

BREMEN BLASTED BY RAF IN RECORD RAID

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SHOWDOWN COMBAT FOR EGYPT IMMINENT; RUSSIAN-JAPANESE FRICTION INTENSIFIED

British Set For Axis In Matruh Area

U. S. Fliers Join in Raid On Tobruk; Reds Holding On in Sevastopol Siege

(By the Associated Press) Germany, battered at home anew by thousands of tons of British bombs, struck furiously toward the riches of the middle east today along two routes, southern Russia and north Africa, amid indications that a great showdown battle for Egypt was imminent.

Cairo dispatches said the main force of Field Marshal Rommel's mechanized armies, climbing a 100-mile advance in two days, now was confronting the British about 30 miles west of Matruh.

The decisive battle was expected to start at any moment. The United States army air force, now an integral cog in the aerial counter-offensive with which the British hope to curb Rommel's rush, struck last night at the harbor of Tobruk, Libya, which only a few days ago was the anchor of British positions in Libya.

American four-motored Consolidated Liberators, such as smashed at Bengasi on Monday and Wednesday nights, turned out with a strong comrade force of British Wellingtons to blast at Tobruk harbor while the Wellingtons concentrated on land targets.

British and south African bombers and fighter-bombers, operating between desert dusk and darkness yesterday, repeatedly assaulted axis forces advancing toward Matruh from the Bir Abu Mishelha area, 80 miles to Matruh's southwest, and along the coastal route to the west of Tobruk, Mediterranean anchor of Britain's present positions.

Critical Week Ahead In another major development Russia's red armies lost ground

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written the wires are ominously barren of war news.

There is a thin trickle from Egypt, where the British are awaiting Rommel's next move, and a few meager scraps from the thunderous battle of Sevastopol, where the tough Russians seem still to be holding out. A mere smattering from China. Elsewhere there is silence.

TO those of us who have been watching the wires for nearly three years, this silence has a BREATHELESS quality, like the hush that precedes a cyclone.

Isn't natural.

News is still HAPPENING. Not world-shattering news, of course, but SIGNIFICANT news. The correspondents on all the far-flung fronts are eager to tell what they know.

They are prevented by the censorship, which all at once has tightened up all over the world. There have been similar tightening of the censorships before. Surprisingly often they have been followed by the thunderous clamor of great events.

Instinctively one expects this hush to be broken in like manner.

CAIRO says: "Hour by hour, the opening of a mighty invasion attempt is expected as a sequel to the whirlwind. German-Italian campaign that wrested Eastern Libya from British hands."

The Cairo dispatches add that

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Days Creek Boy Now Mechanic in Army Air Force



Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Dean of Days Creek have received word that their son, John, above, who enlisted some months ago in the army air force, has recently completed a nineteen-week course of airplane mechanics at the Delgado trade school at New Orleans. Following his graduation, he was sent to the air base at Jackson, Miss. Dean, who is a graduate of Days Creek high school, was stationed at Sheppard field before going to New Orleans.

Stores To Confine Period to Sale of War Bonds, Stamps

American retailers, the best salesmen in the world, are to devote all of their efforts to selling war bonds and stamps during a 15-minute "white-out" period at noon, July 1, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas county war bonds sales committee, reported today. Mr. Pargeter announced names of 10 additional Douglas county firms certified under the payroll allotment plan in his report today.

Glenn Owen, chairman of the merchants division of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, will direct the arrangement for the 15-minute sale of war bonds in all retail stores of the county, Mr. Pargeter states.

No business will be transacted, other than the sale of war bonds and stamps, during the period from 12 noon to 12:15 p. m. on the date of Wednesday, July 1, Mr. Pargeter states. The plan is sponsored by the National Association of Retailers and will launch the July campaign in which the goal is to increase by at least four per cent the total volume of sales. L. A. Rhoden will assist Mr. Owen in organizing the Roseburg merchants.

Firms which have become entitled to payroll allotment certificates are Douglas Ice and Storage Co., Judd's Furniture store, The Sandwich Shop, Parkinson's Food Store, Roseburg Sanitary Market, Morgan's Grocery, Robert LeBleu Co., Fullerton Candy Co., Grimm's Grocery and Harmon and Wakefield, the latter a Carnas Valley lumber firm.

