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Can the allies keep up their smashes at the Jap fleet in the Java sea and thereby save the East Indies from conquest? The battle still in progress may furnish the answer. Follow NEWS-REVIEW news.

ALLIES BLAST JAP FLEET

Another Tanker Torpedoed Off U. S. Coast

All But Two Aboard Saved From Inferno

18 Survivors Landed in Florida; Boat 31st to Be Sunk in North Atlantic

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The sinking of the tanker Pan Massachusetts off the Atlantic coast Thursday afternoon by an enemy submarine was announced by the navy today after the landing here of 18 survivors. They told a harrowing story of their escape and the death of 20 fellow crewmen in an inferno of burning oil.

Capt. Robert E. Christie, 52-year-old sea veteran who lost the first ship of his career, said two torpedoes exploding in quick succession turned the ship into a mass of flames and "the sea soon was afire for half a mile around us as the gasoline and oil spread."

Christie, of Corpus Christi, Tex., said "three or four shells also exploded on us after we were ablaze" but the submarine "was not seen by any of us—the two lookouts died in the fire aboard ship, and they are the only men who might have seen it."

The survivors were picked up by a ship which Captain Christie said was about five miles back when the Pan Massachusetts was torpedoed. He declared the men on the rescue ship came to their assistance despite the danger of also being torpedoed, "launched boats and saved all who were alive—that is bravery."

The vessel is owned by the National Bulk Carriers, Inc. The Pan Massachusetts was the 31st ship attacked in the current

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JAP bombers, coming over in waves, attacked Darwin, at the far northern tip of the Australian mainland, Thursday. There are said to have been 72 in the first wave and 21 in the second.

Details were scanty when these words were written. Generally speaking, bombing attacks in force are a sign of something coming.

FROM Rangoon comes word of further Jap advances into Burma—not startling, but steady.

And from China comes word that the Rangoon end of the Burma road is to be abandoned and supplies from India brought here after into China by another route. (This route isn't described, but is supposed to intersect the present Burma route far to the north of Rangoon.)

There are sketchy reports also of Chinese flank attacks in Thailand—intended (or at least hoped) to relieve Jap pressure on Burma.

THE Japs are driving hard at Java, their next main objective.

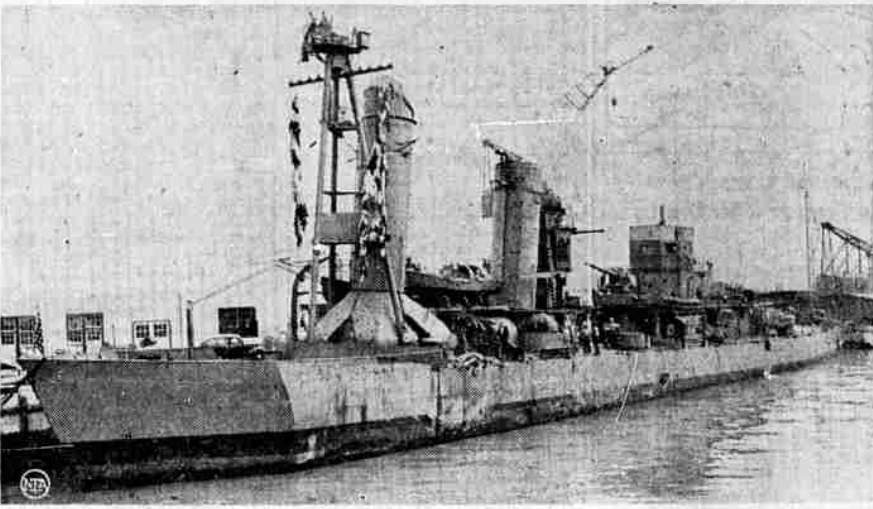
In adjoining Sumatra the grimly resisting Dutch have so far destroyed half a billion dollars worth of oil, rubber and other properties to prevent them from falling into Jap hands. (That is roughly half the assessed value of all property in Oregon.)

It takes fortitude to destroy property on such a scale as that. The Dutch have it.

FROM Java come reports of arriving foreign reinforcements—especially American. These reports indicate that American fighter planes are included. Fighter planes to beat off the

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Japanese Said They Sank Her, But Here She Is



The United States destroyer Shaw, which the Japs said they had sunk in the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl harbor, is shown after arrival "as big as life" at a west coast port for repairs to her bow and bridge, which were blasted and later temporarily repaired at Honolulu.

