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Underwater A-Bomb Sinks 5 Ships

Battleship Arkansas, Carrier Saratoga Go Down; Five Other War Vessels Heavily Damaged

By HOWARD BLAKESLEE

ABOARD U. S. S. APPALACHIAN, Bikini Lagoon, July 25.—(AP)—The first underwater atomic bomb, exploding with an awesome roar that thundered upward into a cloudy geyser, destroyed the battleship Arkansas and sank the huge old aircraft carrier Saratoga and seven lesser vessels today.

Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead, in the best position to view the blast from a B-29, said it was so powerful that the Arkansas was shoved far out of her original anchorage just before she plunged and other target vessels near the center of the fleet of 75 were tossed about like toys.

First to go in the mighty plutonium blast that was the second chapter of the Army-Navy "Operation Crossroads" was the old 28,100-ton battleship Arkansas. She and two small craft, a yardoller and a tank-landing ship, simply disappeared in the pink-fringed mist.

Seven hours and 32 minutes later, the 33,000-ton Saratoga, war-worn old carrier, settled restlessly to the bottom of the Bikini lagoon. Her prow nosed upward as if her stern were resting on the bottom, then disappeared.

A little later five submarines of the six that had been submerged in the lagoon were found to be resting on the bottom. Whether they were crushed or had sunk through some defects in their air lines was not known. Full Damage Still Unknown

Probably the most powerful man-made force ever loosed—per-



FIRST—Mrs. Frances Dustin, secretary to Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.), became the first woman clerk to enter the Senate chamber during a session. The Senate set aside a long-standing tradition of 160 years to allow Mrs. Dustin to consult with Sen. Brewster in the chamber. Heretofore only male clerks have been admitted to the Senate.

District IWA-CIO Meet Scheduled

More than 100 delegates will be in attendance tomorrow morning at the opening in Roseburg of the annual conventions of the Council of Plywood Workers, District 9, IWA-CIO, and of the ladies' auxiliary, Chet Ross, council president, announced.

The meeting will be in the civic room at the Umpqua hotel. Tomorrow's sessions will start at 10 o'clock.

The district includes the states of Oregon and Washington, Ross said.

Speakers at the convention will be Al Hartung, regional director of organization; Kearley Larson, international vice president of the IWA; J. E. Laux, secretary-treasurer, and George Brown, director of organization.

It is not yet certain whether James Fading, international president of the IWA, will speak. He is, however, expected to appear, Ross said.

District officers, in addition to Ross, are Gordon Johnson, district secretary-treasurer, and Henry Peck, vice president.

Production Hit By Shortage of Freight Cars

NEW YORK, July 25.—(AP)—Lack of ample freight-carrying space threatened today to clamp an undeciphered but nonetheless rigid ceiling on the nation's productive effort.

Why produce more goods than you can expect to ship? was a question already confronting some industries.

The shortage of freight cars was so acute there were reports in railroad circles that the Office of Defense Transportation would recommend further steps to speed deliveries of new units.

One proposal discussed was for the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to finance purchase of 50,000 cars for lease to the carriers, with priorities on scarce materials for quick construction.

Individual railroads already have some 40,000 freight cars on order.

Tie-Up Includes Grain

The car building industry points to a drop from 2,814 deliveries in May to 2,034 in June as emphasizing a need for assistance in obtaining materials, principally steel and lumber.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., a U. S. Steel subsidiary, cut its Chicago area operations 25 per cent this week because of a car shortage; Pittsburgh manufacturers' output of storage space anticipated steel mill curtailments within a week; in northern states grain was piled on the ground at bulging elevators and on farms awaiting shipment. Some coal mines were reported closed temporarily.

The situation stems from high production, at record levels in many lines of manufacture, with resultant demand for a huge amount of shipping space, and the fact that less than 200,000 freight cars were built during war years when essential materials were diverted to armament needs.

Railroad carloading this month approached 900,000 cars a week, July level untouched in peace time since the record year of 1929.

Four Forest Areas in Douglas County Shut; Entry Needs Permit

Closure to entry, except by permit, of the coast range, Cow Creek, Upper Smith River and Paradise Creek forest areas was ordered effective today in a proclamation by Governor Earl Snell, Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective Association, reports.

