgehead had been repulsed.

Hundreds of Allied planes are bombarding German defences in Italy.

The great frontal assault of the Germans on the beachhead is in its third day without success.

There is no Nazi reply to the great Alied shelling of Cassino.

Germans Fear Two Way Blow

BERLIN, Feb. 18 (CP) — There are indications that the German military authorities fear Allied second front operations both from the Bay of Biscay and southern France on the Mediterranean.

THIS YEAR'S VERSION—GERMAN ARMY IN RETREAT—This photo received in New York from London via neutral channels shows the plight of a German army in Russia. Picked German troops—the Grenadiers—are sitting miserably on a vehicle bogged in the quagmire.

Troopship Sunk With 1000 Yanks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (CP)—One thousand American soldiers are missing after an Allied troop ship was sunk by enemy action in European waters. Another one thousand soldiers were rescued after a night attack probably by a submarine.

Interest In Assault Case

Statement in Due Course Is Promised by United States Army.

Public interest is still high over the disposal by the American authorities of the three men held by them on charges of assaulting Aldermen J. S. Black and G. W. Rudderham and a third man Tony Peterzyson on Fulton Street on the night of February 7. From American army headquarters it is learned thatthe matter is still under investigation and a statement will be forthcoming when it is duly disposed of.

The assault, claimed by the aldermen and Peterzyson to have been entirely unprovoked, received wide publicity in Canadian and American newspapers and on the radio last week. Contacted Thursday morning, a spokesman at American headquarters said that no further public word was available.

Peterzyson, the first man to be assaulted, said he was struck in the face by a man whom he later identified as being among two other American soldiers who were arrested following the assault on the two Aldermen. Alderman Black said he followed his two assailants up Fulton Street until they were arrested by city police and an American military policeman.

It was understood that a military court martial was to have followed the affair but, so far no word of such action has come out. The men were said to be still in custody and appropriate action pending.

Under international agreement American authorities have the right to try their own nationals for offenses committed on Canadian soil.

Inspector Ernest Gammon, provincial police, left last night for a trip to Ocean Falls on official duties.

Mechanized Units On Land as Well as Air Assault By Americans

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (CP) — The Tokyo radio said today that "powerful mechanized units as well as air power" were being used in an American attack on Truk and that "fighting without troops is now going on." Domei (Japanese) News Agency referred to the Truk attack as a "strong reconnaissance" and said that the main Japanese force was "biding its time until the very end, looking for a golden opportunity to destroy the enemy at one stroke."

It was announced Thursday from Pearl Harbor that powerful American Navy task forces, accompanied by hundreds of carrier planes, launched the first assault of the war on Truk, mighty Japanese air and naval base in the Caroline islands, Wednesday. Radio silence delayed details.

CIVIC CENTRE—

GYROS FAVOR RESERVE FUND

Propose $25,000 Be Kept Intact From Any Other Project to Purchase Building.

At a business luncheon Wednesday arranged for the especial purpose of considering the civic centre project in the light of the recent controversy between a swimming pool and skating arena, the Prince Rupert Gyro Club, after considerable discussion, passed a resolution proposing that a sum of $25,000 be reserved from existing civic centre funds to be applied against the purchase of the Y.M.C.A. war services building after the war as agreed upon, that the action of the civic centre executive in making a contract with the federal government for the acquisition of the building be approved and that the question of swimming pool or skating arena be left to the discretion of the central executive.

The motion along these lines was offered by W. M. Watts and seconded by Frank Dibb. Mr. Watts was of the opinion that, since a contract was being entered into with the government which would involve a sum of money as yet undetermined, there should be no complete depletion of funds to finance another project, especially since the civic centre itself was in any case the prime objective.

Dr. R. G. Large told of plans and estimates which had been obtained in connection with the swimming pool project. A minimum standard competitive pool, 75 by 35 feet, it was already evident would be a costly project, especially when it was considered that tile alone would cost $15,000 and the heating plant $8,000. He was in accord with the idea of an adequate sinking fund to purchase the Y.M.C.A. building.

W. F. Stone felt that the swimming pool had always been associated with the civic centre in the minds of the public who had subscribed funds. The skating arena was merely a recent idea.

Others taking part in the discussion were William Cruickshank and William Lambie. The former was in favor of a swimming pool as opposed to a skating arena. The latter would not embark on any other undertaking until after the civic centre building had been once and for all acquired.

In the course of discussion, it was mentioned that it might not be possible to have another civic centre carnival in the city.

President Frank Skinner was in the chair at the Gyro luncheon. He named a committee consisting of W. F. Stone, W. M. Watts, Amerigo Dominato, L. C. Griffiths and G. D. Bryant to devise ways and means of obtaining revenue for club in munity activities.

The raffle of a war savings tificate was won by Wil Cruickshank.

Luncheon guests were W Armour and W. O. Fulton

STARAYA RUSSA FALLS—

Nazis Lose Great Base

Hitler's Latest Disaster at Korsun is Now Complete.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (CP)— Germans today announced the evacuation of Staraya Russa, the strongest base between Leningrad and Smolensk, as Nazi defences cracked up in what looks like an abandonment of northern Russia.

The liquidation of ten Nazi divisions at Korsun in Ukraine, the worst disaster for Hitler since Stalingrad, has been completed with 52,000 killed and 11,000 captured.

CROSS BORDER—

Slavs In Italy Now

LONDON, Feb. 18 (CP)—Yugo-Slav Partizans stabbed across the Slovene border into northern Italy and are now battling the Germans just south of the First Grat War battlefield of Caporetto, Marshal Tito announced. There is continued heavy fighting between German and partizan forces in Zagorje province of Croatia.

Former Local Boy In Action

Sub.-Lieut. George Greenwood With Navy in Italian Campaign.

Sub-Lieutenant George Greenwood, son of a former chief of police here, is now acting as navigator for a Royal Navy ferry service at Anzie, the scene of the latest Allied landing in Italy, where heavy fighting is now going on. The craft which he operates has the job of landing tanks from the base and the fighting zone close to Rome. He has been in the Italian war zone since last September.

Sub.-Lieut. Greenwood, now only 21 years of age, attended school at Prince Rupert and was a Sea Cadet here. He is the subject of a front page feature in Monday's Vancouver Province.

Ambulance Fund

Loyal Orange Association, Lodge 2310	$25.0
Mrs. V. D. Casley	25.0