

Light to moderate winds, fair and mild. Sunday: fresh to strong winds, fair and mild at first but generally increasing in cloudiness. Rain on Charlottes Bay mid-afternoon

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Table with 3 columns: Time, High, Low. Sunday, March 18, 1945. High 4:05 21.6 feet, 16:45 19.0 feet. Low 10:40 3.3 feet, 22:45 6.1 feet.

THIRD ARMY ENTERS COBLENZ

Burns—

Planes Set to Beat Jap in Fire... Wrought By B-29's... Marianas On Nippon's Shipping Centre... BOMBING OF TOKYO, March 17 (AP)—Hundred B-29's from the Marianas have set the torch to square miles of Kobe...

War News Highlights

British Navy In Skagerrak

LONDON—The German radio declares that British warships are operating in the Skagerrak. The Skagerrak is the strategic waterway between Norway and Denmark. It is across this strait that the Germans have been withdrawing troops from Norway.

Italian Liberation Near

ROME—Allied headquarters in Rome have issued a special communique lauding the activities of patriot forces in northern Italy. It declares that the liberation of Italy is not far distant. Patriotic activities are reported to have increased in tempo.

Australia's Proud Record

NEW YORK—Australia has placed before the world the proud record of her army. The dashing, reckless achievements of the Australians who fought from Greece's mountains to the steaming jungles of the southwest Pacific are depicted in a sixty-four page booklet, "The Australian Army At War."

British Airmen Down Under

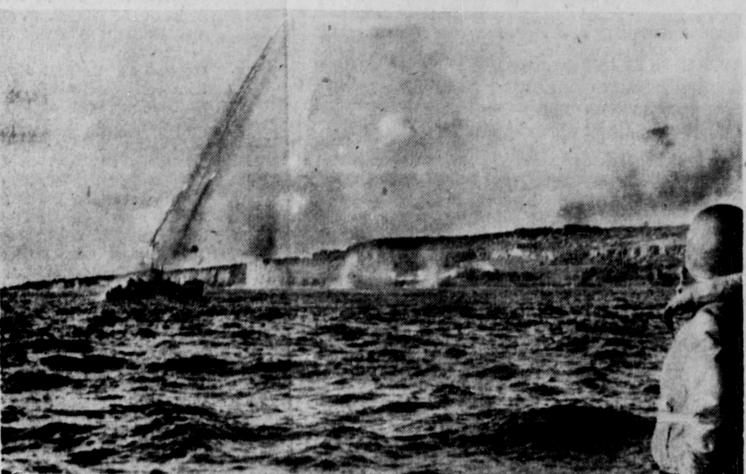
SYDNEY, Australia—A group of British Fleet Air Arm pilots have arrived at a Royal Naval air station in a remote section of the Australian coast. The Group includes men from Britain, Canada, and New Zealand who have flown from such well-known carriers as Illustrious, Indomitable, and Victorious.

Reds Racing to Baltic

MOSCOW—Russian tank assault forces have smashed through bitter German resistance within four- and a-half miles of the port of Stettin which is being shelled at the same time. Other Soviet forces racing north towards the Baltic are threatening to split the German defenders of the big naval bases of Danzig and Gdynia. "Significant developments" on the front just east of Berlin were forecast by Moscow today.

Bombing of Germany

LONDON—More than 1300 American bombers and 750 fighters surged over northern and central Germany today a few hours after strong forces of R.A.F. heavy bombers hammered two rail cities—Nurnberg and Versberg—in southern Germany during the night. A secondary attack was made simultaneously by a force of Mosquito bombers which raided Berlin for the twenty-fifth consecutive night. Thirty British bombers failed to return and nine Germans were shot down.



ROCKETS STRIKE RUGGED TERRAIN OF IWO JIMA—In this invasion photo, Rockets fired from a U.S. landing craft pour on to the island of Iwo Jima. Photo, taken from another invasion vessel, shows the tough, sloping shoreline of the island, a formidable objective for the seasoned marine corps units who are now fighting the toughest fight in marine corps history on this island.

EIGHT LOST IN GASBOAT DOWN COAST

Small Vessel Upset in Seymour Narrows With Tragic Results

VICTORIA, March 17 (CP)—Eight men are missing today after the gasboat in which they were riding upset in a whirlpool between Maude Island and Menzies Bay, about one hundred and ten miles northwest of Vancouver in Seymour Narrows. Two others were rescued.

Two Are Drowned

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, elderly native couple of Skidegate, were drowned accidentally near Lawn Hill on the Queen Charlotte Islands earlier this week. Details of the tragedy are not available here.

