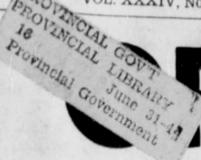


The Daily News

Tides table for Saturday, February 24, 1945, showing high and low tide times and heights.

GREAT OFFENSIVE FROM WEST



Congress May Pinch Off Canol Development This Spring; Cost Huge Sum

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (CP)—The American government is about ready to close down its Canadian oil investment as a strategic war expenditure, Congressional sources said today.

The committee has formerly criticized the project as a waste of money and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes told Congress last year that it ought to be "junked now."

Canol was originally conceived as a measure to meet the fuel oil and petroleum needs of the northwest part of the continent early in the war when possible Japanese action along the Alaska coast might have endangered tankers carrying oil from the south.

URGES CARE IN MAKING POWER PLAN

GOVERNMENT RECORD, SOCIALISM
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Berlin Is Fortress— GERMAN CAPITAL BARRICADED FOR SEVERAL MILES

Yanks Take Two Mount

GUAM, Feb. 23 (CP)—The American flag has been raised on top of Mount Suribachi on tiny, but bloody, Iwo American Marine units broke through a curtain of deadly mortar and artillery fire to take the savagely defended mount.

Turkey Declares War On Germany and Japan

ANKARA, Feb. 23—Ankara announced today that Turkey's National Assembly had voted unanimously to declare war on Germany and Japan as a result of the decision of the Big Three to qualify as "associated nations" all countries which take up arms against the Axis March 1.

COL. WEED NOW PORT COMMANDER

LE HAVRE, REGAINED PORT, FRANCE

Colonel Thomas J. Weed, former Commanding Officer of the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, has been designated port and district commander of Le Havre, France it has been disclosed in a recent announcement from the War Department in Washington, D.C.

Le Havre was considered to have been "100 percent destroyed" by the Nazis before their capitulation to the Canadian First Army on September 12, 1944. This great French port had undergone a six-week siege of aerial bombardment and shelling by field artillery and naval guns.

War News Highlights

Turkey Declaring War

ANKARA—It is freely predicted in Ankara that Turkey will declare war this afternoon on Germany and Japan.

Battle of Manila

MANILA—The battle of the extermination against trapped Japanese troops in Manila continues.

Fifth Army Gains

ROME—Fifth Army troops, exploiting a surprise assault which recaptured Monte Belvedere, 30 miles southwest of Bologna, gained up to 1000 yards in a new local attack Thursday against stiffening German resistance.

Pr. Rupert Passes Up

C.C.F. Council Here Refuses to Take Advantage

VICTORIA, Feb. 23—"British Columbia is giving medical service and partial dental service to all social assistance cases, including Old Age Pensioners, in unorganized territory and in municipalities where they have entered into an agreement with the Provincial Secretary's Department for such aid," said Hon. R. L. Maitland, attorney general, in the Legislature today.

LONDON, Feb. 23—Germany's railway system, which has enabled the enemy to move men and supplies to the western front, is reeling today from the greatest aerial smash of the war.

Germany Hard Hit— Reich Gets Worst Air Blows Yet

Fatherland Reeling Today After 11,000 Allied Plane Attack

PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND

KINSFORT, Tennessee—Officials of American Air Lines reported a message from an Air Lines pilot said wreckage of a missing air lines plane had been sighted four miles southwest of a rural retreat in Virginia.

HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pilot Officer William Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, having completed his tour of operations overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force, arrived home this morning to spend leave with his parents.

Military Orders

1st (R.) Bn. Prince Rupert Regt. (MG)
C. J. Toombs, Maj. Commanding
Range Practice—Sunday, Feb. 25, 1945: MMG Range Practice will be carried out.

Grand Scale Drive Started By Allies on Ruhr-Cologne

American Ninth and British Second Armies Swarm Across Roer River at Several Places, German Reports Say

PARIS, Feb. 23 (CP)—German broadcasts said tonight that the Allies had started a "grand scale offensive" toward the Rhur and Cologne.

Allied headquarters maintained silence on the report which came as the First Canadian Army to the north of the Roer sector gained up to 1½ miles and slowly surrounded the fortified road hub of Calcar.

The Germans said that the big push was preceded by a three-hour artillery barrage by thousands of guns.

The enemy said the attack was on a 36-mile front from Roermond to Dueren and was mounted by the American Ninth and British Second Armies.

The German announcement said that a terrific artillery barrage opening up at 2:45 a.m. preceded the opening of the offensive.

The new front is 35 miles long and advances of up to two miles have already been made.

TODAY'S STOCKS Final Stroke— Table with columns for Vancouver and Oils, listing various stocks like Bralorne, B.R. Con., etc.

LOCAL HALIBUT BOAT STRANDED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 23—The Borgund, 60-foot halibut boat and seiner of Prince Rupert, ran aground near the Sandheads Point Grey lighthouse early today after developing engine trouble.

NORTHERN JOINT HIGHWAY GROUP IS ADVOCATED

Scientific Survey of Skeena River Salmon Depletion Asked

Establishment of a joint permanent highway Committee with members drawn from Boards of Trade and Vandernoot west, including Stewart, is advocated by the Smithers Board of Trade.

More Canadians In Australia

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—A Canadian signals unit has arrived in Australia for duty with the Australian military forces.

FRENCH FLOODS

In recent months, France has experienced its worst floods in 50 years.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARE HOME

OTTAWA, Feb. 23—Nearly 2000 Canadian soldiers have arrived back in Canada from the battlefronts of the Mediterranean and northwest Europe.

BATAAN IS ALL CLEAR

Last of Japs Have Been Driven From Manila Harbor Area

MANILA, Feb. 23—General MacArthur says Bataan Peninsula on Luzon Island has been cleared entirely of every living Japanese.