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Tomorrow's Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)

Wednesday, April 25, 1945

Table with tide times: High 0:10 19.9 feet, 13:09 19.1 feet; Low 6:36 5.3 feet, 18:40 5.8 feet

VICTORY BONDS

Day's Temperature

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read...

Russians Holding Much Of Berlin

Patch Division of Italy Eve of Added Glory

General Crerar Grooms First Division: "Now We All Together Let Us Add Speed to Victory In No Uncertain Manner"

PARIS, April 24 (CP)—The First Canadian Army, which formerly fought in Italy with the Eighth Army—has joined the Second Canadian Corps in northwest Europe.

The announcement transfer was made yesterday by General G. Crerar, commanding the First Canadian Army.

The Corps already has gone into action in its new theatre of operations.

The First Canadian Corps takes with it a long roll of battle honors. Italian names like Pachino, Ortona, Pontecorvo, Trasmeno, and Rimini, woven into a military pattern with blunt Germanic names like those of the Gustav, Hitler, and Gothic lines, will live in Canadian history.

Landing in Sicily—long before the invasion on the west—the First Corps cracked the German's Mount Etna line, and earned from Field Marshal Montgomery the appraisal of veteran troops of the Eighth Army. It was the First Division that landed in Reggio on the Italian toe.

From then on the Corps was in the thick of heavy fighting that took place as the Germans were pushed back up the Italian boot.

The Corps was moved to the western front as a complete unit, with all its equipment. Outstanding in the move, was the secrecy with which it was done.

The troops didn't know when they were pulled from the line that they were heading for a linkup with their comrades of the Second Corps. They were ferried to Marseilles, and taken overland from there.

General Crerar, in a message welcoming the First Corps to the First Canadian Army, said: "Now we are all together, let us add speed to the victory in no uncertain manner."

He added, "It is simply great to be together again."

Late news from the Canadian fighting front is that First Army troops are six and one half miles from Emden and 32 miles from Wilhelmshaven. In the Wilhelmshaven drive, the Canadians are meeting stiffening Nazi resistance.

In the meantime, the Red Patch Devils from Italy are patrolling the Grebe defence line.

Elsewhere on the western front, three Allied armies are streaking towards the Bavarian fortress region. These are the American Third and Seventh armies and the French First Third Army troops are some 75 miles from Munich's beer halls where Nazi party henchmen schemed to dominate the world.

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NUDE PARADER IS LIBERATED

OTTAWA, April 24 (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada Monday ordered the release from the penitentiary of Fred Storgoff, a Doukhobor who had been sentenced to three years at hard labor for parading in the nude in public with other Doukhobors in Vancouver a year ago.

The Supreme Court action was regarded by some as a test case arising out of the jailing of Doukhobors for disrobing in public.

Meat Cutters Are Fined \$500 Each

DUNCAN, Vancouver Island, April 24 (CP)—J. P. Parnall, R. P. Jenkins and T. S. Elvins were each fined \$500 by Stipendiary Magistrate G. A. Tisdall yesterday for violating regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board by incorrect cutting of meat.

WINNER OF WAR CROSS

Prince George Man Awarded Croix de Guerre

Lieutenant John Duncan Corless, Canadian Armored Corps, who has been awarded the Croix de Guerre with silver star, was born in Prince George on November 1, 1919 and resided there until he entered the Canadian Army. His mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Corless, lives in Prince George.

Lieutenant Corless' citation reads as follows:

"During the battle of Buron, 'A' Squadron was heavily engaged by German armor. The squadron had been whittled down from 15 tanks to 4 and in this weak condition was ordered to contain the high ground beyond. Six enemy Panther tanks were well within range and were rapidly approaching. Although his tanks were completely out of ammunition, Lt. Corless quickly appreciated that the presence of his tank would not only maintain the morale of the infantry at this critical time but would indicate to the approaching enemy that tanks remained to oppose him, the knowledge of which must slow him down by necessitating a more cautious approach. With hesitation Lt. Corless moved his tank into full view of the enemy. This aggressive tactical manoeuvre was successful and it not only boosted tremendously the morale of the remaining tank and infantry personnel but deadened temporarily enemy action."

"Again during the battle in the vicinity of St. Andre-Sur-Orne on July 22 and 23, Lt. Corless repeatedly exposed his tank in order to obtain the exact location of hidden enemy armor and anti-tank guns. Although his tank was hit twice within half an hour he continued to expose himself until the enemy anti-tank weapons and armor had been pin-pointed and subsequently destroyed by other observing tanks."

"Such exceptional displays of determined aggressiveness, initiative and courage much beyond that required in the ordinary line of duty, were without a doubt a great influence on the morale of all personnel and the ultimate success of the battle."

CUT FOR PAIN

In Java it is believed that if a husband will slit the wife's robe with a sharp knife from throat to hem without touching her, she will be freed of the pains of childbirth.

