

Day's Temperature
47
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88 inches

Tomorrow's Tides
(Pacific Standard Time)
Friday, March 30, 1945
High 2:10 20.9 feet
15:05 19.9 feet
Low 9:04 4.2 feet
21:08 5.8 feet

German Lines Cracking Everywhere

Great Cities Fall; Thousands Surrender; Final Victory In Making

PRINCE RUPERT, March 29 (CP)—German lines everywhere are disintegrating swiftly. The enemy lost 262,000 men on the western front in prisoner losses alone this month. This, added to the German killed and wounded, represent losses equivalent to one division a day in March.

Nowhere is the enfeebled enemy able to check Allied armies in the fifth day of continuous, unrelenting attack to end the war. The Ruhr itself has been burst open but Field Marshal Montgomery has allowed but a few captured places behind. Great cities fall or are falling. Several rivers have been crossed.

The United States First Army tanks today reached Amoenburg, 207 miles southwest of Berlin and still are on the loose while armor of the United States Third Army, in close contact, is within 214 miles of the capital.

British and American armored battle teams north of the Ruhr raced twenty miles across the

Westphalian Plains to Muenster's approaches in exploiting a breakthrough so thoroughly that Field Marshal Montgomery imposed a security silence "because of the rapidity of present operations." This suggested that a momentous victory was being fashioned.

Highlanders of the Third Canadian Division are still fighting their way into the German stronghold of Emmerich.

Other Canadians have seized Issel, a mile north of the captured town of Rees.

The United States Ninth Army, although meeting the only vestige of German resistance, crashed through the Ruhr port of Duisburg, a city of 431,000, which the Germans abandoned.

At Amoenburg General Hodges' racing armor was 95 miles southeast of Muenster and also 152 miles west of Leipsig, Germany's fifth city, and 225 miles from the German lines.

Allied armies are streaking through Germany

so fast that the target line for supporting planes has had to be jumped eastward every twenty minutes. Cities and towns have toppled to the seven armies at a wholesale rate and thousands of Germans have been captured. In the first two days of this week alone, more than 32,000 Nazi prisoners were examined by Allied M.P.'s, and thousands more are waiting to be processed. The security blackout prevents the sending of last-minute news and war correspondents are having a hard time just keeping up with the advancing armies.

Canadian troops at the northern end of the line have entered the ferry town of Emmerich, twenty-two miles northwest of Wesel. Tanks, artillery and engineers supported this attack.

Field Marshal Montgomery's British Second Army tanks, with infantrymen hanging on

grimly, are fanning out in all directions at the northern end of the front.

Next in line is the American Ninth Army, which, while encountering opposition, has swept up Duisburg on the Rhine. More than 100,000 German civilians surrendered in the towns outside Duisburg to seven Allied troops. The civilians said the German Army had retreated and that the Volksturm were ready to quit. Thus, the city of Duisburg is expected to be in Allied hands shortly.

On the sector south of Cologne, the American First and Third Armies are within six miles of a junction. And the Third has merged with units of the Seventh below Frankfurt. A stubborn house-to-house battle is underway inside Frankfurt.

The Nazis themselves now place Third Army spearheads about 213 miles from Berlin.

Cross To 100,000

Red Cross campaign is on in Prince Rupert. Prospect of the original being exceeded by at least 100,000. Collections are now being the \$20,000 mark. Managers still at work. Cal-backs. Those who have been overlooked still opportunity of sending contributions. Further contributions acknowledged.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO JAP ISLE

GUAM, March 29 (AP)—American carrier forces attacking the island of Okinawa destroyed 33 Japanese aircraft, crippled 19 ships including three destroyers and five cargo ships. Okinawa underwent its sixth day of bombardment from the carrier fleet.

The score of the Pacific fleet for the past 10 days, although still incomplete, showed 819 Japanese aircraft probably destroyed and 57 or more ships sunk or damaged including carriers and a 45,000 ton battleship.

Okinawa is 325 miles south of Japan and the Tokyo radio said that it was the main objective of the American forces.

READY FOR "V-E" DAY IN THIS CITY

Arrangements have been completed for the celebration of "V-E" Day in Prince Rupert and are awaiting the signal of an armistice with Germany. There will be a community service in the "Y" Auditorium with Mayor H. M. Daggett taking the chair. The service will be under the direction of the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association of which Dean J. B. Gibson is president. Depending on when the armistice announcement comes, the service will be either in the morning or afternoon.

There will be prayers and hymns and a regimental band will be in attendance as well as Peter Lien's augmented community choir.

FINAL WINGS PARADE HELD

OTTAWA, March 29 (AP)—The final Wings Parade Ceremony marking the end of the big Commonwealth Air Training Plan was held at the Uplands Airport this afternoon. Fifty airmen—representing every aircrew trade and most of the nations participating in the plan—have been selected to receive their wings at the special parade. They are the final fifty of a graduating list of more than 150,000 men.

