

TEN JAP WARSHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED AT KULA GULF

American Victory Costs Only Cruiser Helena; Toll of Jap Planes is Increased to 164

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, JULY 7.—(AP)—A United States naval victory in the Solomons—probable sinking of six Japanese warships and damaging of four others out of a cruiser-destroyer force at a cost of one cruiser—was announced today, one week after the outbreak of the current Pacific offensive.

The triumph, recorded by guns of American ships which flashed in darkness of July 5-6 in the Kula gulf above New Georgia island, was sketched in a communique from headquarters of Gen. MacArthur.

Although bearing out in clearer outline an earlier announcement from the navy in Washington that the Kula gulf battle definitely was an American victory, today's communique left many details to be filled in, including how many of the enemy ships hit were cruisers and how many destroyers. One definitely was a destroyer blasted by 500-pound bombs of American planes after it had been beached by damage suffered in the naval engagement.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ON all the far-flung fronts of this global war, over this Fourth of July week-end, American men in uniform LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR A CAUSE.

ON Vangunu island, just south-east of New Georgia, where we are closing in on the Jap airfield at Munda, they died storming a village that commands an anchorage where the little yellow men have been landing supplies and reinforcements.

(The losses at Vangunu are described as "relatively light." If your boy was among them, the loss is crushingly heavy so far as you are concerned.)

OVER Europe, from Sicily to the Baltic sea, they died in bombers and fighters. Likewise in India and China. Wherever, whenever, however the finger of duty tapped them and said "come."

All the while, the uniformed men of our allies were dying in the same ways.

HERE on the home front, we were dying also.

Up to Monday morning, some 190 of us had died violent deaths connected in one way and another with the two-day holiday—74 in traffic accidents, 55 by drowning and 61 from miscellaneous causes.

THERE were deaths from INDUSTRIAL accidents (not listed in the above total), striking down men and women staying ON THE JOB to produce material for the use of the men on the fighting fronts.

ALL over the nation, there were parades, watched by crowds that packed the sidewalks. The crowds were made up of ALL KINDS of people.

There were wounded men, (Continued on page 2.)

Scene of Latest U. S. Victory



Upper portion of the map shows the location of Kula gulf, where the American fleet defeated the Japanese in a two-day battle. The Japanese lost ten warships sunk or damaged; the Americans lost one cruiser.

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Adopted City Budget Calls FOR \$87,005

Minor Change Made for Sewer Job; Fire-Swept Buildings to Be Fixed

The Roseburg city budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 was adopted by the city council last night with only one change from the recently published tentative outline. The council voted to reduce the allotment for the street department from \$4,000 to \$3,000 in order to add an extra \$1,000 to the fund for the sewage disposal plant. The money is needed there to complete construction on a dyke being built to protect the plant from flood waters and for the purchase of a pump to be used in handling seepage during flood periods.

No one appeared to suggest budget changes and an ordinance was adopted fixing the total sum at \$87,005, of which \$56,105 will be raised by direct tax levy.

To Repair Buildings.

The council spent the greater part of last night's session in conference with A. C. Marsters, A. Kent and Lawrence Neuner, owners of buildings damaged in the recent business district fire. The owners announced intention of making repairs and sought information on the type of construction to be required. City Attorney A. N. Orcutt explained the ordinance, which provides that buildings damaged more than 50 per cent of their total value must be fully reconstructed of fireproof materials. Where damage is less than 50 per cent, buildings may be restored with the use of fireproof materials insofar as possible.

The council agreed that in making repairs the owners should provide firewalls and other protective features against future fires and referred final decision to the board of fire commissioners, which will meet with contractors to ascertain that all repairs shall comply with ordinance requirements.

Audit Authorized.

In consideration of routine business, the council heard the usual monthly reports, ordered an audit of the city financial records to be made by Charles Roberts, and instructed the city attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the salary increases provided in the new budget.

