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Table with tide times for Thursday, March 8, 1945. Columns: Time, High, Low.

Vancouver Explosion Toll Eight

Big Attack on Berlin Starts

Reds Start Direct Move

CANADIANS STRIDE TOWARD RHINE AMERICANS HEAD FOR BONN IN WAKE OF CAPTURE OF COLOGNE CITY

Give Freely To Red Cross

'LABOR SNUBBED' BY LEGISLATURE, MEMBER CHARGES

Damage In Ship Blast Is Over Million Dollars

Cause of Waterfront Disaster Yesterday Still Unascertained - S. S. Greenhill Park Still Burning At Siwash Rock

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

OTTAWA, March 7 - Minister of Transport Michaud has ordered a private and confidential preliminary investigation into the ship explosion and fire disaster at Vancouver yesterday. There may be a public investigation later.

VANCOUVER, March 7 (CP) - Two members of the crew and six stevedores are reported unaccounted for as fire fighters struggle vainly to check the blaze in the holds of the 10,000-ton Victory ship Greenhill Park which was ripped asunder in forward sections and lost almost the entire one side by a series of explosions a few minutes before noon yesterday, fire having spread to her entire length.

VICTORIA MAN OPENED WAY TO ANTWERP

OTTAWA, March 7 - A B.C. army officer was responsible for opening the first and only crossing into the Scheldt estuary pocket during the bitter battle for Antwerp last October, headquarters has revealed.

VICTORIA, March 7 - The Legislature held a night sitting Monday for the first time in an effort to speed completion of the budget debate.

Herbert Gargrave (CCF Mackenzie) charged that organized labor was being deliberately snubbed by the coalition government which was "touchy on the question of union security and the check-off."

The Liberal government at Ottawa had a policy of bungling incompetence as far as labor legislation is concerned, Gargrave said, and its regulations had "done more to cause strikes than any other single cause."

He criticized the provincial government for not allowing a labor lobby to visit Victoria recently to meet the labor committee of the Legislature.

Mail Service Is Being Maintained

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce executive has instituted inquiries which have elicited that there was no basis for a recent rumor in Smithers that the mail service on this line of the Canadian National Railways might be reduced to three times a week. No such change is contemplated.

Campaign Meeting With Excellent Response In Its Opening Stage

With \$1237 so far collected from voluntary contribution exclusive of proceeds of canvassers' efforts, the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society today announces a total of \$1137 of the objective of \$15,000. Contributions in this latest annual campaign are running about the same size if not larger than in the last.

- The following contributions are acknowledged today: Dry dock to date \$582, R. L. McIntosh 100, Fraser & Payne 100, Savoy Hotel 100, Capitol Theatre 100, T. Eaton Co. Ltd. 50, T. D. Pattullo 25, B.C. Furniture Co. 25, Howe & McNulty 25, S. D. Johnston Ltd. 25, Miss Norma E. Smith 5

Is Again Seeking Chauffeur's License

Undaunted by previous failure to obtain favorable consideration, Thomas Murray Oliver, chauffeur, has again brought before the city council an appeal for restoration of a chauffeur's permit which the police have consistently declined to grant.

TOMMIES ARE HANGING WASHING ON SIEGFRIED LINE AT LAST

NO MIDNIGHT CLOSING IN ALASKA YET

JUNEAU, March 7 - Matter of the midnight closing on all entertainment places as it affects the territory has been left to the decision of the governor. "No decision has been made yet pending receipt of information from the war manpower commission relative to the manpower situation in each community on the basis of which a decision will be made," states Secretary of Alaska Lew Williams.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Table with local temperatures: Maximum 39, Minimum 35, Rainfall 36 inches

TO SAN FRANCISCO

OTTAWA - Prime Minister Mackenzie King will head a Canadian delegation of twenty to the San Francisco conference April 25.

War News Highlights

Reds Move On Stettin

MOSCOW - While the R.A.F. bombed Sassnitz, Soviet artillery shells were hurled into Stettin. Red Army infantrymen are moving on Stettin in two columns north and south of the Baltic port.

Heavy Fight On Iwo

GUAM - The campaign on Iwo Island in the Pacific has flared up again after a two-day lull. Three American divisions have resumed their drive towards the northern end of the island.

Final Philippine Phase

MANILA - The Philippines campaign has entered its final phase with the American invasion forces finishing the job against four Japanese divisions on northern Luzon.

Fewer Bombers Being Lost

LONDON - The percentage loss of R.A.F. bombers dispatched against enemy targets has been reduced to approximately one-quarter of the 1942 totals.

Battle of Italy

ROME - American mountain troops have gained five miles in the rugged Apennines southwest of Bologna in the strongest advance on the Allied Fifth Army front in weeks.