In Toronto last night, the flag was lowered at number one Air Observer School at Malton Airport, following the largest wings parade ever held in Canada. The Malton Training School was the first one established under the air training plan. Before the flag came down, representatives of England, Poland, the United States, Scotland, Cuba, Mexico, Australia, France, Wales, China, and Canada received their wings as navigators and air bombers.

Miss Eleanor Moxley of the King Edward school teaching staff leaves on tonight's train to spend the Easter holidays at Smithers.

War News Highlights

Russians In Austria

LONDON—Marshal Stalin in an order of the day said today that Russian troops had driven through the Bratislava gap and entered Austria.

Attacking Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Continuing American attacks against the Japanese homeland are announced by the Tokyo radio. The Japanese concede that American naval forces still are pounding the Ryukyu islands. The Tokyo broadcasts are not confirmed by the Allies, but the enemy asserts that carrier planes have blasted the big naval base at Kure on Japan's inland sea, while other aircraft are said to have pounded the Japanese home island of Kyushu.

Japs Near U.S. Base

CHUNGKING—A Japanese mechanized column is within twenty-five miles of the United States air base of Laohokow, two hundred miles northwest of Hankow. If the enemy captures Laohokow, the Allies will lose an important base for aerial action against enemy communications in north China.

APPEAL FOR NEW CHURCH

Memorial to Late Bishop Pollinger is Being Planned at Prince George.

The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Cariboo is planning that a Diocesan Memorial to the late Bishop Pollinger should be a new church at Prince George, that being the heart of the districts in which he had for so long and faithfully administered to so many congregations at many places. Accordingly a campaign is being instituted this Easter.

Many Anglicans have already indicated their desire to subscribe to this Memorial.

A church building to take care of the increased population expected in the next several years will cost a good deal of money. Plans have been sketched out and a site chosen and only funds are needed to commence building.

BOMBING OF TOKYO SEEN

Story Based on Historic Incident of War Pictured

A thrilling romantic story based on the first historic bombing mission over the Japanese capital, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" comes to the Capitol Theatre here as the feature offering this Friday and Saturday.

Spencer Tracy plays the part of Jimmy Doolittle, leader of the celebrated raid. Van Johnson has the part of a non-commissioned officer with Phyllis Thaxter in the romantic lead.

It is a story of women who wait for their men to return from a daring adventure. The history of the great epic of the air is re-enacted in impressive and thrilling manner.

'Frisco Is Approved

Canada's Participation Is Endorsed By Parliament At Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 29 (AP)—The House of Commons almost unanimously endorsed Canadian participation in next month's security conference in San Francisco. The vote was 202 for the five against.

The five dissenting votes were cast by Quebec Independent members. The Quebec members registered their opposition despite the fact that Prime Minister King asked that they support the vote or abstain from voting.



AMERICANS TAKE CEBU

MANILA, March 29 (AP)—American troops pursued the Japanese into the hills north of the city of Cebu today after capturing the second largest city in the Philippines. The Japanese abandoned well prepared defences. Cebu was badly damaged by Japanese demolition squads.

SPEAKS OF ELECTION

Campaign May Start While San Francisco Conference Is On

OTTAWA, March 29 (AP)—Prime Minister King has disclosed that the beginning of the campaign preceding the forthcoming general federal election may take place while the San Francisco world security conference is proceeding. The date of the Ontario election might have some bearing on that of federal voting.

The prime minister said also that because of his heavy duties as leader of a country at war, he will be unable to accept chairmanship or any important post at the San Francisco meeting.

TO DRILL PROPERTY

Prince Rupert Mining Syndicate Lets Contract for Houston Property

Now that spring is in the offing, the Rupert Mining Syndicate is losing no time in instituting its program of development on the Bob Creek gold and silver property 10 miles south of Houston. A contract has been awarded to Boyle Bros. for 1000 feet of diamond drilling which is to be commenced before the end of April and completed by June 1. Future plans of development will depend on the results of the diamond drill program.

The syndicate had a meeting last night when unit holders received reports on progress of company affairs.

Bulletins

STIMSON'S WARNING

WASHINGTON—U. S. Secretary of War Stimson told Germany today that, if the Allies were forced to fight village to village and cause needless death and suffering to Germans, it would be the fault of the German leaders. The Allies would drive on until there was unconditional surrender or until Germany collapsed piecemeal.

ENVOYS INTERNED

BUENOS AIRES—It has been officially announced in Buenos Aires that Japanese diplomatic and consular officials still in Argentina have been taken in, carrying out what is considered a necessary step following Argentina's declaration of war on Germany and Japan.

SPECIAL LANDING DECKS

LONDON—The Admiralty discloses that a number of British merchant ships were equipped with special landing decks during the most critical period of the Atlantic. They are called "postage stamp" landing decks. They enable British merchant vessels to carry their own aircraft protection without sacrificing cargo tonnage.

