

Today's Temperature
 Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read:
 Maximum 56
 Minimum 47
 Rainfall61 inches.

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Tomorrow's Tides

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High	9:05	15.4 feet
	21:26	18.0 feet
Low	2:56	8.4 feet
	14:44	8.0 feet

POLISH TRIALS ARE UNDER WAY

PRINCE RUPERT, MASSETT, STEWART AND SKEENA RIVER GET ATTENTION IN \$200,000 FEDERAL WORK PLAN

With a new wharf at New Massett, now about completed, and the new fishermen's floats, now under construction on the west end of the Prince Rupert waterfront, as major projects, a program of upwards of \$200,000 of public works which the department has in way or is contemplating was discussed at the meeting by C. F. P. Faulkner, assistant district engineer for the department of public works, who is visiting this area.

Campbell Contracting Co. is just about finished with the wharf at Massett built at a cost of \$68,000. It is a complete replacement of the old wharf. With a 130-foot pier it is equipped with public floats which will be a boon to the smaller boats which use the Queen Charlotte Island port.

It is difficult in obtaining materials for the progress of the work by John Currie & Co. on the \$80,000 contract for the new fishermen's floats. Nevertheless two of the wharves have been completed and other work is now in progress. The whole job is expected to be completed by the end of the summer but the difficulty in obtaining materials may cause a delay.

NORTHERN BOY HIGH OFFICER AGAINST JAPAN

A northern British Columbia born man will play an important part in the forthcoming Canadian campaign under Major-General B. M. Hoffmeister in the Pacific. He is 36-year-old Brigadier Arthur E. Wrinch, son of the late Dr. H. C. Wrinch, pioneer medical missionary of Hazelton, who is to be chief signals officer with General Hoffmeister's First Division.

Decoration Day Here

War Dead Honored At Impressive Ceremony Yesterday

Grey skies and persistent rain did not deter more than 100 persons from turning out on Sunday afternoon to do honor to the valiant war dead of Prince Rupert.

Headed by a band from the Coast Regiment, under Bandmaster Mills and a firing party from the Soo Sods, under Sergeant Thorpe, the parade—representing the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion and the Canadian Legion—marched to the Cenotaph by way of Third Ave. and McBride St. (to the strains of "Boys of the Old Brigade"), where a wreath was laid by Mrs. D. C. Stuart, Municipal Regent. The company then took cars for Fairview Cemetery, where the usual impressive service was held at the Veterans' Plot, rendered still more impressive by the beautiful music of the band, the perfect timing and precision of the men in the firing party, who gave the three volleys as one man.

Company Sergeant—Major Smith of the Coast Regiment organized the parade. W. E. Denning of the Canadian Legion had charge of the Colors, on the Flagstaff. Bugler Rance gave "The Last Post" and "Reveille" and Mrs. J. A. Teng, Regent of Queen Mary Chapter, took the service.

Area Padre Captain M. R. Brown in his address, to the gathering said in part:

"With springtime victory came in Europe. For soldiers on that continent the war's end came at different times. For some it ended long ago at Dunkirk, at Dieppe and the beaches of Normandy and at many an unsung roadside. For each survivor this bloody shambles ended when the prison gates were opened or the field ahead no longer spat death. For the civilian this war had not ended when they heard the voice of the radio but slowly, silently, in each woman's heart this war will hardly end until the memory of their fallen sons will fade to be no more.

"V-Day has drawn the final curtain upon the super-butchers of Europe. Violence—death for the body and lies for the soul has been their recipe for victory.

"This, however, is not a day so much for reflection upon the deeds of the Dead as for Thanksgiving and dedication and humility for how close were the (Continued on Page 6)

Weather Forecast

Monday and Tuesday: Cloudy and warm, extensive light drizzle and light winds.

Lost Plane Located?

Possibility That Mystery of Missing Liberator Bomber May Be Solved

VANCOUVER, June 18 (CP)—Search aircraft of the Royal Canadian Air Force have located the wreckage of an aircraft which may be that of the Liberator bomber reported missing two weeks ago along with its crew of 11 members of the Royal Air Force. Officials at Western Air Command say, however, definite confirmation cannot be given until ground search parties reach the wreckage. The wreckage was located a few miles southwest of Chilliwack.

