

Weather

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Light to moderate winds, overcast and cool with occasional snow flurries today and Saturday.

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Tides

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Saturday, February 17, 1945
High 4:38 21.0 feet
16:58 19.1 feet
Low 10:59 4.8 feet
23:08 5.2 feet

Martial Law For Most All Germany

ern Front—

Canadians Pushing On

20 Miles of Rhine
Americans Make Gains

CANADIAN LANDING

S. Feb. 16 (CP)—Canadian Army patrols landed on the Rhine and Meuse Wednesday night. The reported today. The drew German fire.

ON, Feb. 16 (CP)—With the week of Field Marshal Montgomery's offensive over, Canadian troops under General Crerar have pushed past their take-off line in the flood-sodden country five hundred Nazi soldiers have been captured in the drive.

the greatest air support drive with 1200 planes and bombs before them, the Canadian forces advanced three to four miles beyond Kessel.

German counter-attacks, the Canadian First Army has established a second line over the Niers river, of Kessel. This bridgehead is a major city in German West Wall, eight miles from Kessel.

another Allied advance on the western front during the hours, General Patton's Third Army has pushed through the town of Goch, advancing a mile and a half, three-quarters of the way to the Rhine. The Army advanced a mile in the Ruhr.

Yoko is leaving tonight to join the Canadian Army. He has been at the dry dock here for some time.

prominent in athletics.

Rupert Foregather—

HEAR COL. FERRIE DECLARE YMCA SERVICE CENTRE OPEN

the presence of leading naval, army and air personnel representing two nations—Canada and the United States—and one thousand or more Rupert citizens massed in the spacious auditorium of the new structure, Col. C. C. Ferrie, area commander for the Canadian Army, officially declared the YMCA War Services Centre at Prince Rupert open.

Col. Ferrie was acting on behalf of Major General G. R. S. V.C., general officer commanding in chief, Pacific Command, who was unable to attend.

Col. Ferrie, "is which would do credit to any man. I am saying it has no equal in the Dominion and it is comparable with any in the States. Possibly the Prince Rupert do not value it will be in the morale of the nation here and by, also uplifts the morale of the community and the country. It prospers in supply needs of the forces in the war and the community peace."

D. Rowlands, United Kingdom chaplain, dedicated the building.

speakers were John D. Rowlands, assistant secretary, YMCA War Services, and T. S. LaFleche. These were followed by Allan M. Hurst, secretary, Vancouver, local YMCA secretary, who presided over the ceremony by the guests of honor, including Commander

UNITED STATES NAVY IN NIP WATERS; CARRIER PLANES STAGE BIG ATTACK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16 (CP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the United States Pacific fleet, announced last night that 1500 carrier-based planes had made a large and daring nine-hour foray on Tokyo area and other parts of the Japanese homeland. For the first time the fleet in large number had penetrated the home waters of Japan. Air battles in various parts of Japan were reported. It was the consummation of a long-planned attack, Admiral Nimitz declared.

Earlier sixty American superfortresses had raided the important manufacturing city of Nagoya on the home island of Honshu, this being announced by a Japanese Imperial communiqué. The communiqué said the superfortresses caused "some damage" with incendiary and high explosive bombs. An observer today said that smoke from great fires could be seen rising 7000 feet over Tokyo and Yokohama after the bombings.

American naval forces have been busy in other parts of the Pacific. The big guns of another force of warships have pounded

Two Jima and other islands of the Volcano-Bonin group, while land-based bombers showered explosives from overhead.

American superfortresses have also been giving Japan a going over in the past twenty-four hours. The B-29's have ranged the seaways from Saipan to Japan and carried out a raid on Nagoya.

An admission from Japanese Imperial Headquarters acknowledged that American carrier planes have raided airfields around Tokyo for nine hours today.

COLD IN EDMONTON

EDMONTON — The thermometer registered 30 below here today and there is no sign of a break. A chilly 17-mile wind is blowing.



FLYING FORTS CRASH IN FOG OVER ENGLAND—Two U.S. 8th Air Force Flying Fortresses fill the air with debris as they crash only a few hundred feet off the ground over a British airfield. Returning from a raid on German communications centres the planes ran into a thick blanket of clouds that reduced visibility to almost zero over their field. None of the crew of either plane escaped. The destiny of the overcast is indicated by the fact that only a few Forts of the formation which numbered more than a score, are visible in the picture.