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HURLED 60 FEET EMBANKMENT BY MOTOR CYCLE

Hurled 60 feet over an embankment when his motorcycle suddenly ran wild and struck head on into the curb at the intersection of Fourth St. and Second Ave. at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, Lieut. Colin Hutchinson of a local infantry regiment escaped with only a severe shaking up after his extemporaneous flight.

"I am not hurt. The throttle stuck," Lieut. Hutchinson told would-be rescuers who hurried over the rock embankment to find him lying on a cushion of muskog behind an army hut in the low-lying corner of the C.N.R. Park.

CONQUEST OF IWO IS OVER

Last Jap Resistance Crushed And Two Air Fields are Taken Over

GUAM, March 17—Allied engineers have completed the restoration of the second of two air-strips on Iwo Island, both within fighter plane range of Tokyo. The air-strips were put in combat operation yesterday—the same day three American divisions crushed the last organized Japanese resistance on Iwo.

Chinese Give \$787, More Coming In

Prince Rupert's Chinese population is making a notable response to the Red Cross drive for funds and up to Friday afternoon had contributed \$787, Stan Saville, campaign director revealed. He said he had been assured that Friday's total was only part of the total Chinese contribution.

Awareness among local Chinese of the tremendous international burdens assumed by the Canadian Red Cross is indicated by the fact that their contributions to date in the present campaign are double those for the same period in the 1944 drive.

Ling-Bo Shang is chairman of the Chinese canvassing committee. Committee members are Miss Violet Mah, Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Grace Lee and Earl Mah.

Saar Basin Being Lost By Germans

Enemy Casualties Far in Excess of Those of Allies

PARIS, March 17 (CP)—Front line dispatches said today that American Third Army troops entered Coblenz after an amphibious assault in boats across the Moselle River near its confluence with the Rhine. German broadcasts declared the Americans south-east of Coblenz crossed the Nahe River at Bad Kreuznach. This would cut off the northern escape route at Mainz for many thousands of Germans threatened with entrapment in the huge Saarland triangle. Berlin said that the breakthrough by concentrated American tank forces made "this sector of the western front completely fluid."

PARIS, March 17 (AP)—In western Europe, two American armies are tearing loose Hitler's faltering hold on Germany's rich Saar Basin. Both armies, the American Third and Seventh, are herding elements of two German armies into a triangle between the Moselle and Rhine rivers. One of the German armies in the triangle is fighting stubbornly to hold off an American assault that has overwhelmed the old French fortress of Bitch.

To the north, the American First Army has plunged to within three miles of open plain country after cutting across the great Ruhr superhighway at two points.

There is no report of major activity on the Canadian Army sector at the northern end of the front.

The Canadian First and United States Ninth Armies killed or wounded at least 60,000 Germans and captured 53,000 others in their recent combined drive to clear the section west of the Rhine between Emmerich and Neuss. Allied losses in the same drive were less than a fifth of the enemy's.

DISAPPROVAL EXPRESSED

Labor Progressive Party Opposed to Racial Discrimination

Disapproval was voiced by members of the local Labor Progressive party at their regular meeting Thursday evening of the policy of racial discrimination followed by several Prince Rupert restaurants.

It was brought to the attention of the club that at least two cafes display signs calling attention to the fact that they employ white help only. The members were unanimous in expressing the opinion that advertisements concerning the employees of such establishments should be restricted to their qualifications to do the work for which they were hired. It was felt that the color of a cook's skin is no guarantee that he is a good cook.

Speakers pointed out that in the present mighty war against Fascism peoples of all colors and races were fighting side by side to expunge completely from the world the very idea of racial superiority which had been used by reactionary forces to justify their assault on their neighbors.

Particular mention was made of the gallant struggle which the Chinese people had waged for seven years against the common enemy, the Japs. The club was indignant that, by inference, the capability of the Chinese should be questioned merely because they were not whites.

Resolutions were passed calling upon the people of Prince Rupert to tell the owners of these cafes that they resent the displaying of signs such as "White Help Only" and "White Cooks Employed Here."

IS MANAGER OF CAMPAIGN

Ex-Mayor W. M. Wells has been appointed federal campaign manager for the Liberal party in the forthcoming election campaign. Following the Skeena district nominating convention held here this week, an active campaign is to be immediately organized in support of E. T. Applewhaite, the party's choice as standard bearer.

ELECTION ON IN FINLAND

HELSINKI, March 17 (AP)—Finland's voters go to the polls today and tomorrow in the country's first parliament election since 1939. Russia is watching the election closely. The official Russian newspaper, Izvestia, comments that the voting will be considered the first test of whether Finland has broken completely with her anti-Soviet past. The premier of Finland has gone on record as favoring cooperation with Russia.

