

Saturday, May 17

High	4:19	18.4 feet
	17:37	17.1 feet
Low	11:04	4.1 feet
	23:16	9.5 feet

Maximum	58
Minimum	47

Line Fight

Canucks

described

Halston Tells of Six Mile

OTTAWA, May 26 (CP)—To

Soviet Mission

asked to Canada

Postwar Aviation

OTTAWA, May 26 (CP)—Hon.

THE DIE

IN FIRE

Deaths as Result of Dance

TOLL RISES TODAY

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MEMBERS

ROUNDED

OTTAWA, May 26 (CP)—Over-

City Pioneer

dies in South

William George Humble, whom

Nazis To Abandon Central Italy

Provincial Govt. Authority of Road North From Hazelton Mentioned In Interior Highway Plans

Business interests in the interior of British Columbia are reviving the agitation for completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway northward and southward says the British Columbia correspondent of the Financial Post. They want the provincial government to proceed with the extension from the present northern terminal to Prince George and from the southern terminus at Squamish to Vancouver.

The project will probably have to wait until after the war in any event, but there is no doubt that it will then receive serious consideration. Premier John Hart is known to favor extension of the railroad in principle, and he has stated at various times that eventually a railroad will probably be built all the way to Alaska, although he has been careful not to commit the provincial government to such a costly undertaking.

Engineers state that it would be comparatively simple to build a railroad along the Rocky Mountain trench to Alaska and that "the inevitable development in the north country will make such an undertaking imperative. There has, of course, been a great deal of talk about the value of cargo planes in opening up the north, but no one seriously imagines that planes will ever compete with railroads in ordinary freight traffic, nor would highways.

One suggestion advanced recently at Lillooet, one of the districts served by the P.G.E., is that the road should be electrified throughout its length with power from the Bridge River and other projects.

SURVEY HIGHWAY LINK TO NORTH

The provincial government is meantime going ahead with the survey of a highway from Prince George to Dawson Creek on the Alaska Highway, and construction will probably be started before the end of the year if all goes well. The government has appropriated \$6,000,000 for this highway work.

British Columbia is not losing interest in construction of a road further west, possibly connecting Hazelton with the Alaska Highway at a point further north than Dawson Creek. This would meet the desires of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association, which has been pressing for a westerly connection with Alaska.

Premier Hart, however, considers that the more immediate requirement is a highway linking southern and central British Columbia with the Peace River country, and that is primarily the reason for the Prince-George-Dawson Creek connection now being surveyed. Last year he offered to finance the so-called "B" route, which is considerably west of the Dawson Creek route, and this was enthusiastically welcomed by Washington and Oregon interests, but when no tangible support was forthcoming from the United States the provincial government decided to go ahead with the other highway, which would be of more direct service to B.C.

The other highway may come, however, and Mr. Hart hopes that the railroad will, too.

George Weaver Is Nominated At Westminster

George Weaver, perennial candidate of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation at Prince Rupert, is essaying political fortune again at New Westminster where he has received the federal nomination. He will oppose Tom Reid, the veteran Liberal member.

MAY HAVE TO CLOSE PLANT

Local Vitamin Establishment Adversely Affected by Export Ban and Ceiling Price

With the export of vitamin oils from Canada to the United States banned for the past three months leaving Canada and Great Britain as the only markets and the application now by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board of ceiling prices which are lower than those allowed in the United States, the J. H. Carson Co. appears faced with no alternative but to close down its local vitamin plant this season, it was stated at offices of the company today. A staff of six to eight persons would be affected.

It is not economically practicable to buy American vitamins here and process them for sale in Canada or Great Britain under the ceiling prices, it was stated.

To Build Coasters

Luxury Liners for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Planned

There have been reports that the Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Railway may build new luxury tonnage on the Pacific Coast for a B. C. coastwise fleet, as a post-war measure. It is believed that if the Canadian National does build on this coast, it will do so at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock, which it owns.

Canadian Pacific coastwise vessels would probably be built either at Vancouver or Victoria, though engines would be brought from outside sources. However, the shipbuilders plans of the railways will keep only two or three yards busy for a year or more after the war and employ only a fraction of the 30,000 workers now estimated to be engaged in the industry.

Nazis To Make Final Stand In North, Eye Witnesses Say

POUNING AT BURMA

Japanese Bases Continue to be Targets for Allied Bomber Blows

KANDY, May 26 (CP)—In North Burma further Allied bomber blows have fallen on Myitkyina, where the Japanese still have a foothold, on Katkyo, on the Irrawaddy River bend and on the main Japanese base in the Mogaung Valley at Kamalaj.

