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BIFF!

That was a dandy smash to the Jap fleet at New Guinea, and there'll probably be others, to remove the menace to nearby Australia. Watch for them in NEWS-REVIEW news, hot off the wire daily.

23 JAP VESSELS SMASHED RUSSIANS LUNGE INTO KHARKOV

Twelve Warships Included In Toll Taken by U. S.-Aussie Planes in New Guinea Combat

Only One Allied Plane Lost in Swoop on Armada of Invaders, Navy Report Says; United States Troops Move Into Battle Stations to Defend Australia

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a Japanese invasion force concentrated near Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea, had been smashed by American and Australian air forces with the sinking or damaging of 23 Japanese vessels including 12 warships.

"The heavy losses inflicted on the enemy by the combined American and Australian forces were accomplished with the loss of but one plane," said the navy communique.

FIVE ARMY PLANES DROP IN FLAMES

LIMA, O., Mar. 18.—(AP)—Four army planes crashed in flames six miles east of Lima shortly before noon today. There apparently were no survivors.

Byron Heffner, farmer, said he saw one plane fall on his farm and burst into flames. Two other planes fell about 100 yards apart a half mile east of the Heffner farm.

The fourth plane landed in the McClure woods a mile south of the Heffner farm and also burst into flames.

Lieut. E. M. Decker, adjutant at Patterson field, Dayton, said they were expecting three pursuit ships from Selfridge field, Mich., but he could not say whether they were the planes involved.

BARTON, W. Va., Mar. 18.—(AP)—A twin-motored army bomber crashed and burned on Burner mountain today with a loss of at least two lives after it roared down a narrow highland valley with a motor missing.

Dr. Church Sells Roseburg Practice

Sale of the optometric practice and equipment maintained at 122 N. Jackson street, Roseburg, for the past 19 years by Dr. H. C. Church, now a major in the chemical warfare service, was announced here today. The sale is not effective until April 1 and the local office will remain open until the change of management, with Mrs. Donald White continuing as receptionist.

Dr. Roy Clinton, who for several years has been associated with the firm of Pomeroy and Keene at Salem, will take over the practice April 1.

Dr. Horace W. Wilton, who has been operating the office for Dr. Church since the latter was called into active service with the army, has enlisted in the U. S. navy and is leaving today for assignment to duty.

Major Church is now serving as chemical warfare supply officer for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho at the new advance supply depot being established at Pasco, Wash. Mrs. Church has been in Roseburg for the last two days attending to the negotiations connected with the sale of the local office.

March Truck Quota Far Below Applications

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington rationers indicated yesterday that about 1 out of 10 applicants would be able to buy new trucks in March.

After a conference with Portland, Seattle and Spokane representatives, F. E. Landsburg, ICC district truck rationer, said 843 applications, 2 1/2 times the March quota for the two states, were studied.

Hereafter, he added, the three offices will handle applications independently.

In the American Australian raid on the Jap forces at New Guinea, the navy reported, ships "sunk" and "probably sunk" were two heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, five transports or cargo ships, one gunboat, one destroyer, and one mine sweeper—a total of 11 consisting of 6 warships and 5 other ships.

In addition two destroyers were listed as "possibly sunk." Ships damaged were listed as one cruiser, one large destroyer, two transports which suffered direct bomb hits, one troop ship, three transports, one aircraft tender, one gunboat—a total of 10, consisting of four warships and six others.

Moreover the allied attackers demolished "many small boats," probably motor boats, and three enemy seaplanes were shot down and shore installations including aircraft runways and anti-aircraft batteries were damaged.

The same communique, reporting on activities in other areas disclosed that the American submarine Shark has been overdue in the western Pacific for more than a month and "must be presumed to be lost." Next of kin of those aboard the Shark, including Lieutenant Commander Louis Shane, Jr., of Tacoma, Wash., have been notified of the loss of the vessel.

