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Tomorrow's Tides
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High	11:56	18.4 feet
Low	6:01	6.4 feet
	18:07	5.9 feet

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read:

Maximum	45
Minimum	36
Barometer	30.14 inches

EDGE OF BERLIN IS UNDER WAY

Clarity Keynote

Responsibilities to be met. At San Francisco, April 23. The nations sponsoring the Big Four and the Big Five are expected by diplomats to keep firm control over amendments to the Charter of the United Nations. The principle of Big Five is to be the world organization. The principle that the major nations at all times concur. It appears unlikely that the British, Soviet delegations will allow differences to develop themselves, although the scenes may have a tough edge. Some of their

Employee Away Here

occurred in the General Hospital of Victor Herbert, age 55, a Canadian always locomotive engineer. Mr. Bateman came prior to 1911 and that time as a locomotive engineer. He worked out of the last five years. Brother-in-law, W. E. New Westminster, will be sent to New for burial.

SUPPORT MAN DRIVE

April 23.—At the Eighth Victory Campaign today R. C. chairman and president National Railroad the following messengers and employees: forces of the Allied in on the heart of the German people called upon to cast their votes. We may resist the war. The war is on. Our men have sacrificed and much more demanded of them. They resting and we at home pay. The price of victory every one of us to pay it. I am counting the men and women Canadian National systems equal to their splendor of the past and their utmost in support of the Victory Loan."

AGED MEN AGAIN

CENTRE IN ENGLAND April 23.—Headed by Cecil Merritt, V.C., of 50 men for whom the battle and nearly three prison camp rigors, returned from Germany to England were veterans of their leader, Col. Merritt said: "We are beginning again," as they land.



APPS HEADS GRADUATING CLASS AT BROCKVILLE—Sylvanus (Syl) Apps, one of Canada's top-ranking athletes graduated recently, highest in his class from the Canadian Army Officers Training Centre, Brockville, Ont. Major General A. E. Walford, C.B.E., M.M., E.D., Adjutant General, is shown congratulating the former Toronto Maple Leaf hockey star.

War News Highlights

Russians In Burning Berlin

The Russians have broken into the German capital of Berlin from two directions and tank forces are smashing toward the heart of the city which is under a devastating artillery bombardment from end to end. Three-quarters of the great city is now reported to be in flames. Nazi authorities declare they will resist to the death in "history's greatest battle." Soviet units have commenced the occupation of the famous suburb of Potsdam. There is said to be a possibility of the American Ninth Army and Russian forces linking up in Berlin. The Allied forces, converging from east and west, are reported only ten miles apart in the Dresden-Liepsig area.

Hitler Admits Army Smashed

Adolf Hitler himself admitted today that the German army is now smashed and henceforth will be capable only of guerrilla warfare.

No Early End of War

The chief of staff of General Dwight P. Eisenhower declares there is no hope of an immediate end of the war. There may still be bitter fighting and heavy casualties to come. It will be some time before the Nazi national redoubt can be taken.

At Gates of Bremen-Hamburg

British forces are fighting at the gates of both Bremen and Hamburg.

Bremen Bomb-Showered

In the aerial war, British Lancasters supported the Allied ground campaign by showering tons of explosives on Bremen during the night. It was the second night that British bombers omitted their customary raid on Berlin.

Nazis On Run In Italy

Allied troops in Italy are in hot pursuit of the badly disorganized German forces fleeing towards the Po River where they are expected to make a new stand. Latest news from the Italian front this morning says that the Allied Fifth Army has reached a point 35 miles north and northeast of the captured communications hub of Bologna. British Eighth Army troops are within two miles of the fortress town of Ferrara.

Fighting On Okinawa

Bitter fighting continues on Okinawa Island. Three American infantry divisions fighting on the southern part of the island are battering at a strong Japanese defence line. There has been no change in the lines.

Invasion of Borneo?

General MacArthur's men in the Philippines have captured the former American fort of Pikit, 32 miles from their Mindanao Island beachhead. Advance American units now are 42 miles from the big Mindanao port of Davao. In aerial operations, Allied planes are continuing to soften up Borneo for possible invasion. More than 130 tons of bombs have been dropped on Japanese installations on the island.

Border Is Closed

The Swiss radio has announced that the border between Switzerland and Germany has been completely closed. This is regarded as a move to prevent the flight of panic-stricken Nazi officials into Switzerland.

SUNDAY PARADE STARTS OFF VICTORY LOAN

One of the best parades ever to traverse downtown streets gave Prince Rupert's Eighth Victory Loan drive its official send-off at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of citizens lined Third Ave. and Second Ave. to watch the marching columns of Allied and Canadian servicemen and women and the procession of civilian floats and decorated vehicles.

