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27 DEAD IN OKLAHOMA CITY TORNADOES

Residential Section of 12 Blocks Ripped

100 Hurt, Scores Missing In Double Blow That Demolishes 60 Buildings

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 13.—(AP)—Storm-swept Oklahoma City counted its known dead at 27 and injured at 100 today after two tornadoes slashed a 12-block residential area at the city's southwest edge.

Scores were reported missing and approximately 60 buildings were demolished.

Many inhabitants of the devastated area entered storm cellars when the first tornado struck last night and escaped the force of the second which came 10 minutes later.

The area contained mostly frame houses, a few grocery stores and a filling station.

The first tornado apparently formed over Oklahoma City and moved west accompanied by brilliant lightning and heavy down-pour of rain. It dipped down about 9:30 p. m., striking in the 3400 block on southwest 29th street.

The second twister, moving northerly, hit with even greater fury, sweeping everything before it.

Two inches of rain and considerable hail fell in a three-hour period.

The main force of the blow was confined to the Capitol hill south side area. In other sections of the city the storm brought high winds but apparently no damage of consequence.

Of the dead, six were men, 11 women and 10 children.

B. R. Westbrook, Former Roseburg Hotelman, Dies

Word was received here today of the death late Friday at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene of Bert Westbrook of Albany, former Roseburg resident. Mr. Westbrook was engaged in the hotel business for a number of years here prior to moving about 30 years ago to Albany, where he has since owned and managed the Albany hotel. His widow is a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Ford of this city. Funeral services are to be held at Albany at 2 p. m. Monday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WE'VE known for days the Japs attacked Midway with around 30 warships and lost about half of them. We're beginning to get more detail on HOW it happened.

THE Jap armada was met "far west" of Midway by big, long-range U. S. army bombers. It suffered losses, but KEPT ON GOING.

The next morning it was met again (this time about 150 miles west of Midway) by our dive bombers and flying fortresses. The details of this fight have not been fully disclosed, but it got too hot for the Japs and they turned and FLED.

MEANWHILE the Jap carriers had loosed their planes (about 180 of them, the dispatches say) which attacked Midway with demolition bombs, the attack lasting 38 minutes.

The Jap planes then departed, presumably out of ammunition and low on fuel. Practically all of them are reported to have been lost. Details are lacking, but one guess they got back to where they had left their carriers, found the carriers gone (sunk, damaged or driven away)

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Japs Lose Half of Best Plane Carriers in 3 Sea Combats; Midway Toll May Reach 4

Headed Bombers That Shattered Japs at Midway



Leader of the flying fortress bombers that shattered the Japanese fleet at Midway Island was Lt. Col. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., above, of San Francisco. Latest reports say four Japanese airplane carriers were destroyed in the battle, in addition to at least three transports, while three Jap battleships and eleven other craft were badly damaged. The Japanese loss in men is estimated at 10,000.

U. S. Planes, One Bullet Marked, Land in Turkey

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—A forced landing in Turkey by allied planes, variously described as British or American, was declared by the German radio today to have disclosed a "severe offense against Turkish neutrality."

DNB, the official German news agency, said "three or four United States planes which made forced landings in Turkey on Friday are reported to have been only part of a number of American planes crossing Turkey. . . Government circles, it is stated from Ankara, are regarding the situation as extremely serious."

The agency added that the planes had dropped leaflets over some Turkish districts.

The British news agency, Reuters, in a dispatch from Turkey, also described the planes as four American bombers and said some crew members were slightly injured after carrying out a raid on the Rumanian coast.

Rumania has just been added to the list of nations against whom the United States has recognized a state of war.

DNB said that intense excitement was caused in Turkey. Eyewitnesses were quoted as saying the planes were four-motored bombers, one of which was damaged by bullet holes. Two of its motors were crippled.

DNB said the American officers explained that they were pursued by axis planes up to Turkish territory.

"This proves that the pilots of the axis planes respected the Turkish frontiers," DNB declared. "It is assumed that these four machines took part in fighting at Sevastopol."