Army Planes Crash; 7 Men Die, 3 Hurt

TACOMA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Four men were killed and three injured yesterday in two army airplane crashes in western Washington.

At Fort Lewis, 15 miles south of here, a bomber crashed, carrying Sgt. Kenneth W. Holmstrom, Chief River falls, Minn., and Corp. Forrest W. Barlow, Topeka, Kan., to their deaths. Second Lieutenant Charles W. Solberg, South Fargo, N. D.; Second Lieutenant Vincent D. Duffy, Butler, Penn., and Cpr. Arnold R. Bell, Fort Dodge, Ia., were injured.

The second plane, a two-seater ship which army officers said was making a routine flight, plunged to a sand spit in the ocean near Grays Harbor. Second Lieut. Charles P. Clark, Tempe, Ariz., the pilot, and First Lieut. Rudy J. Binder, El Sequido, Calif., the observer, were killed. The plane, on its back, was partially submerged but plainly visible when low tide uncovered the sand spit.

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Miss Marie Bradley failed to receive a token from her sweetheart on Valentine's day. But Corp. Forrest W. Barlow didn't forget.

Two belated valentines came yesterday—one for Miss Bradley, the other for Barlow's mother, Mrs. W. E. Barlow.

A few hours later Mrs. Barlow was notified her son had died in an army bomber crash near Tacoma, Wash. Miss Bradley and Barlow had planned to marry within three months.

Jobless Pay Proposed For Military Veterans

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Unemployment compensation for men discharged from the armed forces is proposed in initiative petitions circulating here today.

Fifteen dollars a week would be provided, less any amount earned from labor or income. The payments would be made for a maximum of 26 weeks a year within two years after discharge.

Sponsored by E. C. Allen, democrat, state representative from Multnomah county, the initiative would raise funds by levying a 5 per cent tax on dividends paid from business and property. A similar levy is in effect in Wisconsin.

The measure will appear on the November ballot if 25,383 signatures are obtained.

Auto Skid Kills Woman Near Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—An automobile skidded off a highway near Modoc point yesterday, killing a woman identified as Clare Elizabeth Leonard, about 45, of San Francisco, lone occupant.

Seven Injured In Bus-Auto Crash

TACOMA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Seven persons were treated at a hospital last night after the north coast bus in which they were passengers veered across the highway and struck an automobile head-on about one mile north of the King-Pierce county line.

The driver of the automobile, 27-year-old William Cartwright, Tacoma, who escaped with minor injuries, was reported "improving" early today.

Most seriously hurt when the bus, traveling toward Tacoma from Seattle, rode across the highway and down an embankment, was Miss Mary Monroe, Tacoma, with head and possible internal injuries.

State Patrolman Michael Way, said the driver of the bus, D. H. Partridge, Tacoma, told him his wheels apparently locked, sending the vehicle out of control into the oncoming traffic lane.

The other 25 bus passengers were unhurt.

RAF Reservist Says Australia Will Fall

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Mew Roberts, Australian member of the RAF reserve, predicted here that Australia will fall in two months and that an invasion of the United States may be attempted this summer.

"The great difficulty of the midwest American is to get over the feeling of complacency which results from an inadequate knowledge of economic geography," Dr. Roberts told an American Association of University women's group.

Pointing to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, he declared the American government seems to be making the same mistake of the English in not delegating military authority to the most vigorous soldier. He advocated a bigger job for MacArthur than defending a fortress "which must inevitably fall if assistance from the outside cannot reach it."

Ex-Democratic Leader Convicted of Assault

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A federal court jury today convicted Orman W. Ewing, former Utah democratic national committee man, of criminally assaulting a 20-year-old government stenographer last October 26.

The government announced at the start of the trial that it would ask the death penalty if Ewing was convicted. Ewing declared he was innocent.

Five members of Ewing's family, including three daughters, were in the courtroom.

Cargo Ships Vital Need of America

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Crated war materials were reported today to be piling up on American wharves awaiting urgently needed cargo ships to carry them to the far Pacific front.

Lack of sufficient shipping, rather than inadequate production, was described authoritatively as the most serious obstacle in the way of bolstering distant lines. However, there was a conviction in the capital that shipping would be only a temporary bottleneck.