Another Nazi Prison Camp Massacre

LITTLE NORWAY BEING CLOSED

Training Centre in Canada Being Abandoned—Moving to England

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—Little Norway, for four-and-a-half years a Royal Norwegian Air Force training centre in Canada, is being closed and the force will be moved to England. It is expected that it will soon be able to go home to Norway.

Bulletins

GERMANS IN MASS FLIGHT

LONDON—The official German news agency, D.N.B., admits that several million Germans have fled into central Germany before the Russian advance. These refugees admittedly are upsetting Nazi plans for transportation and food distribution. The enemy news agency says many Germans are suffering extreme misery and that many died in the mass exodus from eastern Germany. The German government was again reported today to have moved from Berlin to Nurnberg.

POPE PIUS IS ILL

VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius the Twelfth has been confined to his bed with influenza which is localized in his throat. Papal audiences have been suspended.

FOUR CASES OF BEER

VANCOUVER — The four cases of beer quota will likely continue next month. Liquor Board officials say there has been no undue consumption of beer.

AKLAVIK TO DAWSON

DAWSON—Inspector Forrest and Corp. Weston, R.C.M.P., have completed a trip by dog team from Aklavik to Dawson. It took thirty days and it is the first time the trip has been made since 1911.

Richard Jackson, for supplying liquor to Indians, was fined \$50, with option of thirty days' imprisonment, in city police court this morning.

Gestapo Kills All White Personnel of Prison Camp

Revelation Is Made By Family of Air Force Officer at Peterborough, Ontario

PETERBOROUGH, Feb. 16 (CP)—Parents of Warrant Officer Griffin Young of Peterborough said Friday that they were informed by the Royal Canadian Air Force that their son is believed to have been killed last August when the German Gestapo massacred the entire white personnel in a mixed white and negro prison camp. Mr. and Mrs. William Young said they were told of the affair by an Anglican Royal Canadian Air Force padre and his information was received by the Royal Canadian Air Force at Ottawa through an escaped American prisoner.

FEW SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Only Eleven Unable to Operate On Account of Lack of Teachers, Minister Says

VICTORIA, Feb. 16 — British Columbia has fewer schools for lack of teachers than any other province in Canada. Only eleven schools in the province were so closed, Hon. H. G. T. Perry, minister of education, said in answering questions in the Legislature from Colin Cameron, C.C.F. member for Comox.

War News Highlights

U.S. Navy Challenges Japs

PEARL HARBOR—A mighty armada of American fighting ships is steaming off the coast of Japan today flaunting its power at the Japanese and daring the Japanese navy to come out and fight. Its carrier planes—1500 strong—have been raking Tokyo and the surrounding area. The tremendous sea force is spread out in a line 200 miles long as it ploughs through the seas only 300 miles off the coast of Japan. So far there is no indication that the Japanese fleet is going to do anything about it.

Reducing Japs in Manila

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS — General MacArthur announces the steady reduction of Japanese pockets in Manila. MacArthur says captured documents reveal that Japan hoped to hold onto the Philippine capital but the enemy plans failed to work because of the speed of the American advance across Luzon Island.

Nazis Trying to Stop Canucks

PARIS—The Germans are pulling troops out of quiet sectors of the western front to meet the Canadian First Army offensive before Goch. The Germans are anxious to hold on to Goch as it is the last fortress they hold before the open country leading to the Rhur Valley. Scotch troops of the First Army have moved down the Kleve Highway to positions within one thousand yards of Moyland. Field dispatches say the fighting has reached a savage pitch before Goch. British and Canadian units have made two crossings of the Niers River near the city and are pouring troops into their bridgehead. The rest of the western front is comparatively quiet today, with the American Seventh and Third Armies making local gains and the American First and Ninth Armies announcing a fall of sixteen inches in the level of the flooded Roer River.

Russians Crushing Germans

MOSCOW — The German eastern front once more is wavering under the might of the Russian steamroller. The Red Army has turned Berlin's eastern flank in a breakthrough of thirty miles. Soviet forces have outflanked German defences on a 75-mile stretch of the Oder River and have cut the southeast defence line of the German capital. The Russians have taken the Brandenburg province stronghold of Sommerfeld in their advance. Front line dispatches also say the Red Army now has pierced to within 45 miles of the Saxon capital of Dresden. Dresden has been described as a burning inferno from continuous Allied air raids.

R.A.F. Raids Reich Again

LONDON—It is believed that the R.A.F. raided Germany again during the night. Enemy broadcasts warned of the approach of Allied raiders from the north and south. Fifteen hundred Allied bombers hit Germany yesterday.

