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Weather

Partly cloudy to cool with occasional light rain showers today becoming partly cloudy and cool Tuesday. Winds moderate, occasionally fresh exposed areas today.

Tides

(Pacific Standard Time)

Tue[illegible]		, 1945
High	1:50	20.2 feet
	13:49	21.0 feet
Low	7:57	5.9 feet
	20:15	2.9 feet

CANADIANS IN NEW OFFENSIVE

Striking For Calcar In Move Started at Dawn

Meanwhile Americans Smash Across Cologne and Are But Fifteen Miles From Great German Industrial City

PARIS, Feb. 26 (CP)—Canadian First Army infantry and armor launched a new attack this morning southwest of Calcar. A dispatch from the front says the Canadian army troops jumped off for the assault two hours before dawn. The First Army forces had advanced one-and-a-half miles in the first three hours.

One dispatch this morning speaks of Canadian reconnaissance troops probing to within 1200 yards of Calcar. This seems to indicate that a Brussels radio report Saturday of the capture of Calcar by Canadian army formations was premature.

Headquarters, meanwhile, reveals that the First Army has taken 12,000 prisoners since February 8.

Pressure by the American First and Ninth armies in their tremendous smash across the Cologne Plain is increasing hourly.

The Americans now are seven miles past the Roer River and reinforcements—in the form of tanks, heavy artillery and fresh infantry units—are steadily pouring across that muddy stream to increase the momentum of the American drive.

The American First Army already has pushed past the captured German key point of Dueren and now is only fifteen miles from Cologne.

When H.M.C.S. Clayoquot was torpedoed with the loss of eight lives, survivors abandoned ship in orderly fashion and were rescued by H.M.C.S. Fennel, Canadian corvette. The above picture showing the Bangor minesweeper's survivors in the water was taken from the decks of the Fennel by the gunnery officer, Lieut. Hugh C. Campbell, R.C.N.V.R., of Winnipeg and Toronto, who took an active part in the rescue.

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Bulletins

REDS LIBERATE CANUCKS

MOSCOW—Ninety Canadian officers and men have been liberated by the Russians from prison camps in eastern Germany and will shortly be returned to their homes.

LLOYD GEORGE'S CONDITION

LONDON—A bulletin from the North Wales home of Earl Lloyd George says the former British Prime Minister had a comfortable night. The bulletin describes the physical condition of the British statesman as unchanged. He was in a very weak condition yesterday.

MEETING CHURCHILL

LONDON— Foreign Minister George Bidault of France has arrived in London for a conference with Prime Minister Churchill. Last night Bidault conferred with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. The Crimea conference will be the main topic for discussion. France has yet to announce whether she will accept the Big Three's invitation to co-sponsor, with China, the United Nations Security conference to be held in San Francisco.

TRAINING VETERANS

OTTAWA—Plans for an active post-war training are taking shape in the federal labor department. Recent developments include the organization of a committee to coordinate the post-war training of veterans and their placement in employment, and the appointment of Brigadier J. E. Lyon of Ottawa as superintendent of rehabilitation training with the department of labor.

NEW AIR ROUTES

OTTAWA — It will be some months yet before any of the new trans-border air routes will start to operate. The routes were authorized in the recent New York aviation agreement. Probably the first of the routes allocated to Canada to be put into operation will be the Toronto-Chicago run. No new airports are required on that route. However, there is a lack of planes, since TransCanada Air Lines cannot yet obtain planes for civilian services.

MARTIAL LAW IN RUMANIA

LONDON— The Paris radio says that martial law has been declared in all of Rumania. Earlier dispatches told of rioting in Bucharest.

War News Highlights

Syria Declares War

BEIRUT—Syria is the latest country to declare war on Germany. The official declaration was made today.

12 Miles From Cologne

PARIS—American forces, in their new offensive, are still driving forward and are now only twelve miles from Cologne, great German industrial city. Dueren has now been completely cleared of the enemy. On the north, the Canadian First Army is driving on Calcar and is meeting with fierce enemy resistance in its campaign to clear that city. In a new offensive started today the Canadians have advanced 3½ miles.