The proclamation requires that any person entering upon these lands first secure a permit from one of the several conveniently located stations. The precaution is made necessary, it is stated, because of the extreme fire danger resulting from hot, dry weather.

Entry permits are available from the association's headquarters in Roseburg, or at the following stations in the respective zones:

Coast Range—Twee Guard Station, Ernest Short ranch, Wardell ranch, Arthur Hardesty ranch, Landers Lookout, Tenmile Guard Station.

Lower Cow Creek—Riddle Fire Warden Station, Glendale Fire Warden Station, West Fork store.

Upper Cow Creek—Davis Creek Fire Warden Station, Milo store, Azalea Fire Warden Station.

Upper Smith River—Paradise Creek-Leona Fire Warden Station, Elk Creek Guard Station, Weatherly Creek Guard Station.

U. S. Firm on Atomic Bomb Control Plan

NEW YORK, July 25.—(AP)—An authorized source said today that the United States would continue to press for adoption of the Baruch atomic control plan despite Russia's declaration that she could not accept the key U. S. proposals.

This source said the United States delegation did not consider yesterday's statement by Soviet Delegate Gromyko as Russia's final position on the atomic control question, but regarded it merely as an "argument" against the Baruch plan.

"We believe our plan can be sold," the informant continued. "We believe the facts will bring everybody in line with our view."

He added that the U. S. position had not been changed as a result of Gromyko's declaration and said there was no indication that it would change.

"We haven't any alternative"

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Fire Razes Home On Calkins Road

A house on the Calkins Road burned to the ground last night, after a delayed call to the fire department resulted in the dispatch of equipment when the blaze was practically gone. Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor said.

The first alarm came to the fire department over its recreation hall telephone when the fire had been raging for several minutes. The volunteer fireman on duty, answering the phone, was asked, "Have you gotten a call about a fire on Calkins Road?"

When he asked if the blaze was inside the boundaries of the Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District, the fireman was told "No."

A few minutes later a second call came over the department's regular telephone, 99, and a truck was dispatched to the fire by the Mackinson family, he said.

Taylor has not completed his investigation of the cause of the fire, but he laid its probable origin to a member of the family attempting to kindle a fire in the stove with the possible use of coal oil.

Poultry Feed Situation in Northwest Improved

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The poultry feed situation in Washington and Oregon is "much improved" and threatened liquidation of flocks of poultry has not materialized, N. E. Dodd, assistant secretary of agriculture, told Senator Mitchell (D., Wash.) today.

Dodd notified Mitchell last month that 245 cars of feed were on route to the states.

Since then, Dodd said, 75 cars of oats and 57 cars of barley have been sent and 154 cars of corn by-products ordered from mid-west processors.

The assistant secretary said that when the price of the corn by-products was increased slightly on July 1, a number of the consignees canceled their orders and the department was "somewhat in the dark" as to the number actually delivered.

Defeated Sheriff Plans \$50,000 Whiskey 'Party'

TULSA, Okla., July 25.—(AP)—Sheriff A. Garland Marrs, defeated in a runoff primary, plans to throw a \$50,000 whiskey "party" before his successor, W. V. Caffey, takes over Jan. 1.

The sheriff explained his party wouldn't be the cocktail variety, for under Oklahoma law he must destroy the 10,000 gallons of seized liquor now in his custody.

"I have held on to it a long time, in hope some day the legislature would enact a law permitting sale of this liquor so that funds could be returned to the taxpayers," said the sheriff ruefully.

Diphtheria Puts Aleut Isles Under Quarantine

SEATTLE, July 25.—(AP)—Discovery of seven positive diphtheria cases and 13 suspected cases has resulted in placing the Aleutian Navy base in the Aleutians under quarantine, the Alaska sea frontier headquarters at Kodiak revealed last night.

The announcement said, however, the situation was considered "well under control" with no new cases having developed during the past 24 hours.

Naval installations at Attu also were placed under quarantine today, and the naval district headquarters said no civilian workers would be taken to the two bases until it was lifted.

One Killed, 6 Hurt as Jews Battle German Cops

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 25.—(AP)—One Jew was killed and at least six persons were injured last night in fighting between Jewish displaced persons and German police near Munich, the U. S. Third Army announced tonight. American troops were called to restore order.

Scores of German civilians and 50 to 100 Jews from the Wolf-rathausen displaced persons camp, 15 miles south of Munich, were involved.