A senate appropriations subcommittee was assured by Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson yesterday that manufacture of planes, tanks and guns was going forward rapidly. From Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, members received a less encouraging description of the difficulties in turning out cargo vessels.

The committee is to act Monday on the \$32,070,901,900 armynavy appropriations bill, carrying \$3,852,000,000 in direct appropriations and contract authorizations for construction of 1,476 merchant ships. The bill contemplates speeding up production to a rate of two ships a day.

Land was said to have told the committee that every effort was being made to alleviate shortages in materials, particularly steel, and to hold down labor disputes which have interrupted construction. He told reporters later that "the rate of construction is not enough."

Circuit Judge Dal King Files for Reelection

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Dal M. King, Myrtle Point, one of the three circuit judges for the district embracing Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties, has filed a declaration of candidacy yesterday for reelection.

The terms of the other two judges, G. F. Skipworth of Eugene and Carl E. Wimberly of Roseburg, do not expire until 1947.

King was appointed by Governor Sprague to succeed Judge James T. Brand, appointed to the state supreme court.

Rear Admiral Schofield, Ex-Head of Fleet, Dies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Frank H. Schofield, retired, former commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, died yesterday at naval hospital, his son, Lieutenant F. P. Schofield, announced today. He was 73.

Jap Aliens In Northwest Are Problem

Presence Stirs Protests Of Communities; Inquiry Opens at San Francisco

OLYMPIA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Washington State was declared a protective defense area today by Governor Langlie, who ordered all Japanese to immediately surrender to the state patrol all firearms, ammunition, explosives or other instruments which might be used to menace property or life.

(By the Associated Press) The problem of Japanese aliens and their activities in the northwest continued to agitate officials and private citizens last night. In Tacoma, six Japanese were arrested in the waterfront area, an F. B. I. announcement said, but five were released. Special agent Howard Fletcher said one man was kept in custody because of his connections with Japanese organizations.

At Wenatchee, L. O. Melton, spokesman for certain employees of the Great Northern railway terminal, said 85 workers at a mass meeting had demanded immediate removal of Japanese workmen now in railroad employ. Melton said 10 Japanese in this area had been laid off by the Great Northern Dec. 8 but later had been rehired.

The Kllekita county civilian defense council at Goldendale passed a resolution urging removal of all enemy aliens from the state. Copies of the resolution were sent to Governor Langlie and members of the congressional delegation.

Aroused by reports that Japanese from British Columbia coastal areas were arriving at Kamloops in the interior and attempting to buy land there, the council of the Kamloops board of trade wired Prime Minister King expressing opposition to "infiltration of any person of Japanese origin or enemy alien except under strict government supervision." Earlier, the Kamloops branch of the Canadian legion had passed a resolution calling for internment of all male Japanese of military age.

COAST INVESTIGATION OF ALIEN SITUATION OPENS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, of San Francisco, was scheduled as the first witness today before a congressional committee opening its hearing here into the alien

Reds Report Further Toll Of Nazi Army

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Red army reported today relentless advances in the northwest, western and southwestern fronts with the liberation of further towns and villages and "extermination" of thousands of Germans.

The reports, however, adhered to the policy of not mentioning specific places, pending the issuance of a special roundup communique. One of these is expected soon.

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NAZIS COUNTER WITH CLAIMS OF SUCCESSES

(By the Associated Press) Adolf Hitler's high command asserted today that German tank forces had killed 27,000 Russians and captured 5,000 prisoners in a four-week battle of encirclement near Rzhev, key Nazi invasion base 125 miles northeast of Moscow, while the London radio reported that fresh soviet troops had landed in the Crimea.

Russian front-line dispatches had previously declared that the German hold-out garrison at Rzhev, guarding the north flank of the Nazi retreat from Moscow,

Flying Tiger Of Burma Cousin Of Myrtle Creek Trio

Three ladies, all residents of Myrtle Creek, are strong boosters for the Flying Tigers, the American volunteer pilots fighting in defense of Burma. They are Mrs. Frank West, Mrs. Myles Jones and Mrs. Rollo Skinner, cousins of Robert Keeton of Manzanola, Colo., who, on Feb. 9, was credited with knocking down the 101st victim of the brilliant American squadron.

