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CONVOY WINS BATTLE TO REACH MALTA

British Admit Loss of One Cruiser, Probability That Casualties May Be Greater

Two Axis Submarines Sunk, Two Cruisers Damaged In Three-Day Battle of Mediterranean, London Reports; Italian Warships Refuse to Fight.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—One of the greatest sea and air battles of the Mediterranean has cost Britain the cruiser Manchester and the aircraft carrier Eagle, but resulted in delivery of reinforcements and new planes for Malta and saw Italy's cruisers again turn tail and run, according to the British admiralty.

Known axis losses include two submarines sunk and two cruisers hit by torpedoes, said the admiralty's communique which today gave the first official allied account of the battle which had been in progress since Tuesday.

The admiralty intimated that the convoy might have suffered further losses or damage, saying, "It is not to be expected that extensive and dangerous operations of this type, carried out in close proximity to enemy bases, can be completed without loss."

It declared, however, that published axis claims were known to be exaggerated.

Axis Claims Extravagant
Combined German and Italian claims included: Sunk, three cruisers, two destroyers, 21 merchant ships and the aircraft carrier Eagle; damaged, one battleship, two aircraft carriers, including the U. S. aircraft carrier Wasp, and "numerous other steamers and men-of-war."

Originally, however, the Germans had claimed only 21 merchant ships were in the entire convoy.

With the exception of the Eagle and the Manchester there has been no confirmation of these axis claims from any source.

The Manchester was a 9,400-ton cruiser, completed Aug. 4, 1938. Her peacetime complement was 700 men. Besides 12 six-inch guns she carried three planes. The admiralty disclosed that many of her crew were rescued and others may have reached French Tunisia, near where she went down.

Italians Avoid Battle
The admiralty, countering axis claims, said that the Italian fleet was in the Mediterranean, but that it was not engaged in any battle.

Wreck of Missing Army Bomber, 4 Bodies Found
SPOKANE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The bodies of four men recovered from the wreckage of an army airplane found on Wolf mountain in Ochoeco National forest by a sheepherder yesterday were being brought by pack horse to Pendleton, Ore., today, the second air force announced.

The plane, a two-motored bomber was discovered by R. A. Humphries while searching for sheep on the 6,400-foot peak. It is the one which disappeared while en route to Spokane from Sacramento, Calif., last February 3.

Trees as large as three feet in diameter were sheared off by the plane when it crashed and wreckage was scattered over an area of 150 yards.

Names of the four fliers were not known here.

Bullet Aimed at Rat Hits Bride of 2 Months
LONGVIEW, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Owen Warbis, 21, formerly of Bandon, Ore., was reported in serious condition at a local hospital here today after a wild bullet, fired at a rat, ripped through three wooden walls and pierced her lung as she sat in bed.

Police say the bullet was aimed by her husband, Sydney, 20, of Longview, at a rat which he had cornered in a cupboard of the home into which he and his bride of two months had just moved.

As Mrs. Warbis sat up in bed to reach for her slippers, she came directly into the path of the bullet, which penetrated two plywood and one inch-thick walls.

Flax Processing Plant At Silverton Burns
SILVERTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—More than \$10,000 damage was caused last night when fire destroyed the city-owned brick building housing the Victor Elvstrom flax processing plant.

The exact cause of the fire is unknown, but it was believed to have started in a flax processing machine.

Former Glendale Man Loses Arm in Accident
GLENDALE, Ore., Aug. 14.—Donald Costello, former Glendale resident, is in a critical condition from injuries suffered in a truck accident near Wallawa, Oregon, according to word received here.

His left arm was badly mangled and amputation was necessary and he also suffered a fractured skull and crushed shoulder when the truck in which he was riding rolled after the driver lost control, it was reported. Costello had been employed by the forest service at Wallawa and was working with a forest crew at the time of the accident.

Death Damage Action Against Warden Falls
EUREKA, Calif., Aug. 14.—(AP)—A verdict favoring former Game Warden W. C. Blewett was entered yesterday in a \$50,000 damage action brought by Mrs. Alice Thomas of Del Norte county.

