

JAPANESE LOSE FOUR MORE WARSHIPS AT KULA GULF

Cruiser, 3 Destroyers, Likely 2 Others Sunk by U. S. Fleet; Fall of Ringed Munda Nears

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 13.—(AP)—A Japanese cruiser and three destroyers were sent to the bottom of the Kula gulf—graveyard of at least other enemy warships—by guns of the United States navy in a battle which began last night.

Two other enemy destroyers probably were sunk and enemy losses may be even greater when all reports are in. The battle still was in progress, it was indicated, at the time preliminary reports were received today by Gen. MacArthur from Admiral Halsey.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AMONG the lesser horrors of the war on the home front is the new penny, which can be, and with great frequency is, mistaken for a dime—especially when it is fresh from the mint and deceptively shiny.

It would take its place among the major destroyers of morale but for the fortunate fact that one gets a dime instead of a penny about as often as he gets a penny instead of a dime.

Whenever that happens, it lightens the gloom.

THE morale-destroying qualities of the new penny are peculiarly apparent in California (where these words are written), because here one's change almost invariably includes pennies.

You board a street car. You are promptly subjected to the same process that is applied to a sardine when it enters a can. That is to say, you are squeezed in until your shape is elongated by about two inches and reaching your pocket becomes a major maneuver. When you get your change you are in no position at all to get out your spectacles and your magnifying glass and make the careful and exacting tests that are necessary to determine which are pennies and which are dimes.

So you dump it into your pocket and rely on the working out of the averages to keep your books in balance.

WHAT really matters is the fact that we have a government that is so utterly unfamiliar with the fundamental problems of business that it coins pennies that can't be told from dimes without the aid of experts.

YOU'LL recall, of course, the recent zoot-suit episode in Los Angeles which the press associations insisted on handling in the light, frivolous manner known professionally as "feature" writing, which effectively concealed whatever facts may have been involved.

This seems to be the story, at least in rough outline:

FOR some time there have existed in the Southern California metropolis organizations of Mexican youngsters that appear to be a sort of mixture of the Italian Mafia, the Apaches of the old Paris Latin quarter and American high school fraternities. Among the requirements for admission into these organizations is having been convicted of or at least charged with some minor crime. Their male members adopted the zoot suit as a sort of uniform, and their "gun molls" affected among other things the wearing of a knife at the belt.

The story goes that the zoot-suiters molested a sailor's girl, and the ensuing ruckuses developed out of the reprisals of the sailor's buddies who were promptly joined by soldiers and marines.

The favorite form of reprisal (as you have read in the papers) was to stand zoot suiters on their heads and strip them of their absurd pants. Fortunately these near riots didn't reach the point of blood-letting.

They died down when the army (Continued on page 2.)

But already Japan has expended between 13 and 17 cruisers and destroyers in two battles in the Central Solomons while trying to hold apart the jaws of a mantrap which American jungle fighters are clamping on the enemy air base of Munda, on New Georgia island.

Both battles in the Kula gulf which is 15 miles long and eight miles across at its widest part, occurred as units of the Japanese navy, moving down from the Northern Solomons, encountered United States war vessels blockading New Georgia's coastline along the gulf. In the first battle July 5-6, loss of the cruiser U. S. S. Helena was acknowledged. Available reports on the second battle mentioned no United States losses.

Munda Isolated. Today's action-packed account from General MacArthur showed Japan everywhere losing the fight for Munda—on New Georgia, in the air above it and in the seas offshore.

Ten miles northeast of it, a Japanese ground force of considerable strength was trapped at Enogai inlet and wiped out. Munda has been cut off from its supply port on the Kula gulf by a barricade bristling with guns thrown across the connecting jungle track. East of it, American jungle fighters are less than two miles away.

SAYS AIR BLOWS WON'T OUST JAPS FROM KISKA

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. William E. Lynd, new commander of the Fourth air force said yesterday that "air force alone cannot drive" the Japanese out of the Aleutian islands area.

"We've been bombing Kiska for the past year, and the Japs still haven't left," he pointed out. He placed under "opinion not worth much" any comment on (Continued on page 6)

F. J. Lonergan Chosen National Elks Lodge Head



Frank J. Lonergan

BOSTON, July 13.—(AP)—Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, Ore., was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today at the opening of the Elks war conference and 79th grand lodge sessions here.

Lonergan, a practicing attorney and a member of the Elks for 27 years, has held numerous offices in the order. He served as exalted ruler of the Portland lodge, No. 142, in 1927-28, and again in 1938-39. He was district deputy grand exalted ruler in 1928-29, 1929-30, and 1939-40; a member of the grand forum in 1934, and chief justice in 1935. He also is a past president of the Oregon State Elks association.

The full support of the 550,000 Elks of the country to a continuation of the order's wartime program of cooperation with the government in its all-out prosecution of the war was pledged by Lonergan in his speech of acceptance.

Calling for full production without interruption, Lonergan said that the Elks "should not and will not approve or condone any acts of unwarranted work-stoppage or mob violence."

Lonergan also called attention to the juvenile delinquency problem of the nation.

