PROVINCIAL LIBRARY
VICTORIA, B.C.

Local Temperature

Maximum 52
Minimum 46

The Daily News

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Tomorrow's Tides
(Standard Time)

High	3:04 a.m	19.7 feet
	14:55 p.m.	20.8 feet
Low	8:59 a.m.	7.1 feet
	21:35 p.m.	3.8 feet

VOL. XXXI, No. 248 — PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1942 — PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Allies Are Ruling Egyptian Skies

Today's War Summary

(By Canadian Press)

Battle of Italy Next? . . .

The Battle of Africa, which may develop into the Battle of Italy, is replacing the Battle of Stalingrad as the centre of importance in the war news. With the Royal Air Force keeping up the sustained air assault on cities of northern Italy for the third successive night while the British Eighth Army keeps up the offensive against the Axis on the north African desert with good results, some observers suggest that present moves of the Allies are designed to knock Italy out of the war. The London Sunday Express had a Stockholm dispatch which said that panic was developing in Italy and that an Allied invasion of the "weak sister of the Axis" was feared.

Strong Enemy Faced . . .

There is no denying the fact that the British Eighth Army has a stiff task ahead of it in the offensive in North Africa. Marshal Erwin Rommel, the German commander-in-chief in North Africa, is estimated to have a force of eleven divisions established on a depth basis of heavy artillery and mine field support. The eleven divisions consist of four armored, one motorized and six infantry. Nevertheless, the British forces continue to make effective progress making several penetrations in the 35-mile front.

Air Assault on Italy . . .

The Royal Air Force followed up its night attacks of Thursday and Friday on the important northern Italy cities of Genoa, Turin and Savona with a daylight attack upon Milan where great Lancaster bombers, after successfully crossing over long lengths of hostile territory in broad daylight, started dropping heavy cargoes of explosive at 5:04 Saturday afternoon. Getting under clouds, the planes carried out their bombing at a low level and it was very effective. Numerous fires were started in the heart of the industrial section of Milan, direct hits being made on the targets. Then followed the third night of air raiding of northern Italy, the British bombers again passing enroute over Switzerland where air raid alarms were sounded and anti-aircraft batteries went into action. There have been four raids on Italy within 48 hours by British and Canadian planes.

Battle of Stalingrad . . .

Bitter fighting continues at Stalingrad with the Nazi siege now in its sixty-third day. Two German divisions made a slight advance in an industrial part of the important Soviet city but it was at heavy cost 1,500 Nazis being killed and seventeen tanks destroyed. Meanwhile to the north of Stalingrad, the Russians, maintaing their counter-offensive, scored a further advance, killing 7,000 Germans and destroying 57 tanks in two days. Renewed attacks by the Germans in the Mozdok and Novorosissk sectors were repulsed.

Change in Naval Command . . .

An important week-end development in the war in the South Pacific was the announcement by the United States Department of the Navy of a change in naval command, sixty-year old Admiral William S. Halsey, hero of Midway Island and other important engagements, taking over command in the southern Pacific from Vice-Admiral Robert Lee Gorley, aged 59, who has been suddenly relieved. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz continues as naval commander-in-chief for the whole Pacific area. The implications of the sudden change of command in the southern Pacific are at the moment not clear. It probably has some bearing on the progress of affairs in the Solomon Islands area.

Another Blow by Navy . . .

The United States Navy with a task force delivered a new blow on Saturday against the Japanese in the Gilbert Islands 1,100 miles northeast of Guadalcanal. Two Japanese patrol vessels were sunk and a destroyer and merchantship damaged. Meanwhile, Guadalcanal area was still quiet with both sides apparently jockeying for position in early expected heavy action which may be the vital phase in the Solomon Islands Battle.

Still Attacking Rabaul . . .

