

Table with tide information for Friday, August 24, 1945. Columns: Time, High, Low. Values: 1:32 (22.4 feet), 14:14 (20.9 feet), 8:04 (1.5 feet), 20:16 (4.3 feet).

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district during 24 hours ending 5 a.m.

Table with temperature information. Columns: High, Low. Values: 80, 50.

C.P.R. May Take Over P.G.E.

Joint Expert Committee to Investigate Line, It Announced by Premier

Regarded As Major Step in Future of Government Railway and Development of Northern Part of British Columbia

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23 (CP)—Premier John Hart announced yesterday that four experts will be named to investigate the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and prepare a plan to be used as a basis for further discussion between the British Columbia government and the Canadian Pacific Railway for disposal of the government-owned line.

Charter To Be Ratified

San Francisco Document May Be Unanimously Approved—Atomic Bomb Discussed

HOUSE APPROVES LONDON, August 23—The House of Commons today approved the San Francisco Charter and the House of Lords is expected to do the same.

LONDON, August 23—An early and possibly unanimous ratification of the United Nations Charter was forecast today as the British Parliament prepared to resume a debate which has been punctuated by solemn warnings of the vast potentialities of the atomic bomb.

Some British members are advocating international control of the weapon. However, former foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, now a member of the Opposition in the Commons, declared that he put it, "Perhaps we need not worry about the atomic bomb" if controversies can be solved amicably among nations through the world league.

Only a few speakers criticized the World Security League plan and none gave any indication that they intended to vote against it.

Britain is the last of the Big Five powers to take up ratification. Approval already has been given by the United States, Soviet Russia, China and France as well as by more than a half-dozen smaller nations.

Canada probably will bring up the charter for ratification in the House of Commons shortly after certain vital legislative measures are attended to at the forthcoming session slated for September 6.

PAYING CALL AT JAIL HERE

Executive Secretary of John Howard Society Combines Holidays With Official Duties

Rev. J. D. Hobden, executive secretary of the John Howard Society of British Columbia, and Mrs. Hobden, of Vancouver, who arrived in Prince Rupert this week on holidays, will pay what he describes as a "courtesy call" on police officials and the inmates at the city jail.

The visitors travelled from the south on the Thomas Crosby, United Church mission boat, with Rev. Peter Kelly in charge.

A member of the police commission for West Vancouver, Rev. Hobden represents a society interested in the welfare of prisoners and their rehabilitation after they are released. The society is also concerned with crime prevention measures among juveniles.

This is the first time Rev. and Mrs. Hobden have made a boat trip to this city and they were delighted with the scenery they saw while enroute.

The visitors expect to be sailing for Vancouver on Friday after a visit here with friends.

Miss Georgina Patterson, who won the title of "Miss Northern British Columbia" at the recent Civic Centre Carnival here, is arriving in the city on tonight's train from her home at Prince George to make final preparations for her trip to Atlantic City to take part in the "Miss America" beauty finals. She will be here until Saturday night when she leaves for Atlantic City with three days in Toronto enroute for fitting out. Her mother, Mrs. A. M. Patterson of Prince George, will go east with her.

DIRECTION TO BE DROPPED

OTTAWA, Aug. 23—According to an Ottawa report, the policy of directing army personnel into civilian work to relieve labor shortages may be discontinued shortly. This is indicated in a newspaper dispatch quoting Selective Service Director Arthur MacNamara. According to the newspaper article, the situation was discussed at a conference between Selective Service and Army authorities.

Signers Are Designated

Concluding Arrangements For Capitulation Formalities In Tokyo Bay August 31

MANILA, Aug. 23—Those signing the Japanese surrender papers next Friday will be General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz for the United States; Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser for Britain; General Sir Thomas Blamey for Australia; Lieutenant-General L. H. Van Oyen for the Netherlands East Indies; Lieutenant-General Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyanko for Soviet Russia; General Hsu Yung-Chang for China; General Jacques Le Clerc for France with the Canadian and New Zealand signers remained to be designated.