The Third Army said a shooting fray on a road outside Wolf-rathausen started the riot and it spread rapidly to the town. Jews from the camp started a parade and demonstration which finally was broken up by American military police.

AFL Prepares for War On 'Tactics' of CIO

SEATTLE, July 25.—(AP)—A meeting, scheduled this Friday of representatives of every AFL union in the state, will produce enough news "to cause an earthquake," President E. M. Weston of the Washington State Federation of Labor told newsmen last night.

Weston said the AFL conferees Friday will "take some definite action" on what he called "unjustifiable CIO tactics."

Wallet with \$10,544 Stolen in Washroom

SPOKANE, July 25.—(AP)—William D. Cline, former Boise, Idaho, auto court operator, told police yesterday that his wallet containing \$10,544 was stolen in a washroom at the Umatilla, Ore., bus depot while he was en route to Spokane.

The money he said represented his share of the sale of the Boise Auto court. He said he had planned to buy a home in Spokane.

Heat Kills 2,000 Turkeys On C. R. Dear's Ranch

SALEM, July 25.—More than 2,000 turkeys at the C. R. Dear ranch, near Independence, died Saturday as a result of the heat wave, it was reported here Tuesday. The loss was estimated in excess of \$200.

Dear is now attending the national turkey convention in St. Louis, Mo.



ENRAGED MOTHER DENOUNCES POLICE—Mrs. Anthonette Montenegro lunges at guards after stepping from the witness stand during an inquest in Los Angeles court, demanding "What dirty, stinking coward shot my little boy?" Mrs. Montenegro's son, Eugene, 13, was fatally shot by a deputy sheriff as the boy fled from a house that had been ransacked.

President Expected to Sign Measure, Following Senate's Approval by Vote of 53 to 26

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—President Truman's expected signature was the last step needed to revive OPA today. Except for rents many of the agency's wartime powers will be curbed or removed.

But on Capitol Hill, virtually no one expressed any real doubt that the President will sign the extension bill which the Senate passed a few minutes after midnight, 53 to 26, and sent to the White House.

The House previously had approved the measure, 210 to 142.

When signed by Mr. Truman, the bill automatically will re-establish rent and many of the price ceilings which lapsed July 1. OPA's plans are to follow quickly with a number of temporary adjustments on prices, pending calculation of new and higher ceilings required under the measure.

Heirens Indicted In Degnan Murder

CHICAGO, July 25.—(AP)—True bills charging William Heirens, 17, University of Chicago student, with murdering Suzanne Degnan, 6, and a former WAVE, Frances Brown, 33, were reported voted today by the Cook county grand jury.

Suzanne, daughter of James Degnan, a former OPA official, was taken from her North Side home early Jan. 7, slain and her body dismembered in the laundry room of an apartment building nearby. The dismembered body was recovered from five sewer openings in the surrounding area.

Miss Brown was found slain in her hotel apartment Dec. 10, 1945, some three weeks before the Degnan killing. She had been shot and stabbed repeatedly by an assassin who left this vivid message scrawled on the living room wall:

"For heaven's sake, catch me before I kill more. I cannot control myself."

Earlier State's Attorney William T. Tuohy said the handwriting on the Degnan ransom note and the lipstick message on the wall of the Brown apartment was that of the young college student.

House Votes Freezing of One Perct. Security Tax

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Freezing of the social security old age tax at one per cent for another year was approved by the House yesterday, preventing an automatic rise of 2.5 per cent on January 1.

The tax is levied against employees' pay and employers' payrolls.

The House defeated an attempt to make larger federal grants to poorer states for payments to needy aged, blind persons and dependent children.

Now subject to Senate action, the bill grants special survivors insurance protection to families of war veterans, for three years without cost, and blankets 200,000 maritime workers under social security unemployment compensation provisions.

The measure raises from \$20 to \$25 a month the amount the federal government will put up for matching state payments to each needy person.

West Coast Consumers On Spending Rampage

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—(AP)—West coast consumers are using their wartime hoard of earnings to support a spending performance that has never been witnessed before.

Spending by check alone totaled more than eight billion dollars in 31 western cities last month. It was the third month in coast history that spending in those cities had reached the eight billion mark. The other months, last December, when Christmas trade broke all records, and last March, when record income tax payments were seen, had special help to send spending to towering figures.

