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Britain Sending More Naval Forces To China

Mah Circles Over Nanking Pier Describes Abandoned Chinese Capital

HANGCHOW NEXT (CP)—Chinese Communist armies launched a back today against Hangchow aimed at trapping nationalist troops below Shanghai. Communist forces 19 miles from Shanghai but military spokesmen did not know just where the Red Armies were. Line between Shanghai and Nationalist China has evacuation of 4000 Britons in Shanghai has not yet Americans have been advised to leave.

GHAI, (CP) — Air line pilots, arriving on their last flights late Saturday, gave up the abandoned Nationalist capital. Mah of Prince Rupert, pilot for the Censanport Co., circled the city three times at the said the streets were jammed with people and household goods. Some he identified as outside of food shops the streets were splashed with flour.

harbor one Nationalist gunboat was circled by a number of other craft were burning and to be scuttled. Neither heard nor saw artillery fire. He attacked of the damage to Nationalist demoli- s. He said that all Air Force planes had been scuttled.

counted twenty Nationalist gunboats in the waters east of Nanking, three of them afloat.

FIVE VOTERS REGISTERING

Twenty-five registrations are pouring in daily so that any interim count is likely to be outdated within a matter of hours. The two registrars of Indian votes operating in this riding at present are Edward Bolton of Port Essington, Northern Vice-President of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., and Horace Kelly of Ocean Falls.

Two Vessels Strike Reef At Week-End

Rock-infested Arthur Passage a treacherous stretch of water between Porcher and Kennedy Islands off the Skeena mouth, brought grief to two American fishing boats Sunday as they travelled to Alaska for the opening of the fishing season.

The American halibut schooner Celtic, carrying a crew of nine men, went aground at 8 a.m. Sunday on Herbert Reef after going off her course in squally weather. She was refloated by another American halibutter, the J. C. Edwards. She was due to arrive in the Alaska port at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The government lighthouse tender Birnie, Capt. Norman MacKay, was called to assist, but the Celtic apparently was able to get free of the rocks on the rising tide with the aid of the J. C. Edwards.

Not so fortunate was the 30-foot American fishing boat Cammena, which struck near-by Whitecliff Island a few hours later. The Cammena, carrying a crew of six, was reported today to be high and dry on the island with little hope of being refloated without help.

According to reports received here this morning, neither the ship nor crew were said to be in danger.

The American boat Swede, which also was proceeding to Ketchikan, is standing by the Cammena. Neither boat is equipped with radio or radio-telephone. The Celtic received some bottom damage when she struck Herbert Reef and was reported to be leaking slowly as she proceeded to Ketchikan.

CARIBBEAN STATE The Dominican Republic occupies about two-thirds of the island of Haiti.



TO BE DECIDED HERE—Pictured is Brent Murdoch, 5.C. Regional President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, receiving Oratorical Trophy from T. G. Norris, president of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Bill Drummond, chairman of the B.C. Speakers Group is holding trophy. The trophy, presented to the Junior Chamber by the Vancouver Board of Trade, is to be given to the unit whose member wins the oratorical contest, "We Are For Freedom" now in progress. Individual chamber winners have been declared and district winners will be decided by May 15. Six district winners will then compete at Prince Rupert June 3 and 4 for the B.C. championship. The winner will then challenge the Alberta winner and if successful, continue to Toronto for Canadian honors.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis The Pacific storm in the Gulf of Alaska has moved to within 500 miles of the British Columbia coast and is now bringing rain to the Queen Charlottes and northern coastal areas. This storm is expected to cross the coast tomorrow. Rain and in exposed areas strong southeast winds will accompany the passage of this storm across the coast. Cloudy, showery weather should be general today and Tuesday in most sections of the interior.

Forecast North Coast and Charlottes—Overcast with rain today, cloudy with showers Tuesday. Winds southeasterly (20 m.p.h.) this morning, increasing to 35 this afternoon and evening, then shifting to southwesterly (20) tonight. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Tuesday: Port Hardy 40 and 52, Masset 38 and 50, Prince Rupert 39 and 50.

BASEBALL SCORES

TODAY'S BASEBALL National League Boston 3, Brooklyn 0 Philadelphia 3, New York 6 American Boston 2, Washington 0 New York 3, Philadelphia 2 Chicago - Detroit rained out. SUNDAY National Boston 2, New York 6 Cincinnati 3-1, Pittsburgh 2-3 Chicago 4, St. Louis 5 Brooklyn 4-6, Philadelphia 7-5 American New York 9, Boston 4 Philadelphia 8, Washington 3 St. Louis 1-0, Chicago 2-4 SATURDAY American New York 8, Boston 11 St. Louis 5, Chicago 12 Philadelphia 14, Washington 1 Detroit 5, Cleveland 4 National Boston 3, New York 11 Brooklyn 8, Philadelphia 6 Chicago 11, St. Louis 7 Cincinnati, Pittsburgh postponed.