Councilman Percy Croft, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, reported that repairs and improvements at the Little Goodman property, which has been concerned in condemnation proceedings, have been made in compliance with the board's instructions and moved for the dis-

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House Again Hits Plan To Insure Crops

Senate Amendment to Second Deficiency Bill Turned Down, 123 to 52

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—The house refused to budge today in its stand for abolition of the government crop insurance program, and put squarely up to the senate the proposition of backing down from its insistence on the program or tying up a deficiency appropriation bill.

By a standing vote of 123 to 52, the house rejected a senate amendment to the \$366,000,000 catch-all second deficiency bill to allow \$7,818,748 for continued operation of crop insurance.

On several previous occasions, the house had overwhelmingly voted to abolish the program on the ground it cost more than it was worth.

The senate bowed to the house position when it passed the regular agriculture department bill with a house proviso allowing only \$3,500,000 to liquidate the insurance program.

However, senate backers of the plan reopened the fight by writing into the deficiency bill \$4,318,748 to supplement the \$3,500,000 fund approved by the house, and removing the house provision for liquidation.

The house action sent the bill back to the senate.

SENATE REVERSES SELF ON SUBSIDIES PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—In a sudden and dramatic turnabout, the senate rose up to do battle with the administration again today over the government's plan to roll back retail food prices by paying subsidies to processors.

Chances of starting a midsummer recess by nightfall faded hourly as weary lawmakers of both houses went into a juggle over a bill continuing the life of the Commodity Credit corporation but blocking the subsidy program.

The formidable task of the conferees was this: To reconcile diametrically opposite proposals in the senate version and the house-approved bill which lifted all subsidy-rollback restrictions, objected to by the administration.

Climaxing a seldom-seen demonstration of about-facing, senate opponents of the rollback voted late yesterday, over the

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Sex Slaying Of Girl Confessed by Former Offender

Ellsworth Hits Rules On Food Shortages

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Shortages in beef, corn, canned goods and other foods were blamed by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) on "countless orders, directives, regulations and controls," in a New York radio talk last night.

Ellsworth is secretary of the republican congressional food study committee which has been delving into the subject. The first need, he said, is to see that there is sufficient food to prevent hunger. "After that," he continued, "we can argue about the price." The problem, he charged, is being handled by lawyers who "are not food experts."

The girl was the daughter of Abe Hildebrand of Woodburn and Mrs. Martha F. Hildebrand of Dallas. The parents are divorced and Ruth had been residing with her mother.

Layton was in the Yamhill county jail at McMinnville when the investigation first linked him with the killing, Gurdane said.

On June 17 he picked up a 20-year-old girl in Yamhill county and attempted unsuccessfully to attack her, Gurdane continued. He was later apprehended and pleaded guilty before Circuit Court Judge Peters to a charge of simple assault. Judge Peters sentenced him to six months in jail.

Coupons Taken From Gas Ration Violators

PORTLAND, July 6.—(AP)—The OPA intends to find you out if you use more than the 90 miles allotted monthly for pleasure driving.

Investigators for the agency reported checking many cars at Oregon beaches over the Fourth of July holidays. License numbers will be checked against those taken previously at resorts.

Nazis Pay Heavy Price for Minor Advances in Russia; Bombs Bash Sicily, Sardinia

Fires Ravage Gerbini Field, 4 Satellites

Catania, Messina Also Blasted; Air Defense of Axis Nearly Erased

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 7.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses from North Africa and Liberators from the Middle East command poured hundreds of tons of high explosive and fragmentation bombs on Gerbini airdrome in Southern Sicily yesterday as the air siege that vital enemy base roared through its 36th hour.

The all-out effort to knock Gerbini and its four satellite fields from the map appeared nearing completion, photographs revealing terrific damage to administration buildings, hangars, parked aircraft and landing strips from the relentless poundings of the last two days and a night.

It was at Gerbini that Flying Fortress gunners of the Northwest African command destroyed 41 enemy fighters on Monday, and at least one more axis plane was shot down during yesterday's double daylight blow.

Score Favors Allies.