School Funds of \$7,975 Allotted Douglas County

The state land board announced at Salem today the appropriation of \$7,975 to Douglas county. The amount represents the county's share in a total of \$325,659 allotted to Oregon counties for the school year ending June 30 on a basis of \$1.22 for each school child, as compared with \$1.14 apportioned last year.

Torpedoing Of Boat Laid To Nippon Sub

Tokyo Tries to Cover Up Defeat at Midway With Praise for Fleet Head

(By the Associated Press) Smoldering friction between Russia and Japan was fanned anew today as Moscow bluntly challenged Tokyo's claim that a United States submarine had torpedoed a soviet merchant ship, and pinned the attack on a Japanese undersea raider.

The soviet radio quoted survivors as saying that two Japanese submarines surfaced immediately after the 4,761-ton S. S. Angarstrol was sunk 32 miles off the Japanese coast on May 1. Japan had charged the sinking was an American attempt "to create friction between the soviet union and Japan... obviously timed for provoking trouble."

At Variance With Facts "This version does not coincide with the facts," the Russian broadcast said.

"It appears that the Angarstrol was sunk by a Japanese submarine," the Russian announcer said after relating the circumstances, including the fact that the ship previously had been halted by Japanese warships and escorted to a Japanese port for inspection. The Angarstrol was homeward-bound when she was torpedoed, following a course prescribed by the Japanese.

Crewmen of a Russian freighter at Sydney, Australia, said they were attacked three times recently by a submarine believed to be Japanese.

Although formally bound by a neutrality and friendship pact, Russia and Japan have several times warned each other against such provocative "incidents" which might lead to hostilities on a new front in the global war.

Fries To Hide Beating

Meanwhile, Japan sought to cover up the humiliating defeat in the battle of Midway by sending a message to Admiral Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the combined Japanese fleet, lauding "brilliant successes... over a vast area of the eastern Pacific ocean since June 4 despite stormy weather."

June 4 marked the start of the battle of Midway and the Japanese thrust into the Aleutian islands off Alaska.

A similar message was sent to the supreme commander of Japan.

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Famed Hunter Will Be Featured In Victory Center Program Here



Gus Peret, above, a resident of Yoncalla, who has hunted big game in all parts of the United States, Alaska, the Yukon and Africa, is to be featured Saturday night in the regular weekly program at the Victory Center, Jackson and Oak streets. Peret, for many years a representative of leading ammunition manufacturers and noted for his marksmanship, has in later years hunted big game with the motion picture camera as well as with firearms. He is a master of roping tricks, disarming methods and a lecturer on firearms. His program here Saturday will contain much of interest and humor. He is being sponsored by the mounted posse of Sheriff Thornton's civilian defense police reserves who are in charge of the program. Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly will act as master of ceremonies.

Shoots Wife Because She Refuses to Return Home

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—E. D. Robinson, Portland, was held in the city jail today in the shooting of his wife, Fay, 34, maid at a West Portland home. Her condition is critical but hospital attendants said she probably would recover.

Detective James Purcell said Robinson, angry when his wife failed to return home late last night, called at her place of employment. Other occupants of the house told the officer they heard several shots, rushed to the kitchen to find Mrs. Robinson wounded and Robinson holding an empty revolver.

Drunken Driver Begins Thirty-Day Term Here

Byron Walter Grigsby, resident of Drain, was in the county jail here today following sentence imposed Thursday by Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard of Drain on a plea of guilty to a drunken driving charge. Grigsby was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail and his drivers' license was revoked.

Hearing on County Budget Scheduled

A public hearing at which the county court will hear recommendations for changes in the proposed county budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, will be held at the courthouse in Roseburg starting at 10 a. m. Saturday. The budget, tentatively proposed for the coming year, calls for a tax levy for road purposes only as a surplus of funds, ample to conduct the various administrative departments, remains on hand.

The Douglas County Taxpayers league, which holds its annual meetings in connection with the budget hearing, has had its various committee studying the proposed budget, and the reports of the committee will be submitted at the meeting.

