

North Coast and Charlottes: Moderate winds, increasing to fresh, exposed areas. Partly cloudy and mild with light scattered rain showers, becoming fair and cool at night.

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High 7:45 17.9 feet
 21:01 14.9 feet
Low 1:00 9.3 feet
 14:25 8.1 feet

Bulletins

BOMBER IS MISSING
HALIFAX — An R. C. A. F. bomber has disappeared on a routine flight over the Atlantic. The plane left its base at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on Saturday. Officials believe the plane may have crashed at sea with the loss of four men aboard.

FOOT JOHNSON DIES
HAMPTON, New York — William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, famous Anti-Saloon League leader for many years, died at the week-end in Kingston, New York, at the age of 82.

REGENTS EXECUTED
SOFIA — Three former regents of Bulgaria, including Cyril, brother of the late King Boris, were executed at the week-end.

MINISTER BACK
TAWA — Minister of the Interior, Angus Macdonald, and George C. Jones, are back from overseas. Macdonald said that enemy activity on the Atlantic coast is increasing and that Canadian sea forces on the Pacific would await the end of the war with Germany. He announced that Capt. Harold would command the Canadian cruiser Ontario.

SHORTAGE CLOSES PLANTS
PITTSBURGH — More than 100 factories and plants in Pennsylvania are shut down temporarily due to a fuel shortage brought about by the cold weather and traffic in the Appalachian industrial area.

CANADA IN UNION
TAWA — Diplomatic representatives of certain Latin American countries are reported to be planning a move to draw Canada into the Pan-American Union. It is believed a formal invitation may be extended to Canada.

SEEKING DESERTERS
TAWA — Military and civil authorities are pressing their search for the international border Canadian Army deserters. There are reports that disciplinary action has been taken against the men taken into custody.

Worker Dies
EDMONTON — A crane operator at the Prince Rupert dry dock was killed when he fell from a height of 100 feet while working on the structure of the ship.

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EDMONTON — A laborer charged with stealing 69,000 cigarettes which he sold on the black market was sent to jail for two years.

American Flag Flies Over Manila

Thirty Miles From Berlin

Silesian Bridgehead Across Oder Seen As Outflanking of Capital
LONDON, Feb. 5 (CP)—Russians moved to the Oder River line along a front 145 miles long threatening to outflank Berlin through north Germany as well as in the south.
A new offensive has been launched in Silesia from a bridgehead across the Oder River and the Soviet forces were reported today to have advanced 12 miles beyond the Oder.
The German High Command said that strong Russian attacks were in progress against the Oder fortress of Kustrin, 40 miles east of Berlin.
A National Broadcasting Co. rebroadcast said the Russians are about 30 miles east of Berlin in the Frankfurt-Cistrin sector.

ENLISTMENTS ARE GROWING

Were 1051 in January This Year As Compared With 424 Last Year Ago
VANCOUVER, Feb. 5 (CP)—Pacific Command announced that 1051 persons enlisted in British Columbia in January for active service. Enlistments for active service from the Home Defence forces totalled 232. Enlistments in the active army last January totalled 424.

PEACE RIVER ASKING ROAD

Wants Immediate Construction of Highway from Prince George to Dawson Creek
DAWSON CREEK, Feb. 5 (CP)—Immediate start on construction of a Prince George to Dawson Creek highway via Pine Pass by the British Columbia government was strongly urged at mass meetings here of various district organizations. Construction of the highway would facilitate exchange of products between coast cities and the Peace River country, the resolution said.

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TALKS

Peace Talks Under Way in Athens
ATHENS, Feb. 5 (CP)—Peace talks are under way in Athens between the Greek government and representatives of the Left-Wing E.A.M.-E.L.A.S.
The government has opened the way for an understanding between the two groups by announcing that the act of taking up arms with the leftist forces during the civil war will not be considered a punishable offense. The government move means there will be no general prosecution against persons involved in the civil war.

Seek Aid In Fight

Vancouver Street Railwaymen Asking All Unions to Endorse Their Demand for 6c Wage Increase
VANCOUVER, Feb. 5 (CP)—Members of the Street Railwaymen's Union voted in favor of a recommendation of their advisory committee to work with "all organized labor organizations in Canada" in an effort to have federal labor officials authorize a six-cent increase for street car and bus operators in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

Howard Green Is Renominated
VANCOUVER, Feb. 5 (CP)—Howard Green, Progressive-Conservative Member of Parliament for Vancouver South, was nominated Friday to contest the same riding again in the next federal election.
Local Temperature
Maximum 47
Minimum 39

War News Highlights

MacArthur Retakes Manila

United States forces under General Douglas MacArthur entered Manila under cover of darkness to liberate the capital of the Philippines which has been in the hands of the Japanese for three years. One of the first cares was to insure the safety of a large concentration camp containing Allied prisoners of war which was at once put under guard. The seat of government was seized and the northern part of the city is firmly under American control. Twelve thousand Japanese reported left in the city were believed to be preparing for a last ditch fight in the southern part of the city. A river separates the opposing forces.