Allied headquarters estimated today that a total of 8,500 Japanese have been killed in the Manipur area of northeastern India where heavy fighting is said to be continuing with additional heavy losses being inflicted on the enemy.

Allied troops have foiled a Japanese attempt to reinforce the garrison at besieged Myitkyina in North Burma, ambushing a relief column approaching from the west.

IMPORTANT STRONG POINTS COLLAPSE IN QUICK SUCCESSION BEFORE SWEEPING ADVANCE OF CANADIANS, BRITISH, AMERICANS AND OTHER ALLIES

LONDON, May 26 (CP) — Eye-witness reports reaching the Swiss frontier today, according to a dispatch from Zurich, said that signs made it apparent that the Germans are preparing to withdraw altogether from central Italy and make a final stand in the north.

Allied troops, in their thrust from the Anzio beachhead, discharges from Naples state, have captured Cisterna and Littoria and at the eastern end Aquino and Piedimonte have fallen to the Allies. Headquarters in Italy reported today that the Americans had driven beyond Cisterna to within artillery range of Highway No. 6, main inland Cassino-Rome road and vital artery for the withdrawing German forces.

The British captured Aquino and the Poles occupied Piedimonte.

Collapse of the last strong points of Nazis' Hitler Line came after the Canadians captured Pontecorvo and then established a bridgehead across the Melfa River.

A total of 12,000 prisoners were taken in the beachhead region.

From the Canadian Corps in Italy it was reported today that a Canadian infantry division, commanded by Major General Hoffmeister of Vancouver, was consolidating positions on both sides of the Melfa River while battalions under Major Chris Vokes of Ottawa also were consolidating in preparation for the next phase of the advance northwest through the Liri Valley toward Rome.

Bulletins

GERMANS ORDER RETIREMENT

NAPLES—The German radio said today the Field Marshal Kesselring had ordered his troops to fall back at the main points of Allied pressure in Italy.

EISENHOWER SEES TROOPS

LONDON — General Eisenhower inspected British ground troops in his command today and expressed himself as "well pleased." He later was received in audience by the King.

STAGECOACH DAYS RETURN

LONDON—A Swiss news dispatch said today that travelers from Germany report that it now takes as much as seven days to travel from Berlin to Paris on account of the damage done to the German transportation system by Allied air action.

EMULATE RUSSIA

OTTAWA — Howard Green, Progressive-Conservative member for Vancouver South, said that accomplishments of Russia in developing the north country might be an incentive to Canada which should be planning similar development. Minister of Natural Resources Creer said that the possibilities of the north were not being overlooked by the government.

ESCAPED FROM PEN

VANCOUVER—James McDonald and George Margot have both been recaptured after escaping from New Westminster Penitentiary by sawing through bars.

DR. DENTON DIES

VICTORIA—Dr. V. L. Denton, principal of Victoria Normal School, former school inspector and author of geography text books, died suddenly yesterday at the age of 63.

BIG TIMBER DEAL

NEW WESTMINSTER — Eburne Sawmills and Pacific Veneer have purchased four billion feet of timber in the Naimpish Lake district of northern Vancouver Island for \$7,000,000 in one of the biggest timber deals in the history of the province.

JAP ISLANDS RAIDED

SAN FRANCISCO—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced carrier-based bombing raids by American planes on the Marquis and Wake Islands. Four planes and three men were lost in the Marquis attack, 1,200 miles from Tokyo.

FAVOR SHORTER HOURS

VANCOUVER — The Civic Service Association yesterday went on record as favoring a six-hour day and five-day week after the war is over. Reducing the old age pension age from 70 to 60 years is also advocated.

SIXTY-FIVE CARRIERS

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Navy announced that there are now 65 aircraft carriers on active service with the fleet.

ICELAND REPUBLIC

REIKAVIK—The people of Iceland have voted overwhelmingly to break off ties with Denmark. On June 7 Iceland will be formally declared an independent republic.

AMERICANS O.K.

LONDON — Home Secretary Herbert Morrison dubs as "misconceived" and "mischievous" statements which have been made concerning the conduct of American troops in Britain. Their conduct is "exceedingly good," Morrison declares.

RESERVES STILL NEEDED

VANCOUVER—Major D. M. McKay, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, says the Indians of British Columbia are not ready for abolition of reserves.

CANADIANS DOWN UNDER

CANBERRA — It was announced here today that Canada will send nine officers and 63 other ranks to do technical work in Australia. They will install technical equipment sent from this country to the southern commonwealth and instruct Australians in its operation.