It has been rumored that delegations will appear representing the persons giving volunteer service on air raid precaution observation posts throughout the county to urge that some arrangement be made for a paid observer system.

Canadian Ship Reaches Port After Jap Attack

OTTAWA, June 26.—(AP)—The Canadian navy announced today that a Canadian-built merchant ship had been brought safely to a west coast Canadian port after "a determined attack" by a Japanese submarine.

The navy's brief statement gave no details of the attack because of security reasons. Similarly, there was no announcement of the place of the attack except that it occurred "off Canada's west coast."

"Some damage was done to the ship. The attack on the Canadian-built merchantman was the first reported submarine operation against shipping off the Canadian west coast, although several attacks on shipping have occurred in United States Pacific waters."

Despondency Over Health Leads Man to Suicide

LEBANON, June 26.—(AP)—Death of Vernon Raph, 39, Crawfordville, by a self-inflicted bullet was reported last night by Coroner E. C. Fisher. Fisher said Raph, despondent about his health, shot himself in the forehead with a .22 at his home Tuesday.

Planes, Tanks, Guns Rolling From Plants

Roosevelt Cites Heavy Output, but Warns U. S. Against Over Confidence

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that America's mighty war effort, in the single month of May, had turned out nearly 4,000 planes and more than 1,500 tanks.

The chief executive also asserted in a statement that this country also turned out nearly 2,000 artillery and anti-tank guns in May, and these were exclusive of anti-aircraft guns and those to be mounted in tanks.

The May output of machine guns exceeded 50,000 weapons of all types, including infantry and anti-aircraft. If sub-machine guns are added on, the total passes 100,000.

Mr. Roosevelt released these figures because, he said, they are going to give the axis just the opposite of "aid and comfort."

"We are well on our way," he declared, "towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals."

The last announced objectives of the war production program, told in the president's annual message to congress last January, were 185,000 planes in 1942 and 1943, 120,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns.

The chief executive, in citing the May figures, warned against over confidence. He said: "While these figures give you some idea of our production accomplishments, this is no time for the American people to get over confident. We need more and more, and we will make more and more."

Split On War Probe Plan

The house military affairs committee was split 10 to 12 today over its investigation of the war program.

In a minority report filed late yesterday ten democratic members decried the war department against charges of reckless expenditures made by nine republicans and three democratic members.

Filing of the minority report revived speculation that Chairman May (D-Ky.) might abolish the three special subcommittees that have been conducting the in-

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Tokyo Panic From U. S. Attack Told

ANKARA, Turkey, June 26.—(AP)—An eye-witness to the United States air attack on Tokyo last April 18, who was in a Tokyo street when the raid occurred, said the Japanese were thrown into panic and depressed by the feeble defense.

The story was told by a national of a neutral country who has just arrived here. "The daylight raid," he said, "was a complete surprise and shook the people's confidence as the government had boasted that American planes would never be seen over the capital."

"Tokyo's close-packed, highly-inflamable buildings were spared as the planes went on to bomb targets between the capital and Yokohama and other important industrial centers."

He said foreigners were not permitted outside of Tokyo to inspect the damage which, he said, apparently was heavy.

"I was on the street when the bombers came over," he related. "Sirens sounded and red warning flags and balloons went up. Many persons showed panic, rushing for cover."

I heard no anti-aircraft guns. Japanese pursuit planes were out-distanced.

"Some Japanese commented on the superiority of the American aircraft, Japanese newspapermen, questioned why the Japanese could not locate where the planes came from and intercept them, replied that they flew too fast and too high."

"The people insisted that Japan was going to win the war, but I got the impression that they were very much afraid of the United States. The press spoke of a long war and some people talked of it lasting ten years."

German Harbor City Left In Sea of Flame; Air Fields In Low Countries Also Strafed

American-Made Bombers Participate in Double Blow, Delivered at Cost of 52 Craft; Fresh Contingent of Canadians Bolsters Military Forces in England.

LONDON, June 26.—(AP)—Great fires were set by the RAF last night in the big German port city of Bremen, principal target of a devastating assault, which probably was the largest in the history of aerial warfare.