Break Through Siegfried Line

United States First Army forces have ripped through the last fortifications of the Siegfried Line and entered the secondary defenses east of Monschau. Two American divisions burst completely through the great pillbox belt of the double Siegfried Line southeast of Aachen and surged across open country two-thirds of the way through the whole defence system. Some troops gained as much as three miles. The German High Command reported lively air activity and increasing artillery fire in Holland and along the Roer front in Germany.

Reich Gov't Buildings Battered

Eight direct hits were made on the Air Ministry as heavy Allied bombers delivered their heaviest attack of the war on Berlin Saturday. Government buildings over an area two miles long and one mile wide were battered. These buildings included the Reich chancellery, Gestapo headquarters and propaganda ministry.

Reds Outflanking Berlin

Fighting along the Oder River between Russians and Germans is increasing in intensity as the threat to Berlin increases. The Russians have reached the approaches to Frankfurt and Kustrin in a move to outflank Berlin.

New Weapon On Italian Front

British and Canadian troops on the Italian front have thrown back vicious German counter-attacks which at times have assumed the proportions of full-scale small battles. A Reuters dispatch from Rome says that Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring is using miniature rockets of the T-20 type against Allied troops holding the mountainous central Apennine sector of the line in Italy. A British artillery officer describes them as making a "frightening noise like a giant standing on a mountain top tearing a great sheet in two." He added that Allied artillery is unable to damage the rocket positions because they are movable platforms which are brought up to firing position and then rushed back out of range of Allied guns.

Naval Attack On Sumatra

The great battleship King George V led a powerful British naval force which has made two attacks on oil plants and refineries held by the Japanese on the south of the island of Sumatra. Fifteen aircraft were reported lost.

Dunkerque and Lorient

A German communique says that an artillery fight for the by-passed Channel port of Dunkerque and the former German u-boat base of Lorient in Brittany was intensified. Both have been under siege for several months, Dunkerque by troops of the First Canadian Army.

New American Landing

An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast today said 3000 Americans landed January 18 on Jolo Island in the Philippines. Jolo is the largest of the Sulu group midway between Mindanao and Borneo. The Japanese claimed they had inflicted more than 300 casualties on the Americans.

LEGISLATURE OPENS MONDAY

Session to Get Under Way Tomorrow with Minimum of Ceremony

VICTORIA, Feb. 5.—The annual session of the British Columbia Legislature will get under way tomorrow with a minimum of ceremony. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by W. T. Straith of Victoria and seconded by W. A. Bennett of South Okanagan.

MacMillan Urges Forest Portfolio

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5 (CP)—H. R. MacMillan, president of the lumber company bearing his name and prominent British Columbia industrialist, in a booklet just released urged the establishment of a portfolio of forests in the British Columbia government as "one of the most important responsibilities of the government."

LOCAL OFFICERS TO NEW ORLEANS

Selected to attend the Transportation Corps school for water ports and allied operations, three United States officers of the Prince Rupert sub-port of embarkation left Saturday for New Orleans, Louisiana. The three, as announced by Col. J. H. Mellom, commanding officer of the sub-port, were Capt. Dolson W. Hill, troop movement officer; 1st Lt. Jack Alderson, in charge of the ordnance section, overseas supply division; and 1st Lt. John L. Macken, in charge of the TC Supply Branch, Water Division.

U.S.O. FOURTH BIRTHDAY PARTY, RECEPTION, CAPTIVATE PUBLIC

Hospitality of Prince Rupert's United Service Organization club was extended to the public on Sunday afternoon in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the founding of the world-girdling service organization. In observing its birthday the local club joined 3,000 other clubs scattered over the globe wherever United States troops serve.

GREY NORTH NOW VOTING

Weather Man and Voters Now Having Their Say in Important Federal By-election
OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 5 (CP)—It now is up to the 23,000 voters of Grey North constituency today to decide whether they will support the Liberal government policy with regard to manpower and reinforcement of the Canadian Army overseas.

MacArthur and His Forces Enter Philippines Capital; Now Holding Half of City

Japanese Expected to Put Up Fight For Business Section of City — Internees Liberated — Executive Buildings Taken

MANILA, Feb. 5 (CP)—The American flag has been raised over Manila after more than 3 years of Japanese occupation. General MacArthur's liberating forces struck deep into the Philippine capital Saturday night and quickly captured the Santo Tomas concentration camp. Ambulances now are removing

Defence Collapses — Siegfried Line Being Broken Up

liberated prisoners from that camp where as many as 3,000 British and American civilians have been interned. Also taken by the hard-hitting Americans were the executive palace and the Grace Park airdrome.
While the Japanese in the northern part of the city offered no major stand there have been explosions and fires south of the Psais River which splits Manila in two parts. It is possible that the Japanese will put up a bitter fight for the business section of the city.

