



LOST IN EAST INDIES—The ship Ruth Alexander, one of the best known vessels in the North Pacific, for years operated by the Admiral Line between British Columbia and Puget Sound ports and California, has been lost in the Netherlands East Indies following an attack by an enemy plane. One member of the crew was killed and four injured. Balance of the survivors were reported safe in a friendly port. The Ruth Alexander was a vessel of 8000 gross tons.

PASSING ALONG THE SQUEEZE

Price Board Moves to Reduce Pressure on Retail Dealers

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Wartime Prices and Trade Board administrators are making clear to some lines of business that retailers must be supplied with goods at a cost price which gives recognition to the retail selling level under the prices ceiling, it was learned today.

Board officials said progress had been made in many industries in reaching agreements for adjustment of the "squeeze" caused by imposition of the price ceiling on December 1.

BASIS OF CEILING.
Ceiling prices were based on rates charged between September 15 and October 11 and some retailers faced a loss.

Such losses developed in cases where the cost of merchandise for future delivery had risen faster by October 11 than the selling price of merchandise being handled by the retailer. In some cases the retailer had goods on his shelves at December 1 which he had bought at rates higher than those existing during the basic period.

The board ruled that adjustments to divide the burden of the "squeeze" should be made "all along the line" by the parties concerned.

Cases have appeared in which it will probably be necessary for administrators to make orders to see retailers are supplied with goods at a price which enables them to stay under the ceiling, it was said.

RIGIDLY BOUND.
Board officials said the retail store was rigidly bound by ceiling prices and had to be taken care of first in regard to the cost of merchandise. In cases where the "squeeze" is too great for the industry to bear it is brought under review by the board of administrators.

In the course of its study the board examines the possibility of adjustments which may be made for economy and hold costs to a minimum.

Board administrators are responsible for supervising and authorizing adjustments between the groups represented in the

New B.C. Companies
VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Registered at the Parliament Buildings during the last week were the following companies: British Columbia Packers (Ontario) Ltd., \$20,000, Vancouver, British Columbia Packers (Quebec) Ltd., \$20,000, Vancouver, Etah Investment Ltd., \$35,000, Vancouver, Langara Investment Ltd., \$45,000, Vancouver, B.C. Auto Interurban Ltd., \$5000, Nelson, White Grill Hamburger Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver, F. and R. Logging Company Ltd., \$50,000, Vancouver.

business or industry. Only in cases of difficulty does the matter reach the board.

Administrators have been given power to permit changes in ceiling prices in processing, manufacturing or intermediate stages so long as they are satisfied the retailers' ceiling can be maintained.

Consultation between administrators is taking place constantly as adjustments in some cases may affect other industries. In such instances the co-ordinator of administrators under the board organization can be consulted.

Officials said early agreement on adjustments was made by the textile industry, and by those concerned with the manufacture of women's and children's wear. In many other lines, consultation between business men had brought agreements near.

THE WEATHER

JANUARY 10, 1942.
Vancouver and vicinity—Little change in temperature.
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Okanagan and Kootenay—Little change in temperature.

B. C.—High Low	
Vancouver	42 36
Victoria	42 39
Nanaimo	40 38
New Westminster	41 38
Kamloops	18 8
Grand Forks	19 9
Prince George	21 12
Kelowna	26 14
Penticton	26 24
Vernon	22 19
Nelson	21 19
The Prairies—	
Calgary	40 26
Edmonton	22 21
Regina	22 21
Winnipeg	4 11B
Prince Albert	16 11B
The North—	
Dawson	13B 8B
Eastern Canada—	
Toronto	21 15
Ottawa	14 9B
Montreal	16 9B

Harbor— Sunday's Tides.		
High	0:49 a.m.	Feet 9.2
Low	5:44 a.m.	7.0
High	12:01 p.m.	12.9
Low	7:37 p.m.	1.1

First Narrows—		
Slack	High 1:05 a.m.	1.05
	Low 5:50 a.m.	8.9
	High 12:22 p.m.	12.9
	Low 8:01 p.m.	1.0

BRITISH APPLE NEEDS FILLED

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Canada is meeting United Kingdom agreement requirements for fresh apples in spite of misfortunes which cut the 1941 crop far below its usual size, agriculture department officials said today.

Ontario has provided about 10,000 barrels and British Columbia 1,200,000 boxes, while the Nova Scotia allotment of 100,000 barrels is practically completed.

It was anticipated the shipments overseas would be finished in the near future.

As a result of poor weather and storms which reduced production, the amount provided for the United Kingdom had to be reduced by agreement. But Canada sent everything available, officials said. Domestic supplies, particularly in the East, were light as a result.

Schedules are being maintained in the shipment of evaporated apple supplies from about 450,000 barrels of Nova Scotia production.

Apple marketing assistance authorized by the Dominion for Nova Scotia and British Columbia was based on crop estimates higher than were realized, and on the likelihood of there being no export of fresh apples to the United Kingdom.

Rye Up Two Cents In Chicago Trading

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Rye prices, rising more than 2 cents a bushel to best levels since September and near the highest figures quoted here since 1937, led a general grain market advance today that followed the Senate vote vesting the secretary of agriculture with power to veto farm price ceilings fixed under pending legislation.

