

Table with tide information for Sunday, February 11, 1945, including high and low tide times and heights.

Three-Power Parley Is Facing Test

Russians Close In On Koenigsberg; Siege Of Berlin Now Near

LONDON, Feb. 10 (CP) — The Russians closed in on Koenigsberg today, apparently preparing to capture the beleaguered east Prussian city from the west.

Great Britain May Be Proud

Britain Tells World What She Has Been Doing in War in Spite of Handicaps

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 — Britain has spread before the world a simply-total record of her achievements in the war.

The report, issued in New York by the British information service says Britain definitely went over to the offensive in the war against Japan with the appointment of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten in 1943 to head the Southeast Asia Command.

APPEALS FOR MORE TIMBER

British Controller Asks B. C. to Send Much More as Britain's Is All Gone

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 — Brian Gattie, assistant British timber controller, in an interview here yesterday, appealed to the British lumber industry to boost timber exports to the United Kingdom in 1945 to 800,000, 000 feet or 125,000,000 feet above last year's volume.

FAMOUS GENERAL DIES

LONDON — Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Burstall, who commanded the Canadian Second Division in the last war, is dead in England at the age of 74.

BRING EXPLOIT IN HOLLAND BRINGS MILITARY MEDAL TO INTERIOR BOY

Gunner Dick Patrick of Vanderhoof, 24-year-old son of a family that has lived in the interior since 1880, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action, announced by the Department of National Defence.

The exploit for which Gunner Patrick was awarded was the taking single-handed an enemy machine gun position beyond a line of trees in Holland, three days before the bridgehead was being surprised into surrender.

Extension of the bridgehead was largely due to Patrick's actions during which time a machine gun position was built. The bridgehead was limited in depth to 300 yards due to heavy machine gun fire.

Patrick was a member of the crew which with the assistance of an armoured regiment crossed the bridge at 1700 hours Sept. 10, 1944. After the machine gun had shot up several

ACTIVITY OF SUBS

Thirty-Six Lives Lost in Winter Torpedoing

OTTAWA, Feb. 10 — It has just been disclosed that a total of 36 men—many of them Canadians—lost their lives this winter as the result of enemy undersea action off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Eight of these were men of the Royal Canadian Navy, and the rest were Allied merchant seamen. More than 200 survivors from the crews of six torpedoed vessels were landed in Nova Scotia.

Ships sunk as a result of German torpedoings included the Canadian minesweeper Clayquot, one Canadian merchantman, and four ships of other nationalities.

Several weeks before the Nazis struck, the undersea raiders had prowled around the North American Atlantic seaboard. They were spotted at different points close to the Nova Scotia coast from Cape Breton to Yarmouth.

HOSPITAL SURVEY IN THIS PROVINCE

Local Hospital Board Hears From B. C. Association—Treatment by Indian Department Protested

A survey of hospitals throughout the province is to be made by the provincial government, the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital has been advised by the British Columbia Hospitals' Association.

In a communication to the hospital board at its meeting Wednesday night, the provincial association executive told of an organization known as the Dependents' Board of Trustees seeking an arrangement for a flat rate for treatment of its members throughout the province plus \$1.50 per diem for certain extras.

The association reported that it took the stand that any contracts should be negotiated on the basis of the rates of the individual hospitals.

It was also reported that the Victoria regional executive of the Hospital Association had protested against rates being paid by the Department of Indian Affairs for treatment of its patients.

It was reported that the Department of Indian Affairs was disposed to consider x-ray and case room charges as coming within the range of normal hospital service.

Co-op Expansion Is Discussed

Methods of Expansion of the co-operative movement was the subject of a brief talk by Miss Lin Brown of the University of B.C. extension department before an audience of 50 in the Metro-Hall last night.

A division of the U. B. C. extension department exists to help the co-operative movement, but the burden of expansion rests with members themselves.

"Each one teach one" was the best method of spreading the co-operative idea, Miss Brown said.

A lack of trained managers is hampering co-operative projects at the present time and it would be sound business to establish training schools to overcome this shortage.

"Co-ops teach people to look after their own businesses, because members must be careful whom they select to run them," she declared. "They have to be just as efficient as other businesses in order to survive."

