

Destruction of Bismarck Seen As Favoring British Odds in Fight for Atlantic Control

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With the destruction of the German battleship Bismarck in the most lurid sea drama of this war, Britain's royal navy did more than avenge the lost battleship Hood and her people. It altered in Britain's favor the odds in the battle of the Atlantic, upon the outcome of which rests the fate of England and her empire.

At a single stroke a most menacing threat to British commerce in the Atlantic, the lifeblood of her war effort, has been removed. With the Bismarck gone and the less effective Nazi battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau immobilized at Brest for weeks, there remain only three German capital ships at most that could again jeopardize British convoys in mid-Atlantic.

Moreover, the grieving relatives of the Hood's dead and the royal navy may find comfort in the fact that it was the Hood which in her own death agony dealt the Bismarck the blow that ultimately sent her to join her victim on the wreck-strewn floor of the Atlantic. It was, according to German official accounts, a shell wound on her prow, landed by the Hood in a dawn-lit five minutes of tragedy, that slowed the Bismarck down and prevented her escape in the end.

Available to the Germans to renew the attempt at capital ship raiding remains certainly the Bismarck's sister battleship, the Tirpitz; and presumably two even more powerful and swift craft, the Friederich der Grosse and the Hindenburg. Both were under construction when the war started and probably are now either ready for sea or close to it. Both also are believed to be 40,000 tonners as compared to the 35,000 ton Bismarck and Tirpitz, the 26,000 ton Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the two remaining 10,000 ton "pocket battleships," the Admiral Scheer and the Lutzow.

Presumably the 40,000 tonners are faster and more heavily armed and of equal armor thickness at least with the Bismarck class. Neither has yet figured in the war, unless British bombers have hit them during raids on German navy and ship yards.

For the moment, however, it is only the Tirpitz against which the whole British strength of the British fleet in the Atlantic need stand guard. The two remaining Nazi pocket battleships are too vulnerable to cruiser or even merchant auxiliary gunfire to be a deadly menace. And a ship, the Bismarck, that would have been of prime value to the Germans in an attempted invasion of England has been wiped out.

Rally Noted In Stocks

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—The rallying spirit revived moderately in Tuesday's stock market as bidding came in for aircraft, steel and specialties.

Dealings and prices were indifferent during the forenoon, with many customers holding aloof pending the presidential fireside chat. Short covering appeared after mid-day.

While it was not a one-way market, and many issues still were in losing territory at the close, final gains for favorites ranged from fractions to more than a point. Isolated advances of three to four points were in evidence.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks finished of .1 of a point at 39.5. Transfers broadened to 385,230 shares against 300,080 the day before.

New 1941 tops were posted for Budd Mfg., preferred, Amerasia corp., and International Paper preferred. On the other hand new lows for the year or longer were pinned on Crown Cork, Armstrong Cork, Continental Can and American Tobacco. Cork company issues were hit by orders from defense authorities cutting processing operations in this country in half.

Prominent on the upside were Douglas Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Lockheed, Consolidated Aircraft, US Steel, Bethlehem, Budd Wheel, Anaconda, Kennecott, Caterpillar Tractor, General Motors, US Rubber, NY Central, Santa Fe, Standard Oil (NJ) and Savage Arms.

Money Powers Voted

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Despite sharp republican criticism of President Roosevelt and administration policies, the house voted, 226 to 138, Tuesday to continue the chief executive's emergency monetary powers for another two years.

Church Backs Defense

ST. LOUIS, May 27 (AP)—After a long and vigorous debate, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, USA, took a stand of aid to Britain short of war Tuesday and adopted numerous resolutions concerning the national defense program.

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Air, Ship Torpedoes Spell Death Knell of Bismarck

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peared to lie in the fact that they declared they were still able to land troops by sea and were doing so. This, London said, the axis had not been able to do.

The total German losses in the struggle for the island—including 5,000 to 6,000 drowned in the destruction of Nazi convoys—were put by Greek allied sources at no less than 18,000.

These were other outstanding war developments:

Military—In Africa axis columns were acknowledged by the British to have thrust several miles into Egypt in a new offensive, but the advance was said to have been slowed by the imperial defenders. In Ethiopia, the capture of an Italian artillery group with 8 guns was announced by the British, and the cleanup of scattered fascist forces continued.

