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Tides

Table with 2 columns: Time, Height. Sunday, February 18, 1945. High 5:26 20.2 feet, 18:04 17.4 feet. Low 11:55 5.4 feet, 23:59 7.0 feet.

Reds Advance Nearing Berlin From South

New Japanese Island Invaded By Yanks

Assault Kept Up

Bombers Continue to... Today at Germany's... Iwo, Feb. 17 (CP)—American bombers, carrying the fair offensive against Germany into its fourth day, smashed enemy homeland from the Mediterranean-based bases were striking from the sea. Three hundred and thirty bombers attacked great yards at Frankfurt-on-Main behind the western front. It is an important rail junction.

Apple Pie Pilots

They Set Records in... of Germany... THE R.C.A.F. IN HOLLAND, Feb. 17 (CP)—Twenty apple pies were munched last night by pilots of a fighter wing in Holland. It was the celebration that marked the setting of two records in Thursday's operation. Canadian airmen dropped 50,000 pounds of bombs on Germany yesterday and set a new mark for single-engine planes. The other record was chalked up when round bombs make 36 cuffs on rail lines. The pre-flight for fighter bombers today was 16. Chief promised apple pie like mother used to for every pilot who had a rail cut once the pre-record had been passed.

ICE FINES

AL \$850... cases coming up in police court in January was which 48 were convicted two dismissals, and one stood to stand trial in court, according to the report of Sergeant O. presented to the police last Friday. totalled \$850 with an annual \$13.50 in court costs. of 95 complaints was filed with police during the month. This included 70 under criminal code, six under Dominion statute, 16 under Government Liquor Act and three city by-laws. complaints were received concerning losses of money totaling \$498.05, of which \$290 was recovered. Eleven articles ranging from an automobile to a dynamite, whose owner not known, were recovered. dynamite was found under Cove Bridge in a deteriorated condition and was properly disposed of. bus safe crackers who exploited with explosives on office safe of Burns and company on January 22 did an estimated \$1,300 damage to the safe and fixtures, but failed to get any cash from the strong. major crimes were the of \$900 from a U.S. civilian.

Next Move May Be On Japanese Homeland Itself—Bataan Recaptured and Corregidor Expected to Fall

BACK ON FORTRESS ISLAND LONDON, Feb. 17 (CP)—Report that Corregidor Island has been invaded by American parachute troops with heavy fighting in progress was broadcast today by the Tokyo radio. The Americans formed a trap which enclosed several thousand disorganized Japanese on Bataan Peninsula today after a daring landing on the south coast under silenced guns of the once formidable Corregidor. While a stiff fight for the rest of Manila raged, General Douglas MacArthur announced the capture of Bataan. The powerful American Fifth Fleet continued on Saturday its double-barrelled assaults on Tokyo and Iwo Jima Island while enemy radio broadcasts reported American assault forces had begun storming their way ashore on Iwo.

LONDON, Feb. 17 (CP)—Japanese broadcasts have been heard announcing that American forces have begun the invasion of Iwo Island in the Volcano group, 750 miles south of Tokyo. Enemy broadcasts heard in London and Chungking say the Americans have effected landings on the small island midway between the American base at Saipan and the Japanese homeland itself.

Broadcasts heard in London claimed that two American attempts at landing on Iwo had been repulsed but the Chungking dispatches quoted the enemy as admitting that the landings had been made. Iwo Island has been under attack by the United States Fifth Fleet for two days. Ever since the shelling began enemy broadcasters have quaked with fear of a landing on Iwo and in fact of the possibility of a landing on the Japanese homeland itself. Enemy broadcasts also tell of a landing by American paratroops on Corregidor Island in Manila Bay, following the recapture of Bataan. Tokyo says heavy fighting is going on. Fifteen hundred American carrier planes have peited the Tokyo area in two separate attacks. Tokyo says the first raid yesterday lasted nine hours and that today's has already passed the five-hour mark. Admiral Mitsuzumi has not yet given out the results of the Tokyo raids.

War News Highlights

Air Attack Shifted LONDON—Allied Air Forces have shifted their attacks from the eastern to the western front. More than 3500 Allied aircraft have hit the Germans in the past twenty-four hours. It is estimated that about half of the force was made up of heavy bombers and Rhur Valley industries, oil refineries and communications centres all come in for heavy bomb doses.