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The Midway and Coral sea battles have cost Japan probably half of her best aircraft carriers and thus have broken the spearhead of her air-sea striking power, informed naval sources estimated today.

And because of the importance of the air arm, the Japanese are regarded as having gambled away in the two engagements the chance of major offensive action on the American side of the Pacific, even though they still have several fast carriers which would operate with the weakened high sea fleet.

They have lost at least six of the ten or more fully effective fleet carriers with which they started the Pacific war, and still others have been put out of action temporarily by bomb and torpedo damage. This is on the basis of official reports of the Coral sea battle and word from Midway pilots that three and possibly four Japanese carriers were sunk in that action.

Japan probably had more carriers than those listed in naval manuals. But by the best available listings, she started the war with ten. She also had several converted liners as carriers, but these are not classed as fleet vessels.

The toll has been one sunk, one believed sunk and one damaged in the Java sea; one sunk and one damaged in the Coral sea, and three and possibly four sunk at Midway.

By contrast, the United States has lost the Lexington and suffered damage to another carrier off Midway. These represent a third of the large American carriers in service when the war began. The obsolete Langley, sunk near Java, was a tender.

PEARL HARBOR, T. H., June 13.—(AP)—Japan's attempt to invade Midway island, a thrust broken by the fierce and skillful defense of fighting Americans, cost her a tremendous price—three and possibly four aircraft carriers, hundreds of planes and probably more than 10,000 men.

These figures are unofficial but based on first-hand reports of the battle.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, command-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, pointed out that the reports were not all in. Against these announced American losses were only a destroyer sunk and an aircraft carrier damaged.

LEXINGTON SUNK BY U. S. BOAT, NOT BY JAPANESE. SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 13.—(Continued on page 8)

AWARD PROGRAM SLATED AT VICTORY CENTER TONIGHT

An interesting public program is to be observed tonight at the Roseburg Victory center, Jackson and Oak streets. The main feature of the entertainment will be the presentation of certificates of award to approximately 50 Douglas county firms in which 90 per cent or more of all employees have signed for voluntary payroll deductions for purchase of war bonds. Local entertainers will contribute to the program, which will open at 8 p. m., with a concert by the Roseburg Municipal band.

LaBonte Draws Year On Non-Support Charge

John La Bonte, 54, Glide resident, recently returned from Montezano, Wash., to answer to a charge of non-support of minor children, pleaded guilty today upon arraignment in circuit court. He was sentenced by Judge Carl E. Wimberly to serve one year in the state penitentiary.

Reds Check Biggest Nazi Drive of Year

Kharkov Area's Defense Holds but Situation in Crimea Less Favorable

MOSCOW, June 13.—(AP)—German tanks, planes and motorized infantry have been hurled in full force on a comparatively narrow front below Kharkov in the greatest Nazi offensive of the year, front line dispatches said today, but the red army fought back fiercely and tonight was said to have the situation in hand.

The original enemy advances were checked, the dispatches said, while enemy tanks which filtered through the soviet lines were being dealt with. In some sectors the Russians were making their own counter-attacks.

The German planes came over in waves and the tanks attacked in columns, while soviet artillery cut huge gaps in the armored forces and Russian warplanes rose to meet the enemy in the air.

At one village 100 German tanks attacked. Before Sevastopol, in the Crimea, the Germans made three successive assaults, but the Russian defense was said to be grinding down that offensive.

Rumanians Slaughtered. Tremendous losses in the new Crimean campaign have led the Germans to make "increasing use of Rumanians as cannon fodder" and 200 of these axis allies were killed in four futile "psychological" attacks by a Rumanian battalion yesterday, the soviet information bureau said.

Fifty Nazi tanks were reported destroyed and 12 damaged before Sevastopol, besieged Crimean naval base now in the ninth day of a desperate stand against a German offensive.

"Ten artillery and mortar batteries were put out of action," the soviet information bureau said, "and three regiments of infantry and a squadron of cavalry (representing from 3,500 to 7,000 men) were annihilated."

