

Weather

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North Coast—Today and Saturday: light winds, fair and cool.

Three Vital Days

Political Events To Be Decided

Speculation Rife At Ottawa Over Election—May Come Soon

OTTAWA, Jan. 26 (CP)—Some speculation is bound to happen on one or more of three vital days which will affect the life of the present Parliament and the trend of events in national politics. The three days are: January 31, nomination day for Grey; February 5, the day for prorogation of Parliament and the by-election; and February 12, the day for the election of the House of Commons.

There is little expectation in any quarter that the opposition candidates will withdraw. Opinion is divided in political circles as to whether Premier King will dissolve Parliament before election but, if he does, it is believed the announcement will come when Parliament is prorogued January 31.

FOOD STORES TO SPONSOR STAMP DRIVE

Chance to win cash prizes ranging up to \$500 by merely buying War Savings Stamps will be a feature of the stamp drive being sponsored by local distributors of food and allied products during February and half of March. Customers of local food stores will be asked by a "Miss Canada" to buy a dollar's worth of War Savings Stamps each Saturday afternoon while doing their week-end shopping between February 3 and March 10. For each dollar's worth of stamps bought a ticket bearing the name and address of the purchaser will be dropped into a sealed box. From these boxes and hundreds of others throughout the province will be drawn the winning tickets worth \$1,000 in cash prizes by Mayor W. Cornett of Vancouver on April 14. First prize will be \$500. Plans for the campaign were laid at a meeting of local food merchants in the Legion rooms Thursday afternoon. Girls of the "Daughters" organization achieved success in a stamp drive in a half dozen downtown stores last Saturday will do their best "Miss Canada" uniforms in greater numbers and contact the public in the forthcoming drive.

Organizer of the local campaign, which is part of a National War Finance Committee province-wide drive with an objective of \$2,000,000, is Mrs. S. Saville who is directing the "Miss Canada" girls. The food and allied industries campaign is being directed by D. G. Allan, manager of Kelly Douglas Limited. The girls will be in the stores after 1 p.m. Saturdays and during the campaign the public will be asked to make its stamp purchases exclusively at food stores.

Local Temperature

Maximum 48
Minimum 33
OPPOSED MOTIONS
North of the equator, cyclones always have a counter-clockwise but south of the equator they revolve clockwise.

The Daily News

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1945

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)
Saturday, January 27, 1945
High 1:05 19.1 feet
12:46 21.9 feet
Low 6:55 7.0 feet
19:30 1.9 feet

Reds 90 Miles From Berlin

Bulletins

WILL DISCUSS JAPAN
LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, at the forthcoming conference, will discuss the war with Japan with Premier Stalin. The friendship pact between Russia and Japan ends in April.

PORT ALBERNI PULP MILL
VANCOUVER—Bloedel, Stewart & Welsh are to build a sulphate pulp plant at Port Alberni. It will have annual capacity of 50,000 tons. It will take three years to build and will employ 200 men.

SHAMEFUL CRISIS
TORONTO—Eleven discharged army officers with overseas service have addressed an open letter to the press of Canada impelled by the "absence or desertion of 6300 Canadian soldiers." They described in their letter, dated at the Army's Christie Street Hospital in Toronto, as quote: "Non-Partisan contribution to the solution of this shameful crisis." The letter calls for the government to pass an order-in-council making the whole army available for overseas service.

RAID ON NORWAY
LONDON—One Nazi merchant ship was set afire and others were damaged when attacked in a Norwegian fjord by Royal Air Force bombers.

NEW NAZI WEAPON
LONDON—Berlin is talking about the latest Nazi secret weapon—an artillery submarine which might bombard far coasts such as those of the United States.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Table with columns for location (VANCOUVER, TORONTO) and stock names/prices.

TWO MEMBERS ARE MISSING

ROME, Jan. 26 (CP)—Two members of the British House of Commons—J. D. Campbell, Conservative, and R. H. Bernays, National Liberal—were missing today on a plane flight from Rome to Bari. The two, with four other Members of Parliament, had been touring the Italian battlefronts.