Miss Brown described the establishment of cultural co-operatives at different places in Canada and United States. Purpose of them is to bring in top flight music and drama entertainers in places which ordinarily could not afford them.

The idea is working very well in some places and might be applied to Prince Rupert.

The speaker also favored instruction and practice in co-operative methods in schools.

Following the speech, films on co-operatives and a comedy were shown.



HIS ERRAND WAS MERCY—No fighting man but a uniformed unarméd messenger of mercy who took his chances at the front and lost was this First Army medical corpsman who fell before war's fury in the German drive against the First Army.

Hand clenched in death his body is dug from the soft earth of a landslide caused by the explosion of a German bomb. His pals of the retreating medical convoy failed to reach him in time and he died of asphyxiation.

War News Highlights

New Offensive Continues

PARIS—Today's communique from Allied Headquarters in Paris announces for the second consecutive day that the First Canadian Army offensive southeast of Nijmegen continues to make good progress.

General Crerar has sent spearheads smashing into the earth-works of the secondary belt of the Siegfried Line defences. A front dispatch says Canadian troops are barely three miles from Kleve.

In the first day of the offensive Canadian First Army forces captured fourteen towns. The attacking British and Canadian troops have widened their assault line to about fourteen miles.

The furious British-Canadian assault is only part of the Allied blows aimed at the Germans along a section of the western front. American First Army troops have outflanked the big Roer River Dam in a drive paced by a tremendous artillery barrage.

The Germans are reported to have opened the spillways of the dam and flooded the lower reaches of the Roer. This enemy action is intended to half the American Ninth Army drive towards the Rhine.

Battle of Berlin

LONDON—The Russians still are maintaining silence regarding the battle for Berlin now raging some 30 miles east of the city. But the Germans admit Soviet troops have moved over to the west side of the Oder River and have cut off all Nazi communications between the three cities of Kuestrin, Frankfurt-on-Oder, and Fuerstenberg.

The Nazis claim to have prevented the Russians from throwing a condon around Kuestrin. Dispatches from Moscow announce that Marshal Konev has stepped up his attack on the southern end of the front in order to split the German forces in Silesia.

The Germans describe these operations as a gigantic offensive and say the Russians have reached the suburbs of a manufacturing city on the Berlin-Breslau railroad.

Another Attack On Japan

WASHINGTON — American superfortress bombers have made another attack on the Japanese homeland. The giant bombers carried out a daylight attack on vital Japanese war industries on Honuhur Island today. Details of the raid are not yet available.

Japs Wanted to Lose Manila?

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS—The Japanese would have us believe that the American capture of Manila is just what they wanted. An enemy broadcast claims the general trend of developments on Luzon Island thus far has been "exactly as envisaged and superbly planned."

Burmese Skies Swept Clear

NEW YORK—British and American aircraft have swept the Burmese skies practically clear of Japanese planes in support of the British-Indian land drive on Mandalay. This is reported by the British information service in New York.

INDIANS ARE CONSCRIPTED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 — Major D. M. MacKay, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, said yesterday that the majority of Canadian Indians of military age have been classed as subject to conscription for overseas service.

Formerly they had been called up for home defence only. The Native Brotherhood of British Columbia will meet soon to consider the situation.

INVESTIGATING SAILOR'S DEATH

CORONER M. M. STEPHENS is investigating the circumstances of the death of a navy seaman who died after a fall from a wharf at 10:30 last night.

Circumstances of the death or the name of the sailor were not available this morning.

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK STARTED

ROME, Feb. 10 — The Germans have launched a counter-attack in company strength against positions newly gained by the Allied Fifth Army in the Serchio Valley. Allied headquarters announced yesterday.

Miller Bay Hospital Open in Near Future

The unused Miller Bay Hospital has been "definitely assigned" to the Indian bureau and will open in the near future.

B. Thorsteinsson, chairman of the Union Board of Health, said at the board's annual meeting Thursday afternoon.

Quoting a letter from Dr. J. D. Galbraith, director of the Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Mr. Thorsteinsson said that the 150-bed hospital would likely be used as a general hospital at first but may later specialize in tuberculosis treatment.