Nazis Hold Advantage. However—although the army

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U. S. Force In Ireland Upped By Thousands

Ocean Crossed Without Incident; Unit of First Negro Troops Included

WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, June 13.—(AP)—Thousands more United States soldiers, including tank destroyer forces as well as additional armored units, have arrived in northern Ireland, it was announced today.

United States warships participated in escorting the transports which crossed the Atlantic without incident.

Most of the troops were from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, California and Indiana.

The band accompanying the new arrivals gave a festive air to the Ulster port as it blared out "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "The Jersey Bounce," "Elmer's Tune," and "Deep In The Heart of Texas" while the troops marched down the gangplanks.

Even while the men were waiting their turn to leave the ships, the usual scramble began among British soldiers and dockworkers for American cigarettes.

This time the soldiers also tossed nickels, dimes and quarters ashore in exchange for big British pennies. It probably will be a few days before they learn they got the worst of the bargain.

Cheers from the transports

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Douglas County's Gather of Rubber Scrap Arranged

Full cooperation in the nationwide collection of scrap rubber has been arranged by the Douglas county civilian defense salvage committee, W. K. Harrington, chairman, reported today. Acting upon the program announced by President Roosevelt in his radio address Friday, arrangements have been made whereby all automobile service stations throughout the county will act as salvage depots.

Residents of the county are requested to deliver all scrap rubber to the station they ordinarily patronize. The stations will pay one cent per pound for such rubber delivered to them. If the rubber is donated by the individuals, the sum he would otherwise be paid will be contributed to the U. S. O. He may, however, secure payment for himself if he so desires. The filling stations will be reimbursed for the advances made to those selling their rubber scrap. The oil industry, however, makes no profit on the transaction and all labor involved will be a voluntary contribution to the salvage effort.

Among articles to be found around the average home and suitable for the salvage effort are sections of worn out garden hose, worn out rubber boots, overshoes, rubber heels and soles, hot water bottles, rubber gloves, bathing caps, rubber raincoats, rubber matting, jar rings, rubber tires from discarded toy carriages, wagons, tricycles, etc., fly swatters, suction cups, water closet valves, tennis balls, golf balls, rubber dolls and toys, and other such items.

Residents are requested to immediately gather up all available scrap rubber, making thorough search of attics, cellars and store rooms. The salvage campaign begins next Monday, June 15, and will continue through Tuesday, June 30.

Attacks Compel Invaders Of Bleak, Tiny Islands to Retire From More Populated Areas

Nippon Units First Effect Landings at Two Places 800 Miles From Dutch Harbor Naval Base in Obvious Plan to Establish Springboard for Broader Blow

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—American army and navy airmen combed the small, bleak islands of the northern Pacific Aleutian chain today in a rising effort to search out and disperse small Japanese invasion units which have landed at Attu and the harbor of Kiska in the Rat Island group.

Despite adverse weather conditions, a navy communique asserted, air attacks have already forced the invaders to retire from populated regions of the tiny islands at the extreme western tip of the Aleutian archipelago.

"Attacks of the army and navy forces in the area against these operations are continuing," the navy said. The announcement emphasized that it had only been in the past day or two that weather conditions had permitted flying operations.

While both the navy and the war department said early today they had no further information on the Aleutian battle, there was no doubt that every effort would be exerted to throw out the invaders.

Attu is the tip of the dagger pointing toward Japan, being only some 700 miles from the northern tip of Nippon's Kurile chain. Should the enemy continue to occupy the island, it would not only blunt that potential offensive dagger, but likewise would give the Japanese a base to use against the other Aleutian islands and the Alaskan mainland.

Kiska, located some 100 miles to the southeast of Attu, has similar strategic possibilities, although the military value of both is decreased somewhat by poor terrain and weather conditions. Both are mountainous, frequently blanketed in fog and are bounded by outlying reefs which make offshore navigation hazardous.

Nevertheless, the islands are within 800 miles of the American base at Dutch harbor on Unalaska island, which has been the scene of intensive American war preparations in recent months. Delegate Dimond of Alaska said last December that an air and submarine base was being constructed there.