A Middle East communique said approximately 50 Liberators participated in yesterday's smash, dropping more than 285,000 pounds of high explosive and fragmentation bombs on Gerbini. One enemy fighter was reported destroyed and two damaged while every Liberator returned safely.

Flying Fortresses from this base struck shortly after dawn and reported hits on an ammunition dump, administration buildings, hangars and five landing strips. Five planes of the Northwest African force were reported missing from the day's operations, against two enemy aircraft destroyed.

During Monday night RAF Wellingtons hammered at Gerbini, starting five fires, while Biscari and Milo airfields were assaulted by other bombers. The same night heavy British bomb-

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Dealers Called On to Turn in Cigaret Tax

SALEM, Ore., July 7.—(AP)—The state tax commission mailed thousands of cigarette tax blanks today to cigarette dealers who must pay the commission money they collected under the state cigarette tax law, which was in effect for only a few weeks two years ago. The law was killed by referendum.

Many dealers collected the tax, but didn't turn the money over to the state when the law was killed. The recent legislature provided that the dealers must give 95 per cent of the money to the state, and that they can keep the other 5 per cent.

The tax amounted to 2 cents per package.

Jack Dempsey Granted Interlocutory Divorce

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 7.—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, U. S. coast guard reserve, the former world's heavyweight boxing champion, was awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce today from Hannah William Dempsey, former musical comedy actress.

Official Referee Young of the supreme court, who heard the case last month, ruled that Dempsey's charge of his wife, infidelity in Los Angeles on Nov. 22, 1942, "was proven beyond doubt."

The question of the custody of the two children was set for later decision.

They'll Visit World's Warfronts



The five senators who will make a round-the-world trip to battlefronts to "investigate matters pertaining to the war effort" take a look at the route they'll follow. Left to right they are: Sen. Albert B. Chandler (Dem., Ky.), Sen. James M. Mead (Dem., N. Y.), Sen. Richard B. Russell (Dem., Ga.), Sen. Ralph O. Brewster (Rep., Me.), and Sen. Henry Lodge, Jr., (Rep., Mass.).

Ex-Beauty Queen, New York Girl Aid Wheat Gather

PRETTY PRAIRIE, Kas., July 7.—(AP)—Two Kansas farmers started the harvesting of 720 acres of wheat with three hired hands—one experienced man, a former university beauty queen and a New York girl seeking the west for the first time.

Today the grain is ready for shipment to a hungry world and the feminine hands, Mrs. Venore Voran of Pretty Prairie and Mrs. Dottie Watson of Downsville, N. Y., are sunburned but proud.

They're war wives, with husbands in North Africa, and they volunteered to help relieve the farm labor shortage. Mrs. Voran, a beauty queen at the University of Kansas not long ago, is the wife of Lieut. Bruce Voran, Pretty Prairie banker.

Barefooted and barebacked, Mrs. Watson drove the tractor. Mrs. Voran, sleeves and pants legs of overalls rolled, wielded a shovel, loading wheat from a combine and hauling it to market. The hot Kansas sun baked the ground, but the girls were on the job 12 hours a day.

"I didn't think the girls would last long," admitted L. R. French, one of the farmers. "I fully expected them to play out in a day or two at the most."

But the banker's wife and the New Yorker stuck to the task, just as women have on other farms. And this wheat-producing area sent 2217 cars of the grain to Kansas City, largest after-the-Fourth-of-July run since 1941.

Senate Passes Bill to Boost Corn Ceiling

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Legislation to raise the ceiling price of corn from \$1.07 a bushel, Chicago basis, to \$1.40 was approved by the senate today and sent to the house.

Passage came on a voice vote with only a scattering of "noes." Farm state senators pushed the bill through despite an admitted attempt by Senator Danaher to load it down hopelessly with amendments.

Violinist Zimbalist, 54, Marries Widow of 66

ROCKPORT, Me., July 7.—(AP)—Violinist Efrim Zimbalist and Mrs. Mary Louise Curtis Bok, daughter of the late publisher Cyrus H. K. Curtis, were married yesterday at Lyndonwood, the bride's summer home here. Zimbalist is 54, his wife, 66.