Main delay in the opening of the hospital is said to be difficulty in securing a staff.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY URGED

C. C. F. Member Speaks of Adjusting Province's Economy to Wartime Planning

VICTORIA, Feb. 10 — An intensive development policy by the British Columbia government was urged in the Legislature yesterday by C. Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver-Burrard.

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, MacNeil said that, if the government was going to play its part in readjustment of the province's economy to peace time planning, "it is imperative that preparations be completed at the present session."

NOTED LAWYER SERIOUSLY ILL

VICTORIA, Feb. 10 — Stuart Henderson, aged 81, noted criminal lawyer, is ill in hospital here. He was taken sick at his home Thursday night.

Local Temperature

Table with local temperature information: Maximum 46, Minimum 36, Rainfall 2 inches.

HARD WORKING LUNGS

Each adult inhales a gallon of air per minute, and consumes 30 ounces of oxygen daily.

A BUSY WATERWAY

An estimated 100,000,000 tons of freight were carried over the Rhine in peacetime years.

L. M. Felsenthal returned to the city yesterday from a business trip to Montreal and elsewhere in the east. He was accompanied by S. A. Vineberg of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Formula for Settling Polish Dispute Taxes Ingenuity of Leaders

Concessions Will Have to Be Made by Russia If Satisfactory Basis Is to Be Reached—Far-Reaching Agreement Proposed

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10 (CP)—American officials are urgently hoping that the Big Three will produce a formula for settling the Polish dispute.

The problem represents probably the most severe test of Allied co-operation. It can hardly be solved without some concessions by Russia without commitments as to Poland's future by the United States and without considerable pressure by the British government on some elements of the London-Polish government.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is understood to have gone to the Black Sea conference ready to make a more far-reaching agreement than Washington would have considered possible a few weeks ago in an effort to satisfy the Russians as well as conciliate Polish groups on future security questions.

Germany Uneasy—Reich Ripe For Revolt

Hint of Political Change Which Would Overthrow Everything

LONDON, Feb. 10 (CP)—From neutral sources comes word of uneasiness inside Germany. A Swiss dispatch from Berlin hints of a forthcoming big change which would overthrow everything. The dispatch says this may happen at any moment.

A report from another major European rumor source, Stockholm, says Berlin is ripe for revolution. However, the Swedish account admits that even though the Germans are suffering from bombings and hunger, there have been no real demonstrations yet.

RUSS VESSEL ARRIVES HERE FOR REPAIRS

A Russian freighter of between 6,000 and 7,000 tons has arrived in Prince Rupert harbor to receive repairs which will be done at the Prince Rupert dry dock. A weather-stained veteran in wartime gray, the ship has a huge "U.S.S.R." painted along the hull. The repair job is understood to be extensive.

BIG OFFENSIVE CONSIDERED SURE

Moscow and Berlin Are Agreed That Attack of Allies Only Beginning

CANUCKS TAKE KLEVE NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (CP)—Columbia Broadcasting System listening post today recorded a broadcast from Ankara that said Kleve had been captured by the Canadians.

LONDON, Feb. 10 — Full-scale offensive along the whole western front was predicted today by German and Russian radios. Sizing up the First Canadian Army offensive at the northern end of the Siegfried Line, the Berlin radio said "it must be assumed the attack is only beginning."

The Moscow radio said that, with the Big Three meeting, it is certain that the Allies in the west will soon launch a major offensive.

GAS RATION STAYS SAME

No Increase in Ration to be Expected This Year, it is Stated

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10 — Due to the increasing tempo of war in the South Pacific and consequent heavy demands on gasoline, there will be no increase in the ration to British Columbia motorists for some time, it was learned yesterday.

Civilian consumption in this province has shown a marked increase during the past year owing to increased population.

PRISONERS RECAPTURED

WINNIPEG — Two German prisoners-of-war, who escaped from a camp at Brandon, were recaptured at Portage la Prairie and brought here.

LARGEST FORCE OF SUPERFORTS EVER TO HIT JAPAN STRIKES NIP CAPITAL

TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 10 — A powerful force of superfortresses, probably the largest ever to hit Japan, bombed Tokyo today.

Tokyo broadcasts said that approximately ninety superforts, striking in five waves in the early afternoon, caused some damage to ground installations.