Last German Stand PARIS—On the ground front in the west the Germans are digging in for last ditch stands before the strategic highway centres of Goch, Uedem and Calcar, the doors to the Rhur industrial region. Elements of eight Nazi divisions are trying to hold the line against the smashing offensive of the Canadian First Army. The latest front dispatches say First Army troops are about two miles from Calcar, five miles from Uedem and two and one-half miles from Goch.

Withdrawal From Italy ROME—Lieutenant General Mark Clark has told the people of Italy that a German withdrawal from the Italian front appears more and more likely. General Clark said pressures from the western and eastern fronts might induce the Germans to pull out of Italy.

Local Temperature Maximum 35 Minimum 24 Precipitation .01 inches (rain).

LONDON (CP)—The British Sailors' Society has presented the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping with a copy of its specially-compiled book of prayers and Bible in a water-proof case, of the type issued to seafarers. workman, robbery with violence of Ching Yin, an elderly Chinese store proprietor, and robbery with violence of Mrs. Eva Molineaux who was run down by a car containing purse snatchers. Cost of keeping prisoners in the city jail for the month was \$186.



DRIVING THROUGH SNOW TO HIT THE NAZIS—Dimly seen through the driving snow, Allied infantrymen plod their way forward to drive the Nazis from their "bulge" in Belgium. Some peasant's innocent farm fencing now plays the role of "barbed wire entanglement."

Mr. Perry Speaks

Housing, Education Discussed Many Plan to Own Homes Tells of B.C. Educational Leadership

VICTORIA, Feb. 17 (CP)—Hon. H. G. T. Perry, minister of education, was a speaker in the Legislature yesterday when the housing question held the spotlight. Mr. Perry said that reports showed three-fifths of tenant families plan to own their own homes in the next few years while eighty percent of those desiring to continue to rent wanted low rent housing developments by local authorities. Opposed to low rent developments were many who believed such dwellings would degenerate into slums, thereby increasing blighted areas. Mr. Perry said that \$800,000 would be voted this year for new schools, the total of which the government pays forty percent. The new minimum wage for rural teachers was the best salary scale for rural teachers in Canada, the minister said.

Bitter Words

Pearkes As Candidate Minister Charges Him With Having Worked Consistently For Conservatives

OTTAWA, Feb. 17—Commenting on a report that Major General Guy R. Pearkes, V.C., following his retirement as general officer commander-in-chief, Pacific Command, would run as Progressive-Conservative candidate for Nanaimo in the federal election, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, said that Gen. Pearkes had been acting for over overseas as there was no reason why he should not run for them. Mr. Gardiner declared that Gen. Pearkes and others of his officers had made statements which encouraged the recent high incidence of absenteeism of Home Defence troops through having advised the men not to volunteer for general service until ordered to do so by the government. (At Vancouver Gen. Pearkes emphatically denied Mr. Gardiner's charge. The statement was "perfectly ridiculous" and directly contrary to the facts. He had gone to the men on bended knee to plead with them to go active. Any officer who had discouraged them from doing so would have been disciplined).

Bulletins

NEW DECREE STRINGENT LONDON—The Nazis have passed a new decree, clamping martial law upon most of Germany. All who even hesitate to obey every defence edict will be executed. There will be no fines for cowardice, selfishness, gossip or any one of a number of, other things which offend the Nazi regime. Any suspected German will either be acquitted of his "crime" or put to death.

NO WORD OF ELECTION OTTAWA—The federal cabinet met again in Ottawa but there still has been no announcement concerning the date of the forthcoming general election. In the light of this continued silence on the part of Prime Minister King, political observers in Ottawa are predicting that the nineteenth Parliament may meet for a final short session on February 28 as scheduled.

ONLY ONE CANADIAN SHOT OTTAWA—Official information released by R.C.A.F. headquarters in Ottawa discloses that Warrant Officer Griffin Young of Peterborough, Ontario, was shot last August while confined in a German prison camp. Earlier reports said he was killed when the German Gestapo massacred the entire white prisoner personnel in a mixed white and Negro camp. Young was confined in a temporary prisoner of war camp with British, American and French Colonial personnel. No other Canadians were involved in the incident.

CONCERNED OVER DAUGHTER BRANTFORD, Ont.—The chief ambition of Sgt. J. Morrison, an R.C.A.F. gunner home in Brantford, Ontario, on compassionate leave, is to gather enough money to get the best possible treatment for his blind two-year-old daughter, Gail. The child went blind from a cerebral hemorrhage which affected her optical nerves. The sergeant says Gail is unaware of her handicap.