In the middle east—which may be the next great battleground if Crete falls—Britain reported renewed bombing of objectives in Iraq.

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—"It was the hottest fire I've ever been under," said the pilot of one of the United States-built Catalina long-range flying boats which shadowed the 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck to her fatal rendezvous with the British fleet Tuesday.

The pilot looked thoughtfully Tuesday night at the several holes in the hull of his boat—holes put there by the terrific salvoes from the Bismarck during the brief interval that the plane slipped from one cloud to another.

Even so, the plane continued her dogged pursuit for ten hours after an overall flight of 24 hours, the air ministry's news service said.

Hewlett Rites Slated Today; Offices Close

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Lacomb, Fred Mitchell and Miller B. Hayden.

Without ritual or great ceremony, the services are to be simple, at the request of the family; interment is to be at City View cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Catherine Hewlett, an adopted grandson, Leroy Hewlett, Jr., and a granddaughter, Catherine Irene Siegmund.

Death of Judge Hewlett followed a long illness which had stricken him shortly after taking office. Because of pressing business before the county court, Governor Sprague is expected to announce appointment of a successor late today.

Scholarship Winners Told

PRATUM—The PTA committee composed of Mrs. George Kleen, W. E. Branch, and Arch Bowen, for determining the 4H scholarship winners met at the Kleen home. All members over 12 years of age in the health, cooking and livestock clubs were considered.

Edna Cowen was found to have the highest score and Wanda Rodgers second. Edna who chose to pay her own way, relinquished her half scholarship to Margaret Keller, who ranked third.

The awards were presented at the graduation exercises Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mead and son, Steve Silverton, were Sunday guests at the Frank Buehler home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Regier (Ruth Welty) and little son, Richard, Los Angeles, spent a week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Welty.

E. J. Welty who has been ill for the last month is convalescing at his home after spending a week in the Salem hospital.

Milk Hearings on

PORTLAND, May 27 (AP)—Heavy demand on the Portland market for grade A raw milk will continue unless pasteurizing is made compulsory, E. G. Bates, Elko dairy owner, testified Tuesday.

His statement was made at the resumption of the Oregon milk control board's long hearing, devoted at present to pooling and quota.

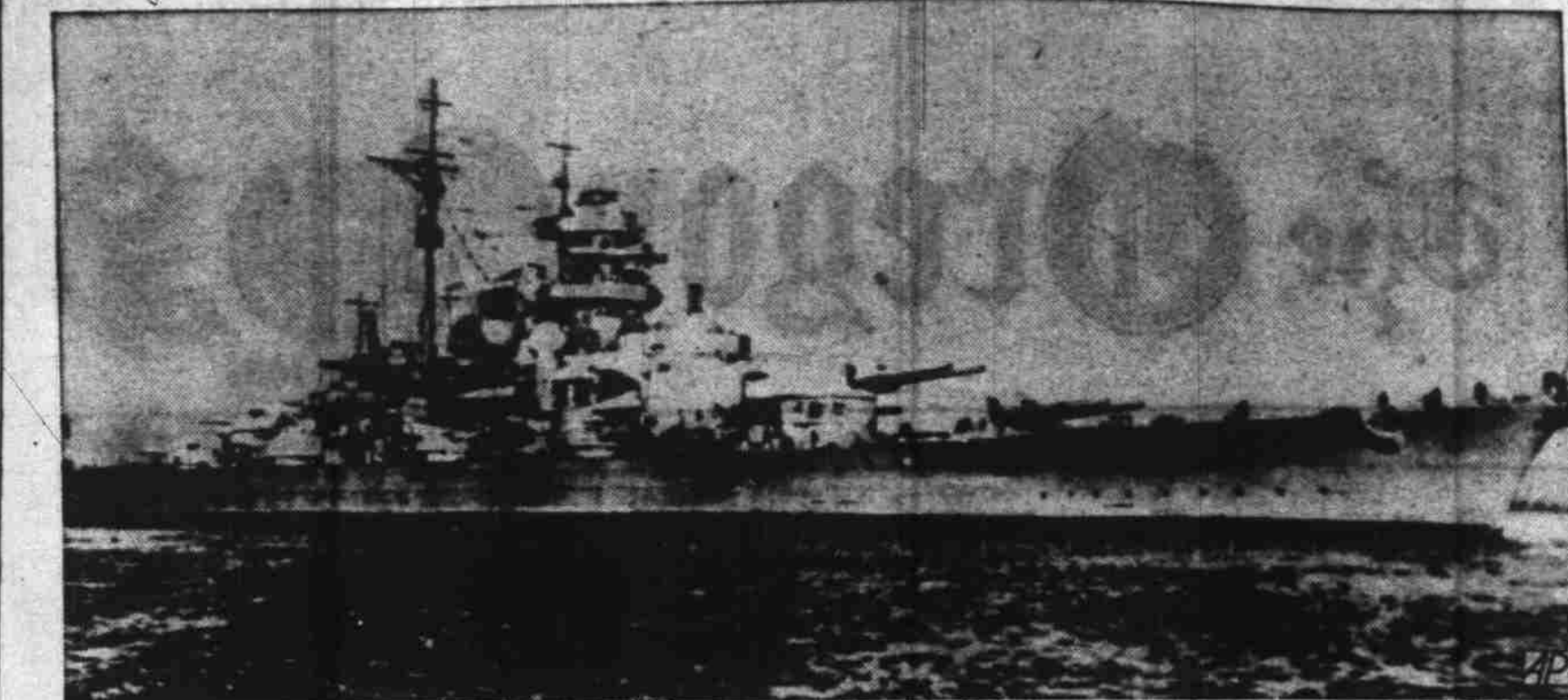
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The British finally and completely avenged the loss of their mighty battleship Hood sunk last Saturday off Greenland when Tuesday they caught up with the Germans' greatest battleship, the Bismarck, sending it to the bottom of the Atlantic a short 450 miles from Brest.