Further, the communique disclosed that the American submarine Sea Lion had been so damaged at Cavite, in the Philippines, as to necessitate her demolition to prevent her use by the enemy in event of capture, and the U. S. destroyer Stewart, 1,190-ton world war type ship, was demolished at the Dutch Indies base of Soerabaya to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy. There were no personnel casualties in the cases of the Sea Lion and the Stewart.

Jap Losses Listed

The terrific blow delivered against the Japanese at New Guinea raised to 174 the number of Japanese ships of all types which have been sunk or damaged by United States army and navy action and, in this last case, with the help of Australian forces. This figure does not include damage and sinkings inflicted by British, Dutch or Australian forces.

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Tab Will Replace Car License Plate

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—(AP)—Future automobile license plates will be "small date tabs" not more than four inches square attached to present license plates to bring them up to date, under a war production board order issued today.

The board prohibited the states from issuing more than 10 per cent by weight of the usual number of plates and these only for new licensees and to replace plates lost or destroyed.

Noting that it would be advisable to be sparing of metal, WPB gave notice that there was "no guarantee that the state or other local governments will get sheet steel sufficient to meet the 10 per cent requirement."

The order was announced by Maury Maverick, chief of the WPB government requirements bureau. He said the restrictions did not apply to metals already cut or stamped on March 18.

During every licensing year hereafter, Maverick said, the states will be permitted to issue plates up to 10 per cent by weight of the plates issued during the corresponding license year ending after June 30, 1941, and before July 1, 1942.

Recapture Of Vital Factory City Looms

Reds Also Reported to Have Trapped 200,000 Nazis Near Moscow

(By the Associated Press) Marshal Timoshenko's Ukraine armies were reported storming today into the suburbs of Kharkov, the soviet "Pittsburgh," and Stockholm advices declared that Russian troops on the central front had surrounded 200,000 Germans in a great pocket west of Moscow.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Stockholm quoted Moscow reports that soviet parachute troops had been dropped in the Smolensk area, 230 miles west of Moscow, and destroyed nazi fortifications during a snowstorm.

Front-line dispatches said the Russians had captured five more communities in a gigantic encirclement movement to cut off the "escape corridor" of German garrison at Rzhev and Vyazma. Latest reports said the gap had been narrowed to a bare 20 miles.

Tass, the soviet news agency, said the Germans fled after a vain counterattack in that sector, leaving 1,200 killed and wounded on the battlefield.

More than 4,750 nazis were declared to have been slain in the last few days as the Russian counter-offensive surged forward along the entire front.

Reds Close In On Kharkov
A Morocco radio broadcast quoting Moscow reports said heavy fighting raged in the suburbs of Kharkov, one of the key

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HITLER, speaking in Berlin at memorial exercises for Germany's war dead, warns his people of a hard struggle ahead, appeals for new sacrifices and promises a "crushing victory" over Russia this summer.

He adds: "If the Bolsheviks couldn't crush us during the unprecedentedly hard winter just passing, when they had the chance, we'll annihilatingly defeat them this summer."

HIS speech is a purely routine affair, dealing with what he would be expected to deal with on such an occasion.

If he had said (or intimated) that Germany might LOSE this summer, it would be hot news.

HAVE no doubts, however, as to this:

Russia is the HOTTEST SPOT IN THE WORLD.

If, with such help as we and the British can give them, the Russians can lick Hitler this summer, thus releasing the forces we now have to scatter all over the globe, we can handle Japan.

DURING the present lull in the fighting (there is no lull in Russia) here are the places to watch:

- Australia.
- India.
- The Amur river in Siberia.
- Norway.
- Finland.
- Turkey.

THE Japs have to make up their minds whether to consolidate

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Opera Star Held As Enemy Alien



The oft-repeated boast that he was Mussolini's friend has resulted in the seizure of Ezio Pinza, above, Italian-born Metropolitan opera basso for the last 15 years, and his detention on Ellis island, N. Y., as an enemy alien. Agents of the federal bureau of investigation separated the Italian-born singer, 50, from his American wife, the former Doris Neal Leak of Larchmont Manor, N. Y. He now awaits a hearing by an alien board.