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ALLIES CAPTURE AUGUSTA IN SWEEP UP SICILY COAST

Reds Force Nazis Out Of Orel Sector

Von Kluge Shifts Major Drive Back to Belgorod, Trying to Expand Wedge

MOSCOW, July 13.—(AP)—Marshal Von Kluge threw the entire weight of his armored columns into a furious attack today against the southern end of the 200-mile Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front in an action designed to enlarge the Belgorod wedge and blast a major breach in the Russian lines.

Dropping all efforts to break through on the northern end of the salient, Von Kluge fell back on the old Nazi power-house play, but the thick Red defenses remained impenetrable, although fighting became so violent that even tank crews of the opposing forces broke into hand-to-hand fighting on one occasion.

A German communique broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press claimed that the Nazi armored forces, with the support of the German air force, had gained further ground in the area just north of Belgorod and had smashed strong enemy counterattacks on other sectors of the front. The Russians suffered "heaviest losses," the German communique said, including a total of 400 tanks and 123 aircraft.

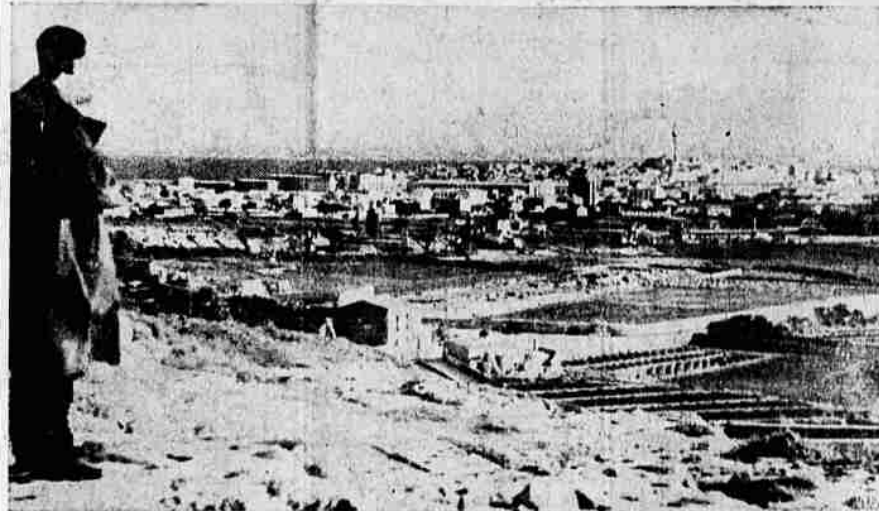
Reds Exact Heavy Toll

The tremendous success of the Red armies was indicated by an announcement today that the Germans have "despaired" of breaking through on the Orel-Kursk sector, after suffering immense losses in one of the most determined attacks they have launched since the nine-day offensive started. Today, the Russians said, German forces on this sector have been considerably reduced in size and are being used merely to consolidate their present positions.

But while the Russian midnight communique reported that German attacks were somewhat weaker in the northern area around Orel, the Soviet army newspaper Red Star said the struggle around Belgorod was daily becoming "more acute," with the Nazis hurling wave after wave of 60-ton Tiger tanks into the fray in an attempt to widen a wedge they drove into the defenses last week.

The Russian midnight communique (Continued on page 6)

Sicilian Cities Fall Before Allied War Blows



At top—Palermo, capital of Sicily and key harbor on the northern coast, was reduced to ruins by multiple allied bombing raids that preceded invasion of the island. Lower photo is a view of Syracuse, western Sicilian port and one of the cities captured in the allied land drive. Often torn by war in its 2,000 years of existence, Syracuse is expected to be the principal springboard for the allied invasion of the Italian mainland.

Fraud Charge Hits Shipbuilding Firm

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(AP)—Indictment of the Sullivan Dry Dock & Repair corporation of Brooklyn and five officers and employees on charges of fraud and submitting false claims in the building and repairing of ships for the navy and maritime commission was announced today by Attorney General Biddle.

Biddle said the indictment, in five counts, was returned by a federal grand jury at Brooklyn after an investigation by the FBI. Along with the return of the indictment, Biddle said, United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy filed a civil suit to recover penalties and double the amount of overcharges alleged in the indictment.

The company has been building PC boats (sub chasers) for the navy and has been altering, converting and repairing ships for the army, navy and maritime commission under both the cost-plus system and negotiated contracts.

Roseburg Forger Denied Sentence Reduction

Raymond O. Demareuz, serving a 15-year term at Mc Neil Island, will remain in confinement, according to Federal Judge James A. Fee, who denied in Portland yesterday Demareuz' motion for a reduction of sentence. He was sentenced in the federal court in March, 1937, on conviction of forgery after passing a civil service retirement check in the sum of \$124 alleged to be stolen from Whitefield Levi Ruhl of Roseburg. Demareuz made his home in Roseburg for several years.

American Soldiers in Africa List Desires

KANSAS CITY, July 13.—(AP)—These things, in this order, are what soldiers in Africa desire above all else, Lieut. H. A. Fraser, Jr., writes his mother: (1) A sight of the United States; (2) mail from home; (3) an American meal; (4) few cream and soft drinks; (5) whisky; and (6) a modern bathroom, complete with hot water.

