

Weather

North Coast — Saturday and Sunday, cloudy and mild with occasional light rain mainly north portion. Moderate winds, occasional fresh on exposed portion of coast.

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Tides

(Pacific Standard Time) Sunday, January 21, 1945 High 7:05 19.6 feet 19:44 16.9 feet Low 0:29 6.6 feet 13:31 6.1 feet

RUSSIANS HEADED FOR HEART OF GERMANY; NAZIS OPENLY ALARMED OVER SITUATION

End Of War Within Weeks Is Seen In Great Advance Of Russians From East

LONDON, Jan. 20 (CP)—Possibility that the astounding advances of the Russians may crush Germany and end the war in weeks fills military circles in London with suppressed excitement. No responsible military figure will predict the outcome but informed persons make no secret of the impression that the Russians have used massive strength on a scale hitherto undreamed of to catch the Germans off balance in central Poland and may have pierced the only German line of fortifications on the eastern front.

Canadians Make Gain

Capture Stronghold Across Senio River—Italians Join Allies in Combat

ROME, Jan. 20 (CP)—Canadians of the British Eighth Army have captured a German stronghold on the east bank of the Senio river opposite Fusignano, 13 miles north of Faenza, headquarters said today. Important news from the Italian front is the arrival of the first trained Italian combat units to fight with the Allies against the Germans. Otherwise other activity along this front is confined to patrol activity.

FIND BODY OF DROWNED MAN

The body of Harry Geddes of Massett, drowned when the boat in which he and two others were travelling was wrecked off Langara Island last week, has been recovered off the west coast of Graham Island, provincial police here were informed Friday afternoon. An inquiry into the drowning is scheduled to take place at Massett on January 22.

Western Front

Menace To Strasbourg

Germans Are Still Advancing On Alsace City—Situation Elsewhere

PARIS, Jan. 20 (CP)—Three successive German attacks from the centre of the cross-Rhine corridor have smashed the American Seventh Army's defence line almost five miles into Weyerstein, eight miles north of Strasbourg. At one point the Nazis are only eight miles from Strasbourg.

The American First Army is driving upon Saint Vith, highway stronghold in the diminishing Belgian bulge.

In the Netherlands German parachute troops seized Zetter but an Allied communique said the "situation was later restored."

The Canadians are having heavy fighting north of Nijmegen.

Snowstorms are blanketing all the western front.

Col. Frank Barber Back From Overseas

Col. F. H. Barber, well known throughout the central interior as representative of the Soldiers' Settlement Board at Telkwa before the war, is revisiting Prince Rupert on military business.

Since early in the war Col. Barber has been overseas and for three years he was in charge of a large training school in England. He returned to Canada at the end of last year.

JAPAN BEING HEAVILY HIT

Bombing Attacks on Japanese Homeland are Growing in Weight

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 20 (CP)—Forty-one major missions since June have been staged against industrial and military targets in the Japanese Empire.

Reports from Guam tell further of the latest superfortress activity against the Japanese homeland when a huge aircraft factory on the western fringe of the swollen Kobe-Osaka industrial area was bombed. Reports of damage were more encouraging than returns from previous Honshu raids. Every plane reported hitting its target. Some reported heavy explosions and huge fires.

Conscripts Overseas

Total of 8300 H.D.'s Have Been Sent From Canada Since Christmas

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 (CP)—Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, minister of national defence, announces the arrival in Britain of 8300 Home Defence troops. He said that the troop movement began Christmas week.

The general said that the conscript troops were accompanied overseas by a full normal quota of reinforcements, presumably general service men from the home training stream.

The minister said that, while the special program arranged for the use of N.M. R.A. personnel overseas, the voluntary reinforcement stream is also progressing according to schedule.

General McNaughton also revealed that 6,300 Home Defence soldiers, who had been warned for overseas service and given leave, were absent without leave.

THEATRE JUBILEE

Special Stage and Screen Offerings at Capitol Next Week

Marking the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Famous Players—Canadian Corporation, special stage attractions will be offered throughout next week in conjunction with the screen picture programs at the local Capital Theatre.

On Monday and Tuesday, Dorothy Douglas, ventriloquist, will be presented on the stage while the feature picture will be "Marriage is a Private Affair," starring Lana Turner.

The mid-week feature picture will be "Tampico," with Lynn Bari, while quiz contests will be staged Wednesday and Thursday evenings—Gyro vs. Kinsmen Club Wednesday night and Booth Memorial High School teams Thursday night. Bob Willett and Lloyd Morris, CFPR radio announcers, will handle the quiz contests, the former as quiz master and the latter as master of ceremonies. The Wednesday night quiz will be broadcast over station CFPR.

Friday and Saturday evenings Ted Lewis of the United States Coastguard Service will appear on the stage in a novelty act entitled "A Yank and His Rope." The feature picture will be "The Thin Man Goes Home" with William Powell and Myrna Loy.

On Saturday morning there will be a special screen show for children with a Henry Aldrich picture and a Donald Duck and Goofy short feature.