Experienced mountaineers began a trek toward the spot Sunday but the plane is in rugged forest and mountain country of the Cheam range and they were not expected to reach it before late Sunday night or Monday morning.

The Liberator, of which it is hoped this may be the wreckage, has been missing since June 1 from its lower mainland base.

Gen. Hoffmeister Visits Washington

WASHINGTON, June 18 (CP)—Canada's Pacific army commander, Major General Ber Hoffmeister, arrived in Washington yesterday to confer with high American military authorities on co-ordination of plans. His force of 30,000 army volunteers is scheduled to serve in the Pacific war under American command using American weapons, but continuing to wear Canadian army battledress with a distinctive new patch.

It is presumed that this preliminary conference will see General Hoffmeister discussing with the American authorities just what training plan the Canadians will take after they finish their courses in Canada.

RETURN BODIES TO VANCOUVER

The bodies of two Vancouver fishermen, who perished at sea during a storm which swept Hecate Strait a week ago are expected to arrive in Prince Rupert tomorrow from Ketchikan to which port they were taken by a vessel which rescued two of the dead men's companions.

The bodies are those of William Graham and Ingran Wickstrom of the 43-foot dogfish boat "Eight Bells," which foundered on Percy Island near Ketchikan. They are being returned to Vancouver for burial.

Graham, Wickstrom, M. J. O'Brien and Alfred Wickstrom lashed themselves to the mast of the Eight Bells when their vessel was blown about for four days and finally foundered on the windswept island. O'Brien and Alfred Wickstrom suffered severely from exposure, but recovered. They were taken to a U.S. Coast Guard hospital at Annette Island.

The Eight Bells was towed to Ketchikan.

MAY REOPEN VETO FIGHT

Australia Objects to Stand Being Taken by Russia

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18 (CP)—At the world security conference, Australia is said to be ready to re-open the fight on big power vetoes if Russia insists upon curtailing the rights of a new world league to debate all international problems. The technical and mechanical problems confronting many committees now are threatening to carry the conference past its expected closing date next Saturday, when President Truman is to deliver an address.

Mrs. Jack Joy left Saturday night for a trip to Vancouver.

General Hoffmeister Greeted By Wife and Daughter



"You've grown a lot since the last time I saw you, darling," was the greeting from Major-General B. M. Hoffmeister to his six-year-old daughter, Margot, when he arrived by plane in Ottawa from overseas on Wednesday. General Hoffmeister, C.B.E., D.S.O., 38, of Vancouver, General Officer Commanding the Canadian Pacific Force, holds his young daughter in his arms while Mrs. Hoffmeister happily looks on. General Hoffmeister was accompanied by several senior officers who will comprise his staff in the Pacific. General Hoffmeister is now in Washington and later will visit his home in Vancouver.

War News Highlights

Jap Counter-Offensive

CHUNGKING—The Chinese High Command announces that the Japanese have opened a counter-offensive aimed at Chienkiang, 55 miles southeast of Luichow. Chienkiang is on the highway between Luichow and Indo-China. The delayed announcement stated the drive had been opened on June 11 but claimed that the Japanese had been repulsed.

Battle of Borneo

SAN FRANCISCO—An unconfirmed Japanese broadcast says that Allied surface craft have bombarded enemy positions in the Balikpapan area on the southeastern coast of Borneo. There has been no confirmation by any Allied source. Meanwhile the Australian forces on the north coast of Borneo are advancing rapidly with only light and scattered resistance. They are now four miles beyond Brunel.

73,000 Japanese Dead

PEARL HARBOR—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated yesterday that 73,000 Japanese dead had been counted on Okinawa Island and that the remainder of the garrison there—not more than 10,000 men—was compressed in an area of nine square miles overlooked by three vital heights from which the American forces have just driven the enemy. Shells and flames are being thrown down upon the Japanese, many of whom are commencing to surrender while others continue to resist fiercely.

