

# 17 JAP WARSHIPS CRIPPLED BY U. S. CARRIER PLANES



COBLENZ MOP UP—German fighting men, routed out of their stronghold in a Coblenz building, march off to prisoner of war camps as American Third army troops enter the building to search for snipers still firing from concealed positions. Signal corps radio-telephoto.

## U. S. 3rd, 7th Armies Shut Trap in Saarland; Reds' Guns Ring Stettin

### 100,000 Nazis, Industry Hubs Debacle Cost

(By the Associated Press)  
The German debacle in the Saarland and palatine may have cost the Nazis 100,000 men thus far, a headquarters dispatch from Paris said today, as the U. S. Third and Seventh armies slammed shut traps which may boost the overall prisoner total alone to 75,000.  
Four Third army column battalions moved toward Ludwigshafen, Mannheim, great industrial center, as the mop-up of prisoners continued. It was estimated that 50,000 Germans were captured by the Third army since its smash across the Moselle, and the Seventh was not even tabulating its daily bag.  
Two Third army columns were within five miles of Ludwigshafen as the disorganized and fleeing German remnants were

### Russia Denounces Her Treaty With Turkey, Says "Improvements" Needed

MOSCOW, March 21—(AP)—Soviet Russia last night denounced her 1925 treaty of friendship and neutrality with Turkey and declared "serious improvements" were needed in the pact.  
This treaty does not correspond to the present war situation and it is necessary to make "serious improvements," said an announcement from the soviet commissariat of foreign affairs.  
The 20-year pact would have been automatically renewed on Nov. 7 this year unless denounced six months before hand.  
An Izvestia editorial said that "in the present war there have been individual moments when relations between the soviet union and Turkey could desirably have been better."  
The newspaper made no reference to Turkey's recent declaration of war on the axis. The previous diplomatic rupture between Turkey and Germany in 1944 was scoffed at by Russian newspapers at the time. They held that it was a disguise behind which close connections were maintained between Ankara and Berlin.

### Springboards For Attack on Berlin Sought

MOSCOW, March 21—(AP)—The First White Russian army, now in possession of virtually the entire east bank of the Oder from the Baltic to its confluence with the Neisse, crowded siege artillery to the very edge of Stettin today after wiping out the enemy's Altdamm bridgehead.  
The menace to Berlin grew hourly as Marshal Zhukov probed many places along the river, seeking springboards for his next big attack east and northeast of the city.  
Marshal Konev still is engaged in liquidating trapped garrisons in Breslau and Glogau on the upper Oder, but has moved additional units of his First Ukraine army group to the Neisse line southeast of Berlin.  
In East Prussia, Marshal Vastevsky, for two years chief of staff of the red army, was staging the final kill in a dwindling German pocket along the coast south of Braunsberg.  
Disclosure that Vastevsky had

### Roosevelt Voices Appeal for Funds To Aid Red Cross

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Four million workers, spurred by a presidential appeal to every American to help meet needs of fighting men, renewed their efforts today to collect \$200,000 for the Red Cross.  
President Roosevelt called for over-subscription of the 1945 war fund in a brief radio address last night.  
"This is no call for charity," he said. "This is our chance to serve those who serve us."  
Mr. Roosevelt said he couldn't predict when victory would come. But there is nothing unpredictable, he added, about 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat and another 70,000 in enemy prison camps.  
"The need never was greater," he asserted. "It will not soon be less."  
The president said he could testify from personal observation to usefulness of the Red Cross in battle zones. He said it has sent food, clothing and medicines through the barbed wire of enemy prison compounds, collected blood plasma that saved thousands of lives, provided refreshments, entertainment and good cheer and linked fighting men with loved ones at home.  
The fund drive ends March 31.