The suit was instituted by Mrs. Thomas after her husband was killed at Lake Earl in Del Norte county several years ago. After Thomas' death Blewett was tried on a charge of murder and acquitted.

The damage suit verdict favoring Blewett came from District Judge Martin I. Welsh who heard the two-day trial without a jury.

Death That Ended Turbulent Life of Dodge Heir Probed
DETROIT, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Police Inspector John O. Whitman ordered an autopsy today to determine whether John Duval Dodge, 43-year-old son of the late John F. Dodge, multi-millionaire automobile maker, died of a hemorrhage induced by excitement over a domestic quarrel or from injuries suffered in a scuffle at a precinct station.

Whitman said it was still undetermined whether a skull fracture, a cerebral hemorrhage or a stroke caused Dodge's death following the last episode in a turbulent career that often brought his name into headlines.

RESIDENT OF ELKTON SHOT IN HEAD

Sam Brown Of Oregon Political Fame Passes On



Samuel H. Brown

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Death took Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer who became one of Oregon's most colorful politicians, at a hospital yesterday.

Virtually unknown by his full name, Samuel Henry Brown, he died an extended illness at 68. He was a longtime member of the state legislature, as representative in the 1915 and 1917 sessions and as senator from 1923 to 1933.

Twice, in 1934 and 1938, he sought the republican nomination for governor, but it was his 1936 campaign against Charles L. McNary for the GOP senatorial nomination that perhaps attracted the most attention.

He stumped the state with "\$40 and a Ford" and when his tour was threatened by depleted funds he said, "I'll walk if I must." Many voters came to his aid with contributions of gasoline.

Brown was a pioneer in scientific agriculture. He was the first Willamette valley farmer to pump water from driven wells for irrigation and one of the first loganberry growers.

He had served as president of the Oregon reclamation congress, director of the North Pacific Nut-growers and member of the Oregon State college board of regents.

Born at Gervais, Brown followed a political bent of his father, also named Samuel, who was a member of the state senate for the sessions of 1868 and 1872.

The widow and two sons survive.

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MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S Red armies were reported to have crushed the first great naz onslaught toward Stalingrad today, counter-attacking to drive back the Germans after they had broken through and reached the Don below Kletskaya, 75 miles northwest of the big Volga steel city.

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Minimum Gas Supply Set For Fuel Stations
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes ordered service stations in Oregon and Washington today to maintain minimum reserve stocks of either 500 gallons or one-fourth of the station's total gasoline storage capacity, which ever is the lesser quantity.

Ickes said the action was necessary to increase reserve stocks of gasoline in the two states in view of transportation uncertainties and other war conditions.

By requiring retail outlets to maintain minimum reserves and keep working stocks above this level, suppliers would increase their storage capacity, Ickes explained.

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Part of City Reported In Flames; Situation in Caucasus Gets Worse

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Tax Spendings, Exempt Savings, Economist Urges
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University urged the senate finance committee today to tax tax spendings and exempt savings.

"In war time we are shooting away our savings and cannot afford to tax them away besides," the well known economist declared.

"Put a special tax on that part of personal incomes which is spent," he recommended, "and reduce (or still better) abolish all taxes on that part of incomes (whether personal or corporate) which is saved."

Under Fisher's proposal, special graduated taxes would be levied on personal spendings above a specified minimum exemption, say \$500 for single individuals and \$1,000 for married couples.

The professor suggested a 5 per cent tax on the spendings of an individual up to \$5,000 (\$10,000 for a married couple), 10 per cent on the next \$5,000 increment for individuals (the next \$10,000 for married couples), and so on in 5 per cent jumps until a maximum rate of 50 per cent tax would be reached on spendings on \$45,000 or over for single persons or \$90,000 or more for married couples.

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Ships Discovered Trying to Reach Garrisons Hurlled Out Of 3 Areas by U. S. Marines

Japanese Zero Fighters Attempting to Protect Warships, Transports Off New Guinea Defeated; Solomons Battle Growing to Major Proportions.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The battle of the Solomon islands exploded over a broadening area of the south seas today with allied bombers blasting away at Japanese warships and transports apparently trying to reinforce garrisons hurled out of three coastal areas by United States marines.