WARM I NEAST

MONTREAL—Warmest weather for this time of year in a long time is being experienced. It is 77 above in Montreal and 73 in Toronto.

LEGISLATURE PROGRESS

VICTORIA—The fourth session of the Twentieth Legislature of this province pro-rogued Wednesday after a 37-day sitting, the longest session since 1932.

WEATHER SPARES BERLIN

LONDON—For the first time in 36 days British Mosquito planes failed to make a raid on Berlin last night. Since February 20 the Allied air forces have hit Berlin 45 times. From the beginning of the war an estimated 75,000 tons of bombs have been dropped on the Reich capital.

Russia Is Almost Ready For Direct Blow on Berlin

MOSCOW, March 29 (CP)—The day when the Russians will strike for Berlin is drawing closer. The supply system is working at top speed to prepare a spring offensive. The Soviets expect to throw a half million men into the assault on the German capital once the Nazis are crushed on the Baltic coast. That goal is nearer today now that Gdynia has fallen and the western part of Danzig has been occupied.

have been driven from practically all of Hungary, have crossed the Austrian frontier and the city of Vienna is 47 miles from the Red Army vanguards.

VICTORY FLASHES

The mayor of Mannheim, one of Germany's great industrial centres, surrendered the city to a United States Army today.

"The hour of success is near," Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared today. Members of the British war cabinet have been warned to stand by during the Easter holiday for "important developments."

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy of S. D. Johnston)

VANCOUVER

Bralorne, 17.00.
B.R. Con., 21 1/2.
B.R.X., 14.00.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.05.
Dentonia, 10.
Grull Wilksne, 15 1/2.
Hedley Mascot, .84.
Minto, 11 3/4.
Pend Oreille, 1.40.
Pioneer, 5.25.
Premier Border, .06.
Privateer, 40.
Reeves McDonald, 27.
Reno, 12.
Salmon Gold, 12.
Sheep Creek, 1.21.
Taylor Bridge, .74.
Whitewater, .03 1/2.
Vanada, 42.

TORONTO

Beattie, 1.54.
Central Patricia, 2.50.
Consol. Smelters, 55.75.
Giant Yellowknife, 6.78.
Hardrock, .75.
Kerr Addison, 12 1/2.
Little Long Lac, 2.35.
McLeod Cocksutt, 2.50.
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.40.
Moneta, .78.
Pickle Crow, 3.25.
Preston E. Dome, 2.85.
Sherrit Gordon, .75.
Steep Rock, 2.90.
Queenston, 1.15.
Homer, .29.
Jackknife, .27.

OILS

Anglo Canadian, 90 ask.
A.P. Con., 15.
Calmont, 24.
C. & E., 1.80.
Foothills, 1.35.
Home, 3.75.

UNLISTED

Jensen 6 3
Lasalle 50 55
Lynox 73 77
Mate 26 29
Regina 7 8 1/2
Sunbear 8 10
Kamlac 44 48

Mrs. C. L. Youngman leaves tonight for Vancouver where she will meet her son, Robert Roy Youngman, who is on survivors' leave after the sinking of the Canadian corvette Trentonian.

ACROPOLIS IS HOOP WINNER

Defeated Soo Suds in Basketball Quarter Final

How do you beat a basketball team when the players stand thirty feet away from the basket, close their eyes, shoot one-handed and don't even touch the rim of the basket with the ball? That was the story Wednesday night when Acropolis Hill defeated Soo Suds by a score of 70-35 for the Area Basketball quarter finals. Acropolis Hill will now meet Navy in a two-out-of-three series next week commencing Monday in the semi-final round.

Acropolis Hill, having returned less than two weeks ago from their Alaskan basketball tournament, played an outstanding game offensively and defensively against the strong Soo Suds team. Captain Bob Kiener led his team to victory with 22 points in the first three quarters before he was relieved by Wallingford. Soo Suds had a very bad start and seemed to be puzzled by the Acropolis fast style of play. At the end of half time Acropolis were leading by a score of 32-9 but with 15 minutes to play, the Soo Suds seemed to hit their stride and out-pointed the Acropolis Hill team in the last quarter 18-15.

The Navy team were all sitting along the side lines Wednesday night including Coach Frank Watson studying the Acropolis team plays and Frank says that he has it all figured out how to overcome the Acropolis power. Monday will tell the tale.

Weather Forecast

Moderate to fresh winds, overcast and mild with occasional light rain this morning, becoming cloudy and mild this afternoon and evening. Friday moderate winds, cloudy and mild.

JAPS WEAKENING

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS. BURMA: Japanese resistance was weakening all along the broad Burma front today.

Nelson Brew and Marvin Brew of Haysport are among those leaving tonight for Vancouver.