FLATEN AND MACPHEE GET HOOP AWARDS

Jim Flaten of the Bo-Mo-Hi basketball team and guard on the provincial senior "B" Prince Rupert Jets was awarded the Bobby Houston Memorial Trophy for good sportsmanship on the basketball floor and Angus MacPhee, centre on the Co-op team and also of the Jets, received the "most valuable player" award at presentations in the Civic Centre gym Saturday night.

ALLAN CUP PLAYOFFS Ottawa 7, Toronto 0 (Ottawa leads best of seven semi-finals three games to two). Regina 5, Fort Frances 0 (Regina wins western semi-final).

Memorial Cup Brandon 4, Calgary 1 (Brandon wins series 4 games to 1).

FIRST CABLE The first Atlantic cable to Canada was laid in 1868.

ODD MEANING Chippawa is an Indian word meaning "roasted till puckerred."

"Operation" If Needed, To Rescue Amethyst

LONDON, (CP) — British naval reinforcements are being sent to China where four warships were damaged in conflict with Communist forces. Two aircraft carriers and a submarine group will join the Far East fleet. Based at Hong Kong now are two cruisers, eight destroyers and four sloops.

Meantime Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill notified Prime Minister C. R. Attlee that he will demand a full explanation in the House of Commons after Easter recess, of the shelling of the British warship which is still trapped.

On Sunday the British consul at Shanghai said the Amethyst and her crew would, if necessary, be rescued by "operation," implying that force might be resorted to.

Truck, Cycle In Collision

Pat Rougeau, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rougeau, Overlook Street, was taken to hospital this morning for treatment for bruises sustained at 9 o'clock when his bicycle collided with a Rupert Bakery delivery truck on Fulton Street, near Fifth Avenue. He was released a short time later, no serious injuries having been found.

Ocean Falls Masons Meet District Deputy

OCEAN FALLS — Dr. R. G. Large, district deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, visited Ocean Falls last week to pay an official visit to the brethren here. He was accompanied by William Cfuickshank, D. C. Stevenson and R. E. Benson. A special dinner gathering on Tuesday night marked the occasion.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto stock prices. Vancouver includes Bayonne, Bralorne, B. R. Con, B. R. X, Cariboo Quartz, Congress, Hedley Mascot, Pend Oreil, Pioneer, Premier Border, Privateer, Reeves McDonald, Reno, Sheep Creek, Silbak Premier, Taku River, Vananda, Salmon Gold, Spud Valley. Toronto includes Athona, Aumaque, Beattie, Bevcourt, Bobjo, Buffalo Canadian, Consol. Smelters, Conwest, Donald, Eldona, East Sullivan, Giant Yellowknife, God's Lake, Hardrock, Harricana, Heva, Hosco, Jacknife, Joliet Quebec, Lake Rowan, Lapaska, Little Long Lac, Lynx, Madsen Red Lake, McLeod Cockshutt, Monefa, Negus, Noranda, Louvicourt, Pickle Crow, Regcourt, San Antonio, Senator Rouyn, Sherrit Gordon, Steep Rock, Sturgeon River, Silver Miller.

MAYOR ACCEPTS COWBOY TOPPER FROM KAMLOOPS

Kings have crowns and henceforth, Prince Rupert Mayor George Rudderham by Coach Charlie Laidlaw of the Kamloops Rainbows basketball team at half-time in the final game of the provincial senior "B" hoop series.

Along with an invitation to attend the interior city's "B.C. Annual Roundup" on June 30 and July 1, Coach Laidlaw presented Mr. Rudderham with a broad-brimmed Stetson hat, similar to those worn by the challenging Kamloops team in a brief ceremony between halves of the game.

"We would like to see you and as many of your citizens as possible come down and visit us during the celebration," Coach Laidlaw invited.

Mr. Rudderham replied that he was very happy to accept the headgear and that he would pass it along to Mayor Nora Arnold on her return from the south.

INDIA WITHIN COMMONWEALTH

LONDON, (CP) — Delegates to the current Commonwealth conference had a week-end of private discussion among themselves in an atmosphere of growing optimism.

Although no communique has been issued, indications are that a solution has been reached whereby India, after becoming a republic, could remain within the Commonwealth.

CIVIC CENTRE HOBBY FAIR APRIL 27 - 30 Exhibits accepted Tuesday, April 26, 2-5 p.m. — 7-9 p.m.

LOCAL TIDES (Pacific Standard Time) Tuesday, April 26, 1949 High 0:16 19.5 feet 12:37 18.5 feet 6:34 5.0 feet Low 18:35 6.0 feet