Indictments Hit Cheese Industry

CHICAGO, Mar. 18.—(AP)—A federal grand jury returned an anti-trust law indictment today charging 101 cheese dealers, processors and distributors, including 45 corporations and 56 individuals, with conspiracy to fix prices on American cheese and cheese products to both producers and consumers.

The indictment alleged that prices were artificially fixed through token sales of cheese each Friday among the defendant cheese dealers at the Wisconsin cheese exchange, Plymouth, Wis.

It charged that membership in the exchange was confined solely to the defendants and that prices allegedly fixed therein were used as a base for prices to be paid by producers and to be charged distributors and consumers throughout the United States.

The indictment set forth that the corporate defendants handled more than 90 per cent of the total of 600,000,000 pounds of American cheese produced each year in this country.

Four defendants — National Dairy Products Corp., through the Kraft Cheese company, and other subsidiaries; the Borden company, Swift and company, Armour and company, and their several subsidiaries — handled approximately 70 per cent of the American cheese production, or about 420,000,000 pounds, the indictment added.

Defendants were accused of controlling prices paid to some 200,000 dairy farmers for milk sold to approximately 21,000 cheese factories.

Motorist Sought in Portland Murder Probe

PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—(AP)—Police searched today for the driver of a late model tan sedan which sped away from the rear of Gwen Ponsen's apartment here Sunday morning at about the time she was murdered.

Detectives said a man and his wife who arose at 3:30 a. m. to go on a fishing trip reported seeing the car parked near the rear entrance of the apartment occupied by Miss Ponsen. About 15 minutes later the car sped away, tires screaming as it went around a corner, they said. Police estimated the woman was killed between the hours of 3 and 6 a. m. Sunday morning.

2 More U. S. Trade Ships Sunk by Subs

33 Survivors From One Landed at Norfolk; Trio Of Raiders Operate

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 18.—(AP)—Three enemy submarines, one large and two small ones, pocketed a medium size American merchant ship off the Atlantic coast early Sunday and sent her to the bottom with two torpedoes placed accurately in the engine room.

Six members of the crew lost their lives in the attack, the fifth naval district said in announcing the sinking today. Thirty-three survivors landed at Morehead City, N. C., after being adrift on life rafts from three to nine hours.

The loss of life resulted from the second torpedo which struck just below one of the life boats as it was being lowered into the water.

The submarine that fired the second torpedo was about 280 yards from the ship, Captain Theodore Boekhoff reported. "They could see us as plainly as we could see them and they knew that the lifeboat was being lowered," the captain said.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—(AP)—The navy announced today that two U. S. merchant vessels had

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"Cut" Order Hits Typewriter Firms

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mar. 18.—(AP)—The WPB today ordered five large typewriter companies to cut production of standard models 25 per cent below average monthly sales from March 15 to May 31 last year, and told a sixth to reduce 10 per cent. Output of portables was ordered cut by 64 per cent. Typewriter stocks already have been frozen and the board indicated that probably no new machines would be available for civilians.

The board also halted manufacture of slot machines which vend beverages, cigarettes, food, candy, nuts and gum. The industry, which has a \$10,000,000 annual business, is to go into production of shells and airplane parts.

A report on the radio industry, which is now being converted to war work and which has been ordered to quit making sets for civilian use after April 22, said about \$125,000,000 worth of communication equipment would be produced for war use by the end of the year. About half is detector equipment, to locate enemy ships and planes. The rest is aircraft and navigation equipment, tank sets, and two-way radios for use in the field.

City's Financial Condition Given State Praise

The city of Roseburg today received a message of congratulation from Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer, for the excellent state of its finances. Mr. Scott reported that he had read in the Roseburg News-Review the annual report of City Recorder A. J. Geddes, showing that city expenditures had been kept below budget allotments and commented upon the "excellent management" which made such a condition possible.

"You seem to have a unity of good management in Roseburg city affairs," Mr. Scott said. "This is the kind of management which Oregon as a whole possesses, by comparison with other states, and which the nation needs."