Russians Striking Anew

MOSCOW—Driving up from the southeast, the Russians have now struck across to a point in that area sixty miles from Berlin. In fierce fighting at Breslau, the capital of Silesia, the Russians are gradually pushing the enemy out of the city block. To the north the Red Army has taken a town in Pomerania, 51 miles from Danzig.

Tokyo Heavily Hit Again

GUAM — American carrier planes and B-29's from the Marianas made another heavy raid on military, naval and air installations in and around Tokyo, the capital of Japan. Tokyo itself admitted that air fields and military facilities were struck.

Manila Cleared of Japanese

MANILA—Manila has been almost ridded of Japanese, the last remnants of the garrison are now being wiped out. More than 12,000 Japanese dead have already been counted in Manila and there are known to be many more. In Corregidor 2300 Japanese dead have been counted and there are probably thousands more in underground tunnels and fortifications.

Yanks Winning Iwo

GUAM—American Marines are inching northward on Iwo Island and their complete capture of the central airfield now seems imminent. The savage struggle for the tiny island only 750 miles from Tokyo has entered its second week. American forces now hold almost half of the island. The Americans are getting close support from the air and from the sea against the deeply-entrenched enemy with ships offshore tossing shells and both carrier-based and land-based planes bombing the Japanese immediately ahead of the attacking Marines.

Towards Baltic—

New Russ Drive On

Moving Through Pomerania toward Baltic—Allies Give Air Support

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (AP)—A new Russian offensive in German Pomerania is within 60 miles of the Baltic coast. It is aimed at cutting off thousands of German troops around Danzig.

Soviet forces in the Balkans have been aided by American heavy bombers flying from bases in Italy. At the request of the Russian commanders, the American airmen have bombed railway lines fanning out from Vienna.

Aerial strikes at German rail targets are paying off. The pressure has been so serious that the Germans today resorted to a new technique. They sent up a rarely-used smoke screen to protect Linz.

Prowler Enters Policeman's Home

John Banek appeared in city police court this morning charged with being found in a dwelling with intent to commit an indictable offence. He was arrested at 2:45 Sunday morning by Constable R. W. Strouts after Strouts had awakened to find Banek in his home in the Waldron apartments. Constable Strouts said Banek told him he was "looking for a room" and that he had been striking matches in the darkened apartment.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES TAKE GREAT DROP FROM BOOM PERIOD OF 1943

The urgent boom of wartime construction in this district in 1943 and its subsequent trend toward "normal" in 1944 are strikingly revealed in employment figures released by the Prince Rupert National Selective Service office.

Placements of men in jobs in 1944 dropped by more than 100 percent below the previous year when military, naval and highway construction was at its height.

In 1943 the weekly average of vacancies unfilled was four times as great as in 1944, while the weekly average of unplaced applicants was 30 percent less than in 1944.

During 1943, 11,905 men were placed in jobs by the local Selective service officer, while in 1944 as the boom tapered off, 4,804 men were given employment.

The weekly average of jobs unfilled in 1943 was 677. During this time employers scrambled for every man available, offer-

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SECRETARY OF NAVY AT IWO

GUAM, Feb. 26—James Forestal, secretary of the Navy, who is on a visit to the South Pacific area, watched the battle of Iwo Jima Island from the bridge of a warship and then went ashore to visit the Marines. On Guam Mr. Forestal conferred with Admiral Chester Nimitz. In a radio broadcast directed home to the United States he appealed for greater supplies of arms and ammunition for forces in the South Pacific.

FOR POST-WAR FARMS

MOMBASA, Kenya, (AP) — The Kenya government estimates that about 400 European men will require agricultural training in the colony after the war.

New Ship Contracts—

Looks Good For Rupert

Shipyard Manager States, However, That Nothing Definite Has Yet Been Received

Confronted with a dispatch that Vancouver shipyards had been awarded contracts for twelve transport ferry type freighters which would cost $1,500,000 or a total of $18,000,000 to build, Bernard Allen, manager of the Prince Rupert dry dock, said today that no new contracts had yet been awarded the local yard, which is now working on its last ship, but that he expected to get something out of new work that was now going. "Things look much better," Mr. Allen conceded, adding, however, that there is nothing definite yet.