General Douglas MacArthur's Allied bombers continue the aerial assault on Rabaul, important Japanese-occupied port on the north coast of New Britain. On Sunday a Japanese gunboat was sunk and three transports damaged or sunk. Flying fortresses attacked a 17,000 tone Japanese seaplane tender Saturday morning, leaving the vessel burning fiercely and presumbaly doomed to complete destruction. This followed a previous raid on New Britain when ten Japanese vessels, including a heavy cruiser and other Japanese naval craft, were sunk or damaged. Lae on New Guinea was also attacked by Allied bombers. In the land fighting on New Guinea Australian forces on the northern slopes of Owen Stanley Mountains continued to pound ahead within ten miles of strategic Japanese-held Kokoda against stronger artillery resistance by the Japanese.

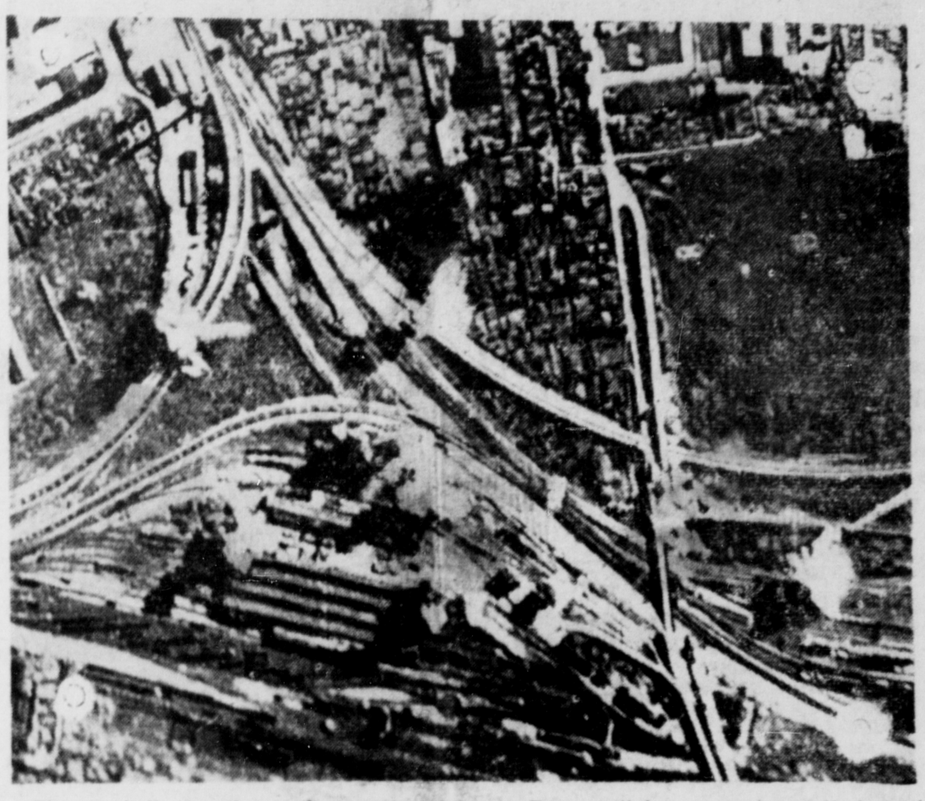
Port Darwin Bombed Again . . .

Ten Japanese bombing planes attacked Port Darwin, northern Australian port, but did little damage.

Many Jap Vessels Sunk . . .

The United States Department of the Navy announces that since Pearl Harbor on December 7 American submarines have sunk seventy-nine Japanese vessels and sunk or damaged 42 more in Pacific waters from Australia to Alaska and along the China coast. Only three United States submarines have failed to return to their bases while a fourth was destroyed near Tahiti to prevent it falling into enemy hands.

PRECISION BOMBING—HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS



The marshalling yard, in railway centre of Rouen, France, vital nerve centre of Nazi supply system, is the target for some very neat bombing of American flying Fortress bombers. Using the U.S. secret bombsight, the bombadiers plant their deadly eggs just where they will do the most good. Bursts tell where the bombs cut rail lines, blasted freight sheds and wrecked trains.