Ralph Sands, World War Veteran, No. 1 Douglas County Selectee in National Lottery for Duty in Military Forces

Ralph Sands, Rt. 2, Roseburg, is the No. 1 selectee from Douglas county in the draft lottery conducted at Washington Tuesday, it was reported today from local selective service headquarters. Sands is a veteran of the World war. He was a member of the 4th company, coast artillery, Oregon national guard, the Roseburg unit which was called into service at the outbreak of the first World war. He was transferred to the 69th artillery and served as a non-commissioned officer overseas. His serial number, T-441 was the fourth number to be drawn in the lottery and the first of the approximately 1550 serial numbers in Douglas county. Incidentally, the girls employed in the selective service office here are watching the outcome of the drawing with more excitement than many of the men affected by the draft. R. L. Preston, chairman of the board, and Levi White, also a board member, both were registered and the one whose number was first drawn will be required to treat the office force.

The lottery was held to determine the order in which qualified men will be called up for examination leading to military service. Those affected are between 20 and 44 years of age and who had not registered for the 1940 and 1941 selective service drawings.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, opened the ceremonies with a statement that men might be selected to build ships and airplanes and work on farms as well as to fight at the front.

Among low numbers on the west coast was dancer Fred Asaire, who is 41 and the father of three. His number was the 156th. In Michigan, Lieut. Gov. Frank Murphy had the first number applicable in his district, Gov. Murray D. Van Waggoner the 1,838th.

Oregon "Lifer" Nabbed 22 Years After Escape

SALEM, Mar. 18.—(AP)—Twenty-two years after his escape from the Oregon state penitentiary, where he was serving a life term for murder, Ralph Turpin, alias Robert Jordan, was returned to serve the rest of his sentence, Prison Warden George Alexander announced today.

Turpin was convicted of the murder in Josephine county of William McAllister, and he entered prison Sept. 13, 1917. He soon was made a trustee at the prison farm, and escaped in 1920.

Nothing more was heard from him until last February 9, when he was arrested at Salinas, Calif., for questioning in connection with the slaying of a man in a fishing trip argument. California authorities decided to return him to Oregon rather than to prosecute him on the new charge.

SELECTEES MAY BUILD SHIPS AND AIRPLANES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—(AP)—The nation's first draft lottery of the war, a step toward classification of about 9,000,000 men for possible military service, ended at 4:10 a. m. Pacific war time today, a little more than 23 hours after it started.

Only 6,998 numbers, two less than was planned, were drawn from the historic draft goldfish bowl.

Selective service officials immediately went into a conference to determine whether additional capsules would be drawn to bring the number up to 7,000. Secretary of War Stinson drew the first number, 3485, last night.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



GEORGE TRAPALIS, well known Roseburg resident, former commander of the Umpqua post of the American Legion, and a Greek. Of George I have absolutely no hesitancy in remarking that everyone who knows him, likes him. It's a feeling that just can't be helped, that's all.

His winning smile in the photograph above hadn't been occasioned by the subject chiefly under discussion when I last saw him. We had been speaking of the stories coming from the Near East, telling of starving conditions in his native country throughout this past winter. It has been estimated that over a quarter of a million people will starve to death there by spring. Figures at hand furnished by the Greek War Relief association of the United States substantiate this estimate.

The Germans have requisitioned most of the food available there, and their rationing system to the Greek populace is one of absolute starvation. When adults no longer can maintain life on the small food allowance, what do you suppose is occurring to the little children?

Donations of money made in the United States have been used for the purchase of food and medicine by the Greek association here, these supplies having entered Greece by way of Turkey. Inadequate, yes; but a whole lot better than none at all.

Then, too, I know of cases where workers in war plants have been told by other workers — by men in their own unions — to keep production down, to take it easy, not to hurry, to spread the job out and make the work last. You and I will not stand for that either.

"These cases are not typical. They are becoming fewer and fewer. In my opinion they simply reflect the fact that a few people just haven't got it through their heads that this is a life-and-death matter. I pledge my word to the American people that I will knock down such indifference wherever I find it."