

Weather

to moderate winds, cloudy cool today with widely scattered rain and snow showers mainland. Friday: moderate winds, partly cloudy and warmer.

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Tides

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Table with 2 columns: Time (High, Low) and Tides (2.47, 15:06, 9:05, 21:19) and corresponding measurements (22.8 feet, 22.1 feet, 2.2 feet, 2.9 feet).

DUKOR RESIGNS AS GOVERNOR COMMANDER OF BAHAMAS



LONDON, March 15 (CP)—The Duke of Windsor has resigned Governor and Commander-in-Chief in the Bahamas. The British Office announced tonight.

RACE RESIDENCE BURNED; INMATES ESCAPE BY WINDOW

BRITAIN, March 15 (Special to Daily News)—About 8 o'clock last evening caused destruction of a one-storey frame building owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Grier and occupied for but one day by Mrs. Henry Allard. The fire started from a lamp which was being lit and the building was consumed within a few minutes.

Is Up To Dominion

Post-War Rehabilitation Programs Should be Dovetailed, Says Perry

War News Highlights

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Victory Over Germany This Spring, Forecasts Churchill

Mass Assault From Skies—

Greatest Air Bombs Yet, Eleven Tonners, Used By Lancasters on Germany

Great Damage Caused By Missiles, Almost Twice As Large As Anything Previously Used

LONDON, March 15 (CP)—Five thousand Allied planes, spearheaded by British Lancasters carrying huge eleven-ton bombs, have swept Germany with a hail of explosives during the past 24 hours in a terrific mass assault.

During the night, British heavy bombers struck at the towns of Zweibrucken and Homburg, both of which are reported to be packed with German troops and military stores. Mosquito bombers pounded Berlin again for the twenty-third straight night.

Yesterday British and Canadian fliers gave the Germans their first taste of the new eleven-ton bombs. Previously, the six-ton "earthquake" bomb, which sank the battleship Terpitz, was the largest ever used by Allied airmen.

The target for the huge missiles was an enemy rail viaduct at Bielfeld, eight miles east of the Rhine. The gigantic new superbombs are credited with knocking out a big chunk of the important viaduct.

One British airman told of the effect of the bomb as it exploded. He said it felt as though someone had kicked him in the back when the bomb burst on the ground below. He added that his plane bounced well over 500 feet up in the air as the bomb was released.

Canadian Airman Tells About Missiles

A Canadian airman, Flying Officer H. R. Short of Abbotsford, B.C., had this to say about the experience: "The terrific flash was followed by a gigantic fall of black smoke and fountains of debris gushing hundreds of feet into the air. The six-ton bombs we have dropped seem like babies by comparison."

Continental-based American fighter-bombers destroyed sixty German planes and damaged fifty-five others. The enemy aircraft were parked on the ground at an airfield near Coblenz.

American war planes based in Italy struck for the third time in ten days in support of the Red Army drive on the eastern front.

Skeena District Liberals Acknowledge Splendid Leadership of Mackenzie King

Declaring that the leadership of the Prime Minister had been primarily responsible for bringing into being the family of nations functioning as the British Empire so effectively in world affairs, that Canadian trade and commerce had been at its highest peak during his tenure of office, that his administration had given the greatest strides in the status and progress of labor, world leadership of Canada in production and economy had been brought about by his organization and the family allowance measure was outstanding in world social legislation, the Skeena District Liberal Association convention was inspired Tuesday to unanimously pass a resolution expressing absolute confidence in the leadership of Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King and pledging unflinching support to his government and its policies.

WASHINGTON—War Secretary Stimson said today he knew nothing of plans for abandoning the Alaska Highway.

OTTAWA—Premier King returned home today, expressing confidence for success of the San Francisco conference.

LONDON—The American Fifteenth Army is in action at the Remagen bridgehead. German reports that the Ludendorff bridge had been destroyed are denied.

BOAT WRECKS, LOGGER DROWNS

News of Harrowing Tragedy Off Skeena Mouth Brought Here

The story of how two men clung for hours to a wrecked fishing boat near the shore of Whitecliffe Island off the Skeena mouth until one, Blackie MacGee, succumbed to exhaustion and slipped into the dark sea was told today by James Anslow, the survivor.

Anslow, a Prince Rupert fisherman, is in hospital here suffering from exposure after being marooned on the small, deserted island since early Monday morning when he managed to get ashore from his wrecked gillnetter. He was brought here last night by Allen MacBroom coming in from Kumeleon Inlet. His companion, a logger known as "Blackie" MacGee, was drowned.

Anslow and MacGee left Prince Rupert at 8 o'clock Sunday night for Kumeleon Inlet where the latter was employed at a logging camp. In Grenville Channel off the Skeena mouth their small vessel, the Akemi, experienced difficulty which resulted in it piling on the rocks near Whitecliffe Island.

Advisory Labor Committee For Provincial Gov't

VANCOUVER, March 15 (CP)—Labor Minister George Pearson said Tuesday that he has asked the three major labor organizations in this province to name three representatives each to a joint labor committee to deal with the provincial government on legislative matters involving labor.

Premier King— To Preside At 'Frisco

Canadian Prime Minister May Lead Great Economic Conference

LONDON, March 15 (CP)—The London Evening Standard says there are widespread reports that Prime Minister King will be chairman of the San Francisco world security conference to be held next month.

Last Saturday, a Canadian Press Washington dispatch told of reports that Mr. King might be in line for election to the chairmanship of the conference if the United States, the host nation, declined the honor.

CANNERY MEN FISHERMEN

VANCOUVER, March 15 (CP)—The largest single union of British Columbia fishermen and fishing industry workers came into being Tuesday with ratification of the amalgamation of the United Fishermen's Federal Union and the Cannery and Reduction Plant and Allied Workers' Union. The new union will be known as the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, A.P.L., and will contain about 3,000 fishermen and 2,000 cannery workers.

