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Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read:

Maximum 64  
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Tomorrow's Tides  
(Pacific Standard Time)

Saturday, May 19, 1945

High 7:34 16.0 feet  
20:46 17.0 feet  
Low 1:25 9.9 feet  
13:50 6.5 feet

## Two Allied Naval Disasters Are Disclosed

### Irish Cruiser Cut In Two Liner Queen Mary; 3 of Personnel Perish

LONDON, May 18 (CP)—The Admiralty has announced the loss of the British cruiser Curacao with 100 officers and men after colliding with the Queen Mary in the Atlantic on October 2, 1942. The collision occurred twenty miles off the Irish Donegal coast.

The Queen Mary, steaming at thirty miles an hour through a thick fog, cut right through the cruiser, the two halves sinking within 28 minutes. The Queen Mary was loaded with American troops and could not stop because there was an enemy submarine known to be nearby. It was a ghastly scene.

The Queen Mary was but slightly damaged.

### World How About Charms?

Prin Rupert Publicity  
Commission Making  
Progress In Its Task

Prin Rupert Publicity Commission named the number of committees to deal with various health-giving sunning, typical Prince Rupert evening, members of the public relations committee confined to the council chamber, the City Hall last night ways of making the attractions known to the public.

### Local Man Freed From War Prison

Pte. Widar Sandahls, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sandahls, Dodge Cove, is now safe in England after being rescued from a German prison camp, his parents have been advised in a brief message. Pte. Sandahls was listed missing last July while serving in France with the Calgary Highlanders. Later it was learned that he was a prisoner of war.

### DOMINANT MONTREAL BANKERS POPULATION NEEDED HERE

City Requires Publicity and Hotel

The well-balanced productive wealth of British Columbia should carry the promise of a prosperous future for this province but there is an obvious need for population in its broad central interior areas as well as in the south coastal district. This opinion was expressed by Guy Vanier, K.C., director of the

Montreal City and District Savings Bank, and Georges Lacoste, general of the same institution, when interviewed by the Daily News on Tuesday. Mr. Vanier and Mr. Lacoste arrived in Prince Rupert Wednesday last night for Jas. Edmondson in the course of a countrywide tour in the interests of their bank.

Business conditions in Canada are of vital interest to them because, in spite of the fact that their bank caters to local depositors, its investments were made largely in government and municipal bonds throughout the country, Mr. Vanier admitted that he was impressed by the strong business activity in this province and his interest in the future prospects of Prince Rupert and central B.C.

Mr. Vanier spotted indications of a great need is for better publicity and more adequate hotel accommodation," he commented. "You people should go after the C.N.R. and stop until you get a fine, modern hotel."

Mr. Vanier and Mr. Lacoste are enthusiastic boosters of their home town of Montreal. Mr. Vanier, who is a member of the city council of that city, expressed his unique set-up of government.

### BRITISH SINK JAP CRUISER OFF SINGAPORE

LONDON, May 18—British ships and planes sank a 10,000-ton Japanese cruiser in a naval battle in Malacca Straits off Singapore on May 16, it has been announced. The destroyers Venus, Virago, Vigilant and Verulam took part in the engagement.

### Mopping Up Burma Now

British Moving to Clean Out  
Last Remaining Japs There

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, Burma, May 18—The British fourteenth Army—in a great double mopping-up operation—is racing to effect a new link-up in the middle Irrawaddy Valley, 80 miles northwest of Rangoon. The Fourteenth Army's grim fighting men are engaged in cleaning up the disorganized Japanese remnants west and east of the Mandalay-Rangoon axis.

Spearheads from Rangoon have swept northwest and were last reported only two miles from another Fourteenth Army force driving southeast from Prome. Their link-up would create yet another solid barrier sealing off the Japanese trapped in the southwest corner of Burma. Their only escape route would be by sea. Between February 1 last year, and last Monday, more than 105,000 Japs were killed in the Burma fighting.



BRITISH WAR MINISTER VISITS FRONT—Sir James Grigg, right, Britain's minister of war, chats with Lieut.-Gen. B. G. Horrocks, general officer commanding the British 30th Corps, and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, centre, during a visit to the western front.

### HIGH TRIBUTE TO CANADA FIGHTING MEN, WAR EFFORT BY MONTGOMERY

TORONTO, May 18—Field Marshal Montgomery said in a broadcast message to Canada last night that "of all the men that have fought under my command in this Great War, none is finer than the fighting men from Canada. There may be some as good, but there is none finer." He said that he would like to visit Canada some day if he were asked.

"Right well he did his job in forging Canada's war weapon," said Field Marshal Montgomery of Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton adding that, under Lieut.-General H. D. G. Crerar, the weapon had emerged into a "magnificent fighting machine."

The Field Marshal paid tribute not only to Canada's fighting men but to the Dominion's great war effort.

Montgomery referred to the even more difficult tasks of peace which lay ahead and appealed for a continuation of Allied unity.