Indications were that the number of planes participating exceeded the flights of 1,130 and 1,036 bombers which laid Cologne and Essen in ruins on May 30 and June 1.

American-made Lockheed Hudson bombers belonging to the RAF participated in the Bremen attack, while Douglas Havoc fighter-bombers were used in other forays.

An air ministry communique told of one bomber force of "more than 1,000 planes" whose main target was Bremen and reported intensive attacks on air fields in the low countries by "a second force of bombers and fighters."

This force was believed to have been numbered in the hundreds. RAF Loses 52 Planes

Fifty-two planes were missing, the highest one-night loss ever experienced by the RAF, but informed sources said this was less than 5 per cent of those involved.

(This would indicate that more than 1,040 planes were involved. The Germans, agreeing on the 52 figure, contended it represented 25 per cent of the attackers.)

In addition to the Bremen raid, hundreds of fighter planes and fighter-bombers were believed to have participated in intensive harassing attacks on German air fields.

U-Boats Chief Target

Each of the three massive air blows has been aimed at a vital arsenal supplying war tools for Adolf Hitler's land, sea and air forces.

By centering on Bremen, the RAF evidently was adhering to a policy of making "priority targets" of U-boats, especially U-boats under construction. In the period since the Essen-Cologne raids, smaller RAF squadrons—presumably of several hundred planes—four times have smashed at Emden, a U-boat base 70 miles northwest of Bremen.

It was the second time this month that Bremen was signaled out by the British for the RAF's fire bats.

Canadian Force Increased Army camps in southern England, already bulging with Canadian soldiers, made room today for a fresh contingent of Dominion troops landed from a convoy escorted safely across the Atlantic by United States warships.

Included in the contingent were thousands of infantry and artillerymen, airmen and reinforcements for armored units, assembled.

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Chas. Mortimer Killed in Crash Near Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Charles Mortimer, superintendent of the CCC Camp Arboretum, north of Corvallis, was killed late Thursday afternoon when the truck in which he was riding was struck from the rear by another machine.

Mortimer whose home is at Rogue River, was riding in a CCC truck driven by Otho Brake, member of the camp crew, who stopped the machine at the side of the highway five miles north of town. Joseph A. Edwards of Shedd, driving another truck for a construction company at the Camp Adair, drove up behind and ran into the rear of the machine. Slippery pavement was believed partly responsible.

Mortimer has a wife and family at Rogue River, who are on their way here to make plans for the funeral.

Charles Mortimer was a former resident of West Roseburg. He moved from there about three years ago.

11,000 Truck Factory Workers Go On Strike

PONTIAC, Mich., June 26.—(AP)—Approximately 11,000 employees of the war-vital Yellow Truck and Coach company went on strike today in a dispute over wages for time lost during a 20-minute blackout and army officers and international union officials said they were "making every effort" to send them back to work immediately.

R. J. Thomas, international president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, appealed directly to the strikers to end their walkout, describing it as unauthorized and as a "direct violation of our constitution... and of our pledge to President Roosevelt that there will be no strikes for the duration of the war."

U. S. Diplomat Of 2-Continent Service Passes



BALTIMORE, June 26.—(AP)—John W. Garrett, United States ambassador to Italy from 1929 to 1933, died today at his home in Baltimore.

Garrett, 70, was the grandson of John W. Garrett, one of the original backers of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and one of its early presidents.

A career diplomat of independent means, Garrett served variously as secretary to the embassies in The Hague, Berlin and Rome and as minister to Venezuela, Argentina and Holland.

He served as chairman of a commission which negotiated an agreement between the United States and Germany on treatment of prisoners of the World war.

No Bids Received for Bridge Job Near Dillard

The efforts of the state highway commission to construct a much needed bridge across the South Umpqua river north of Dillard received another setback yesterday when no bids were received on the proposal for construction of an untreated wooden structure. The commission originally contemplated a steel and concrete bridge of standard type, but found bids so qualified because of priorities that all proposals were rejected. Plans then were drawn for a wooden bridge, using a minimum of restricted materials.

LIBERTY LIMERICKS

An interne from Sault St. Marie, Said—"After I've earned my M. D., I'll write this description On every prescription—Rx Defense Bonds—Must take 2 or 3!"

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