Conservatives Name Candidate

NELSON, Feb. 26 (AP) — Stuart S. McDiarmid, prominent Trail business man, was Saturday night chosen Progressive-Conservative candidate for Kootenay West in the next federal election.

JAP PREMIER "VERY ANGRY"

Is Worried About Allied Planes Dropping Planes in Imperial Palace Grounds

TOKYO, Feb. 26—The Premier of Japan is "very angry" about the dropping of bombs near the Imperial Palace of Emperor Hirohito. He suggests that it was "unforgiveable negligence" on the part of himself for allowing the bombs to be dropped. It is "sacred responsibility" of the government to preserve the safety of the Emperor's person. There may be hari-kari as a result of the bombing which resulted in the destruction of the palace of the Imperial Guards.

CAN SEE MANDALAY

Allies Are Within Sight of Pagodas of Burmese Capital

ON THE BURMA FRONT, Feb. 26 (CP)—Fourteen Allied army patrols today are within sight of the pagoda tops of Mandalay, capital city of Northern Burma. The town is still hidden from the main body of Allied troops by hills in which nests of Japanese are making the most of natural defensive advantages.

Permit to Build Poneers' Home Is Received Here

License to begin construction of the new Pioneers' home on Atlin Avenue was received at the City Hall this morning and the Health Relief and Licensing committee will meet Tuesday to consider getting the work started. It is likely that the committee may authorize the calling for contracts at the meeting. The license, issued by the Department of Munitions and Supply, authorized construction of an $18,000 building of 85 by 49 feet dimensions. An earlier application for a building priority was turned down by the Department last year. No great difficulty is anticipated in getting materials for the structure.

YANKS GAIN NEW GROUND

Air Forces in Better Weather Give Stronger Support to Troops on Ground in Italy

ROME, Feb. 26 (AP)—American troops have secured more commanding ground around newly won Mount Belvedere, southwest of Bologna, while on the right flank Brazilian units have wiped out several pockets of Germans, Allied headquarters announced on Saturday. Good weather all along the front has enabled the air force to give stronger support to ground action.

The situation remains quiet on the Eighth Army front east of Bologna.

Youth Had Liquor And Explosives

KIMBERLEY, Feb. 26 (AP)—Nineteen - year - old William Young has been fined $300, with option of three months' imprisonment, after being convicted on two charges of illegal possession of explosives and having a liquor permit when under the age of twenty-one years.

Premier Hart Introduces Year's Budget

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIGURES ON BALANCED BOOKS AS MANY PROJECTS PLANNED

Financing of Government's Program for Substantial Public Works Plans — Aid to Hospitals, Schools, Municipalities

VICTORIA, Feb. 26 (CP)—A net revenue surplus of $7,275,887 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1944, was shown in the budget given to the British Columbia Legislature today by Premier John Hart. Other highlights were:

Total revenue collections were nearly $39,000,000—a decrease of slightly more than $1,000,000 compared with the preceding year. The revenue decrease was mainly due to decrease of more than $1,000,000 in liquor profits.

The province's gross debt at December 31, 1944, was $150,742,574 and the net debt $132,418,832.

Estimates for 1945-46 are:

Revenue, $37,267,714.

Expenditure, $37,198,960.

Expenditures are up more than $2,500,000 over 1944-45 estimates. The increases include $265,016 boost for education and $486,011 for increases in salaries of 3,835 civil servants.

Borrowing powers include $10,000,000 for the hydro-electric power commission, $5,000,000 for university expansion, $500,000 for land clearing equipment for farmers and $500,000 for loans to self-sustaining land irrigation projects.

The sum of $1,500,000 will be appropriated for special road maintenance and reconstruction, $1,500,000 for grants toward construction or reconstruction of hospitals, $800,000 for grants toward the construction or reconstruction of school buildings and $100,000 for the purchase of A.R.P. equipment to be donated to fire protection districts.

The province will also undertake to guarantee the borrowings by villages and municipalities for construction of water and sewage disposal works.

The public works program includes $30,600,000 of which $6,000,000 is for the Peace River Highway.