(The Prince Rupert Deep Sea Fishermen's Union turned down a similar amalgamation proposal with the U.F.P.U. by a large majority when votes were counted at a meeting here last week. The union's business agent, George Anderson, and Joseph Kilby are local delegates to the Vancouver conference.)

Reds Killing Germans

MOSCOW—Russian forces in the East Prussia pocket have killed 4,000 Germans and captured 2,000 prisoners. Red Army formations have made a four-mile gain across a 17-mile front near Koenigsberg. In the Stettin area, the Germans say the Russians are forming for a new assault.

Demoralizing Japan

WASHINGTON—The most recently large-scale superfortress attack on Japan is believed to have destroyed the armament centre at Osaka. So powerful were the explosions that rocked the arsenal that a number of the giant bombers were tossed about by the concussion. Some of the superforts were damaged, but all reached their home bases. Business and industrial areas of Osaka, Tokyo and Nagoya have been widely devastated and completely demoralized. The government is said to be frantic over the situation.

British Fleet in Pacific

LONDON—A Tokyo broadcast heard in London says the British fleet has gone into action in Philippine waters. The British warships are said to be operating from bases in Australia. According to the unconfirmed enemy broadcast, the British naval units are taking part in the operations against Mindanao.

Battle of Philippines

British Prime Minister Would Guide Peace Days

Pledges Himself and Party to Free Enterprise and Warns Against Socialist Plan to Alienate Way of Life

LONDON, March 15 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill held out hope today of victory over Germany this spring, pledged the dominant Conservative party to promotion of free enterprise in the post-war period and served notice that he intends to guide Britain in the trials of peace. He told a Conservative party conference that "victory lies before us certain and perhaps near. The war in Europe might conclude before summer ends or even sooner."

Mr. Churchill cautioned the Conservative party against "humbug and blandishment" and against bidding for votes and party popularity "by promising what we cannot perform."

The Prime Minister's temper was obviously taut after recent sharp exchanges with Left Wing critics in the House of Commons. He struck out at "our Socialist friends" and their program "for nationalizing all means of production and distribution and exchange." He asserted that this would imply "not only destruction of life of the whole existing system of party.

society and life and labor but the creation and enforcement of another system borrowed from foreign lands and alien minds."

Of the war in the Pacific, Churchill said that the scale of war against Japan is limited not by manpower for that will readily be forthcoming but by shipping and other means of transport over vast open spaces and through steaming jungles.

The Prime Minister promised Britain its first general election since 1935 as soon as possible after Germany's downfall. "At the head of the mainmast we will fly the flag of free enterprise," declared Churchill "not only destruction of life of the whole existing system of party.

FACED STRONG GERMAN POSITION ALONE, PT. SIMPSON SOLDIER CITED

Standing alone and without shelter in the face of a strongly entrenched enemy with only a light automatic to divert the Germans while his comrades closed in to capture the strong point was the feat which won Pte. Clyde Moraes, 28, of Port Simpson the Military Medal.

Official citation of the heroic action which resulted in the high military award was released by the Department of National Defence today. The episode took place at Chemin Vert, France, on September 18. The citation follows:

"Pte. Moraes, 17 platoon, North Nova Scotia Highlanders, at Chemin Vert on September 18, 1944, displayed courage of the highest order by standing in the open firing his Bren gun thus enabling his platoon to close in and capture a strong point in the defences of the area.

"D Company had been ordered to capture this strong gun position on the lower slope of Mont Lambert and advanced under artillery fire to the edge of the position. When his platoon was pinned down by fire from a strongly defended enemy post, he stood in the open less than 30 yards from the enemy, under machine gun fire and grenade, in order to cover the position with fire from his Bren. It was necessary for Pte. Moraes to stand in order to get fire on the position and by his gallantry and contempt for danger he enabled his platoon to assault and capture the position which was found to contain at least 100 Germans."

Big Fund For Work

Quarter of Billion Dollars Being Set Aside to Offset Unemployment

BRANDON, Man., March 15 (CP)—The Canadian government has established a fund of \$250,000,000 to offset unemployment in the post-war period. This was disclosed Monday night when Federal Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell addressed a Brandon, Manitoba, Liberal nominating convention. Mr. Mitchell assured the meeting that returned men and women will be given the first break in re-establishment but he did not elaborate on the statement.

GYROS TALK PLAYGROUNDS

Will Seek \$1000 from City—Welcome Arch Project Under Discussion

Playground work for the coming season was discussed at yesterday's monthly business luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in Reid's Cafe and the outcome was to seek a grant of \$1000 from the city to assist in the financing of physical improvement to the playgrounds. Last year, the city agreed to carry out certain work on the playgrounds but, owing to lack of labor, was unable to do so. The Gyro Club will now endeavour to find ways and means of doing the work providing the city makes the finances available.

A proposal for the erection of a welcome arch near the city limits on the Prince Rupert Highway was considered but it was decided to seek further information in connection with the project before becoming associated with it. Dr. J. J. Gibson, president of the club, was in the chair at yesterday's luncheon. S. J. Jaubour of Vancouver was a guest. The winner in the weekly raffle of a war savings certificate was Maurice Brydges.

BARRIERS TO BE REDUCED

Roosevelt and King Announce One Result of Their Conference

WASHINGTON, March 15 (CP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister King have revealed the results of their recent conference. Both leaders have agreed to make bold moves to reduce the trading barriers between all countries. Mr. Roosevelt pointed to relationships between Canada and the United States as an example of how nations could get along together.