

Temperature
Readings for the Prince
District for today read:
42
37
45 inches

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Tomorrow's Tides
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Friday, April 6, 1945
High 7:24 17.1 feet
21:14 15.8 feet
Low 1:00 10.5 feet
14:10 6.7 feet

RUSSIA BREAKS WITH JAPAN

Cabinet
Signs

so to Go—More
Administration
April 5 (CP)—The Jap-
anese Premier Gen-
eral Koiso has resigned
because of the
war situation. A
unique announcing
says a far more
administration will be
prohibited today or-
ganized by Baron Kantaro
Koiso, former prime
minister of the Japan-
ese, to form a new
government. Suzuki is
moderate.
Premier Hi-
rohito when United
States forces the
war chieflain out-
spoken in Japan as
Koiso was the
man of the Jap-
anese Kwantung clique
1932, several years
"The Razor," rose
staff of the Kwan-
tung Army in 1932. Koiso played
a role in the conquest
of Manchuria in defiance of
the League of Nations and the west-
ern world.
Later he was identi-
fied with Japan-
ese aggression in the South
Sea Islands which led to
the war with the United

WAR
SHARE
AFRIC WAR

Announces
Voluntary Basis
April 5 (CP)—Prime
Minister King has given the
House of Commons a general
statement of Canada's partici-
pation in the war against Japan.
The statement says that the Pa-
cific forces in the Pa-
cific are on a voluntary
basis and that the Navy and Air Force
are being expanded with sister British
and the army will op-
erate with the United States

ers Favor
Wealth Talks

April 5 (CP)—While
the House of Commons took sides on
the issue of whether the
San Francisco conference sched-
uled for April 10 should be postponed, edi-
tors generally agreed
that preliminary
talks which will prob-
ably be held in London today will pro-
vide opportunities for
exchange of views
between the two em-
pire countries—
the San Francisco meet-
ing will place this month or
after the war.

MS OF
TRY

April 5 (CP)—Acute
illness probably caused by
the death of six
children, their ages rang-
ing from 12, at Aldie Lake
River, Provincial
Park, was advised here by ra-
dio. The children were camped
in the area. Their parents
were camped in the moun-
tains. The children were
from Mile 535 on the Al-
berta Highway. A doctor of the
service parapluted to
the area with medical supplies.
The deaths occurred on
April 4 and the others follow-
ed.
By Bruce Mickle-
thwait, he is granted leave
from his teaching
at King Edward School
as part of the
regular monthly
night. Mr. Mickle-
thwait is a federal Labor Pro-
gressive Party candidate for
constituency gave the
reason for asking

War News Highlights

Action Off Norwegian Coast

LONDON—British and Canadian destroyers, patrolling off the Norwegian coast, torpedoed and sank one supply ship of a seven-ship enemy convoy and scored shell hits on a second supply ship and an escort vessel, the Admiralty announced today. A third supply ship was probably hit by a torpedo, the communique said. The Canadian destroyers suffered no casualties and only very superficial damage.

Eighth Army Consolidate Positions

ROME—British Eighth Army troops have consolidated their positions in a narrow Italian coastal strip between Valdi Comacchio and the Adriatic and have driven northwest close to Porto Garibaldi, Allied headquarters announced today. Porto Garibaldi is 4 miles north of the last reported Canadian positions.

Berlin Hammered Again

LONDON—Berlin has been given another hammering during the night. R.A.F. Mosquitos returned to the doomed city, while twin armadas in great strength bombed oil plants at the north sea port of Hamburg and at Nersburg, which is near Leipzig. It is believed that one-thousand or more British planes were in these attacks.

Pleased With Invasion Progress

GUAM—Allied commanders in the Pacific are elated at the swift progress of the campaign in the Ryukyu group, three hundred and twenty-five miles from Japan proper. They still expect the Japanese to attempt some sort of counter-attack on Okinawa, one-sixth of which is in American hands.