Fugitives From Boys' Training School Caught

Three youths, 14 and 15 years of age, who escaped Saturday night from the state training school for boys at Woodburn, were taken into custody here early this morning. The three youths were located about 10 o'clock last night by a state policeman who found them driving a car reported stolen Sunday at Hubbard, Oregon, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported. The boys fled into the brush near the Richfield Beacon station when the officer started in pursuit, and state police and county officer searched until 2 a. m. today before the trio was rounded up and confined in the county jail.

U. S. Postage Stamp To Honor Luxembourg

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(AP)—A new 5-cent postage stamp honoring Luxembourg will be placed on sale here August 10. Postmaster General Walker said the stamp, one of a series honoring countries overrun by the axis, would be sold in other cities later.

Youth Arrested Here Faces Seattle Charge

Harmes Wesley Peery, 19, recently arrested here and held for Seattle authorities, was on his way back to Washington state today to face charges of car theft and burglary, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported. Peery had admitted auto thefts and four burglaries at Seattle, where he stole electric motors for transportation to California, Morgan said. Seattle police told local authorities, Morgan said, that more than 12 counts have been brought against the youth in Washington.

Wreck Near Sutherlin Laid to Excess Speed

The derailment of a Southern Pacific passenger train near Sutherlin last May 8 resulted from excessive speed on a sharp curve, the Interstate Commerce commission reported today after reviewing findings made by investigators. The accident resulted in the death of Engineer Corbett and minor injuries to 15 passengers and three employees.

Magnesium Plant Hit By \$500,000 Blaze

MARYSVILLE, Mich., July 13.—(AP)—Fire that flared out of control in a unit of the Dow Magnesium corporation's new \$20,000,000 plant here this morning caused damage estimated at \$500,000. Spread of the flames to other units was averted, firemen said.

Fall of Catania, Two Other Cities Impends; Americans Smash Axis Counterattacks

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 13.—(AP)—Allied invasion forces swept up the east coast of Sicily at a breathtaking pace today, capturing the port of Augusta, 19 miles north of Syracuse, and piling ashore on the beaches near Catania, major city nearly halfway up the coastline to Messina.

British and Canadian troops fought their way into the two strategic communications centers of Ragusa and Palazzola in the Southeastern corner of the embattled island, forming a junction with the American troops of Lieut. Gen. Patton at Ragusa as the latter pushed steadily northward and eastward from their original landing points. Florida, eight miles west of Syracuse, was also taken.

Again the veteran American troops repelled a fierce counterattack by axis forces, destroying a number of enemy tanks and taking prisoners, a headquarters bulletin announced.

Palazzola is 20 miles west of Syracuse and its capture marked the farthest point of advance inland by the invading forces. Ragusa is 12 miles southwest of Palazzola. Both are prizes of great strategic value, being junctions for virtually all the main and secondary highways in southeastern Sicily.

Loss of the two cities will deprive defending axis forces of much of their mobility in their desperate efforts to head off the many-pronged allied offensive. Ragusa is in the mountains and gives the forces in possession clear control of the surrounding countryside.

The capture of Augusta was preceded by a heavy bombardment from allied warships, which stood off and lobbed high explosives into the town. Minesweepers cleared sea approaches to it.

Details of the new landings near Catania were not given immediately, but it was assumed they were made by units of the veteran British Eighth army which originally attacked that side of the island.

Allied losses in the capture of Augusta were officially described as slight. Port and harbor installations were said to have been undamaged.

Italian General Captured. General Davet, commander of (Continued on page 6)

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Turin Blasted In Air Raid on Italy

LONDON, July 13.—(AP)—Home-based bombers of the RAF struck a heavy blow at Turin in northern Italy last night in operations coordinated with the allied invasion of Sicily, the British announced today.

The raiders encountered bad weather both on the outward and return trips, the announcement said, but the sky was clear over the target area and they unloaded the "usual heavy concentration of bombs" on their objectives.

Taking a different route going and coming the big bombers flew a round trip of approximately 2,000 miles.

A communique, describing the attack as "heavy and concentrated," said 13 bombers of the "strong force" were lost.

Fighters and fighter-bombers attacked railway and other ground targets in France, Holland and Belgium while the Turin raiders were engaged in the long-range operation.

An Italian communique broadcast by the Rome radio, reported that 101 persons had been killed and 203 injured in the raid on Turin and acknowledged considerable damage.

Streamliner, Freight Train Crash; Man Hurt

CARP, Nev., July 13.—(AP)—A fireman was injured and passengers were shaken early today when the Union Pacific's streamliner City of Los Angeles and a freight train collided on a curve here, railroad officials announced.

A Union Pacific spokesman said the Chicago-bound streamliner was pulling out of Carp when the westbound freight appeared around a curve. The head-on collision seriously damaged the streamliner's first power unit and the freight engine, he reported. The fireman on the freight suffered a broken leg.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. F. Reizenstein

Musolini radios Italians in Sicily that he is with them "in spirit." It's a good bet, however, that the islanders prefer the allies who will be with them with food supplies.