ARE RAISED TO AMBASSADORS

OTTAWA, May 26 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that Chile and Canada had agreed to raise their diplomatic representatives to the rank of ambassador and that there would also be an exchange of ambassadors between Canada and Peru.

Warwick Chipman, at present Canadian minister to Chile, will continue as the envoy to that republic with the higher rank. The ambassador to Peru has not yet been named.

LOYANG IS IN DISPUTE

Japanese Announce Its Capture While Chinese Claim They Still Occupy City

CHUNGKING, May 26 (CP)—The Chinese announced, after the Japanese claimed to have occupied Loyang, that they (the Chinese) still held the important city in Honan Province.

A thousand Japanese were killed in fighting south of Tatangtu, immediately north of Mamien Pass in the drive on the Burma Road.

Forest Fire Situation Is Better Now

PRINCE GEORGE, May 26 — The forest fire situation has been considerably relieved in the Peace River district following rains of the last few days.

Baseball Scores

- National League
- Cincinnati at New York, postponed.
- St. Louis at Brooklyn, postponed.
- Chicago at Philadelphia, postponed.
- Boston 1, Pittsburgh 0.
- American League
- Philadelphia 2, Detroit 8.
- New York at Chicago, postponed.
- St. Louis 3, Boston 2.
- Washington at Cleveland, postponed.
- International League
- Syracuse at Newark, postponed.
- Buffalo 16, Montreal 1.
- Jersey City 11, Baltimore 4.
- Rochester 0, Toronto 5.
- American Association
- Minneapolis at Columbus, postponed.
- St. Paul 2-2, Toledo 0-4.
- Indianapolis 6-6, Kansas City 5-1.
- Louisville 7, Milwaukee 5.
- Coast League
- Seattle 4, San Francisco 7.
- Los Angeles 3, San Diego 6.
- Oakland 9, Sacramento 3.
- Portland 1, Hollywood 5.

"SIMPLY MURDER"

LONDON—Lord Van Sittart, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday, said that the slaying of British and Canadian airmen at a Nazi prison camp was "murder and nothing else."

NURSES GO TO PLANES

Latest Assignments to Trans-Canada Air Lines Announced

WINNIPEG, May 26 — The tenth and largest class of graduates from the TransCanada Airlines stewardess training school has just completed its course, under the guidance of Betty Hemmingson, supervisor, according to an announcement at the headquarters of the air lines today.

Chosen from many parts of Canada, sixteen former nurses have been assigned to their new duties as TransCanada Air Lines stewardesses.

Assigned to Moncton were: Grace Allison, Chesterville, Ontario, graduate of Kingston General Hospital; Mary Brown, Shediac, N. B., graduate of Moncton Hospital; To Montreal, Elaine Smith, Halifax, graduate of Halifax Children's Hospital; Mary Atkins, Montreal, graduate of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Hospital.

Going to Toronto are G. O. Doreen Bell, Toronto, graduate of Toronto Wellesley Hospital; Mary Brooks, London, Ontario, graduate of Ontario Hospital; Gladys Plewman, Toronto, graduate of Western Hospital; Dorothy Rogers, graduate of New Toro Hospital; Barbara Hed, graduate of Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.

To Winnipeg go Helen Barton, Vancouver, graduate of St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver; Mary Dixon, Sudbury graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital; Lillian Hosman, Toronto, graduate of Toronto General Hospital; Helen McLean, Winnipeg, graduate of Victoria Hospital; Edyth Martin, Hamilton, graduate of Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario; Ruth Powell, Regina, graduate of Grey Nuns Hospital. To Lethbridge goes Alma Gordon, New Westminster, B. C., graduate of the Royal Columbia Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan M. Davies left last night on a trip to Vancouver.

RUSSIA TO TAKE HAND

Will Make Representations to Japan on Behalf of British Prisoners of War

LONDON, May 26 (CP) — The Soviet Union has made representations to Japan on behalf of British war prisoners, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons yesterday.

Three points on which satisfaction was wanted were the right of the Red Cross to visit camps, a complete list of British prisoners and internees and a list of those who had died and that the Japanese should agree to receive Red Cross supplies and distribute them to the prisoners.

FIRST FISH SOLD HERE

First halibut of the season has been sold on the Prince Rupert Fish Exchange, two Canadian vessels commanding the ceiling price of 18½¢ and 16½¢ from the buyers.

The catch of the Arctic I, Capt. A. Peterson, which arrived yesterday morning, was sold later in the day to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative.

Russian Planes Sink Transports

LONDON, May 26 (CP)—Destruction of two more German transports in the Gulf of Finland by Russian planes is announced. The lull in the ground fighting continues.