JAPANESE CLAIMS PEARL HARBOR—Tokyo claims that 147 American planes were shot down in the fighting over Japan during the past couple of days and that an American aircraft carrier and cruiser were sunk. DUTCH TRAITORS LONDON—The Premier of Holland says that 200,000 Dutch people may have to be tried for treason and collaboration with the Germans. Women did not wear close fitting stockings until the later part of the 16th century.

Russians Closing In On Fortress City of Guben; In Sight of Spree River

Final Fight For Breslau Has Commenced—Kinev Reported Advancing Again On Berlin Forefield 35 MILES FROM BERLIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 17—At their nearest point of approach from the south, Soviet forces were reported today to be only 35 miles from Berlin. MOSCOW, Feb. 17 (CP)—Red Army heavy artillery and bombers have blasted the town of Guben on the Neisse River today. At the same time Russian infantrymen are closing in on the vital fortress city from three sides. Guben lies sixty miles southeast of Berlin. Earlier Russian dispatches said the Red Army now is within sight of the Spree River, the last natural defence line southeast of Berlin. The final fight for the Silesian capital of Breslau has opened with the Russians surrounding the city on all sides and pouring shells into the city's streets. The Brussels radio, meanwhile, has broadcast a dispatch from Moscow asserting that Marshal Kinev's army has reached the forefield of Berlin.

MEDICAL SCIENCE BRINGS NEW HOPE TO WAR INJURED FOR CIVIL LIFE

By ENID NEMY (Canadian Press Staff Writer) PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man., Feb. 17 (CP)—The only establishment of its kind on the prairies, No. 3 Conditioning Centre here is a medical man's dream. Canadian casualties of the battlefronts of Europe as well as members of the Army, Navy and Air Force injured in training, are fitted for return to military or civilian life.

Western Front Canadians Advancing Gain Two More Miles and Cut Road Between Goch and Calcar PARIS, Feb. 17 (CP)—Allied troops of the First Canadian Army battled today to within 1 1/2 miles or less of the shell-riddled German bastions of Goch and Calcar, southeast of Kleve, in a sudden push over mired battlefields. The English, Scots and Canadians lunged forward behind a wall of rockets and bullets from Allied planes for a distance of two more miles. The British cut the main Goch-Calcar road at two points. Elsewhere on the western front mud halted the most of activities.

Golden Gloves Local Boy Eliminated Bob Anderson Loses to Vancouver Lad—Jordan Smith Draws Bye VANCOUVER, Feb. 17 (CP)—Youthful Jordan Smith, who never saw a street car until he landed in Vancouver yesterday morning from Prince Rupert, is the only boxing competitor out of Vancouver still left in the 1945 Golden Gloves tournament. The 10-year-old Smith, who weighed in at 60 pounds, got a bye Friday night and will clash with Johnny Creanza of Vancouver tonight in the final. Smith's running mate, Bob Anderson, boxing in the 99-pound class, met defeat by decision from Larry Healy of Vancouver in a three-round bout.

Remedial exercises, under Capt. A. Gregor of Winnipeg, have been devised so that men suffering from certain types of injuries concentrate on special exercises and have no need to bother with others. Capt. T. E. Sweet of Keewatin, Ont., is in charge of a mandatory educational program. For entertainment four movies are shown weekly and a concert party journeys out from Winnipeg every fortnight. The boys even have their own newspaper, appropriately named "The Casual Tease."

Also here to be "conditioned" are a group of 75 boys, who as yet have had no taste or army life. Known as the 4X group, these lads would have been rejected for service because they were underweight. Now, after an intensive "course in eating" and a strenuous physical development program ranging from three weeks to three months, they are brought up to army weight standards and sent out to basic training. Officers on the staff are from all parts of the Dominion. Capt. A. W. Gerow, army examiner, and Capt. G. E. Lock, adjutant, are both Calgary men. NS. Bernice Chamberland is from Red-ditt, Ont. A university of Alberta graduate, Lieut. G. Robinson of Vermillion, Alta., is dietitian for the centre. Two young officers who were sent here for treatment but hope to be released shortly are Lieut. G. H. Williams of The Pas, Man., and Lieut. F. A. Murtagh, Ottawa.