Roosevelt Tells China Aid Pledge To Be Fulfilled

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent a special radio greeting to the people of China today on the sixth anniversary of their resistance to Japanese aggression.

The message, read for the president in a transmission from San Francisco to Chungking, was followed by excerpts from former addresses by Mr. Roosevelt in his own voice.

"Our friends have long known what our enemies are learning today," the message declared, "that the promises of the United States are always kept and our pledges are always redeemed."

"The statements which follow have been made by me at various times since we joined hands with you in this war. It is good to know that the hopes and the promises I expressed on these former occasions are all being borne out today."

"I send you, the people of China, the heartfelt greetings of your partners, the people of the United States."

"There followed these reproductions of past addresses by the president: "We are fighting on the same side as the brave people of China, those millions who for years have withstood bombs and starvation and have whipped the invaders time and again in spite of the superior Japanese equipment and arms."

"Chungking has been almost wiped out of existence—yet it remains the capital of an unbeatable China. That is the conquering spirit which prevails throughout the United Nations in this war."

"No matter what advances the Japanese may make, ways will be found to deliver airplanes and munitions of war to the armies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek."

Roseburg On List for Community Canneries

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)—Twelve Oregon cities will have community canneries this year.

Canneries were opened this week at Silverton and Milwaukie, and others are being established at Roseburg, Grants Pass, Salem, Woodburn, Molalla, Myrtle Point, Cottage Grove, Lakeview, La Grande and Albany, the state advisory committee of the war production training program reported at a meeting here yesterday.

Reds Smash 1,271 Tanks In Two Days

Losses of Enemy Also Include 314 Planes and More Than 10,000 Sailors

MOSCOW, July 7.—(AP)—The German army has paid a terrific toll in tanks and manpower as the price for the "insignificant gains" achieved in two days of bitter fighting in the 1943 summer offensive on the Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front, the Russians said today.

While acknowledging the loss of two unidentified towns near Belgorod at the southernmost end of the revitalized 165-mile front, the Red army announced last night that in two days its artillery had smashed 1,271 enemy tanks and shot down 314 planes while the German loss in dead exceeded 10,000.

Battlefront dispatches said that German armor battering forward in great weight on a narrow sector forced the Russians to evacuate two populated places, but that two hours later the soviets counterattacked, halting any further enemy advance and somewhat restoring the soviet positions.

Advices from the front pictured great battles taking a terrible toll in blood and armor. Four German infantry columns were reported to have attacked near Minsk, 30 miles from Orel, to be driven back with 600 men killed. One column won and held Russian trenches briefly before falling back in a soviet counter-attack.

Russian airplanes hammered again and again at German concentrations of men and supplies behind the lines.

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Indian Potentate Acquires Another American Wife

RENO, Nev., July 7.—(AP)—The 1,325,089 people of Indore have a new American Maharani—an attractive, 29-year-old brunette.

It took two divorces and a marriage—all in a day—to make Mrs. Euphemia Watt Crane the wife of the Maharajah who rules the vast central India state.

The 33-year-old Maharajah—Y. R. Holkar—is his name—was married to Mrs. Crane last night after each was granted a divorce. It was his third marriage.

He was divorced yesterday morning from his Maharani of five years, the former Marguerite Lawler Brannen of Fargo, N. D., once a nurse for his daughter.

She was divorced shortly before noon from Frank Arthur Crane, said to be an employee of an American aviation company in India.

Both charged extreme cruelty in closed hearings.

Holkar's father, Maharajah H. Tokoji Rao 3rd, also married an American woman—Nancy Miller of Seattle, Wash. He abdicated in 1930.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Calling all gourmets: Quit "beefing" about the shortage of beef supplies; don't "blat" about the mutton alternative, grunt about the pork prices or turn up your nose at the limburger. And bear in mind a second front is more necessary than a second helping.