Strange Japanese Report

SAN FRANCISCO—Tokyo radio claimed yesterday that a United States submarine had sunk a Russian freighter, the Transvaal, between two northern Japanese islands. The Japanese appeared to have justified the conclusion by stating that there were no Japanese submarines in the vicinity.

JOYRIDE ENDS UP IN COURT

A Saturday afternoon joyride in a "borrowed" truck had its finale in city police court this morning when two sailors, Peter S. Horschburg and James A. Pitt, pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance to charges of taking a car without the owner's consent. They were remanded until tomorrow for sentence.

The truck, belonging to Mitchell and Currie, was taken from in front of the Moose Hall on Third Avenue, and was said to have more or less followed the streets along Third Avenue to McBride Street, then west along Second Avenue and across the bridge to Westview, where it was incapable of coping with the narrow streets and wound up in a ditch.

During the latter part of the ride, it was hotly pursued by the police wagon. When police constables came to the end of the chase they said they found two men detachedly surveying the beauties of Prince Rupert Harbor.

Magistrate Vance withheld sentence this morning until the damage done to the truck could be ascertained.

Soldiers Are C.C.F.

Service Vote in Federal Election Said to Be Predominantly Socialist

TORONTO, June 18 (CP)—The Toronto Star says today in a dispatch from Ottawa that party standings in the June 11 Dominion election are practically unchanged by the service vote, according to unofficial reports.

The dispatch added that the service vote was predominantly C.C.F. but that the party would gain only one seat at least, probably from the Liberals.

The Liberals and Progressive-Conservatives made no net gains from each other, it is reported.

Canadian Army Camp Has Blast

LONDON, June 18—Six Canadian soldiers were injured and windows were broken as far away as ten miles when an ammunition dump at a Canadian Army camp at Whitley in Surrey blew up last night. There were explosions lasting three hours. Great flashes of flames tongued skyward.

UNITED STATES ARMY RETURNS

Tremendous Welcome Accorded Black Hawk Davis On Landing in New York

NEW YORK, June 18 (CP)—New York, with massed bands and tens of thousands of citizens turning out, gave its most thunderous welcome since the last war today when twenty thousand men of the famous Black Hawk Division arrived in eight transports from the war in Europe. After leave, they will be deployed to the Pacific. The grey transports arrived at docks which had been painted red, white and blue for the occasion. It was a sweltering day with the temperature 96 in the shade and little shade at that.

Hospital Ship Has Docked at Halifax

HALIFAX, June 18 (CP)—The Canadian hospital ship Letitia docked in Halifax Saturday afternoon with 725 more Canadian veterans from the land fronts of Italy and western Europe, as well as liberated prisoners of war, sailors and airmen. The majority of the returning veterans were army men with a group of 22 R.C.A.F. and eight navy personnel.

Parachute Unit Is Returning Home

HALIFAX, June 18—The first complete Canadian Army unit to arrive home from overseas at one time is the First Parachute Battalion, commanded by Lieut-Col. George F. Eadie of Toronto, which will arrive this week. After an official welcome, the unit will be broken up into drafts to proceed to their homes in various parts of the country.

General and Fourteen Other Leaders Confess Anti-Soviet Activities

National Government in London Suspicious of "Ringer" Whom It Is Said Is Entire Stranger

MOSCOW, June 18 (CP)—The secretary of the military collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court told the judges today that Major-General Bronislaw Iklucki and fourteen other Polish leaders had confessed to a long list of charges including the killing of 594 Russian officers, anti-espionage and conferring with the Germans. A sixteenth accused pleaded not guilty.

Iklucki headed the Polish home army of the London Polish government after the surrender of General Bor.

Indications were that the Red Army prosecutors would ask the death penalty in at least some cases.

Even as the trial was opening, initial conversations were under way here on reorganization of the Polish provisional government.