Two American Divisions Have Now Broken Two-Thirds of Way Through

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Bob Harlow Home After Flying Over Enemy Territory

Pilot Officer Bob Harlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harlow, formerly of Prince Rupert and now of Prince George, returned to Prince George a few days ago for a visit on leave after having completed a tour of operations over enemy territory. He has been overseas for 23 months flying Halifaxes and Lancasters.

BOILERMAKERS ARE ACQUITTED

Found Not Guilty of Intimidation at North Vancouver But Warned—Clean Up North Vancouver
VANCOUVER, Feb. 5 (CP)—A Supreme Court jury has acquitted seven members of the Boilermakers' Union charged with conspiracy to intimidate Frank Etherington in North Vancouver last September. Mr. Justice A. M. Manson warned the men against "taking the law into your own hands."

The jury recommended that "proceedings be taken to clean up conditions in North Vancouver," referring to alleged increase in reports of molestation of women and children.

Building Permits Below Last Year

Repairs to the front of Mussallem's store valued at \$1,000 was the largest single item on the list of building permits issued during January by the city engineer's office. Total value of permits issued was \$2,700.
Permits issued in January a year ago were to the value of \$50,890.
Following is a list of permits issued last month:
King George Cafe, general repairs, \$450.
Jack Mussallem, 3rd Avenue West, alterations, \$1,000.
Miss E. Rivett, 8th Avenue E., \$300.
G. L. Erlendson, 4th Avenue E., general repairs, \$300.
Philpott-Evitt, Waterfront, addition, \$400.
Savoy Hotel, Fraser Street, alterations, \$300.

Seven Charged With Contributing

Indian Agent James Gillett and provincial police Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnstone left this morning for Port Simpson where Mr. Gillett will act as juvenile court judge in a case involving seven native youths charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency. The charges arose out of the alleged entry of the youths into the Port Simpson residential Indian school.

WANTED

Men for fish floor and freezer work.
Apply at Plant of
Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company
Seal Cove

Pioneer Business Block Gutted In Fire

FOUR DEPARTMENTS BATTLE FLAMES IN STONE BUILDING

Structure Believed Damaged Almost Beyond Repair and Stock Loss Heavy As Well

Damage estimated at possibly \$50,000 was caused by fire which left a pioneer Prince Rupert business block virtually totally destroyed this morning. The building was owned by W. F. Stone, men's furnishings dealer at present visiting Vancouver. It stands on Third Avenue at the corner of Fifth Street. It

was built in 1910 by Christianson Brandt and for years was owned by the Terminal Investment Co. from whom Mr. Stone purchased it last year.

The fire started before 8 o'clock and spread rapidly from the basement. Flames soon burst through the whole two-story structure which was completely gutted. Fire equipment from Canadian and U.S. armies assisted the city fire department.

The building was occupied by Stone with a stock estimated at \$40,000. Upstairs was the North Star Club. Another second floor section formerly owned by a Y.M.C.A. cafeteria had been leased but not yet occupied by Gordon Bryant's store.

The adjoining building owned

and second story all felt the hot tongues of flame which continued to spread even after half a dozen hose lines had come into play. However, the vast quantities of water directed from all sides soon brought it under control although it is thought the building is too badly damaged to be repaired.

Although the fire did not get within the clothing store water and smoke damage to the stock will be considerable.

The first alarm was turned in at 8:10 by a worker on the city garbage truck who saw smoke seeping from the building as he passed by in the lane.

A large crowd watched fire departments of the city, navy, Canadian army and American army join in fighting the blaze.

Provisions and equipment belonging to the Y.M.C.A. War Services valued at \$4,300 were lost in the fire. They were housed in the rear of the building awaiting transport to the new Y.M.C.A. building. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

A police raid on the North Star Club Saturday night saved equipment and paraphernalia of the club from fire loss. Along with several customers, police took practically all the furniture and

gear to police headquarters.

TUG ETTA MAC FREE

Has Been Refloated From Rocks Outside of Victoria Harbor
VICTORIA, Feb. 5 (CP)—The tug Etta Mac was freed from jagged rocks of 10-Mile Point and towed to Cadboro Bay waters just outside Victoria Harbor. Heavy seas Thursday caused considerable unstated damage to the vessel. The tug went aground Wednesday night. She was enroute to Vancouver at the time.

The Etta Mac is an 85-ton vessel owned by Vancouver Barge & Transportation Co. After the grounding Wednesday night she still held fast until late last night. Three tugs and two derricks worked day and night Thursday without success.

The crew of eleven, including the skipper, Capt. Wilfrid Prudhomme, escaped without injury in a work boat.

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KAMPALA, Uganda, (CP)—Grants for more than \$1,804,750 made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, have enabled Uganda to plan one of the most extensive health services in the British Colonial Empire.