### 107,000 Foreign Farm Workers Stated for U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Approximately 107,000 foreign farm workers will be brought into the United States this year, Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) has informed.  
Horan said Maj. Gen. Philip S. Bruton, labor officer of the Agriculture department, told him on his return from Mexico that he is "quite sure" that 75,000 Mexican nationals will be available. In addition, 25,000 Jamaicans and 7,000 Bahamians are expected for the crop season. This would represent an increase of 16,000 to 20,000 over last year.  
Agriculture Secretary Wickard told the house appropriations committee recently that the number of domestic farm workers had declined approximately 200,000 since a year ago.

### Bronze Star Awarded Sergeant Harry Collison

Sergeant Harry Collison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collison, Rt. 1, Roseburg, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action against the enemy while in combat Jan. 28, in the Philippine Islands, according to word received by the parents from Major General Leonard F. Wing, commanding officer of the 43rd infantry division.  
Sergeant Collison, formerly a member of Co. D, 162nd infantry, 41st division, was transferred to the 43rd division about two years ago and participated in the invasion of Luzon.  
He is a graduate of Roseburg High school, class of 1943.

### Diphtheria Shuts Only Theatre, School in Town

MOLALLA, Ore., March 21—(AP)—This small town's grade school and only theatre were closed today because of a diphtheria epidemic.  
Health officers reported 36 probable cases in the town, whose population is a little over a thousand. No deaths have occurred.  
A strict quarantine was clamped on all affected families—one family had four cases—and residents were urged not to attend public gatherings.

### Legislative Acts Held Confidence Building

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Industry and capital have more confidence in Oregon as a result of the recent legislative session, a Kewanee luncheon was told by F. Harold Young, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc.  
While taxes were not reduced there was no upward swing and a worthwhile adjustment was noted, Young said yesterday. He declared Oregon is in a better position than Washington, where large sums of money were appropriated.

### Absolves Dairymen From Butter Shortage Blame

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Northwest dairymen are now doing a near record amount of milk despite wartime labor and equipment problems and are not to blame for the current butter shortage, a War Food administration official said today.  
Paul C. Adams, dairy and poultry branch representative, expressed belief that the civilian consumption of butter must be limited as long as military demands require heavy production of powdered whole and condensed milk, cheddar cheese and ice cream.

### Dr. H. M. Erickson New Oregon Health Officer

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson, official, has become state health officer, succeeding Dr. Frederick M. Stricker, who resigned after more than 24 years' service.  
Dr. Stricker said he did not want to serve "one minute" after his 70th birthday Saturday. Dr. Erickson, his assistant since 1941, was sworn in at the state health board's quarterly meeting yesterday.

### Boy Latest Victim in Portland Traffic Toll

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Portland's 1945 traffic toll stood at 23 today with the death of Ernest F. Schaefer, 10, fatally injured when a truck backed into him.  
Police said the driver apparently failed to see the boy standing behind the vehicle yesterday. Last year's fatalities at this time totaled only 10.

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## Curfew Defi in N. Y. Hit

### Soldiers Told To Obey Cease Order, 12 p. m.

Mayor LaGuardia Says He Just "Runs City," Not Allowed to "Run Army"  
NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, replying to President Roosevelt's support of a midnight curfew as against the mayor's 1 a. m. amusement deadline, said today "he's running the city; I'm just running the city."  
LaGuardia said he was "too busy running the city" to comment on the nation-wide reaction to his defiance of War Mobilizer Byrnes' request.  
"I'm running the city," the mayor continued. "I tried to run the army but they wouldn't let me."  
This latter remark was in reply to a question about his reaction to a War department order directing army personnel to observe the midnight deadline and apparently referred to the time he sought an army commission.  
War Dept. Cracks Down  
The War department move, interpreted as the government's first counter-measure against LaGuardia's curfew extension, was put into effect here last night.  
In New York City, which still is holding out as a 1 a. m. oasis, the order came as a surprise to cafe owners, barkeepers and grumbling soldiers.  
The first inking anyone had of the order was when military police suddenly appeared in the plush confines of the Stork club and ordered all army personnel to leave.  
The second service command then confirmed that a midnight curfew enforcement order had been issued and a few minutes later in Washington the War de-

### Natural Fish Spawning Better Than Hatcheries, Oregon Director States

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—The widespread belief that hatchery propagation is a more efficient means of conserving and naturally spawning is a misconception, Dr. Paul Needham, director of state game commission fisheries, told the Rotary club here.  
"We found in California that you can't begin to stock a stream as economically as the natural replenishings," Dr. Needham said yesterday. "It would take hundreds of hatcheries to accomplish the same results."  
He said 98 per cent of naturally deposited eggs survive. Dr. Needham urged improvement of the environment in which fish spawn, cleaning up of streams and protection of fish in the pre-spawning period.