PARIS, March 7 (CP) - On the western front, Canadian First Army forces are striding towards the Rhine, jumping off from fallen Sonbeck, the former western anchor point of the German rear guard.

as long as possible. The defence of Bonn is vital to the Nazis as the city now is a funnel for thousands of enemy troops fleeing across the Rhine.

The famed university town of Bonn may be next in line for the United States First Army. Now that Cologne has fallen, thousands of German soldiers are fleeing towards Bonn which is twenty miles south of the cathedral city.

American forces are coming to grips with enemy suicide units, fanatical young Germans who have been ordered to hold Bonn

Battleship Tirpitz Was Sunk by Canadian Flier

LONDON, March 7 (CP) - The pride of the German Navy - the battleship Tirpitz - was sunk by a 12,000-pound bomb in a direct hit scored by a Flying Officer from Rivers, Manitoba, Walter Daniel.

In his address in the British Parliament yesterday, Sir Archibald Sinclair declared that, although the Tirpitz was perhaps the toughest ship afloat, she did not stand up against a pin-point attack made by British squadrons off the coast of Norway last November.

Sir Archibald described the bomb-sight used as of "extraordinary complexity, ingenuity, and accuracy."

LITTLE PROGRESS IN HOTEL MATTER

As far as getting any satisfaction in connection with the establishment of a new and modern hotel in Prince Rupert is concerned the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is back where it started.

The proud red patch of the Canadian First Division on his arms just below the name patch of his equally famous regiment, Pte. Bruce Simundson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Simundson, 215 Ninth Avenue East, strode down the gangplank of the Ss. Prince George today, home from combat service with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Italy.

Twice wounded last year, he expects to return to Vancouver for treatment of his injuries after visiting with his family for a few weeks. He was accompanied from Vancouver by his mother and sister, Mrs. E. Grindstrand who went south two weeks ago to meet him.

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JAPANESE DISCUSSED

Members of Legislature Air Their Views on Vexed Question VICTORIA, March 7 - J. A. Paton, (Cons.-Coalition, Van-Pt. Grey), Mrs. Laura Jamieson, (CCF, Van. Centre) and Mrs. Grace McInnis, (CCF, Vancouver-Burrard) spoke on the Japanese question in the Legislature.

Paton said that the Japs immigrated to Canada not as actual immigrants but as the "advance army of occupation."

Mrs. McInnis said that Canadians are "fools to think that they can build a united Canada while sniping at other nationalities."

Mrs. Jamieson said that racial hatred and racial prejudices were weakening Canadian national life and Canada's contribution to international settlement and peace. Canada, she said, must throw off racial prejudice or "she is doomed."

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Local Committee Has Several Suggestions for Vanderhoof Convention

S. E. Parker, chairman of the highway committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, presented at the meeting of the chamber last night a number of suggestions regarding road matters which might be brought up at a meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia to be held at Vanderhoof in May.

Formal opening of the Prince Rupert-Cedarvale Highway for any type of traffic.

Pressing both federal and provincial governments for improvements and standardization of the section between Cedarvale and Hazelton.

Urging the provincial government to survey the proposed Hazelton route to connect the central interior with the Alaska Highway as promised by Premier John Hart.

Completion of the northern highway from Prince Rupert to the Alberta border.

Making of the provincial government of satisfactory arrangements with the United States or Alaska Highway Commission regarding the portion or the highway between Hazelton and the Alaska Highway that lies within British Columbia.

Expression of preference for the Vanderhoof-Fort St. James-Pinley Forks-Gold Bar rather than the Prince George-Dawson Creek route for a highway to the Peace River Block.

Completion of the Kamloops-Tete Jaune Cache highway via North Thomson and Blue Rivers.

CARRIER BOTTLED, UP

LONDON - The partially completed German aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin is bottled up as the Red Army approaches Stettin.

JOINT HIGHWAY COMMITTEE FOR THIS DISTRICT

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night endorsed a proposal of the Smithers and District Board of Trade that a joint highway committee be formed representing various communities of central British Columbia.

DOCTOR DIES

A man who has been a physician to four kings, Lord Dawson of Galloway died early today in his 87th year. Physician in ordinary to King George VI, he also held similar positions in the households of King Edward VII, King George V and King Edward VIII.

REINFORCEMENTS

A Defence Minister said in a statement that throughout reinforcements for the Army overseas were in total numbers they were not always wanted most.

STRIKE GERMANY

More than nine American heavy bombers struck Wednesday at Dortmund area, a railway viaduct at Essen and railroad yards at Siegen and Aachen.

BADLY BEATEN

The Swedish diver Gunder Haegg, 36, finished a badly injured in the Louis Zamiatina mile run at the Madison Square Gardens.

HOME WITH HIS WOUNDS

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ALASKA DELEGATE IS SEEKING NEW CONNECTION IN B.C. FOR HIGHWAY

Delegation of Alaska City Has Destroyed

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