Americans Take Masbate

MANILA—American troops in the central Philippines have seized Masbate City, the capital of the island of the same name. It fell a few hours after the island was invaded, thereby securing the thirty-sixth island to be invaded in the Philippine chain.

Hangman of Poland Captured

LONDON—The Russians have captured one of Hitler's most important Fifth Columnists. He is Arthur Greiser, whose role by massacre in Poland earned him the title of Hangman of the Polish People. Before the war, Greiser was president of the Senate of Danzig and used his office to terrorize the city in preparation for annexation by the Nazis. In 1942, he executed 100 hostages in Posen before the eyes of their relatives in reprisal for the death of two Germans.

Reds At Gates of Vienna

MOSCOW—The Battle for Vienna is on this morning. Red Army infantrymen are at the gates of the Austrian capital. Austria was the first country to come under the Nazi yoke when Hitler embarked on his campaign for world conquest. The Russians have taken a suburb one-and-a-half miles from the city line, and presently will be digging into Vienna's strongest line of anti-tank defences. They are located 7½ miles from the centre of the city.

SOVIETS ON APPROACHES TO VIENNA

LONDON, April 5 (CP)—The German high command said yesterday that Russian spearheads have reached the Baden area, about 10 miles south of Vienna, and other Russians are fighting in the streets of Weirneustadt, 26 miles south of the Austrian capital.

The German TransOcean propaganda agency said that the Russians had started a new drive northward from positions near Bratislava, the captured capital of Slovakia, probably aimed at Bruenn, the second city of Czechoslovakia.

MINERS ARE TRANSFERRED

VANCOUVER, April 5 (G)—William McKinstry, regional superintendent of Selective Service in British Columbia, has appeared to all hard rock miners working in less important industry to apply to their selective service offices for employment in the base metal mines of British Columbia due to "the serious condition in base metal mining owing to the shortage of qualified miners."

No Special Rates For Sports Teams

There is no prospect of transportation companies granting special reductions for travelling sports teams, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was advised Tuesday night by a special committee, G. R. S. Blackaby, chairman, which had been delegated to look into the matter following a request from the Kinsmen's Club which is interesting itself in inter-town sports competition promotion. The transport commission control forbids any such special rates during wartime. Mr. Blackaby had been advised by the three local transportation companies.

Moscow Accuses Nippon of Helping Reich by Warring Against States and Britain

PRINCE GEORGE MEN WIN D.S.O.

Lieut.-Col. Harry Angle and Capt. Richard Sellars Gets Award for Gallantry Overseas

OTTAWA, April 5—The Department of National Defence announced today that Capt. Richard Bartley Sellars, aged 36, Prince George, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry while serving overseas with the Canadian Armored Corps.

Capt. Sellars was born at Arcton, Saskatchewan, July 5, 1913, and graduated from the University of Manitoba. He was a book-keeper in Prince George prior to his enlistment in the Canadian (Active) Army June 22, 1940, with the rank of gunner. He was appointed to a commission September 3, 1942, and proceeded overseas in the same month. He attained his present rank May 24, 1944, being confirmed in that rank September 16, 1944. He was awarded the Military Cross in January of this year. His wife, Mrs. I. Sellars, and young son, live at 3177 East Georgia St., Vancouver.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry Herbert Angle is another Prince George officer to win the D.S.O.

Weather Forecast

Light winds, coming moderate to fresh in afternoon, mostly cloudy and cool with frequent rain showers or rain and snow mixed, becoming partly cloudy in afternoon. Fair in evening. Friday: fresh winds, partly cloudy, with occasional light rain showers, slightly higher temperature.

LONDON, April 5 (CP) — Russia today denounced its neutrality pact with Japan, accusing Tokyo of helping Germany to war against Russia. Foreign Commissar Molotov handed a note to the Japanese ambassador, a Moscow broadcast said. The pact was signed in April 1941 and whether Russia would denounce it before the opening of the world security conference at San Francisco April 25 had been the subject of speculation.

