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Six Naval Craft Sunk by Germans in Crete Battle

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ance hangs in the balance.

BRITISH TAKE BIG TOLL OF PLANES AND TROOPS

CAIRO, Egypt, May 27.—(AP)—British fighter planes shot down five troop-laden German planes at Malemi airbase near Crete yesterday and destroyed several other Nazi planes, the RAF middle east command announced today.

British fighters also attacked about a hundred other planes closely concentrated on the ground at Malemi, inflicting heavy damage, a communique said, and a later attack at dusk set fire to several German aircraft on the ground.

In Iraq an exchange of aerial blows was reported with the British raiding Mosul and the Germans attacking the Lake Habaniyah airbase.

Greek sources said today that the Germans thus far have lost at least 18,000 lives in the attempt to take Crete. This figure includes 5,000 believed to have been lost at sea while trying to invade the island by boats.

NAZIS INCREASE TOLL OF BRITISH TRADE VESSELS

BERLIN, May 27.—(AP)—Fourteen "heavily laden enemy merchantmen totaling 77,600 tons" have been sunk "in waters west of Africa" by German submarines, the high command announced today.

Informed sources indicated the sinkings have occurred during the last few days.

In attacks last night on England, German warplanes were reported to have bombed two airplane accessory plants in the southern part of the country.

The British said there was little German air activity over England during the night, though a few bombs were reported dropped in the south and in East Anglia.

(Casualties were said to be few and damage light.)

ROME, May 27.—(AP)—The Italian high command acknowledged today that British war-

planes had raided Italian bases in the Aegean sea from which axis air and naval forces have been pressing the attack on Crete.

Bombs were dropped, a communique said, at several places on the islands of Rhodes and Scarpanto.

There was no indication of the results of the bombings.

The Italians said their planes had raided the British Mediterranean island base of Malta again last night.

Lumber Strikers Reject Back-to-Work Proposal

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will have an effect upon other defense industries within a few weeks," the board said.

Another northwest lumber dispute, involving the Columbia river area, is posted to go before the board later this week.

Boommers Spurn Offers

Tacoma boomers flatly rejected an offer made to them by mill operators last night and continued to remain on a strike which has lasted more than a week and affected 3,500 men.

The money offer of the employers was less than what the boomers were getting before they went on strike, claimed R. F. Kroeger, manager of the Boom-

men and Rafters union (CIO).

The shortage of logs has closed three mills in Tacoma, Wheeler-Osgood, St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber and Peterman Manufacturing companies, employing 2,000 men. Many logging camps near Tacoma have closed because logs cannot be moved.

Visiting Here—Mrs. E. J. Nickols, of Amarillo, Texas, is spending a week in this city visiting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Johnson, 520 Cobb street.

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS					
Compiled by Associated Press May 27.					
	30	15	15	60	
Tuesday	55.8	16.7	30.5	39.6	Ind's RR's Ut's St's
Prev. day	55.7	16.5	30.4	39.5	
Month ago	55.3	17.0	31.5	39.6	
Year ago	53.9	13.5	31.1	38.0	
1941 high	53.9	17.9	35.5	45.0	
1941 low	54.8	15.4	30.3	39.1	
BONDS					
	20	10	10	10	
Tuesday	64.7	104.4	100.7	44.3	RR's Ind's Ut's Fgn.
Prev. day	64.5	104.4	100.8	44.5	
Month ago	64.4	104.4	101.1	43.9	
Year ago	48.3	99.1	90.5	36.1	
1941 high	66.5	105.3	101.5	45.9	
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0	

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British Sink Bismarck in Reply to Loss of Hood

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ship of the King George V, and the other pursuing ships closed in for the kill. High officials said it appeared the final blow was delivered by gunfire and not by the torpedo carriers.

The Bismarck was 7923 feet long, had a beam of 118 feet, a draught of 26 feet and carried eight 15-inch guns, twelve 5.9-inch guns and sixteen 4.1 inch guns. She also carried four aircraft and was equipped with two catapults.