Allied flying fortresses and medium bombers caught the enemy vessels in New Guinea waters, west of the Solomons yesterday and drove home three separate attacks, a headquarters communique reported. Bad weather prevented the pilots from observing the full extent of the damage.

News of the land fighting still was meager as the battle of the Solomons entered its second week, and Washington's navy communique said only that operations were continuing.

There was every indication nevertheless that this first allied offensive of the war had now grown into a clash of major proportions and one which might alter the whole course of the Pacific struggle.

(The Japanese reported—without confirmation from any allied source—that their forces in the Solomons actions had sunk 13 British and American cruisers, nine destroyers, 10 transports and three submarines; had damaged one cruiser, three destroyers and one transport; and shot down 58 planes. Japanese losses were given as two cruisers slightly damaged and 21 planes lost.)

S. S. Admiral Ernest J. King announced last Monday that allied losses then included a cruiser sunk and two destroyers, two destroyers and a transport damaged.

(Tokyo's claims recalled its extravagant reports of allied losses in the Coral sea and Midway battles, which bore no resemblance to the facts. Both of those battles resulted in Japanese defeats.)

Jap Zeros Vanquished
The headquarters communique said that during the first of yesterday's attacks on the Japanese ships off New Guinea, six Japanese Zero fighters challenged a flight of flying fortresses and that two enemy craft were shot down and three damaged.

Seven Zeros engaged medium bombers in the second attack and one of the enemy fighters was destroyed. The third allied attack was carried out without interference.

All the allied planes returned to their bases, but some sustained damage.

The Japanese vessels attacked in New Guinea waters presumably were heading toward the Solomons from Salamaua, their chief base in New Guinea, or from Rabaul or Gasmata, in New Britain. The latter are some 700 miles northwest of the Taluga area, where the marines landed on three islands in the southeastern Solomons last Friday, and Salamaua is about 850 miles to the west.

Jap Bases Blasted
All three of the enemy-held ports have been pounded during allied aerial assaults which started against Japanese communications and reinforcement bases simultaneously with the attack on the Solomons.

Heretofore the attacks have been for the most part on the port installations and airfields, but with the latest assaults the action has moved eastward out to sea.

Four Japanese ships were left sinking or in flames in a Wednesday attack on Rabaul and some 2,000 miles farther to the west allied bombers earlier sank a merchantman and damaged two others.

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Navy Takes Over Strike-Tied Plant
BAYONNE, N. J., Aug. 14.—(AP)—The navy today seized the strike-bound plant of the General Cable corporation and announced it would reopen the factory at 1 p. m.

"Any interference with the operation of this plant is an offense against the United States," said the notice of seizure posted by Rear Admiral Harold G. Bowen.

A navy spokesman said, however, there were no present intentions of bringing in sailors or soldiers to enforce the order because compliance appeared a foregone conclusion.

The thousand workers whose unauthorized walkout had tied up production of cable for army and navy had welcomed a presidential order for seizure of the plant and predicted they would return after a meeting to vote the end of the strike. They had defied plant management, union executives and the war labor board in their demand for a wage increase.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NEWS from the battle in the Solomons is scanty as this is written but indicates that the marines are holding the beachheads they seized and perhaps even extending their grip.

No amplifying detail is available.

THIS long wait without news is wearing, but has to be endured.

Admiral Ghormley is busy fighting a battle—a VERY important battle. His communications are limited, because use of the radio can reveal a ship's position to the enemy—and just one slip of that sort might give the enemy an important advantage.

Such use of his radio as he can make he needs for giving his orders.

We'll just have to wait.

THE importance of the battle of the Solomons can hardly be overestimated.

By two swift strokes, the Japanese wrecked the defenses we had prepared at Pearl Harbor and at Manila. At Pearl Harbor they destroyed our aircraft on the ground and crippled our fleet. At Manila, by a sudden blow with carefully calculated superiority of forces, they wrecked our aircraft and at the same time so seriously damaged the airfields as to make it impossible to rush in long-range bomber reinforcements. From then on, the battle of the Philippines was a hopeless, losing fight.

Without aircraft in these days,

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