France. The epic of sea warfare will probably halt much of the Nazi activity in the North Atlantic for the Bismarck was considered a fourth of the German sea power. This photo by The Associated Press.

Teamsters in Deadlock on New Contract

Negotiations between distributors of beer and other beverages with Teamsters union Local No. 324 for a new contract to replace one that expired on May 18 have reached a deadlock, Dan Hay, spokesman for the distributors, announced in a prepared statement Tuesday.

The Teamsters asked for a new contract granting beer drivers \$8.20 a day, an increase of 80 cents; beverage drivers \$7.40, an increase of \$1.40, and bottle workers \$38 a week, an increase of \$10.50, according to Hay's statement.

Hay said the employers in a counter proposal offered to pay beer drivers 40 cents a day more than they had received under the old contract, beverage drivers 50 cents more and bottle shop workers \$5 more per week.

Walter Worrell, Teamster business agent, explaining he had been out of the city and out of touch with the situation, had no statement to make other than to assert that rumors of an impending strike or lockout "did not emanate from this office."

Hay's statement said the union rejected the employers' proposal and tendered a new contract calling for \$8.80 a day for beer drivers, \$8 a day for beverage drivers and \$42 a week for bottle shop workers.

The union also asked for \$42 a week for warehousemen with two weeks' vacation pay while the employers offered to pay them \$5.50 a day and allow one week's vacation.

The distributor spokesman said he represented the Gideon Stolz company, Bill and Fred A. Davis, W. T. Lord, Nehi Distributing company, L. M. Ramage, Wadhams & Co., A. Gerwin company, all of Salem; Leo Files, McMinnville; Cascade Distributing company, Albany; and Meadowland Creamery, Corvallis.

Picker Problem Increasing in Seriousness

"We are seriously in need of 600 berry pickers," W. H. Baillie, manager of the state employment service, declared Tuesday.

In order to get around the transportation problem several growers in the Silverton Hills area are sending trucks to the employment service office, 710 Ferry street, to pick up workers between 7 and 8 a.m. and return them again in the evening.

With the peak of the harvest still in the offing every indication seems to point to even a more serious shortage within the next few weeks and considerable concern is being expressed by growers throughout the county.

According to Acting County Agent Robert E. Rieder, the peak of the gooseberry harvest is past but berries will continue to come in throughout the week and the yield is reported to be good.