### Waste Paper Drive Slated For Roseburg

Plans have been arranged tentatively for a city-wide waste paper collection in Roseburg April 12 and 13, it was announced today by Abe Bean, chairman of the county salvage committee. The paper collection in Roseburg will be conducted through the high schools, under the supervision of Paul S. Elliott, city superintendent, and Omer J. Monger, principal of the senior high.  
Detailed instructions will be announced at a later date, Mr. Monger said today.  
General instructions, however, are that newspapers, magazines and cardboard should be divided into separate bundles. Scrap paper should be packed tightly into strong cardboard cartons. It is important, Mr. Monger stated, that all bundles and cartons be tied securely. Collectors will be instructed to refuse all bundles which are not securely tied.  
Carefulness Emphasized  
During the last campaign the



ICKES' SON WOUNDED—Raymond W. Ickes, USMC, above, son of Harold I. Ickes, secretary of the interior, was wounded in action on Iwo Jima, according to word received by his wife, Miralotta L. Ickes, of Silver Springs, Md.

### Packers Blamed For Meat Muddle

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles said today that "we remain the best fed nation of the world," but he acknowledged that civilian meat supplies will be shorter this year.  
Testifying before the senate banking committee, Bowles asserted that the American Meat Institute, representing the majority of packers, is attempting to "capitalize" on War Mobilization Director Byrnes' statement on the meat situation "by using it as a basis for an attack on price control."  
"Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our farmers, and in spite of the tremendous food needs of the direct war effort," he said, "we remain the best fed nation of the world, wartime or peacetime."  
"Certainly civilian meat will be shorter than at any time during the war but that arises from the extraordinary needs of the war effort. Moreover, and this is the vital point, the shortage would not be relieved in any degree by higher returns to the packers."  
"OPA will not be stamped in to giving price increases."  
The Meat Institute had contended that government price control policies were largely responsible for the shortage.

### Disobedient Negro Wacs Sentenced

FORT DEVENS, Mass., March 21—(AP)—Convicted of refusal to obey orders, four Negro Wacs were sentenced last night to one year at hard labor and to be discharged dishonorably.  
The quartet had contended they were ordered to perform menial tasks in Lovell general hospital because of their color.  
Two male Negro officers and two white Wac officers were members of the seven-man court.  
The first service command disclosed today that a similar sentence was imposed last August on a white Wac convicted of the same offense.  
The verdict, announced after an hour and ten minutes deliberation, was taken calmly by the four in court. One of them, Private Morrison, however, became hysterical after leaving the room and had to be forced, screaming, into an army car by MPs.

### Burning Capital Of Panay Island Entered by Yanks

MANILA, March 21—(AP)—American troops fought their way into the burning city of Iloilo, capital of Panay, as they expanded their hold today on that central Philippine island.  
Gen. MacArthur, announcing that troops of Maj. Gen. Ralph Brush's 40th division had reached the outskirts of the city, reported "heavy fires" were burning.  
The Americans captured the Iloilo airdrome and Carpenter's bridge over the Iloilo river at the eastern approach to the capital.  
Another 40th division column drove 25 miles northward from Sunday's invasion beachhead at Tigbauan, to overrun the coastal plain inland from Iloilo and join forces with strong guerrilla units. Panay is the 25th Philippine island invaded in the liberation campaign.  
Other guerrillas, on northern Luzon island, wiped out the Japanese garrison at San Fernando and seized that Lingayen gulf port. San Fernando is the most important port north of Manila and northern terminus of the Manila railroad.  
The invasion of southwestern Mindanao island also progressed.  
Bombers struck Formosa with 106 tons of bombs. They hit and sank a 1,000-ton freighter.  
Bombers on the South China sea blockade patrol destroyed or damaged three small freighters and a 10,000-ton oil tanker.