Molotov informed the Japanese ambassador that continuance of the compact was impossible since Japan was fighting against Russia's allies—the United States and Great Britain. He added that in such a situation a pact of neutrality between Japan and Russia had lost its meaning. The denouncement becomes effective April 13, just twelve days before the opening of the San Francisco conference.

There is no hint from Moscow as to further immediate developments in future relations between Russia and Japan.

The neutrality pact would normally have expired April 25, 1946.

SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointment of a committee to investigate possible sites for new city schools is the second step taken by the Prince Rupert school board in its long term plan to replace present structures with modern school buildings.

Appointed by the board chairman, Dr. R. G. Large, the committee consists of himself, and Trustees Mrs. M. Roper and S. L. Peachey. They will make a comprehensive survey of the city and bring in reports on the best sites for new school buildings which will some day replace the present inadequate buildings.

"By giving the matter attention now we will know exactly where we stand when the time comes to build," Dr. Large said.

First step in the planning scheme was taken earlier in the year when the board prevailed on city council to set aside one mill of taxation for a future school building fund. This will provide slightly more than \$4,000 a year for the purpose.

Accounts for expenses during March totalling \$9,890.62 were authorized for payment by the board.

Reports of principals revealed that enrolment in the four city schools during March was 1,219 pupils and that the attendance average was slightly lower than usual due to colds and minor ailments.

Booth Memorial High School had an enrolment of 500, with 331 in the junior high school and 169 in the senior. Average attendance was 90 percent. War Savings Stamps sold during the month totalled \$547.

With a total attendance of 305, King Edward School had 148 boys and 157 girls enrolled. Attendance average for the month was 90 percent. War Savings for the month totalled \$234, and the total for the term to date is \$1,433.

Conrad Street School had an enrolment of 193 and an average attendance of 90 percent. War Savings were \$118.

At Borden Street School the enrolment was 221 and the average attendance was 85 percent. War Savings for the month were \$298 and the total for the term so far is \$1,585.

A request by a group of girls that they be allowed the use of the old Westview School as a club, social and work centre was granted subject to the acceptance of one of the teachers, Miss Thompson, of responsibility for the club.

The board set the date for a discussion of teachers' salaries with the Prince Rupert Teachers' Association for April 18.

Nazis Make Refuge Flight to Sweden

STOCKHOLM, April 5 (CP)—The Swedish newspaper Expressen said yesterday that three German planes of a type used for reconnaissance landed with German refugees at Ystad on the southern tip of Sweden. There was no question of mistaken navigation and all pilots surrendered willingly to the authorities.

CLOSED SHOP FOR TEACHERS

VANCOUVER, April 5 (CP)—The British Columbia Teachers' Federation in their annual convention here decided Wednesday to seek closed shop legislation as soon as possible.

Eisenhower Says "Surrender Is Improbable"

TERRACE EARLY HISTORY RECALLED WITH BIRTHDAY OF PIONEER

TERRACE, April 5—The Pioneer Farm at Frank's Crossing, Kitsumkalum, was the scene of a memorable dinner party on Sunday last when all the members of the family who could be present gathered to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday of Henry Frank, one of the oldest settlers, and that of a grandchild, Donald, who was two. The table was artistically laid out with suitable Easter decorations and a delicious dinner was served. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brookes, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Frank and son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Frank and two children, Miss Mildred Frank, and Mrs. P. V. Tallon and son, Larry, who is the youngest grandchild.

Henry Frank is to be honoured as one of our earliest and most energetic pioneers. In 1894 he and a friend, Mr. Kendall, left the state of Washington in a flat-bottomed skiff to carry on prospecting in the northern lands along the Pacific coast. With tide and wind to assist them they moved up the coast and reached the mouth of the Skeena River in September. For a few days they stopped at Port Essington and then decided they would continue up the river. It took them seven days to reach Little Canyon, just above the present site of Terrace.

A heavily wooded country stretched out in all directions. They decided to explore and, for this purpose, made a trip up Williams Creek and the Copper River. As they went, they studied rock formations and looked for game. The season was far ad-

New American Corporals' Club

Fine Establishment on Acropolis to Open Monday

A formal dance on Monday will mark the opening of the new American Corporals' Club of the Prince Rupert sub-port of embarkation.