Led off by a United States float depicting a slit trench in the Netherlands where Canadian soldiers are fighting a large German pocket, the parade included a detachment of American troops, the Navy band, a column of Navy men followed by Wrens and Sea Cadets.

The Prince Rupert Garrison Band was followed by a detachment from a Canadian regiment with their Universal carriers. Then came the Prince Rupert Reserve Regiment band, a detachment of the C.W.A.C., two companies of the Reserve Regiment with heavy anti-aircraft guns, and a good turn-out of the Prince Rupert branch, Canadian Legion.

The floats which followed the marching procession included one from the Prince Rupert Dry Dock, whose dominating feature was a large ship, and one by the Chinese Patriotic Society with two large bombs. One of the trucks carried members of the Prince Rupert Red Cross Corps.

MOLOTOV STOPS IN EDMONTON

EDMONTON, April 23.—Foreign Commissar Molotov, en route to the San Francisco conference, arrived in Edmonton by plane Saturday. He stayed overnight and then flew to Washington Sunday where he began a conference with President Truman and Secretary of State Stettinius and Foreign Secretary Eden, before going to California.

FIRST CORPS IS IN FRANCE

OTTAWA, April 23 (CP)—Announcement was made today that the First Canadian Army Corps had been transferred from Italy to the western front. The transfer commenced in February and was completed in March, being carried out under a complete security blackout.

Aged Resident Dies In Hospital

Elgar Joseph Aube, age 72, passed away in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Saturday after suffering a stroke at his Water street cabin two weeks ago. A resident of Prince Rupert for many years, he was born in Quebec.

CANUCKS SKIRT FLOODED AREA

By ROSS MUNRO
Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY, April 23.—Canadian infantry on the West Holland front, skirting the flooded area, have advanced on the Eem River northwest of Amersfoort at a point six miles east of Hilversum. The main Grebbe Line defences run along the Eem River.

Fearing a Canadian break into their fortress Holland the Germans are increasing the flooding of the new waterline running through Utrecht. In northwest Germany, Canadian infantry is patrolling toward Oldenburg from the south and are meeting little resistance. It is expected that the Germans will fight to hold Oldenburg itself.

LIEUT. ELGOOD STEPHENS WILL BE HOME SOON

Lieut. Elgood E. Stephens, United States Army, is expected home within the next few days for a visit with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. M. M. Stephens. It is six years since this well known local boy was last here. Having been identified with the American armed forces since before the war, he has been overseas since 1942 in connection with duties of administration of liberated and occupied countries. Since the first of this year he has been in Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and up to the Rhine River.

Before the war Lieut. Stephens was at Washington, D.C., in the service of the Department of the Interior. Prior to going to college he was with the coast and geodetic survey on the Alaska and California coasts.

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN DIES IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA, April 23 (CP)—Mrs. Eliza Ann Sherman, 80, who came here six years ago from Prince Rupert where she had lived since pioneer days, died here Sunday. A son, William H. Sherman, jr., lives at 744 Taylor Street, Prince Rupert.

Once Proud German Capital Being Reduced To Ghastly Ruin; Hitler Is Remaining In Capital?

655 Canadians In Prison Camp

OTTAWA, April 23.—Six hundred and fifty-five Canadians were in the German prisoner-of-war camp, Stalag 357 which has been overrun by advancing Allied armies, the wartime information board announces. It is not known whether this total was in the camp when the Allies arrived.

Army Out For Bonds

Eight of 24 Local Units Already Over Top—Showing Way to Civilians

With the highest quota of any of the previous loans set, National Defence Headquarters has called upon Prince Rupert area for an average of \$80 per person in the Eighth Victory Loan campaign. Notwithstanding the stiff objective, however, eight of the twenty-four units are already over the top on opening day as far as volume is concerned with three having already reached the 100 percent mark for number of personnel subscribing. So it may be said that the people of the forces are setting a splendid example for the civilian population.

Prince Rupert Defence Headquarters is showing the way in volume with 146 percent already subscribed.

The Canadian Women's Army Corps is 100 percent in volume with 68.5 percent of personnel already buying.

The Army reports percentage figures for the various areas in British Columbia as follows:

Prince George	66%
Vancouver	62%
Victoria	61%
Prince Rupert	49%
Nanaimo	37%
Chilliwack	31%
Vernon	24%

VANCOUVER BARONET DIES

VANCOUVER, April 23.—Sir Clement Charles Cave-Brown-Cave, 49, manager of Cave and company, Vancouver, died in hospital Saturday. He is survived by his widow and 15-year-old son, Robert, who succeeds his father as sixteenth baronet of Stanford.