Profit taking reduced the gains in all pits but rye closed 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher than yesterday, May 81 1/2 to 81 3/4; wheat 3/4 to 3/8 up; May 1.29 1/4 to 1.29 3/4; July 1.30 1/4 to 1.30 3/4; corn 3/4 to 3/8 higher; May 7 1/2 to 8; July 8 1/4 to 8 3/4; oats 1/4 off to 1/4 up; soybeans 1/2 to 3/4 higher.

On the Waterfront

SHIP HITS PIER IN DENSE FOG

The only fog casualty reported this morning occurred at Union Pier when the coastwise freighter SS. Nootka cut several feet into the apron of the outer end of the pier, and sprung some of the piling.

The Canadian Pacific Railway freighter was drifting gently into berth at Pier H, lying next east to Union Pier. In the fog she missed the pocket and cut into the Union structure before she could be stopped.

Damage to the pier was minor, and the Nootka, fully laden with a cargo from Quatsino Sound, suffered no damage.

New Prohibited Areas Announced by Ottawa

Boundaries of newly established prohibited areas are outlined in the latest Dominion Government notice to mariners. They are:

All waters in Uchelet Inlet north and west of a line running 215 degrees from a point on the east shore line situated 700 feet, 325 degrees from the reduction plant pier.

All waters on Coal Harbor, inside a line true east from Ohlsen Point to the eastern shore of Quatsino Narrows.

On Bella Bella, all waters within the area enclosed by lines joining the following four points: Eastern point of Spirit Island to the westernmost point of Meadow Island, thence 090 degrees true, to easternmost point of Bark Island, thence to Calvert Point.

On Alford Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, all waters inside a line joining Kwuna Point to the most northerly point of Leading Island.

Until further notice no log booms will be permitted to enter Esquimalt Harbor.

Metal Markets

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Copper steady; electrolytic spot, Conn. Valley, 12.00. Tin steady; spot and forward, 52.00. Lead steady; spot, New York, 5.85. Zinc steady; East St. Louis spot and forward 8.25.

Montreal Produce.
MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—(CP)—Spot. Butter, Quebec (92 score), 33 1/2 to 34 1/2. Eggs, eastern A large, 84 1/2; A medium, 80 1/2; A pullets, 28 1/2. Futures—Butter, January 33 1/2 to 34 1/2; February 34 1/2 to 34 1/2; March 34 1/2 to 34 1/2; eggs, January 28.

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COMMISSION REPORTS

Jap Fishboats May Be Used For Harbor Fire Protection

A joint committee of the City Council and Burrard Inlet waterfront owners moved today toward equipping two 60-foot wooden-hulled Japanese fishing vessels for use as wartime fireboats for the harbor. The committee also took these steps:

1. Arranged for a survey early next week of the boats and the pumping equipment from the dismantled fireboat Pluvius, with which it is proposed to equip them. The survey will be by an expert retained by K. J. Burns, port manager, to determine suitability of the vessels and pumps.

2. Asked Carl Halterman, general manager of Union Steamships Ltd., to approach naval authorities for release of the Japanese vessels and their lease for the duration of the war at a nominal rental.

3. Mr. Burns will wire the National Harbors Board at Ottawa today for information regarding financial aid given by the board to the City of Halifax in providing fireboat protection there.

3. Arranged for a meeting

of waterfront interests next week to decide what contribution the property owners will make toward the fireboats.

COSTS ESTIMATED.
It is proposed to set up a budget covering cost of the vessels and their operation and to call a meeting of council, waterfront and Harbor Board representatives to decide allotment of costs.

Fire Chief J. H. De Graves reported cost of operating the two boats would be \$50,000 per year in wages alone. Operating costs would approximate \$20,000 annually, he estimates.

While an investigating committee reported the Japanese ships would be suitable for the job, Chief De Graves emphasized that while they would meet emergency requirements, they could not be considered as fireboats. He said their crews must be under jurisdiction of the fire department.

"Considering our immediate need we should not be too particular about getting just exactly what we wish," the committee stated.

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7-lb. sack.....	
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Per pkt.....	Spencer's, 16-oz. tin... 13 1/2¢
TOMATOES—Royal City, 15-oz. tin..... 8 1/2¢	FLOUR—Spencer's, 24-lb. sack..... 79¢
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE—20-oz. tin..... 12 1/2¢	FLOOR WAX—Shinola..... 21¢
SOUP—Aylmer Tomato or Vegetable..... 7 1/2¢	LIQUID AMMONIA—Per bottle..... 7 1/2¢
LAUNDRY SOAP—Per bar 9¢	ROLLED WHEAT—Pavilion..... 15¢
PEARS IN SYRUP—Spencer's, 16-oz. tin..... 19¢	2-lb. cello bag.....
COFFEE—Mocha and Java, Per lb. 43¢	SPINACH—B.C. Pack, 15-oz. tin..... 12 1/2¢
JAM—Pure Cherry, B.C. Pack, 4-lb. tin..... 50¢	PANCAKE SYRUP—Spencer's, 21-oz. bottle..... 19¢
PEAS—B.C. Pack, 16-oz. tin..... 10 1/2¢	BREAKFAST ROLLED OATS—3-lb. bag..... 13¢
ROCKEY SALMON—19¢	PURE LIQUID HONEY—23¢
Gold Seal, Halves.....	Spencer's, 16-oz. Jar
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SAGO—Snow-white, Per lb. 8¢	
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BEEF TONGUES—Sweet pickled, Lb., 19¢	BEEF SAUSAGE MEAT—Lb., 12¢
Smoked Meats	
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