Loan Gets Good Start

Opening Day's Subscriptions Are \$72,600

Prince Rupert's Eighth Victory Loan drive got off to a favorable start Monday with the first day's sales totalling \$72,600, Victory Loan headquarters reports. Canvassers reported friendly receptions by citizens.

First day's sales in the Seventh Victory Loan last October totalled \$87,450 and that loan went well over the top. War Finance Committee workers feel that, with an auspicious beginning, the Eighth Victory Loan will also go above its \$750,000 quota in Prince Rupert.

- Following are some of those who purchased bonds Monday: Mrs. Ethel Slaney \$100, Sydney Hamblin 100, Miss Hazel Clark 50, Miss Hazel Clark 50, Miss Edna Young 50, Rupert Peoples Store Ltd. 1,000, Gisil A. Erlendson 100, Miss Shiela Ramsay 100, Miss Islay Ramsay 100, Mrs. Joan McKenzie 400, LAC J. William Eastwood 100, Miss Isabella Henderson 50, Mrs. T. B. Black 100, G. E. Wooten 500, Miss May MacDonald 50, John Bulger Limited 5,000, P. Foreman 100, Mrs. Phyllis M. Slater 100, George Hill 1,000, Mrs. Jessie I. Shenton 50, T. W. Graham 50

EIGHTH ARMY TAKES FERRARA

ROME, April 24 (CP)—The British Eighth and Allied Fifth armies' spread out in strength along the southern banks of the Po river today as a partial news blackout covered the latest allied gain in northern Italy. The Eighth broke into Ferrara Monday night and captured the Ferrara airfield. Official reports said that the Germans were attempting to escape across the Po river in rafts, in boats and by other means.

PROTECTED HEARING

Alligator's ears, which are found directly behind the eyes, are concealed and protected by skin flaps.

War News Highlights

Nazis Warned On Prisoner Treatment

LONDON—The Allies have warned the Nazis in a joint statement that mistreatment of Allied prisoners will be ruthlessly punished. The Germans have agreed to leave all prisoners of war in camps in the Reich as the Allies advance.

150 Superforts Hit Tokyo

WASHINGTON—Tokyo has been raked by upwards of 150 superfortresses. The giant planes bombed an aircraft engine plant 19 miles from Hirohito's moated palace. The assault was made Tuesday morning, Japanese Time.

Blackout On Okinawa Fighting

GUAM—Admiral Nimitz has put down the first news blackout of the 24-day campaign on Okinawa. It shields fighting which one field officer says has been "slow but not cheap."

London Poles Favor Treaty

LONDON—The Polish government in London has emphasized its willingness to conclude a treaty with Soviet Russia. It is reported that conversations are taking place between Russian officials and the London Poles.

British Advance in Burma

CALCUTTA—British and Indian Infantry, and armored forces thrusting southward through central Burma at an average rate of 10 miles a day have captured Pymmana on the Mandalay-Rangoon railway, 200 air miles from Rangoon, Allied headquarters announced today.



SOVIET SAPPERS IN TRICKY OPERATION—An assault group of Red Army sappers is shown advancing towards a building in Breslau with the intention of blowing it up. The sappers carry loads of explosives and one snick of a bullet into their burden would leave only a hole in the ground. But they made it all right. The building had been converted into a stronghold by the Germans.

POLE QUESTION TO FORE ON EVE OF SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

Big Powers Fail to Reach Agreement Prior to San Francisco Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (CP)—New difficulties are facing the United Nations as delegates assemble for the San Francisco conference. A meeting of the Big Three foreign ministers has failed to reach an agreement on the Polish question. American secretary of State Stettinius, British Foreign Secretary Eden, and Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov will make another attempt to find a solution at San Francisco.

It is disclosed that China's foreign minister—T. V. Soong sat in on the meeting of the Big Three foreign ministers.

The chief of the Dutch delegation, Dr. Elco Van Kleffens, has criticized plans that would give the great powers veto control over world peace machinery. Van Kleffens told newsmen that the Dumbarton Oaks plan would not prevent appeasement or another Munich settlement in the future. He declared that no nation, large or small, should be permitted to judge its own case.

Delegates from India say they will demand a place for their country on the security council of the proposed organization and Argentina is said to be attempting to establish diplomatic relations with Russia, apparently as a means of getting an invitation to San Francisco.

TENDERS FOR PIONEERS' HOME ARE TOO HIGH

Prospects for the immediate construction of Prince Rupert's new Pioneers' Home darkened following the receipt last night by the Health Committee of City Council of two tenders which were considered well above the amount of money available to build the home.

With government priorities to build a structure valued at \$18,250, and with only \$14,000 on hand for the purpose, Health Committee members gazed with some awe on the tenders and the deposit checks which accompanied them.

A tender by Bennett and White, Vancouver construction firm, was for \$39,322, and Mitchell and Currie, local builders, named \$27,900 as their price.

Committee members decided that the fund will continue to be held in trust while they explore other avenues to improve the lot of Prince Rupert's elder citizens.