## Weight of War is Shifting to Pacific

### British Columbia Industries Are Facing Greater Tasks

Implications of V-E Day on Canada's west coast, in an industrial sense, may be less than in other parts of the country because, while the end of the war in Europe will naturally bring about curtailment of production of munitions, Japan will still be in the fight and the demands of a Pacific offensive will continue to place big demands on British Columbia.

Because of security reasons it is impossible to state to what extent war production on the west coast is influenced solely by requirements of war in the Pacific, but they are considerable, and these requirements will continue until such time as the Japanese empire has been humbled.

To give only one instance while the bombing of Europe is apparently over, there is still a need of bombing and other types of planes on the Pacific, and reports indicate that the production of Boeing B-29's will continue almost indefinitely so long as war rages over Japan. These are the giant craft that have been so effective in reducing to rubble the industrial plants of Nippon.

And so long as B-29's are in production, the Boeing organization in British Columbia will probably be busy in manufacturing parts for assembly in the finished planes.

The same is true in the ship-building industry, where Canada is turning out on the west coast vessels specially designed for service in the Pacific.

The general expectation, is, therefore, that wartime industry on the Pacific Coast will probably continue on a formidable basis for some time longer than in the east.

There is a critical need of manpower in British Columbia, and the return of servicemen to civilian jobs has not so far been a significant factor in meeting employment demands. The situation is regarded as the most serious of the entire war period.

### Several Thousand Men Are Needed

Shipyards, construction work, mines, logging camps, sawmills and trucking firms could place

several thousand men, and the overall need of men in the Vancouver district alone is reported at 8,000.

When demobilization begins on a large scale, however, there is a strong likelihood that shortages of manpower on the home front will be converted into surpluses. Rehabilitation authorities are predicting that Vancouver alone may expect 80,000 new soldier-citizens after the war and with this is made the statement that the city should have at least 5,000 new homes available by the end of the year.

In addition, there is a general trend of population westward to the coast from the prairie provinces and elsewhere. The distribution of ration coupons indicates that the population of Vancouver has grown more than 80,000 since the war began.

Logging camps, mines and farms are in urgent need of men, however, and it is probable that the events following V-E Day will help greatly to relieve this condition.

Manpower requirements of these three industries will probably take up the anticipated gradual release of men from the war services and from war industry for a long period ahead.

The construction industry is eager to proceed with long-deferred plans for residential and industrial building. Even under present conditions of men and materials shortage, home building has been extensive in Vancouver, Victoria and other British Columbia centres, although the rate of progress has been slow.

Capacity operation of most British Columbia industries to the limit of available manpower appears to be in sight for well into 1946. This forecast will be subject to partial revision should complete victory in Europe lead to early collapse of Japan. In that event, pressure for completion of contracts for Pacific war jobs would be relaxed and the transition to straight peacetime industry would be more abrupt.

### MAX SCHMELING IS BEING HELD

LONDON, May 18—British troops have captured Max Schmeling, former world's boxing champion, who is being held for alleged Nazi activities.

### Halibut Sales

American  
(15c and 13½c)  
Port Luck, 50,000, Pacific and Atlin.  
Masonic, 56,000, Storage.  
Mari Lee Ann, 14,000, Booth.  
Canadian  
(18¼c and 16½c)  
P. Doiron, 21,000, Booth.  
Tramp, 33,000, Co-op.  
Kirielle, 10,000, B.C. Packers.  
Norman, 17,000, Whiz.  
Anchor A., 17,000, Storage.  
Violet P., 15,000, B.C. Packers.  
Viking I., 24,000, Royal.

### Legion Entertains Russian Seamen

Russian folk songs featured a special Victory entertainment held by the Canadian Legion for officers and 35 crew members of two Russian vessels now in port.

Guests of honor were Capt. Krems, Capt. Filipovich and Lt.-Com. Ignatiev. Clare Davis was in charge of the entertainment which was very successful.

The playing of a highland lament by Pipe Sgt. Robertson was one of the highlights of the evening. Vic Huston proposed a toast to the Allies which was responded to by the guests.

W. H. Fogg, assistant superintendent Canadian National Steamships, arrived in the city today on the Prince George on a brief business visit.

Regardless of when the war is over, apart from canned herring, which is regarded as a war baby, the market for fish also seems to be without limit, and this is another industry that may see large scale expansion after the war.

Gold mining will probably spearhead post-war mining recovery, with most of the base metals also being in demand.

### Bulletins

#### AUTO RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

OTTAWA—Munitions Minister Howe has announced the removal of the last of war-time controls on automobile replacement parts. Also lifted is rationing of inner tubes and a revision of the tire rationing regulations. Mr. Howe says the revisions make 35,000 additional vehicle owners eligible for new tires and that production of civilian passenger tires will be increased this year.

#### NUDE WOMAN IN COURT

NELSON—The Doukhobors are at it again in British Columbia. One of them—a woman—removed her clothes in a Nelson police court yesterday. She was one of nine on trial on charges of stripping in a public place.

#### SHORTAGE OF BERRIES

VANCOUVER—Following the latest spring on record, a shortage of strawberries is expected on the lower mainland. None will be ready before June 20.