Dutch harbor—some 2,900 miles from Yokohama and only 1968 miles from Puget sound—is considered secondary to the base at Kodiak, some 600 miles away on the Alaskan mainland. However, with Attu and Kiska in Japanese hands, both bases would be within range of Japanese reconnaissance and bombing operations.

Attu has a small radio station and a native village with a church and a trading post, but is considered of little military value. A rocky, mountainous islet, Attu is about 20 by 35 miles in size, with many bays and long inlets. Reefs make offshore navigation hazardous, and the islanders are normally isolated except for yearly visits

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E. O. Sarff Sells Major Portion of Business

E. O. Sarff, who since 1923 has conducted an auto wrecking and new and used parts service in Roseburg, announced today the sale of all used parts cars and metal to the Victory Salvage company. The used parts, the wrecked cars and all other metal is to be turned into the war metals salvage campaign, it was stated.

Mr. Sarff retains only the new parts department, which, he reports, he may be forced to close in the near future due to inability to secure more than a limited amount of automobile parts.

Accused City Treasurer Furnishes \$3,000 Bond

Ray Reynolds, city treasurer of Myrtle Creek, arrested yesterday on a charge of misappropriation of city funds, was released from custody last night after furnishing bond. The amount of bond was reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 after he had waived preliminary examination in the justice court.

Plane Strikes Hospital, Burns; Pilot Badly Hurt

OLYMPIA, June 13.—(AP)—St. Peter's hospital authorities said today the pilot of a plane which crashed into the hospital this morning was Ralph M. Edwards, Jr., and that he was "very seriously injured."

Police said the plane, after hitting the corner of the hospital, crashed into the street and burned.

Six Continents Unite in Honoring U. S. Flag in Comradship of War

(By the Associated Press) Flag day observances extending through the comradeship of war to all the 27 nations united against the axis—multiple massings of standards such as the world never has seen—god under way in the United States today.

The stars and stripes waved from millions of homes. Parades moved along the avenues. The war-burdened nation held stirring observances to show its might. Military reviews, meetings, broadcasts and religious services honored the United States flag and the allied emblems in cities and field encampments on six continents, from Chungking to Capetown, from Manchester to Melbourne.

A keynote was sounded from London by the fighting Premier of Free Poland, Gen. Sikorski, in an order of the day to Polish forces. He declared victory "is coming to us much faster than was thought possible by our enemy."

The British radio announced that a message by Prime Minister Churchill would be read tomorrow.

Actually Flag day is tomorrow but many of America's major cities scheduled their celebration today. New York and Chicago billed the largest parade with thousands of marchers in each city.

Bracketed with the holiday was the designation of June 13 as MacArthur day to commemorate the entrance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur into West Point. New York's parade was planned to last 12 hours, closing at night with a torchlight finale. Police estimated the watchers at 2,000,000 and seats were reserved in the reviewing stand for Vice President Henry A. Wallace, King George II of Greece and President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and Minneapolis, among other cities, planned parades.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A HORSE-DRAWN MILK WAGON, as it passed before my door early yesterday morning on its initial round of the day—and of its career. I heard it before I saw it—but, contrary to tradition, it wasn't making much noise. All I heard (but in the present day and age this in itself was worth a rush to the door) was the muffled "clop, clop" of horses' hooves.

The outfit was commissioned yesterday by the Umpqua Dairy. "It looked as if we'd have to come to it sooner or later," the owners told me, "so we decided we might just as well start now. We have modern, expensive motor equipment which, of course, we had

hoped to continue using; but under the circumstances we, like everybody else, are going to do just the best we can."

Their best was pretty good. The body of the truck (I mean wagon) is sturdily and symmetrically constructed and is designed for utmost convenience in handling deliveries. The gear formerly was the chassis of a Buick car. Rubber tired, the vehicle moves noiselessly. The team (matched, black 1400 pounders) is rubber shod.

Appearing in the photograph above are Mathew Adam, driving; Ira Knigge, sitting beside him, and Nate Stuewig. Ira has charge of the route.