Premier Hart said the per capita wealth in British Columbia is the highest in Canada. No other province can boast of having reduced its debt in like extent and no other provincial area has prepared plans so far-reaching and progressive. Since 1933 British Columbia has reduced its gross debt by more than $16,000,000 and the net debt by more than $4,000,000.

BERLIN GETS BIGGEST BOMBING YET

Twelve Hundred American Bombers Dropped 3000 Tons

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP)—In the biggest air attack ever made on Berlin, more than 1200 American bombers dropped 3000 tons of explosives and fire bombs into the heart of the bleeding German capital today.

More than 500,000 small incendiary bombs were showered upon the refugee-crowded capital with three railway stations as the main targets. All three stations are within two miles of the Air Ministry building in the middle of Berlin.

The Berlin radio described the attack as an act of terrorism.

Local Temperature

Maximum	38
Minimum	34
Rainfall	.05

EGYPT AT WAR—PREMIER SLAIN

Premier Assassinated After Formal Declaration Against Germany

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Premier of Egypt is dead after having been shot in Parliament immediately after he had recommended that Egypt declare war on Germany. The Parliament proceeded with implementation of the formal war declaration.

The young gunman, a 26-year old lawyer, has been arrested and King Farouk has called upon a former foreign minister to take over the Premiership.

PRINCE RUPERT NOT AFFECTED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26 (AP)—Victoria and Prince Rupert dry dock are not affected by a federal government announcement of reduction of ship construction operations in British Columbia shipyards.

...lize Japs—

...ould Stop ...o Breeding

...ic Proposal Made by ...d States Senate—Too ... Pampering

...HINGTON, D.C., Feb. 26 ...resentative Ned Johnson, ...at from Oklahoma, has ...d that Congress author... sterilization of Japanese ...held in American segre... camps. The suggestion ... public Monday in testi... released by the House of ...ntatives appropriation ...tee considering re-settle... ...f enemy aliens.

...klahoman criticized what ...ed pampering of Jap... war prisoners and said ...izens generally are get... ...d up" over the treatment ...ners and so-called loyal ...

...remarks came during a ...ee hearing on plans to ...emy alien segregations ...urn to private life most ...112,000 persons of Jap... ...ncestry who were hustled ...stody when war broke ...

...dian World ...o Station ...ed Sunday

...VILLE, New Brunswick, ... "Canada has entered ...d radio arena," said a ... from Prime Minister ... Lyon Mackenzie King at ...ing of the new Canadian ...hort wave broadcasting ...transmitter here yester... ... King spoke in English ...ce Minister St. Laurent ... "This is Canada call... ... the opening announce...

...ES OF ...ONERS

...From Northern British ...bia Are Listed in ...a Announcement

...WA, Feb. 26 (AP)—The De... ...t of External Affairs has ... the names of 24 per... ...o were among prisoners ... by American troops ...nto Tomas internment ...ar Manila. The list in... the names of sixteen ...ns and eight with rela... ... Canada. The next of ...e been notified. None ... are from Northern Brit... ...umbia.

...UBLE IN ...BEC CITY

...MMONDVILLE, Quebec, ... (AP)—Scores of persons ... injuries in Drummond... Quebec, Saturday night ... clash developed between ...housand Drummondville ... and two hundred Royal ...n Mounted Police and ... Corps personnel.

...riot developed shortly ...he police and Provost ...men began examining ... and documents of the ...men in the district. They ...oking for deserters and ...vaders.

...witness says that at least ...rsons were hurt when ...an to fly. Four R.C.M.P. ...re overturned and their ...s smashed in. Windows ...provost Corps trucks were ...oken in.

...g the early investiga... ...ut one dozen young men ...ld for further question... ...out their papers. Just ...happened to these men ...he fight developed is not ...clear. Some reports say ...re released by the crowd, ...say they were whisked ... military vehicles. Three ... were hospitalized and ...rrests have been made.

...P. TO BE ...NTAINED

...TORIA, Feb. 26 (AP)—Premier ...Hart announced at the ...d that only partial dis... ...nt of A.R.P. units will ...ace in British Columbia.