Bulletins

ATHLONE TO WASHINGTON OTTAWA — The Governor General and Princess Alice will visit Washington next week, arriving at the White House Thursday for a three-day stay as the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

GREENHILL PARK INQUEST VANCOUVER — A coroner's inquiry into the death of five men on the freighter Greenhill Park, which exploded and burned at a Vancouver wharf, said Friday that the men "came to unnatural deaths as a result of injuries sustained as a result of burns from an explosion followed by fire." Men had been smoking in the hold prior to the explosion contrary to regulations.

TO VISIT ALBERTA RANCH NASSAU, Bahamas — The Duke of Windsor has disclosed that he and his Duchess will visit the United States next month. The couple will visit New York after the Duke finishes up as Governor of the Bahamas. Later they may visit his ranch at High River, Alberta.

FRED STORK, FIRST MAYOR OF PRINCE RUPERT, FORMER M. P., PASSES ON

Alfred Stork, pioneer hardware merchant, first mayor of Prince Rupert in 1910 and federal Member of Parliament for Skeena from 1921 to 1925, passed away Thursday night at Brampton, near Toronto, Ontario, where he had made his home in retirement during the past fifteen years. Seventy-four years of age, he had been in failing health for some time and news of his passing does not come as a great surprise although it will be a matter of much regret to old friends of Prince Rupert's earlier days. The funeral takes place at Brampton.

Mr. Stork is survived, besides his widow, by one son—Douglas of Chicago—and two daughters, Mrs. Norman (Kathleen) Freeman of Seattle and Patricia at Brampton.

Coming to British Columbia in 1898, Mr. Stork settled in Fernie, opened a general hardware store, took a leading part in the affairs of the then village, and became Fernie's first mayor on its incorporation as a town in 1904. He was also a member of the Fernie Town Council in 1907. The following year Mr. Stork disposed of his interests in Fernie and removed to Prince Rupert, where he started into business again as a hardware merchant.

When Prince Rupert was raised to the status of a city in 1910, Mr. Stork again had the honor of being the first mayor. His record in this respect was undoubtedly unique in Canadian municipal history.

It was during Mr. Stork's regime as Mayor of Prince Rupert that big things were done in a civic sense. The single tax, a method of taxation much discussed and criticized in recent years, was introduced. The city also inaugurated its own telephone, water and electric lighting systems, and close on to a half million dollars were spent in grading the streets.

Mr. Stork was one of Prince Rupert's pioneer "live wires." In addition to his interest in civic affairs, he took an active part in politics, both provincial and federal, and was a past president of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association. He was also the first chairman of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, and was a member and the sergeant-at-arms of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club. He was a leading militia officer in the early days.

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Stork at an early age and he was only 18 when he left home in 1889 with Western Canada as his destination. He was employed in different Western Canadian and American towns and lived for a time in Washington before the territory was created a State. He moved to British Columbia in 1898.

A baseball player in his younger days, Mr. Stork was at one time a star pitcher on one of the amateur teams in Puget Sound. His rugged physique would suggest that he was quite able to stand the ordeal of an extra-inning game. Mr. Stork was married in 1898 to Miss Emily Parkinson, whose father, John Parkinson, a native of Lancashire, had settled in Brantford.

Mr. Stork at Ottawa gave particularly close attention to matters pertaining to British Columbia. He was very popular among his fellow-parliamentarians, and said that his proficiency as an AI story-teller had something to do with the popularity he enjoyed.

ALLIES LIBERATED

ODESSA—A third vessel has left here with Allied citizens liberated by the Russians from the invasion of eastern Germany.

'GOING MY WAY' BEST PICTURE OF YEAR—BING CROSBY AND INGRID BERGMAN GET ACADEMY AWARDS

HOLLYWOOD, March 17 (AP)—Bing Crosby, who has often described himself as the worst actor in Hollywood—has been chosen by the film industry as the best actor in 1944.

The choice for best actress went to Ingrid Bergman for her vivid role in "Gaslight." Crosby, Miss Bergman, Leo McCarey, Barry Fitzgerald and little Margaret O'Brien walked off with the major share of honors accorded by the Academy of Motion Picture Art and Sciences in Hollywood's Chinese Theatre.

The film "Going My Way" was chosen best picture of 1944.

Carl Reich New M.O. Here

Carl Reich, a medical officer in the Canadian Army, has returned to Prince Rupert, B.C., after a tour of duty in Vancouver. He is now serving in Belchertown, Ontario, with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

POLICE FINES IN MONTH

Total of \$945 in fines received from 57 convictions in police court in February. Sgt. O. L. Hall reported to the monthly reports of the Police Commission that the total of city council last night.

CROSS DRIVE

Local Red Cross campaign to this morning had 77 percent of its objective of \$15,000.