BRITISH PUSH FOR RANGOON

CALCUTTA, April 23.—The British Fourteenth Army has opened a strong offensive to drive the Japanese from southern Burma. The drive from Meiktila has carried them to within 24 miles of the capital seaport of Rangoon, it is announced. The advancing British killed 3,500 Japanese.

CHINESE BLUNT JAP SPEARHEADS

CHUNGKING, April 23.—The Chinese are battling large Japanese forces driving across Hunan province and have destroyed enemy spearheads within 65 miles of the American air base at Chi Kiang.

Tremendous Battle Is Now Raging In Very Heart of City Which Is Greatest Prize of the European War

DECIDING FATE OF FUEHRER

LONDON, April 23 (CP)—The fate of Adolf Hitler may be decided with the outcome of the battle for his doomed capital. A German broadcast said this morning that the Nazi leader has decided to remain in Berlin.

MOSCOW, April 23 (CP)—The once proud German capital of Berlin is being transformed into a ghastly monument to Nazi tactics of suicidal defence. Soviet bombs and shells are tumbling buildings into the streets, adding new destruction to that already inflicted in Allied aerial assaults which have been discontinued now. A tremendous and devastating battle is raging in the heart of the capital—the largest city of continental Europe and the greatest prize of the war.

According to the Paris radio, which is not always reliable, Soviet forces now have reached Berlin's principal thoroughfare—Unter Den Linden—in the centre of the capital. The Paris radio adds that fierce fighting is under way around the Brandenburg gate, at the entrance to Berlin's famous Tiergarten Park.

The Berlin radio has gone off the air but other German-controlled stations tell a frank tale of the horror of three million civilians who are packed like sardines in underground shelters. By enemy account, these civilians dare not leave the shelters for food and water, as a terrific battle rages over their heads.

More conservative than the German broadcasts, the Soviet communiqué declares that twenty-one of Berlin's districts now are in Russian hands.

Unconfirmed dispatches reaching neutral Sweden assert that the Russians have swept beyond Berlin's southwestern suburb of Potsdam in a move to isolate the capital. These advices add that it is not at all impossible that Berlin will be completely surrounded with the next twenty-four hours.

FRENCH SEEK NAZI SLAVES

PARIS, April 23.—The French minister of interior says France will seek to obtain three million Germans for forced labor. In the assignment of this labor, French farmers will get the preference.

BULGER BUYS FIRST BOND

Prince Rupert's Eighth Victory Loan Drive Under Way

Prince Rupert's Eighth Victory Loan drive got under way at 9 o'clock this morning to the crash of an artillery salvo and even before the echoes died, canvassers with portfolios under their arms had begun to call on local citizens.

First bond to be bought here was purchased by John Bulger who was contacted at his jewelry store during the opening minutes by Mrs. S. A. Kielback. Mr. Bulger bought bonds to the value of \$5,000 and expressed the hope that other merchants and citizens of Prince Rupert would get behind the drive to make Prince Rupert one of the first cities in exceeding its quota.

"I want to get behind this thing as quickly as possible and start the ball rolling to put Prince Rupert and Canada over the top so we can finish this terrible war," Mr. Bulger said as he made the first purchase of the campaign.

"That 'Invest in the Best' slogan is a good one, because it means that we are helping to bring our fighting sons home safe—and soon."

Other canvassers contacted in the course of their first day's work reported good reception and said that they appreciated the courtesy with which they were being met and the despatch with which citizens were making their purchases.

"Each of us has a big territory to cover, and it certainly helps us when our customers are prepared for our calls. When things go off smoothly and quickly we can get right along with our important job," one of the canvassers commented.

ST. MIKE'S WIN AGAIN

TORONTO, April 23.—Toronto St. Michael's eked out a 4 to 3 victory over Moose Jaw Canucks Saturday night to take a three-to-one game lead in the best-of-seven Memorial Cup final.

Yanks Drive On Czech Cities

PARIS, April 23.—American Third Army troops, smashing into Czechoslovakia, captured the city of Asch at the week-end in their drive toward the munitions cities of Pilsen and Prague.

Three Allied armies, the American Seventh and Third and the French First, hammered southward toward the Nazis' Bavarian redoubt and fought to within 70 miles of Munich and 30 miles from Lake Constance.

LAURIES TAKE FIRST GAME OF HOOP SERIES

VANCOUVER, April 23.—The Vancouver Lauries defeated the Raymond (Alberta) Union Jacks 72-42 Saturday night in the first game of a best-of-five series for the western Canada Senior men's basketball championship.

Weather Forecast

Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy and mild today. Tuesday: Moderate to fresh winds, increasing to strong in evening. Overcast and mild with light to moderate rain beginning in mid-afternoon.