Meanwhile in London a spokesman for the Polish government in London had introduced a "ringer" among the sixteen Poles on trial. The spokesman said: "For a long time we have wondered who the sixteenth prisoner was. Now we learn he is M. Jansen, a name entirely unknown to us. It is significant how much of the talking he has done."

TESTIMONY CONCLUDED

Army and Air Force Not Involved in Halifax Riots

HALIFAX, June 18 (CP)—Final testimony in the inquiry into Halifax's "V-E Day" rioting came Saturday from Army and Royal Canadian Air Force officers who said that few of their personnel were involved in the disturbances. At the end of the 17-day period of evidence-taking, Commission Chairman Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada announced that the argument of the counsel would be held in camera this morning.

LEEDS, England (CP)—Eight workers were killed by an explosion in a Royal Ordnance factory in the north of England.

Miss Dorothy Sherritt left Saturday night for Vancouver, having been called there on account of the illness of her mother.

SMALL CITIES BEING BOMBED

American Bombers Now Turn Attention to Lesser Targets in Japan

GUAM, June 18.—Four hundred and fifty United States Superfortresses, turning attention to smaller cities of Japan row that the larger ones have been so greatly devastated, dropped 3,000 tons of bombs on four centres of war industries of less than 200,000 population. Two of the cities were on Honshu Island and two on Kyushu. It was the 13th straight day of bombing the Japanese homeland and brought up to 17,000 tons the quantity of bombs dropped on Japan since June 1.

Col. Parri Ready To Form Cabinet

ROME, June 18.—Col. Parri, former Italian underground chief and consistent anti-Fascist, has informed Crown Prince Humbert of his willingness to form a new "stable government" for Italy based on anti-Fascist forces. It is believed Parri will himself take the key ministry of the interior. Parri would succeed Ivano Bonomi as premier.

Discontent Over Meat Situation

DETROIT, June 18 (CP)—War workers in Detroit threaten to strike unless there is an immediate improvement in the meat situation. A union leader told an emergency food committee that workers are already on the verge of striking in the plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Co. The emergency food committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce has asked for immediate federal action to relieve the shortage.

Halibut Sales

American	(15c and 13½c)
Paragon	100,000, Pacific, Atlin and B.C. Packers.
Canadian	(18¼c and 16½c)
Parma	22,000, Atlin.
Doleena	15,000, Storage.
Engrid H.	14,000, Co-op.
Mae West	19,000, Atlin.
Strafen	20,000, Booth.
Blue Boy	5,000, Storage.
Balsic I.	14,000, Whiz.
Annabelle	4,000, Storage.
Gibson	12,000, Pacific.

Bulletins

WENCHOW RECAPTURED

CHUNGKING—Chinese troops have recaptured the strategic port of Wenchow, 220 miles south of Shanghai. The Chinese have also smashed to Tang, vital road junction, 21 miles southwest of Luichow in Kwangsi Province, the High Command announced today.

DEPORTATION CANCELLED

WASHINGTON—The United States Supreme Court today ruled invalid a deportation order against Harry Bridges, West Coast C.I.O. leader. Bridges is a native of Australia.

VICTORY BOND SALES

OTTAWA—Total sales in Canada's Eighth Victory Loan campaign reached a record figure of \$1,568,927,350, it was announced by National War Finance Committee. The objective was \$1,350,000,000.

FATAL VICTORIA FIRE

VICTORIA—Eleven-year-old Sharlene LaCourse died in a fire which gutted two top floors of the Hamley Building on Broughton Street here early Sunday and her sister, Valerie, her mother, Mrs. David Doige, and stepfather and a fireman, Ennis Bennett, were burned. Cause of the fire is unknown.

FOREST FIRES

VICTORIA—Forest fires to date this season total 238 and the cost of fighting them has been \$5,600 compared with 409 fires at a cost of \$18,000 at the same time last year. Kamloops district has had 60 fires so far, Fort George 58, Prince Rupert 44, and Vancouver 36. There is a serious fire hazard on Vancouver Island now.

GLOUCESTER THREATENED

SYDNEY—It has been revealed that during a recent visit to Brisbane the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were threatened with assassination by hand grenades.