Of the money at hand to build a new home, \$6,800 was raised by public subscription, and \$7,500 was contributed by the city.

INQUIRY IS CONCLUDED

Mr. Justice Smith Completes Investigation Into Greenhill Park Catastrophe

VANCOUVER, April 24 (CP)—Official inquiry into the Greenhill Park explosions here last March 6 which caused the deaths of eight men concluded on Monday. The report will be sent to the transport minister in Ottawa in about two months.

The probe, head by Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, began its hearings March 26 and sat 91 hours, hearing about 85 witnesses.

ARMY BUYING VICTORY BONDS

Area Headquarters Still Leading With Reserve Moving Into Second Place

Prince Rupert Defence Headquarters are still in first place for volume of purchases in the Eighth Victory Loan drive for the Army in this area, having reached 148.7 percent with 96 percent of personnel having subscribed. The First Reserve Battalion, Prince Rupert Regiment, Machine Gun, has moved into second place with volume percentage of 134 from 75 percent of personnel. Eight of the 25 Army units have now gone over the top.

Percentages for British Columbia areas so far are as follows:

Table with bond purchase percentages: Prince George 66, Vancouver 62, Victoria 61, Prince Rupert 49, Nanaimo 37, Chilliwack 31, Vernon 24

CAMPAIGN IS OPENED

Leading Aircraftman Archibald Is Heard at Terrace

TERRACE, April 24—The C.C.F. election campaign opened at Terrace Saturday evening with the candidate for Skeena, LAC Harry Archibald, addressing a well-attended meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall.

The candidate stated that Terrace was a good example of a community which had enjoyed government-sponsored enterprise and could realize the benefit that would accrue if such enterprise were carried on into peace. The tragedy of it is, the speaker went on, is that the Skeena Highway is being deserted just when such bodies as the Chamber of Commerce are getting excited about the great possibilities of tourist trade after the war. It was another dream nipped in the bud by the demands of big business.

Petaín of Vichy Seeks Surrender

BERN, Switzerland, April 24 (CP)—Marshal Petaín entered Switzerland from Germany today. The aged Marshal asked for and was granted official permission to cross the neutral country into France to surrender himself to French authorities.

Weather Forecast

Moderate winds, cloudy and mild today, becoming partly cloudy to fair tonight. Wednesday, moderate winds, fair and mild, becoming partly cloudy in afternoon.

PROTEIN HUNGER

Due to protein deficiency, sows sometimes eat their young.

Reds Take One-Third Of Capital

MOSCOW, April 24 (CP)—Berlin is a wrecked and embattled city today. It is a shell-torn island in the mammoth front that is all of Germany. Berlin is all but cut off from the rest of the Reich. Moscow says sixteen miles remain to be secured before the enemy capital is encircled altogether. Some advices say the surrounding Russian columns have merged, but this is unconfirmed. The Nazis have lost at least one-half of the city, including Tempelhof airdrome, the metropolis gas works and five major districts. The northwest part of the city is still in Nazi hands.

Savage street fighting has raged across nearly half of the city. The desperate Nazis have thrown a series of counterattacks against the swelling tide of Russian armor, counterattacks that crumbled and dissolved as the Soviet tank men blasted their way through the smoking streets.

Southwest of the enemy capital, Russian columns have reached the Elbe River. At this point, twenty miles separate the eastern and western Allies. Russian tank crews, who have sent radio messages to the Americans, say the junction will take place today.

HALIBUT BOATS MAY LEAVE FOR BANKS APRIL 28

First section of the Prince Rupert halibut fleet will leave for the fishing grounds as soon before May 1 as vessel masters can get customs clearances to leave port, George Anderson, secretary of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union said this morning.

Commenting on the decisions of a joint meeting of fishermen and vessel owners held Sunday afternoon, Mr. Anderson said that the first section of the fleet is likely to leave on April 28 or 29 and will be followed five days later by the second section.

This year, vessels in the name category M to Z will leave first. This constitutes the smaller portion of the boats operating out of this port, most of the vessels being in the name section A to L which left first last year.

No curtailment scheme is contemplated this year, Mr. Anderson said. "As long as price ceilings are in effect there is no advantage in making the faster ships tie up," he asserted. "Everyone gets the same chance at prices no matter how often they come in."

Since no notice has been given by the Wartime Prices Board of any change in the price schedule this year, fishermen are making their preparations on the assumption that last year's prices will remain in effect. Last year's prices were 18 1/4 and 16 1/2 cents per pound.

EXPAND SILK INDUSTRY

NICOSIA, Cyprus, (CP)—In order to encourage the rearing of cocoons and the production of silk, the Department of Agriculture has made 20,000 mulberry trees for free issue to cultivators. It is hoped to expand the silk industry in Cyprus and to double its pre-war output.

Advertisement for Victory Loan Progress, showing a quota of \$750,000 and results of \$72,600.