Berlin Admits Torpedo Destruction of Bismarck

BERLIN, May 27.—(AP)—Fighting to the last, Germany's big battleship Bismarck was sent to the bottom by British warships this morning, three days after her sensational destruction of the royal navy's 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood in the waters between Greenland and Iceland.

The high command said the Bismarck was actually sunk by planes from an airplane carrier and by three British battleships. Numerous cruisers and destroyers also were in the British squadron. Damaged Saturday in her duel with the Hood, the 35,000-ton ship was further disabled in the desperate chase which followed.

The high command added, however, that the British squadron itself has been under attack by the German Luftwaffe since early morning today.

Admiral Guenther Luetjens and Captain Lindemann of the Bismarck, with an unstated number of the crew, lost their lives. Her last message, the high command said, indicated she was surrounded by overwhelming enemy forces and so badly crippled she could not maneuver. It read:

"Ship unable to maneuver. We are fighting to the last shell. Long live the fuhrer."

Repeated Hits Slow Craft

The Bismarck's speed had been reduced by a hit in the prow during the engagement with the Hood, but she was apparently trying to reach the German-occupied port of Brest. Later a torpedo launched by a British plane reduced her speed still further, and last night, when she was about 400 miles west of Brest, she was hit again by two plane-launched torpedoes, one of which smashed her rudder and propellers.

The Bismarck, which was armed with eight 15-inch and twelve 6-inch guns and an un-stated number of anti-aircraft guns, received her baptism of fire last week in her sensational victory over the Hood.

She was launched in February, 1939. It was not disclosed whether the Tirpitz, her 35,000-ton sister ship, also has been commissioned. The only other battleships Germany has are the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst, both of 26,000 tons.

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New Strike Threats Hit Industrial Plants

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to iron out difficulties at the Vultee plant.

Hillman is a former national vice-president of the CIO but has been in the office of production management since it was established.

Union Expulsion Urged.

Earlier Senator Truman (D., Mo.) chairman of the committee, had proposed to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, that the federation expel the International Machinists association from its ranks for approving the machinists' strike which tied up \$500,000,000 worth of shipbuilding in the San Francisco area.

Green said expulsion would be "extreme steps" and expressed the opinion persuasion might accomplish more. Truman retorted "we've been persuading with them for two weeks." Green expressed opposition to government seizure of property and federal regulation of labor in defense industries. He said the federation had no authority to halt the San Francisco strike.

Rep. Vinson (D., Go.) revealed that, in hope of getting a favorable house vote sometime in June, he would revise his proposed legislation to compel mediation of labor disputes before strikes could be called, to provide only for a 30-day cooling off period. Originally his measure proposed freezing existing closed shop agreements.

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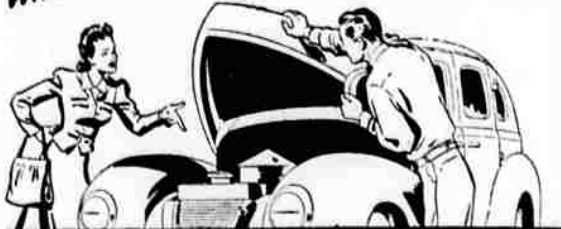
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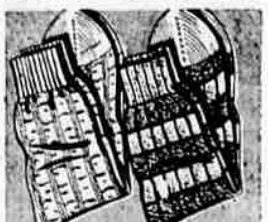
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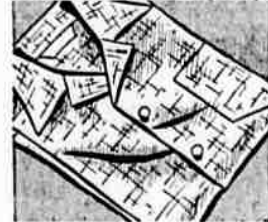
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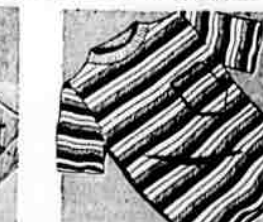
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