LONDON, (CP)—During October 233,000 working days were lost through industrial disputes in Britain—106,000 of them in the coalfields and 86,000 in engineering, metal and shipbuilding industries.

BIG SNOW IN ALSACE
PARIS—The heaviest snow-storm of the winter has occurred in Alsace where the American Seventh Army had halted the German drive against Strasbourg.

CHINA CO-ORDINATES
WASHINGTON — Donald Nelson, in a report to President Roosevelt, says that China has finally co-ordinated her war effort with the Allies and, for the first time, is throwing her full weight into the fight against Japan. The political situation in China is also improved with the Communist leader now conferring at Chungking.

MONTREAL STRIKE VOTE
MONTREAL—Employees of the Montreal Tramways Company are going to take a strike vote tonight. The workers are dissatisfied at the delay of the Federal Government in finding a solution to the issue between workers and the Tramways Company. If the men decide to strike again it will cause the fourth transportation tie-up for Montreal street car service in two years.

JOHN BRACKEN BACK
MONTREAL—John Bracken, Progressive-Conservative leader, is due in Montreal tonight following his trip overseas to visit the forces.

BUS UPSETS
VANCOUVER — Eight passengers of thirty suffered minor injuries when a White Rock to Vancouver bound bus overturned at Five Corners on the Pacific Highway when attempting to avert a collision in the fog.

FRENCH WOULD GUARD RHINE

DeGaulle Would Not Extend Border But Wants to Be Able to Keep Watch

PARIS, Jan. 26 (CP)—General Charles DeGaulle said yesterday that "France does not intend to finish this war without assurance that the French Army is installed permanently along the length of the Rhine from one end to the other. We envision the control of the entire Rhine basin as an industrial unit and perhaps this will be an inter-Allied control because we have no reason to exclude other Allied nations." DeGaulle said this does not imply extension of France's frontier to the Rhine. While France had made no formal request for an invitation to the forthcoming Big Three conference, DeGaulle expressed disappointment at not having been invited but added that he believed the heads of all three countries in the conference knew of the French attitude.

BODY FOUND IN HARBOR

The body of a man, believed to be that of Alexander MacAulay, about 65, was found floating in the harbor immediately behind the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative store shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

Coroner M. M. Stephens and Constable R. Brett of the city police were called and had the body taken from the water a short time later. Examination of the effects found on the body revealed an identification slip, apparently issued by the Navy, bearing the name Alexander MacAulay. No national registration card was found.

Enquiry indicated that while the man was often seen on the waterfront, his name or occupation was not known. An investigation is being conducted by the coroner.

Soviet Forces on Frontier Of Brandenburg Province; Break Through to Danzig

Western Front—

2nd. Army Rolls For'd

At Gates of Last Natural Barrier to Cologne Plains—Threat to Strasbourg Halted

PARIS, Jan. 26 (CP)—The British Second Army had reached the Wurm River on a 4000 yard front this morning. The British advance had carved in the southern flank of a German salient between Roermond and Gieleskirchen. The Second Army is rolling up quickening gains all along its section of the western front.

Field dispatches say that British troops have seized 11 more towns and are within one mile of the Roer, the last natural barrier to the plains before Cologne.

Things are also going well today for the Allies in Belgium and Luxembourg. Troops of the American First Army have advanced more than one mile southeast of the Belgian town of St. Vith. They are now less than three miles from the German frontier. The American Seventh Army is attempting to hurl German forces back across the Moselle River in northeastern France. A new Nazi drive which threatened the French city of Strasbourg has been halted.

There is no report of major action on the Canadian First Army front.

An Associated Press war correspondent said today that British patrols reported they had reached the Roer River on a front of several miles without contacting the Germans.

At the opposite end of the western front, the American Seventh Army appeared to have brought the new German offensive in north Alsace to a standstill. Allied armies captured at least twenty-three villages. The British Second Army took six, the French Army five and the American First, Third and Ninth Armies, twelve.