#### BREAK WITH JAPS

COPENHAGEN—The Danish government has broken off relations with Japan and has recognized Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese government.

#### MORE WAR MEDALS

LONDON—The creation of seven medals for which Britain's servicemen and women may qualify was announced last night in London. All are new awards except the recently-announced Burma Star. They are: the Atlantic Star, the Air Crew Europe Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Pacific Star, the Burma Star, and the Defence Medal. The Defence Medal is for non-operational military service.

#### DEFIED HITLER'S WISH

LONDON—It has been confirmed by International Red Cross that Adolf Hitler wanted to execute all Allied prisoners in the war but that his army refused to carry out the command.

#### SERVICE MEN PRISONERS

KINGSTON—Two hundred Canadian servicemen prisoners have been brought from Italy to Fort Henry. Some will serve out terms at Fort Henry and others in penitentiaries.

#### MAY DAY FESTIVAL

NEW WESTMINSTER—Under uncertain weather conditions the annual May Queen festival is being held today. It is a school holiday.

#### LONDON, 18

—Britain plans to increase rapidly after the war her production of machines and electric and engineering equipment on which she formerly relied largely on Germany. Since last October more than 1,300 firms have been granted special facilities to prepare for this type of work.

### Appalling Loss of Life When Bomb Hits Carrier

Franklin Blasted By Own Explosives  
With Loss of 832 Men Killed, Missing

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC, May 18 (CP)—Japanese bombs struck the huge aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Franklin on March 19 off the southern coast of Japan, causing one of the most appalling losses of lives in American naval history when the carrier's own bombs and 100-octane gasoline blasted the ship for hours. In New York, Capt. Leslie Gehres, skipper of the carrier, said that casualties included 832 men killed and missing and 270 wounded. The shattered hull survived.

### TELLS HISTORY OF SEA CADETS

B. C. Head of Navy League is  
Speaker Here

Background and achievements of the Navy League of Canada, parent body of the Sea Cadet movement, were outlined by Capt. W. Rankin, president of the B. C. Mainland Division of the Navy League of Canada, in an address before the Rotary Club weekly luncheon meeting on Thursday.

Capt. Rankin was in the city on an inspection of the local Sea Cadet corps and attended the meeting with Lt. Cmdr. R. A. B. Garrard, executive officer of H. M. C. S. Discovery, Lt. Grant Hooper, Sea Cadet liaison officer, and Sub. Lt. Frank Hargrave, assistant training officer of the Sea Cadet camp at Whytecliffe.

The speaker branded as misleading statements that the Navy League was run directly by its officers in Toronto without voice by membership in other parts of the country.

The advisory committee is in Toronto, but the affairs of the League are referred to the managers of the 15 divisions across Canada. B. C. has two divisions and, therefore, two votes, which gives it a firm voice in decisions," he declared.

The Navy League was founded in England in 1895 and the Sea Cadet movement had its beginning in Prince Edward Island in 1896 and was incorporated into the present body in 1917, the speaker revealed.

At present there are 88 branches of the League in Canada. The League is running 22 hostels for seamen and supplying ditty bags to naval and merchant seamen as well as supporting the Sea Cadet corps.

"Prior to the war there were only 5,000 Sea Cadets in the country but now there are more than 15,000. The Prince Rupert corps ranks very high in smartness and efficiency," Capt. Rankin said.

He paid high tribute to I.O.D.E. chapters and Women's Institutes for their work in supplying knitted goods, and comforts for seamen during the war, saying that they held an important place in the lives of sailors.

The Sea Cadet camp at Whytecliffe will be continued this year, he said, operating under direct authority of the Navy on the same lines as a naval shore establishment.

Other guests at the meeting were William Cruikshank; Lt. T. Johnstone, R.C.N.V.R.; Rev. E. W. Scott, Sea Cadet chaplain; Lt. Commander Alex Mitchell, officer commanding, Prince Rupert corps of Sea Cadets; Col. J. W. Nicholls, Vancouver; B. C. Police Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons, Victoria, and David Allen.

### War News Highlights

#### War in Pacific

MANILA—The Pacific war's toughest campaign—the battle for Okinawa—is raging this morning with no sign of collapse in the Japanese defences. One American marine division is making slow progress in its costly drive for Naha. Other marine units have taken the strategic ridge called Sugar Loaf Hill. In the Philippines, two traps are closing on Jap garrisons on Luzon and Mindanao. The biggest force yet enveloped in the Archipelago is being hemmed in on Luzon, where the Americans are driving for Ipo Dam.

#### Yanks Attack Kurile Base

WASHINGTON—United States bombers attacked Katoka naval base in the Kurile Islands. One ship was sunk and "good results" were obtained in bombing of military installations.

#### Fighting At Foochow

CHUNGKING—Fighting continued outside the east China coast city of Foochow today after Japanese reinforcements, rushed in from nearby coastal towns of Lienkong and Mamoi, had forced the withdrawal of Chinese assault forces which entered the city a week ago.