Japan's surrender will be signed aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on August 31. This was announced officially by General MacArthur in Manila. General MacArthur also has announced that he will arrive in Japan next Tuesday by plane if the weather permits. The Allied commander's plane will be accompanied by powerful sea and air forces.

ORIGIN OF "KAFFIR" The term "Kaffir," used to cover all natives in South Africa, came down from the East Coast by way of the Portuguese and is an Arab word meaning "unbeliever."

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Philippines

FREEING PRISONERS MANILA—Approximately 1000 Canadians will be among 32,000 Allied prisoners of war evacuated from Japanese camps to the Philippines.

INSIDE JAPAN SAN FRANCISCO—An extraordinary session of the Japanese Diet is to be convened September 2 and 3, Domei agency announces. The Japanese Fascist party is to be dissolved and six new parties formed. Compulsory military service is to be dropped. A general election may be held.

MILK STRIKE POSTPONED PENTICTON—The milk delivery strike, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed at the request of the Pentiction Board of Trade.

MORE HOSIERY COMING OTTAWA—Freer supplies of nylon and silk hosiery are expected soon, it is suggested here.

KILLED 1000 JEWS? OSLO—Norwegian Jews, taking the stand at the trial of Vidkun Quisling today, said that 1000 of their relatives had come to their deaths at his (Quisling's) instigation. Quisling slumped back in his chair as the Jews were testifying.

PORTLAND EXPLOSION PORTLAND—When an iron fireman factory had an explosion today, one man was killed and several injured. Much damage was done and the blast was felt for fifty blocks around.

SPEAK TOMORROW OTTAWA—Finance Minister Hsley and Wartime Prices and Trade Board Chairman Donald Gordon will speak over the national network at 4:45 tomorrow and again at 9:15 in the evening on wartime controls and the necessity of continuing some of them.

B.C. FIRE SITUATION VICTORIA—The provincial fire situation was quieter Wednesday but provincial forestry officials warned that a closure order may be put into effect shortly if hot dry weather continues to make an extreme fire hazard. Some logging firms on Vancouver Island have voluntarily closed down because of the condition of 44 fires in the district.

PROPERTY IS REPORTED ON

Reports on a diamond drilling program which featured the season's development work on the Bob Creek low grade-big tonnage mining property south of Houston which it has under option were received at a meeting last night of the Prince Rupert Mining Syndicate. The syndicate was formed and financed locally about a year ago by local business men desirous of indicating enterprise in the development of resources of the district. As a result, useful work was done to increase interest in this well known property.

President W. M. Watts was in the chair at the meeting of the syndicate which was held in the office of the secretary, G. L. Rorie.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN WARTIME EMERGENCY CONTROLS

LONDON, Aug. 23 (CP)—The government today introduced legislation seeking broad authority to retain for at least five years many of its wartime emergency controls including the right to peg prices and regulate service and supplies. Majority Leader Herbert Morrison, Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton and Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, presented the measure to the House.

Purposes of the measure are "to secure at fair price a sufficiently and equitable distribution of those supplies and services essential to the well-being of the community."

Parliament would have the power to annul any executive order within forty days of its promulgation. A new emergency powers bill would prevent the government from exercising its wartime authority of detaining persons in the interests of public safety or for the defence of the realm and would ban trial of such persons by special courts.

COMMUNIST FORCES IN INTERIOR SAID TO BE ON MARCH CHUNGKING, August 23—A Chinese communist newspaper, the New China Daily News, claims that Communist forces in North Central China are on the march. The newspaper, which is published in Chungking, says that the armies are geared for an all-out offensive against a series of key cities.

The publication claims that one column of Chinese Communists has been sighted near two towns close to Peiping.

Civil War In China?

MANY WOUNDED RETURN HOME Hospital Ship Lady Nelson Docked at Halifax Wednesday

MONTREAL, August 23—Nearly 500 wounded and sick seamen who arrived in Halifax on the hospital ship Lady Nelson, former flagship of the Canadian National Steamships West Indies fleet, are enroute to their homes in all parts of the Dominion today on two special Canadian National Railway military hospital trains. At dockside for the arrival of the mercy ship, the two specials left Halifax Wednesday afternoon.