### New Price Rules To Be Told Roseburg Dealers

A meeting will be held in Roseburg Wednesday, March 28, to acquaint apparel and house furnishing retailers with provisions of new orders and regulations of the Office of Price Information. It was announced today from OPA headquarters in Portland. Similar meetings are to be held throughout the week in all principal Oregon towns. Announcement of time and place for the local meeting will be given as soon as arrangements have been completed.  
Hosna Evans, district OPA price executive, stated. All dealers are requested to keep the date open and to be prepared to attend the meeting, at which OPA price division staff members will explain new regulations in detail.

### Churchill Denies Claim of Abundant Food Stocks

LONDON, March 21—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today denied the "suggestion in some quarters in the United States" that Britain had 700,000,000 tons of food stocks on hand and said the country had rather less than 6,000,000 tons.  
This amount, he said, is in the process of being reduced by aid to the liberated countries and by the end of June will amount to only 4,750,000 tons.  
The prime minister explained that Britain's food stocks had been "built up by foresight and self denial over five years and under bombardment."

### Portland Rats To Be Inspected for Fleas

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—A \$2500 laboratory to determine whether Portland rats have fleas had been approved today by the city council.  
City commissioner Fred L. Peterson said the inspection will disclose whether the rats are carrying fleas which might spread bubonic plague, pneumonia plague or typhus. Previous tests, made in San Francisco, disclosed no infection.

### Spooners Banned From Parking at Cemetery

WAUKEGAN, Ill., March 21—(AP)—Sheriff Walter L. Atkinson says he doesn't have to look at the calendar to be reminded that spring is here.  
He's issued his annual spring order to deputies to stop young couples from parking in the entrance to a cemetery. They'll have to find a new place for their trysts, he said, as cemetery officials complained the couples are stopping traffic.

### U. S. Submarine Barbel Overdue, Listed as Lost

WASHINGTON, March 21—(AP)—The submarine Barbel is overdue from patrol and presumed lost with its officers and crew, normally about 65 men.  
The vessel, commanded by Lt. Comdr. Conde Leroy Raquet, was the 34th American submarine reported overdue and presumed lost, and the 40th lost from all causes, including four sunk and two destroyed to prevent capture.  
It was the 273rd naval vessel of all types lost in the war.

### Salary Scale Upped for Teachers in Portland

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Salary increases giving Portland teachers a minimum of \$1,300 and a maximum of \$3,300 held the approval of the school board today.  
The present scale—though a temporary cost-of-living increase has been added—runs from \$1,600 to \$3050. The new higher scale, recommended by the superintendent of schools, failed to pass at an earlier board meeting by a tie vote with one member absent.

### Grocery Violator Gets Off With Mere Warning

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—One of the Portland grocers that accepted ration stamps after they were cancelled last Christmas received its formal penalty today—a warning not to do it again.  
Marvin E. Lewis, OPA hearing commissioner, upheld the OPA's claim that information given to Oregon Grocers by an OPA official constituted formal notification of new ration rules. The store contended that verbal notice was not official.  
At the time of the hearing here, Lewis said he would not issue any penalty more severe than an admonitory order.  
Cases of other grocers, who accepted expired stamps for a day after they were canceled, are still pending.