British Army Holding, Newly Gained Ground, Widens Penetrations

Overruns Axis Lines to a Depth of Two Miles at Some Points — Rommel is Unable to Close Gaps

CAIRO, Oct. 26 (CP) — Allied planes, ruling the Egyptians skies, hammered ceaselessly at Axis forces today, as the attacking Army of the Nile battled to widen wedges driven into main enemy defences in the first phase of the all-out British offensive.

Cairo dispatches published in London newspapers said that British troops had overrun two Axis lines in one sector in a two-mile advance and were attacking a third. Enemy defences in this zone are said to be about four miles deep.

A communique from British headquarters this morning placed emphasis on aerial blows against the enemy and declared that Marshal Erwin Rommel's attempts to close gaps in his lines had failed.

British bombers scored a direct hit on an Axis merchant ship at Tobruk yesterday.

Over Malta three attacking Axis planes were brought down and three British planes were lost.

NAZIS ARE DRIVEN OUT

Red Army Troops Hold Fast to Blackened Stalingrad—Enemy Loses Newly Gained Ground

MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (CP) — Red Army troops held fast in blackened Stalingrad today as the Germans launched another assault after furious artillery preparations and, in a fierce engagement which for a time developed into hand-to-hand fighting, expelled Nazi forces from a factory property into which they penetrated yesterday, the mid-day Moscow communique said.

German infantry moved into the assault in the factory area with tanks leading the way but the Russians reported that artillery fire had decimated and put to flight an entire enemy regiment. The Russians then launched an attack to drive the Germans from ground gained the day before.

Three thousand Nazis are reported slain in street fighting during the week-end at Stalingrad. Three hundred German soldiers were found dead in trenches and dugouts north of Stalingrad.

ELEANOR GREETED

Wife of President Receiving Fine Reception in Britain—Promises Socks and Mail

LONDON, Oct. 26:—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was greeted with affectionate cries of "Hello Eleanor" when she visited American soldiers. She promised the soldiers thicker sox and faster mail service from home.

On Saturday Mrs. Roosevelt visited St. Paul's Cathedral and air raid shelters, being accompanied by the King and Queen.

As she left Buckingham Palace yesterday to visit a Red Cross centre, Mrs. Roosevelt was accompanied to the entrance by the King, Queen and the two princesses. The Queen leaned forward and kissed Mrs. Roosevelt on the cheek as she left.

BATTLE OF SOLOMONS IS RAGING

Allies Strike Effective Air Blows But Enemy, Nevertheless, Land Troops on Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 26 (CP)—Dispatches from China and the southwest Pacific today were testimonial to United States aviation but, despite the drubbing given the Japanese in South Sea bases and along supply lines, they have poured fresh troops into the battle for Guadalcanal in the Solomons.

The United States Navy reported that Japanese troops, aided by tanks and heavy artillery, assailed American lines on the island five times Friday night and Saturday morning but were hurled back each time by marines and soldiers.

The latest report was that on Sunday additional enemy troops were landed.

The aerial offensive under both United States Navy and Australian command was credited with likely hits on six Japanese fighting ships and three supply vessels in the Solomons area.

The American air force in China, having smashed Japanese installations in the north last week, hit Hong Kong in the south yesterday and today. The latest attack destroyed the north point power station of the captive crown colony.

Twenty-one of thirty-six Japanese planes which attacked Guadalcanal yesterday were brought down.

MAY EXPECT GAS ATTACK

Big British Cities Are Warned By Eminent Scientist

LONDON, Oct. 26:—Prof. J. B S. Haldane, eminent British scientist, warns that Great Britain may expect large scale gas attacks from Germany which has large quantities of gas in reserve for chemical warfare. Such cities as London and Birmingham may expect gas attacks which would probably come early on winter nights. There would be resumption of heavy bombing of Britain and new horrors this winter, Haldane predicted.

Five Axis Ships Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 26—Five Axis transports have been sunk in the Mediterranean by British submarines. Four others were damaged.