Hitler and Himmler Make All Germans Fight Under New Decree Just Issued

Those Showing Cowardice Subject to Death Penalty—Most Drastic Measure Yet Issued

LONDON, Feb. 16 (CP)—Almost all Germany was placed under virtual martial law today by a sweeping decree calling for military trial of "whoever tries to evade his duty toward the community." Civilians who show cowardice will be subject to death penalty in "Reich defence areas threatened by the enemy." The order is one of the most drastic decrees ever issued by the Germans in an effort to bring every man, woman and child into the struggle.

General Is Retired

Peakes Relinquishes Pacific Command—"Regrets" Circumstances

VANCOUVER, Feb. 16—Major General Guy R. Peakes V.C., general officer commanding in chief, Pacific Command, has been relieved of his command which he held since 1942 when he returned from overseas where he was former commander of the First Canadian Division.

Ottawa said that General Peakes had been relieved at his own request—but the General himself said he had ceased to hold his command by order of National Defence Headquarters. He said that he regretted the circumstances but that he still hoped to be of some use. Brigadier Donald R. Sargent, who has been officer in command of combined operations school at Courtenay, succeeds General Peakes temporarily. Sargent was in Prince Rupert when the announcement was made here.

Canadian Press learned that General Peakes may enter politics shortly. It is also learned that he had been asked to be removed if certain recommendations he made were not acceptable to National Defence Headquarters. The nature of these recommendations are unknown, neither he nor Ottawa revealing them.

General Peakes held strong views of the draftee question and wasted no words in saying he believed Home Defence troops should volunteer for active service.

Peakes is the only Canadian General on active service in this war with the Victoria Cross. He also won the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross in the First Great War.

Interviewed today, General Peakes said that, under the circumstances, he was unable to give loyal and conscientious service and, that being the case, it would be dishonorable for him to continue.

PATTULLO SAYS HE IS LIBERAL

Comments On Newspaper "Independent" Cognomen—Rupert Has Been Kind

VICTORIA, Feb. 16 (CP)—Former Premier T. D. Pattullo, rising in the Legislature on a question of privilege, suggested that, if the members wished to change allegiance, "they should submit themselves to the electors first." He said that a newspaper report listed his as an "independent" whereas "I am sitting as a Liberal representing a constituency which has been kind to me for many years."

SABU AIR GUNNER HOLLYWOOD — Sabu, the moving picture star, is now a gunner in the United States Air Force. He has been in operations from Borneo to the Philippines.

Local Temperature
Maximum 35
Minimum 29

Must Beat The Japs, Say Russians

Significant Statement Made by Soviet Delegate to Trades Union Conference

LONDON, Feb. 16 (CP)—Two Soviet trade union delegates attending the world trade union conference yesterday recommended the adoption of a resolution reading "war against Japan must be prosecuted with the same vigor as war in Europe until unconditional surrender. The resolution was recommended unanimously to the conference by a committee on the Allied war effort which included two Russian delegates.

The Russian delegates later had the resolution amended and accepted by the conference to read "war against Japan must be prosecuted by the nations at war with her with the same vigor as the war in Europe until unconditional surrender is wrested from her as well."

Eastern Front—

New Drive On Berlin

German Resistance in Silesia and Saxony Almost Paralyzed

LONDON, Feb. 16 (CP)—A German military spokesman said yesterday that Russian forces, smashing ahead 17 miles in 24 hours, have crossed the Neisse River in an area only 65 miles from Berlin in a drive on the German capital from the south-east. From the southeast Moscow dispatches said that other Soviet columns had raced 22 miles west of surrounded Breslau. The Russian successes indicated that German resistance had been almost paralyzed.

Nazi reports said that Konets' army was 43 miles from Dresden and 57 miles from Berlin. One report was that suburban villages of Berlin had been reached. The Allies continue their aerial offensive in support of the Russian land drive, the main target of a night bombing fleet being Chemnitz, 35 miles southwest of Dresden and one of the largest industrial cities in Saxony.

A.R.P. IS DISBANDED

OTTAWA — Canada's Civil Defence Committee has been disbanded. It was formed five years ago to serve in case of enemy air attacks on the Dominion which are now considered unlikely.

Cyril Bagshaw was fined \$25 with option of one month's imprisonment in city police court this morning for theft of coal from Albert & McCaffery.



BRITISH INFANTRY READY FOR ATTACK, MARCHES AREA—British infantry wait for the order to attack a German position in the area of the Marches, western European front, in the counter-offensive against the German drive west.