Delayed January Liquor Coupons To Be Honored

VANCOUVER, Jan. 20 — Unused January liquor permits will be good for the first part of February, W. F. Kennedy, chairman of the Liquor Control Board, announced yesterday. The step is taken in order that those who have been unable to obtain 1945 ration books in time might not be deprived of the January ration.

CAMPAIGN BOOK MONEY

The Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, having undertaken the work of distributing books to the three armed services, the needs of which are said by the minister of national war services to be greater than ever before, is next week instituting a campaign for funds for this object.

Mrs. Sidney Elkins, regent of Municipal Chapter, is chairman of the campaign committee with Miss Florence Parker as treasurer and Miss Helen Valentine as Secretary. The canvassers will be Mrs. D. C. Stuart, Mrs. R. J. Karon, Mrs. Jens Munnich, Mrs. F. M. Kempton, Mrs. S. R. Donaldson, Mrs. Clarke McLean, Mrs. J. E. Boddie, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mrs. H. A. Breen and Mrs. W. W. Pinner.

In addition to the canvassing, the Victory Hut on Third Ave. at Fourth St. will be open to receive contributions.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Vancouver and Toronto sections.

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

Local U. S. Army Post to Raise Infantile Paralysis Fund

Early this afternoon, in Washington, D.C., Franklin Delano Roosevelt was officially inaugurated for a fourth term as President of the United States. First elected by a popular landslide in 1932, Mr. Roosevelt has been at the helm of the United States ship of state for 12 years.

Here in Prince Rupert, the sub-port of embarkation, with the co-operation of local civilian and military agencies, will present a Birthday Ball on Monday, January 29. The Grand March will be led by Mayor and Mrs. H. M. Daggett and the commanding officers of all the Allied military forces in the area and will take place at the Acropolis Hill Gymnasium. Continuous music will be provided by the H.M.C.S. Chatham dance band and the Acropolis Hill Sophisticates.

Stalin's Huge Forces Take Great Toll In Reich; Breslau Is Bombed

MOSCOW, Jan. 20 (CP)—Marshal Stalin is massing huge numbers of men and vast quantities of guns and armor along the German frontier for a tidal-wave offensive which military experts say may carry the fighting deep into the heart of Germany. Yesterday, Soviet spearheads on the Silesian frontier were only 225 miles from Berlin and five Russian armies now are in action along a twisting 500 mile front from the Baltic to Budapest.

Moscow says that in five days of fighting in East Prussia, the Russians have destroyed at least 300 Nazi tanks, 600 guns and 123 planes. In addition, Soviet troops liquidating one German group near Kutno in Poland took more than 2300 prisoners.

Berlin says that a huge force of Soviet bombers has smashed at the great industrial centre of Breslau, the capital of German Silesia.

The Germans are making no attempt to play down the gravity of the situation on the eastern front.

The Russians, driving to cut off East Prussia, have penetrated to within 62 miles of the Gulf of Danzig in the junker province and have smashed to within 294 miles of Berlin in the southwest, a German communique disclosed today.

The Germans told of fierce battling against the rolling Red Army tide of three million men everywhere along the blazing 800-mile front as Moscow broadcasts indicated a fresh series of victory announcements might be forthcoming from Premier Joseph Stalin.

One Russian army has reached the area of Kepno in a twenty-mile advance from the northeast of captured Krakow. Kepno is only nine miles from the frontier and 38 miles from Breslau, chief industrial centre of German Silesia.

Berlin said that German Home Guard battalions are battling to stop the drive along the upper Silesian border.

Northwest of Warsaw another Red Army has crossed the southwestern border of East Prussia on a 35-mile front in the drive toward Danzig.

At the centre of the eastern front the Third Army was pouring toward the Polish border between the Vistula and Warta Rivers. The Russians were 230 miles from Berlin in this sector.

A German commentator indicated that the Russians have invaded Germany at three places.

VILLAGERS ELECT COUNCIL

Elections of village officers were held recently in four native villages, Greenville, Hartley Bay, Port Simpson and Aiyansh.

Hungary Has Quit

Provisional Government Signs Armistice With Russia, Britain and United States

LONDON, Jan. 20 (CP)—Russia, Great Britain and United States have signed an armistice with Hungary's provisional government, Moscow announced today.

CENTRAL HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Sale of the well known pioneer Central Hotel property here is announced, the purchasers being Albert Dixon and associates and the vendor W. H. Tolin.

Mr. Dixon arrived in the city this week from Courtenay, Vancouver Island, where he has been engaged in the restaurant business. He will take over on February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolin will be leaving for Vancouver where they will make their future home. Mr. Tolin, former owner of the King Edward Hotel at Stewart, has been in the hotel business in the north for 23 years. He states that he intends to devote his time in future to his mining interests including the Mountain Boy property in the Portland Canal district.

TO RESUME FIRST AID

Classes in First Aid and industrial First Aid will be resumed in the near future, it was decided at the annual meeting of the St. John's Ambulance Association, local branch, held Friday night in the Health Unit building, Second Ave. Angus Macdonald volunteered to continue as instructor.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting, which elected officers for the year. The following officers were elected: Chairman, W. L. Armstrong. Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Wood. Executive—Mrs. T. H. Priest, Angus Macdonald, Robert Reid and S. J. Hunter.