Since the beginning of the war all military hospital trains have been handled over C.N.R. lines from Halifax. The "hospitals on wheels" are operated on a slow schedule and special instructions are issued to all engineers for the smooth handling of the trains when starting and stopping and reducing speed on curves.

Going to Vancouver, the first train left dockside at 4 p.m. Wednesday. On this train are 21 members of the armed forces who will go to Winnipeg, 37 to Regina, 52 to Calgary and 42 to Vancouver.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table of stock prices for Vancouver, Toronto, and other locations. Columns: Location, Stock Name, Price. Includes items like B. R. Con., Cariboo Quartz, Dentonia, etc.



CLEANING UP AFTER CANADIAN TROOPS RIOTED—Pioneer Corps crews are cleaning up broken glass and other debris in the streets of Aldershot, English military town, after a riot by Canadian soldiers many of whom have been overseas for five years. The white-belted men on the sidewalk are Canadian military police.

SEQUEL TO ALDERSHOT

Three Canadian Soldiers Sentenced to Seven to Two Year Terms

LONDON, August 23—Three Canadian soldiers have been sentenced to prison terms for their part in the Aldershot riots. Terms range from seven years' penal servitude to two years with hard labor. Corp. Emmanuel Schuler gets 7 years, Pte. Lloyd States five years and Pte. I. L. McIntyre, two years.

Canadian Scottish Veteran Is Visitor

Rev. and Mrs. Peter Kelly, who were visitors here this week with the United Church mission boat Thomas Crosby from Ocean Falls, had with them their son, Private H. L. G. Kelly, who is just home after a three-and-a-half years overseas with the famous First Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment. The "Scottish" went through hard fighting from D-Day up to the occupation of Germany and Private Kelly was one of only 47 members of the unit who came through unhurt.

Crossing the Atlantic homeward bound on the New Amsterdam, he landed at Quebec. The young Nanaimo-born soldier, whose missionary father is a native of the Queen Charlotte Islands, left yesterday with the Thomas Crosby when it pulled out for Ocean Falls by way of various coastal points on one of its periodical evangelical cruises.

Weather Forecast

Light winds increasing to moderate in exposed areas during afternoon. Fair and warm. Friday: Moderate winds occasionally fresh northwesterly in afternoon. Generally fair with slightly lower temperature.

Object Is Not Bomb

Fishing Float in False Creek First Believed to Be Enemy Missile

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23—The army has disclosed that a round wooden object fished from the water of False Creek in the heart of Vancouver's industrial section definitely was not a Japanese balloon bomb as previously reported. It proved to be merely some type of fishing float upon examination by a qualified bomb disposal officer.

A spokesman for the Ordnance Department says Japanese bombs—and indeed all bombs—are made of metal and do not float. As described by Army officials, the supposed-bomb turned out to be a round piece of wood 18 inches long and 8 1/2 inches in diameter, crudely hollowed out. It was discovered floating near the wharf of the West Coast Shipyards.

However, the Army is reiterating a previous warning that all suspicious objects should be reported at once because genuine Japanese bombs may be discovered. Already some 150 of the enemy bombs have been picked up in Canada and many more were found in the United States. The bombs caused no deaths or injuries in Canada but killed six persons in the United States.

FIRST WOOD GRINDER In 1886 Alexander Buntin installed at Valleyfield, Que., what is claimed to have been the first wood grinder for wood pulp manufacture in America.

Future of Hong Kong

Prime Minister Attlee Says British Will Take Surrender

LONDON, August 23 (CP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee said in the House of Commons today that Japanese surrender in Hong Kong crown colony in China would be accepted by a British commander. He was replying to former Prime Minister Churchill who wanted to know whether the government was taking steps to restore British administration in the colony.

(Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had said in Chungking that Chinese forces would occupy Hong Kong, the future status of which he would consider).

WOUNDS WERE ONLY SLIGHT

Field Marshal Montgomery Not Badly Hurt When Plane Hits Tree

OLDENBURG, Germany, Aug. 23—Field Marshal Montgomery was slightly injured yesterday when his plane crashed into a tree at an airport near Oldenburg, Germany. The plane was carrying the British occupation forces commander to his first formal inspection of the Third Canadian Infantry Division—Canada's contribution to the Allies' European occupation force.