## Enemy Fleet Found Hiding In Inland Sea

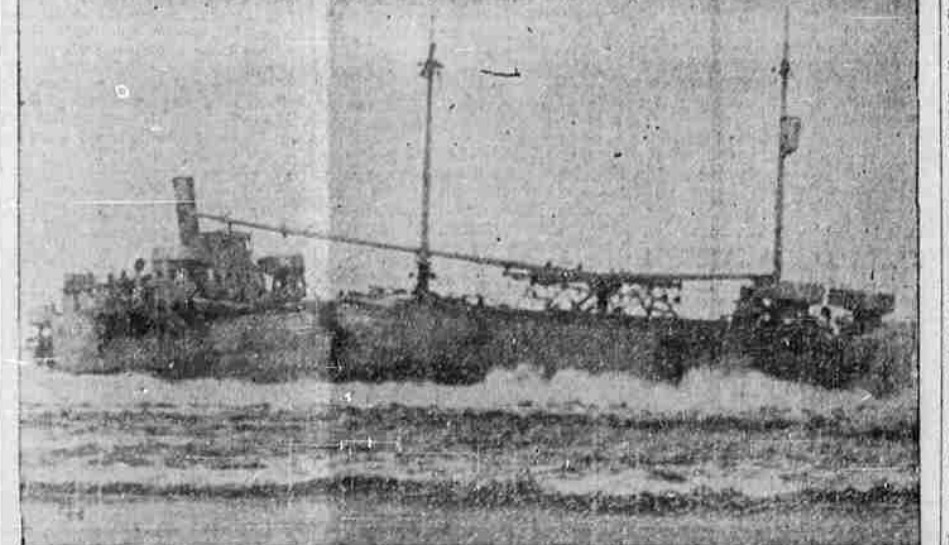
### 575 Nip Planes Destroyed Or Damaged; 1 Yankee Vessel Gets Bad Smash

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, March 21—(AP)—At least 17 Japanese warships, including a 45,000-ton superbattleship and eight aircraft carriers, were crippled Monday by more than 4,000 American carrier planes which hunted down the bulk of the enemy home fleet hiding in Nippon's 240-mile-long inland sea.  
The audacious raiders from Vice Adm. Mitscher's world's largest task force, penetrating a hitherto untouched area which Japan considered safe for her navy, also destroyed 475 enemy planes Sunday and Monday and damaged well over 100 more.  
Net one American warship was sunk, although one was damaged seriously and others sustained minor blows as the Japanese home-based airforce sent wave on wave against Mitscher's armada. All ships moved away under their own power.  
Combat losses of the carrier planes "were extremely light." Damaged Ships Listed  
These first fragmentary accounts of the most daring naval action of the Pacific war were pieced together today from a preliminary report of Adm. Spruance of the U. S. Fifth fleet and first hand accounts of pilots given to Associated Press Correspondent Hamilton W. Faron with Mitscher's task force.  
The fliers, who swept over Japan's major naval bases and scores of air bases assigned to de-

### British Pursuing Japs After Taking Mandalay

BALICUTTA, March 21—(AP)—British troops struck out from newly-won Mandalay today to mop up Japanese forces squeezed in the area between the ancient city and Melikita, 75 miles to the south.  
British forces hold Melikita, cutting the southern escape routes for some 30,000 Japanese troops in central Burma and leaving the invaders only minor mountain trails eastward into Thailand.  
Fort Dufferin, the last Japanese stronghold in Mandalay, fell yesterday to the British after 500 fanatical enemy defenders escaped through allied siege lines at night.  
Civilian internees reported they suffered numerous casualties during the allied aerial and artillery bombardments of the port during the weeks the Japanese held out. They said the Japanese often forced them to stand out in the open during the attacks.

### SEA CLAIMS STEAMER—Driven ashore near Coos Bay by a terrific gale last Saturday night, the steamer Alverado, pictured above, was broken in two by pounding surf, and its cargo of nearly a million feet of lumber was lost. The entire crew of 31 of the 2500-ton vessel was saved after a hard battle with heavy seas.



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### Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
By way of impressing the coming world peace conference with some of our home front freedoms, Uncle Sam might have Mayor LaGuardia deliver the address of welcome, John L. Lewis furnish the coal to warm the hall, James P. Hirsch furnish the music for entertainment and some of our husky 4-F athletes check hats and act as ushers.  
And Sinatra might be prevailed on to sing, "We're All Pals Together."