Boilermakers Union Buying $500 Of Bonds

The Boilermakers' Union No. 4, at a meeting last night, decided to purchase Victory Bonds from the union funds to the amount of $500.

Bulletins

RAIDS OVER ENGLAND

LONDON—There were hit and run raids by German planes over six parts of England during the week-end. London anti-aircraft guns blazed today when a plane which could not be seen from the ground flew high over the city's outskirts.

SERBS MASSACRED

LONDON — More than 1400 Serbs, including women and children, have been shot in Croatia as the Nazis and Fascists proceed with their plan to exterminate loyal Serbs.

PROTESTS TO BRITAIN

LONDON — The Vichy government has sent a protest to the British Foreign Office at an alleged aerial attack on unoccupied France. It is suggested that, if such an attack was made, it was on railway lines which are co-operating in delivery cross France of Axis supplies to the ports of Marseilles and Toulon enroute to North Africa. The Swiss government has also protested to London at flying of British planes over Swiss neutral territory enroute to Italy.

DARLAN IN MOROCCO

FEZ, Morocco—Admiral Jean Darlan of Vichy France is conferring here with the Sultan of Morocco following a message from Chief of State Petain. Darlan says that Dakar is far stronger today than it was two years ago when it was attacked by British and Free French forces.

Bulgarian Pupils Are Sentenced To Death--Subversion

MOSCOW, Oct. 26:—Taas news agency reports that twenty-two students in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, have been sentenced to death in Bulgaria for subversice activities.

Victory Loan Is Mounting

OTTAWA, Oct. 26:— Up to Saturday night Canada's Third Victory Loan subscriptions totalled $312,000,000 of the total objective of $750,000,000. Seventy-one thousand subscribers put up $53,000,000.

JUKES NEW TORY HEAD

Conservatives Favor Collective Bargaining, Jap Repatriation And Orderly Demobilization

VANCOUVER, Oct. 26 (CP)—A. E. Jukes of Vancouver was elected president of the British Columbia Conservative Association at the annual meeting here on Saturday, succeeding Howard Green, M.P. for Vancouver South.

The convention endorsed resolutions supporting collective bargaining, urging repatriation of Japanese to their homeland after the war and asking that no man or woman be demobilized from the armed forces after the war until they can be absorbed into gainful employment.

SALES ARE CUT DOWN

Liquor Rationed at One Bottle a Day in Ontario

TORONTO, Oct. 26:— Effective as from today, individual purchases of liquor are limited to one bottle per day. This applies to whisky, brandy, rum and gin.

A government statement says there are indications of hoarding. There are ample supplies of all varieties of liquor.

CARPETS TAKE RAP

LONDON, Oct. 26 (CP)—You can't get carpets cleaned in London now because cleaning materials must be kept for refurbishing clothes.

Ben's News Stand Is Broken Into

Unsuccessful Attempt Was Made To Blow Safe

Ben's News Stand was broken into early this morning. An effort was made to blow the safe but this was ineffectual. There was nothing missing.

SWISS MILLIONAIRES

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 26 (CP)—Statistics show 800 millionaires living in Zurich but the currency considerably affects the financial standing of the "millionaire." For instance, a Rumanian, with 1,000,000 lei has the equivalent of $5,355.

HONG KONG IS BOMBED

First Air Attack by Allied Planes On Former British Port

HONG KONG, Oct. 26:— Eight large Allied planes dropped incendiaries on Hong Kong Sunday. The planes, believed to be American, dropped their missiles from high altitude. Warehouses and shops were left in ruins. The raids by the Allied planes were repeated today.

It was the first air attack on Hong Kong by the Allies since the occupation. The Japanese claim to have repulsed the raiders, shooting down one while another was seen heading groundward in smoke.

3rd VICTORY LOAN

COMING EVENTS

Tonight, 6:15—CFPR—"A Knock on the Door."
Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.—CFPR—Pat G. Mandell.
Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.—CFPR—D. G. Borland.
Thursday, 6:10 p.m.—Bruce Stevens.

Buy Victory Bonds