Chinese Reds Release Seven U. S. Marines

TIENSIN, China, July 25.—(AP)—Seven U. S. Marines who were captured July 13 by some 80 armed Chinese communists were released last night to a special executive headquarters true team, the Marine commandant announced today. They were unharmed.

The Marines were seized by the Chinese at a small village 22 miles southwest of the port of Chinwangtao, where they had gone to obtain ice.

Negro Sought in Killing And Assault Cases

PLANDOME, N. Y., July 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Church Logan, 50, North Shore, Long Island, society matron, was shot and killed and her 26-year-old former WAC sergeant daughter, Mary, was raped and shot in the head yesterday in their fashionable Flower Hill home.

Police, issuing a nine-state alarm for a suspect they identified as a young Negro with "stare eyes," said the man entered the Logan home and demanded money.

After Miss Logan had thrown some money downstairs to her mother, police said, the intruder shot and killed the mother, then went upstairs and attacked the daughter, finally shooting her in the neck and face.

Mrs. Logan's husband, William John Logan, is an executive of the Church and Dwight Company, baking soda firm. He is a former vice president of the Central Hanover Bank and was director for the War Production Board.

Officer Convicted Of Assault on Typist

BOSTON, July 25.—(AP)—Lieut. Thomas Farrell was convicted by a jury yesterday on three counts of assault with a razor blade on Miss Helen Stavrou, 18-year-old typist.

He was acquitted of charges of indecent assault and committing unnatural acts.

Farrell, veteran of 35 air missions in the Pacific, showed no outward emotion as the verdict was announced.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE IS SOME GOOD news as this is written.

If nothing drastic happens between now and harvest, according to the crop reporting service of the department of agriculture, production of corn and wheat in the United States this year will break all existing records.

BASED ON July 15 prospects, the crop reporters assert, the U. S. corn crop this year should reach a total of 3,487,976,000 bushels. The highest previous record was set in 1944, when 3,228,000,000 bushels were produced.

The previous record crop of wheat was last year, when the harvest came to 1,123,143,000 bushels. If present prospects are realized, this year's crop will reach a total of 1,132,075,000 bushels.

THE corn and wheat outlook has been getting steadily better since July 1. The July 15 report indicates an improvement of about 146,000,000 bushels in the corn crop since July 1 and some 42,000,000 bushels in the wheat crop.

THESE ARE PROSPECTS, of course. We must always remember that a crop can never be counted until it is finally harvested.

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Congressman May's Plea to Eisenhower for Clemency in Garsson Court-Martial Bared

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee today released correspondence showing that Rep. A. J. May (D-Ky.) appealed to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for clemency in the court-martial of Capt. Joseph H. Garsson, son of a munitions maker now under committee investigation.

Two letters from May to Eisenhower were submitted to the committee as part of its inquiry into the war profits of a midwest munitions combine—which was promoted by Murray Garsson, father of Capt. Garsson, also included was Eisenhower's answer to May's first letter.

May, who is scheduled to tell the Senate committee tomorrow about his activities on behalf of the Garsson combine, told Eisenhower in a letter April 12, 1945, that he spoke as a "warm personal friend" of the elder Garsson.

"That, of course, is my interest in the matter," the chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee wrote.

Eisenhower replied April 22 that he was referring May's let-

Lighter Fluid-Match-Boy Team Causes \$3,000 Loss

PORTLAND, July 25.—(AP)—Nine-year-old Paul Gleason found a match and some lighter fluid. When combined, they produced a candy blaze.

Fire Investigator Norman Howard said damage to the Gleason house was about \$3,000.

The trouble, he said, was that Paul poured the fluid into a can and set the can in an unused fireplace. The chimney was plugged with paper to stop drafts, and when flames roared into the paper, a roof fire followed.

Oregon GIs Have Low Rate of Unemployment

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Oregon veterans, who have received almost \$7,000,000 in GI benefits since V-J Day, have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said today.

About 46,000 of the state's 100,000 veterans have filed claims, but many never drew a check.

About 5,600 checks were paid out last week to veterans, compared with the peak of 15,000 in February.

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Lovely Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

The state liquor store in Roseburg is to move several blocks, necessitating more footwork for sundry of the thirsty. But— with apologies to Emerson—"though the store were located in the woods, the world would make a beaten path to its door."