However, the Field Marshal was delayed only by first aid measures, and he then continued his journey on to Oldenburg where he was greeted by a guard of honor consisting of 100 Canadians.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE, ALSO GRAVELLING SKEENA CROSSING TO KITWANGA

Following the visit a few weeks ago of provincial department of public works officials to the area, plans have been prepared for the finishing of graveling of the northern transprovincial (Prince Rupert) highway between Skeena Crossing and Kitwanga, a section of the road which has long needed attention. Further the federal Department of Mines and Resources has granted the provincial public works department permission to use large graders which have been in storage at Terrace in grading and maintenance of the road between Terrace and Prince Rupert. Steps are already being taken to start the maintenance work which will create considerable employment.

Other improvements on the highway which are being planned include completion of Terrace bridge and fill, relocation of Lakelse road junction with Prince Rupert Highway, widening of the Copper River bluff, relocation of road at Porphyry Creek east of New Hazelton and relocation of the approach to Smithers.

INSTALLING OF BISHOP

New Diocesan Head of Catholic Church Coming Next Month

Installation of Father Anthony Jordan of Ottawa as the new Roman Catholic bishop of Northern British Columbia in succession to the late Rt. Rev. E. M. Bunoz will take place on September 12 at the Church of the Annunciation, the cathedral of the diocese. Archbishop W. M. Duke of Vancouver will conduct the installation in which Bishop Carroll of Calgary, Bishop J. L. Couderd of Yukon as well as four or five other bishops and 40 or 50 priests will participate. On the morning of September 13 there will be pontifical mass.

The new bishop will arrive here September 11 from Ottawa where for the past 5 years he has been superior of the scholasticate of Oblate Fathers. Prior to that he was 10 years in Vancouver.

UNEMPLOYED ON INCREASE

Sixty-five Hundred Shipyard And Aircraft Workers Lose Their Jobs in South

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23—The total unemployed shipyard and aircraft workers here and at Victoria rose to 6,500 Wednesday with the announcement by Boeing Aircraft that 225 employees were given dismissal notices. Since V-J Day 1,100 personnel at Boeing's have been dismissed.

Terrace Asks Gov't Power

Prompt Action Hoped for in View of Emergency—Commission Officials Pay Visit

TERRACE, August 23—The village commissioners of Terrace have decided the time has come to make formal application to the provincial government to supply Terrace village and district with light and power in accordance with the act passed by the legislature a short time ago.

The government had already been asked to send their man to look the place over but, now that the local power supply has ceased owing to destruction of the power plant by fire, the commission decided to send a formal request. One of the speakers said that Terrace, like other small communities thought that the government's intention when passing the act was to string a power line through the country and the various localities could hook on to it.

The gathering felt well pleased with the prospects of some emergency move by the government to relieve the present situation which is handicapping local business.

S. R. Weston, chairman of the B. C. Power Commission, and Mr. Vandervoort, chief engineer, arrived here by car Monday afternoon. They were met by the village commissioners and representatives of the board of Trade and entertained at supper. Local citizens to the number of about 20 were present.

Afterwards the whole company gathered in the municipal office for an informal talk regarding the lack of electrical power in the village.

HEAT WAVE IN RUPERT

Warmest Weather in Three Years Experienced Here

Citizens shed down to shirt sleeves and summer cottons but still sweltered yesterday in the warmest day Prince Rupert has experienced in three years. The Dominion Meteorological Station on Digby Island reported that the official thermometer rose to 80 degrees, the highest since August 7, 1942, and didn't drop below 50 for the second highest "low" since July, 1938. A blazing sun beat waves of warmth from a cloudless sky.

Last August the top low registered was 51.4 but the high for that period was only 61.3. The highest temperature previously during 1945 was 75 on May 27 while the highest low was 43 on July 5. On August 7, 1942, the temperature climbed to a high of 84.5 while the low for the month was 45.5, August 30. The forecast last night was for continued "fair and warm."