Keeton, who previously had been assigned to ferry service, went aloft in a Tomahawk fighter to save the plane from destruction on the ground during a Japanese raid. He did not have time to secure oxygen equipment and he nearly lost consciousness after reaching a high altitude. When he started to descend, he spotted a Japanese bomber fleeing from the battle in which companion planes had been blasted by the Americans, and, although still groggy from the lack of oxygen, Keeton attacked the bomber but was not sure that he had scored a hit. A week later the smashed Japanese plane was found and it was learned that Keeton's attack had been successful.

Naturally, the Myrtle Creek women are closely scanning the news reports daily for further exploits by their valiant cousin.

Oaks Restaurant At Oakland Burns

OAKLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—The Oaks restaurant, operated here by Mrs. Betty Henshaw and son, Ted, was completely destroyed by fire last night, the blaze causing considerable damage to the building in which the business was situated. The building is owned by Ed Settle, who reported that the loss is partially covered by insurance.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, was discovered about 11:30 p. m. and had already gained considerable headway. The fire department succeeded in keeping the flames confined to the front part of the building, and away from the garage which occupies the rear half of the structure.

The roof of the front section was destroyed and all furniture and fixtures of the restaurant, together with a large supply of merchandise and accessories maintained by the garage management, were destroyed or badly damaged.

The Common Cause Hand me down my walking cane; Let me don my walking shoes. If the country stands to gain, What, I ask, have I to lose? —M. H. P.

Jap Cruiser Blown Up, Four Other Warships, 4 Transports Damaged in Battle Off Bali

Four American Planes, Like Number of Invading Air Craft Reported Lost, With Combat Still Going On; Japs Continue Attack in Bataan Against MacArthur

(By the Associated Press) United States and Dutch warships, aided by dive bombers and fighting planes, smashed back at Japan's invasion hordes in a flaming sea battle off the island of Bali today, and by latest accounts had already blown up a Japanese cruiser and inflicted damaging blows on two other cruisers, two destroyers and four transports.

As the battle raged into its second day in the shark-infested Java sea, dispatches from Batavia said it was potentially greater than the fight for Macassar strait, the scene of Japan's worst naval disaster of the war.

Four Japanese planes were shot down and an equal number of American planes were acknowledged lost.

United States cruisers and heavy bombers, combined with Dutch cruisers and destroyers under the aggressive command of Dutch Vice-Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich, was reported blasting furiously at the invaders.

The ten American planes reported involved in the action off Bali represented the largest number specifically mentioned in a war department communique thus far.

Two days ago 16 army fighter planes were mentioned in a fight over Soerabaja, Java, and they were credited with destroying six enemy planes. In the continuing fighting off Bali another formation of 16 fighters served as an escort for seven army dive bombers. The dive bombers were reported in action for the first time. Japanese Claim Belied

The N. E. I. warships steaming out to battle must have seemed like a ghostly return of the legendary "flying Dutchman," for Imperial Tokyo headquarters proclaimed on Feb. 6 that "the Dutch navy was practically entirely wiped out."

On that date, a Tokyo communique asserted that two Dutch cruisers were sunk and a third Dutch cruiser comprising "the main N. E. I. fleet" and a United States cruiser were damaged in a fight in the Java sea. This followed the bloody battle of Macassar strait, in which various estimates listed Japanese losses as high as 46 warships and transports.

Dispatches from Batavia said the fighting began shortly after midnight yesterday in Lombok strait, east of Bali, and continued on a major scale today as the struggle for the last United Nations stronghold in the Indies thundered toward a climax.

Allied submarines and treacherous coral reefs were reported playing havoc with Japanese landing forces.

Bali, already invested by Japan's sea-borne invasion hordes,

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F. R. Orders Employees' Transfer to War Jobs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, by executive order, called today for transfer of competent federal employees from agencies less essential in the war effort to agencies where their work will count for more.

The order established a priority classification of federal departments and agencies with respect to their importance to the war program.

The budget bureau will determine the priority ratings and the civil service commission will make the transfers of workers.

An official statement said consent of employees would be required before transfer.

Recruits Permitted to Sell Their 1942 Autos

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Oregon rationing administration said today men entering the armed forces could sell their 1942 automobiles.

An order from Price Administrator Leon Henderson partially lifted a ban on sale of new cars. Dealers and others, however, may not sell.

The same order extended from Feb. 26 to March 2 the time in which new cars, sold prior to Jan. 1, could be delivered.

Dealers were told to file by Feb. 25 inventories of cars in their possession as of Feb. 11.