The corporals utilized one of the vacant buildings atop Acropolis Hill to construct one of the finest clubs in the district. A canopied circular bar of modern design for the distribution of beer and soft drinks is located in the centre of the building. A new hardwood dance floor is partitioned off from the rest of the building by a cleverly draped partition. Booths and tables are located in the main lobby and a cocktail lounge with easy chairs and davenport is to be found at the far end of the club.

GRATUITIES TO GO TO ESTATES

OTTAWA, April 5 (CP)—Veterans Minister Mackenzie says action is being taken to make war services gratuities payable to the estates of deceased servicemen.

The minister said a committee of representatives of the three services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs has been studying the question and has made a report on which the action now being taken is based.

When the war service grants act was passed, it provided for payment of gratuities to next-of-kin of deceased men only if dependents were in receipt of dependents' allowances or assigned pay.

Anticipates No Decisive Capitulation by Germany

"V-Day" by Proclamation Only

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5 (CP) — General Eisenhower has informed President Roosevelt in a letter that "a clean-cut surrender" of the Nazis is improbable. The allied commander in Europe foresaw extensive guerilla warfare. Eisenhower said he is hopeful of launching operations at the proper time

This threat was posed after the Canadian troops hurried the Twente Canal at two points Wednesday night and advanced more than four miles northward.

The Germans are getting no help from the Dutch in their attempts to keep the rail lines running into Germany. Last September Queen Wilhelmina called upon all Dutch railway workers to strike against the Germans.

Paris reported today that American Third Army tanks are leading the way towards Berlin so far as the western front is concerned. In a day of notable victories, General Patton's forces swept up three large German towns and reached positions little more than 120 miles from the German capital, Kassel. Gotha has been captured and Erfurt is being threatened.

To the north, British forces have swept across the Weser and Ems rivers in a drive apparently aimed at cutting off the great port cities of Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven.

Canadian troops at the extreme northern end of the line are fighting close to the German escape routes from Holland. Enemy resistance to the Canadian push stiffened suddenly yesterday north of Zutphen, less than 25 miles from the Zuider Zee.

Bulletins

NAZI PRISONERS SUFFOCATE

PARIS—A number of German prisoners of war were suffocated last month in France while being transported from Germany to camps in France. They died while being transported in new type American box cars and an investigation has been ordered by General Eisenhower. A statement of the deaths has been sent by the Allied commander to the German government.

QUOTA \$60,000,000

VANCOUVER—The quota for British Columbia-Yukon district in the Eighth Victory Loan drive which starts on April 23 has been set at \$60,000,000, it was announced in Vancouver today.

TO BUILD 50 THEATRES

TORONTO—N. L. Nathanson, president of Odeon Theatres, says his company will spend \$7,500,000 in building fifty new theatres across Canada after the war.

MANY EGGS ARE SHIPPED

MONTREAL, April 5—What is believed to be the largest number of eggs ever to be loaded into a single railway refrigerator car in Canada passed through here recently via Canadian National Railways. There were 328,320 eggs in the 912 cases packed into the car. The shipment came from Edmonton and was enroute to an eastern Canadian port of export. The 27,360 dozen weighed 52,500 pounds.

In pre-war days such a consignment would have required practically two railway reefers, stated H. H. Sparling, chief of transportation for the national system. Early reports indicate that the new method of loading tried for the first time in Canada is satisfactory for the shipment of fresh eggs, he added. To fill every square inch of space in the car the cases were piled six layers high with 152 cases to a layer. Only the overhead iced type of refrigerator car which was developed by C.N.R. mechanical and perishable traffic experts can be loaded in this new way, Mr. Sparling said.

For the 2900-mile rail trip the top inside temperature of the car was maintained at 45 degrees. At icing stations these bunkers were filled with two tons of cracked ice to provide the necessary refrigeration.