MOTHER, CHILD ESCAPE FROM BURNING HOME

A young mother and her month-old child escaped from their blazing home at 8:30 this morning after a fire, apparently caused by an overheated stove, had set the kitchen ablaze while they were asleep in an adjoining bedroom.

The woman was Mrs. Helen Romanison who with her husband and small child occupy a four-room cabin at 1123 Beach Place. The kitchen was gutted by flames and the other rooms scorched before the flames were put out by the city fire department.

The fire had already spread into the bedroom before Mrs. Romanison awakened, she told fire chief H. T. Lock later. She took her child to a neighbor who provided them with clothing. The other three rooms of the cabin were not badly damaged, and much of the equipment can be salvaged.

The small kitchen stove became overheated after Mr. Romanison, an American soldier, had lit the morning fire, before leaving the house, Chief Lock was told.

The fire was well advanced before an alarm was turned in to the fire department.

CASSIAR TO CALL AT PORT EDWARD

An increase in industrial activity at Port Edward has resulted in Union Steamships making it a regular port of call for their ship Cassiar, the Daily News has been advised. The Cassiar will call at Port Edward every ten days on her way north from Vancouver, primarily to unload freight. Port Edward is the site of Nelson Brothers cannery and B.C. Packers clam cannery which are both extremely active, and it is understood that there is a probability of more industrial centering there.

VETERANS PROTEST

Are Opposed to Sending Five-Year Men Back Until Home Defence Force Exhausted

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26 (CP)—The new veterans' branch of the Canadian Legion announces a mass meeting will be held in Vancouver on Sunday to enlist public sympathy in protesting against sending back overseas soldiers returned to Canada shortly before Christmas after five years overseas.

A resolution passed by the branch said new veterans were opposed to returning of combat veterans until total conscription has been implemented and the present Home Defence personnel has been exhausted.

Increase In Wages

But Vancouver Street Car Men Are Awarded Only 4 1/2% Per Hour Which was Previously Unacceptable

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26 (CP)—The Regional War Labor Board handed down its decision late yesterday in the wage dispute of the Street Railwaymen's Union and the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. An increase of 4 1/2% per hour in the basic wage rate was granted effective from March 1 of last year. In addition, specialized workers such as bus operators receive an additional 3 1/2% per hour basic increase effective March 1945.

The union had asked for a 6% per hour increase. Charles Stewart, chairman of the Union advisory committee, had no comment to make other than that the union had already turned down a 4 1/2% increase.

The basic wage increase of 4 1/2% per hour for all members of the Street Railwaymen's Union (American Federation of Labor) in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster was granted Thursday by the regional board after a two-day hearing of the application by the union for a six-cent basic wage increase and other working adjustments.

The increase would affect about 2700 employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway who went on strike recently for 10 days in protest against refusal of the National War Labor Board to grant them salary increases. The strike ended last Thursday.

OF INDIAN ORIGIN
Card games were introduced into Europe in the 14th century by fortune-telling Gypsies wandering from India.

LONDON, Jan. 26 (CP)—Berlin said today that the Russian army was only ninety miles from Berlin. This is presumably in the Poznan area. Poznan itself has been outflanked. The Russians are on the frontier of Brandenburg Province. This is the province which contains Berlin. At Moscow Premier Joseph Stalin today confirmed that the Russians had broken through to the Bay of Danzig, entirely cutting off East Prussia from the rest of Germany and enveloping an estimated 200,000 German troops. Meantime the battle for Silesia has reached new heights with the focal point the key city of Breslau.

EXECUTIONS CONFIRMED

Swiss Medical Mission Corroborates Horrors which British Labor Union Party Found in Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 26 (CP)—A Swiss medical mission has corroborated reports of medical and legal experts that hundreds of executions took place at the Greek town of Peristeri while the E.L.A.S. opponents of the Greek government were in control there. The Swiss mission reports that several hundred deaths, mostly civilians, occurred at Peristeri only 20 to 40 days ago. More than 500 bodies have been exhumed and the final total may be around 1500.