CITIZENS:

See Your Regiment On Parade Sunday Afternoon

2:15—FALL IN AT ARMORY.

2:35—MOVE OFF.

3:10—EMBARK AT JUNCTION OF THIRD AND SECOND AVENUES.

3:30—WEAPON DEMONSTRATION—COURT HOUSE GROUNDS.

LINE OF MARCH—SIXTH AVE., McBRIDE ST., THIRD AVE. TO JUNCTION, THIRD AVE. TO COURT HOUSE GROUNDS. BAND IN ATTENDANCE.

Men! JOIN THE RESERVE ARMY—1st (Reserve) (Bn) Prince Rupert Regiment.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Program of Events Arranged For Next Week by Prince Rupert Regiment

Arrangements have been completed for a special program of events in connection with the recruiting campaign for the Prince Rupert Regiment reserve unit which will be conducted throughout next week with enlistments received each evening at the armory and a final rally on Friday evening.

Tomorrow afternoon there will be a battalion parade with band on Third Ave.—on foot in one direction and in transport and mechanized equipment on the return. The parade will be followed by a weapon demonstration on the Court House grounds.

The Friday night rally at the Armory will give the public an opportunity to see at first hand the training of the reserve in various arms.

Radio broadcasts will be another feature of the week's campaign. Monday evening, Captain C. J. Norrington; Wednesday evening, Capt. W. R. McAfee; Thursday evening, Major C. J. O. Toombs.

There was to have been a machine gun and anti-aircraft shoot Monday night but this has been cancelled, a routine battalion parade to be held instead.

REMANDED ON \$1,250 BAIL

Bail of \$1,250 was set for Ruth Matzick by Magistrate W. D. Vance at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing Friday afternoon when he remanded the 24-year old American girl, charged with manslaughter, to appear for hearing at the spring session of Assize court.

The bail was produced by two bondsmen who presented sureties of \$625 each.

The magistrate stipulated that the girl must not leave the Prince Rupert district while under bond.

The manslaughter charge was laid as a result of the traffic death of George H. Ross, elderly United States civilian guard on December 13.

Local Temperature

Maximum 39 Minimum 33

Bulletins

TORPEDOED IN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO—It is reported here that a Liberty ship has been torpedoed and sunk between San Francisco and Honolulu. Surviving seamen said that ten of their number perished when the Japanese machine-gunned life boats.

HITLER WAR CRIMINAL

LONDON—Adolf Hitler and other Nazis have been cited as war criminals by the War Crimes Commission of the Mass executions in Czechoslovakia.

STILL BOMBING GERMANY

LONDON—Heavy bombers of the American Eighth Air Force have resumed the daylight air offensive against Germany. A brief announcement states only that the American bombers have been over the Reich today. Munster, Stuttgart and Mannheim were targets.

JAP RAID SHELTERS

TOKYO—The Japanese government is to move underground because of increasing air raids. The government has voted \$460,000,000 for air raid shelters.

COLLEGE HEAD DIES

LONDON, Ont.—Dr. James Alexander MacLean, former president of University of Idaho and of University of Manitoba, died here at the age of 76.

HONSHU BOMBED

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS—When American superfortresses attacked the main Japanese home island of Honshu yesterday the targets were Osaka, Kobe and an important airplane manufacturing plant in which large fires were started and heavy damage done.

JAPAN FACES CRISIS

TOKYO — A Tokyo radio broadcast said yesterday that the Japanese Empire "is really facing a crisis."

CASUALTIES IN ARDENNES

LONDON—The Nazi counter-offensive in the Ardennes cost the Allies 55,000 casualties and the enemy 120,000, according to a statement yesterday. Eighteen thousand Allies were taken prisoner and 40,000 Nazis.

MAY DYE UNIFORMS

OTTAWA — Discharged service men and women may dye their uniforms but must remove all military insignia and may not sell the uniforms.

BATTLE OF PHILIPPINES

SAN FRANCISCO—American forces on Luzon Island are now concentrating upon the important mountain stronghold of Rosario before moving on toward Manila.

SEND NAVY TO PACIFIC

LONDON — Minister of the Navy Angus Macdonald said yesterday that Canada would send a sizeable fleet to the southwest Pacific including cruisers, carriers, destroyers and frigates but not corvettes which are unsuited for Pacific warfare.

ALLIES REVERSED

LONDON—First and Third American Armies in Belgium suffered some setbacks yesterday and lost ground. The Germans have made further headway in their corridor through Alsace toward Strasbourg.

ARMY CAMP TROUBLE

LONDON, Ont.—It has been revealed that several hundred Home Defence troops are absent without leave from two Canadian Army infantry units Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles and Oxford Rifles, which moved from the west coast in December. Some failed to report back from leave and some scaled a fence on December 31 following trouble of undisclosed nature. Some reports say as many as 700 may be missing.