The executions at the village, which is only 4 miles from Athens were investigated after five British trade unionists said they were shocked by the discovery of numerous bodies at another town, Galatsa, also near Athens. The British representatives said there was evidence of a reign of terror.

ITALY BATTLE IS STILL QUIET

Air Force is Active, However, Against Various Objectives Including Torpedo Crews

ROME, Jan. 26 (CP)—There is little to report this morning on the land fighting in Italy. Latest reports from the Italian battlefront tell only of patrol skirmishes.

An air force announcement tells of the demolition of an island and hideout of German human torpedo crews in the northern Adriatic Sea. Other Allied planes have attacked Adriatic shipping and road traffic and bridges in the Po Estuary.

Fly to Massett For Post Mortem

Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnstone of the provincial police and Dr. R. E. Coleman left this morning by R.C.A.F. aircraft for Massett where an autopsy will be performed on the body of Harry Geddes, who lost his life when a fishing boat in which he was a passenger was wrecked off Langara Island on January 11. An inquest is being held over Geddes' death.

JAPS FLEE FROM FIGHT CHINA SEA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 26 (CP)—According to a Chinese report, fifty American and Japanese warships engaged in a nine-hour battle in the China Sea 300 miles from Shanghai. The Japanese finally broke off and fled for home.

A capacity crowd attended the annual Burns banquet of First Presbyterian Church last night. Rev. A. F. MacSween presided and the speakers were D. C. Stuart, Fred Conrad, Mrs. J. G. Garrett, W. W. C. O'Neill, Col. C. C. Ferrie, George C. Mitchell and Capt. W. D. Rowlands. There was an excellent musical program.

Britain Wonders—

Disturbed To Hear of Sub Threat

Speech of General McNaughton Arouses Comment in Daily Mail—Suggests "Absurd Secrecy"

LONDON, Jan. 26 (CP)—A speech by Defence Minister McNaughton Wednesday night in which he said the North Atlantic Sea route is alive with German submarines has roused editorial comment in a London newspaper, The Daily Mail. The London publication says it will come as a shock to the British people to learn from Canada's defence minister that the Nazi u-boat menace still exists as a major threat.

The editorial points out that there had been a general impression in Britain that the u-boat had been mastered and it asks whether General McNaughton's statement is justified by the facts. "If so," it goes on, "it is very odd and disquieting that the news should have been given to the British and American people not from their own naval sources but from Defence Headquarters in Canada." The London paper also declares that, if this is another example of what it calls "the absurd secrecy about important war developments which rules in Whitehall," it is most strongly to be condemned.

Yanks on Philippines

Speeding To Manila

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 26 (CP)—With Luzon Island's high Clark airfield and Fort Stotsenburg already in his hands, General MacArthur is speeding his troops south towards the Philippine capital of Manila. The main thrust towards Manila has reached the town of Angeles, a highway junction five miles south of Clark Field and 40 miles from Manila.

WORKING FOR AIR ROUTES

Canadian and American Aviation Officials are Working on Agreements

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (CP)—Canadian and American aviation officials in New York City are working on draft agreements for the expansion of commercial air routes between the two countries. For the first time since 1940 existing agreements governing cross-border flying are under review. Officials say it seems certain that proposals for new bilateral agreements will be adopted.

It is expected that, as a result of the conference, recommendations will be made for an increased allotment of schedules to Canadian aircraft which now operate commercially across the border only between Toronto and New York.

HOW ABOUT YOU? Recruits are urgently needed for Prince Rupert's own Reserve Army Battalion. Unless you conscientiously feel that you have not a duty in this respect, you should ENLIST NOW! PUBLIC RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION ARMORY — TONIGHT, 8 o'clock EVERYBODY WELCOME! 1st (R) Battalion, Prince Rupert Regt. Has a place for every reasonably able-bodied man. Don't let someone else be pulling YOUR load.