Youngberries, boysenberries and loganberries are in bloom and prospects point to a somewhat earlier harvest, possibly about the latter part of June.

Only about a 50 per cent crop of cherries is forecast by Rieder, but Polk county trees are reported in better condition. Picking is expected to start early in June.

War News Briefs

LONDON, May 28 (Wednesday)—(AP)—British bombers attacked the industrial city of Cologne in the German Rhineland Tuesday night, an authoritative source said today.

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—The official German radio in a broadcast heard Tuesday night by CBS reported that eight British warships "in a severely damaged condition" from German air attacks around Crete have put into Gibraltar for repair.

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—Pan American Airways announced Tuesday that John G. Winant, US ambassador to London, and Ben Cohen, his assistant, were scheduled to leave Lisbon by Yankee clipper Thursday morning enroute to Washington. The Yankee clipper will arrive at LaGuardia field Friday afternoon.

TOKYO, May 27 (AP)—Economic pressure by "hostile nations" may involve Japan in a new armed conflict, Captain Hideo Hiraide, navy ministry spokesman, told the Japanese press Tuesday. In an unusually frank exposition of the situation in the Pacific, Hiraide said such economic pressure, quite apart from European war developments and the Atlantic crisis, might "compel Japan to rise up in arms for self defense."

ANKARA, Turkey, May 27 (AP)—Fearful of a quick British victory over the poorly armed desert forces of Iraq Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, axis sources said Tuesday night that German military engineers are prepared to sabotage the rich oil fields at Mosul and Kirkuk.

France to Keep Fleet

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—France appealed anew to the United States Tuesday for understanding of her "difficult" position as a conquered nation, and gave written assurances that the French fleet and colonies would not be handed over to Germany.

Swegle News

SWEGLE—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bolton traded their home on East Turner road for the Simpson acreage on Garden Road and moved to their new home over the weekend.

Mary Baker is just recovering from several week illness with glandular abscesses which required an operation. She had to miss over a month of school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Conklin, Jane, and Mrs. Conklin's aunt, Mrs. Barry, spent the weekend at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Rual J. Smith were representatives from this community riding in the Saddle club horse show.

Several from this district voted on the coming debate at the school house money, William McKinney, master of Salem grange, made the arrangements for the meeting.

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hibit transactions in foreign exchange.

Place the coast guard under the navy (Mr. Roosevelt already has transferred part of it to the navy.)

Refuse clearance to vessels of a belligerent country which discriminates against American vessels or citizens.

Empower the federal power commission to require temporary connections for the transmission of electric energy.

Require any vessels to leave the United States waters or prohibit any vessel from entering them.

Remove duties from imported food, clothing and medical supplies needed in emergency relief work.

Waive or modify the monthly apportionment of federal appropriations.

Order the national guard and army and navy reserves to active duty (this already has been done).

Suspend Laws on Work

Suspend the law prohibiting more than eight hours' work in a day by persons engaged on government contracts (this has been done in some instances).

Suspend the rules covering transmission of radio and wire communications.

Close certain places to the public under the espionage laws.

Acquire land for military purposes (much of this already has been done).

Farmers Dust For Weevil

Dusting of Austrian winter field peas for control of the weevil is going on throughout Marion county, according to Acting County Agent Robert E. Rieder, who said the crop is now in full bloom.

Because of poor yields and the difficulty in controlling pests, acreage of peas has been cut down this year nearly 300 acres and only about 600 acres are now planted. Instead many farmers have planted hairy vetch because of its better yield.

Dusting for aphids on filbert trees is also occupying the time of the farmer. Walnut spraying is pretty well done until harvest time unless the aphids get worse, Rieder said.

Asks Planes' Funds

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress Tuesday for \$3,319,937,983 for another tremendous expansion of the army and navy air forces and legislative leaders immediately arranged for prompt consideration of the request.

Sprague Says Will Comment Later Today

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After listening to President Roosevelt's radio address Tuesday night, Alf M. Landon commented:

"It is the end of democratic government in the United States, temporarily at least. Under the powers now in the president's hands, he can do anything he pleases."

"Whether that means war is something else," added the 1936 republican presidential nominee.

LONDON, Wednesday, May 28 (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Britons gave up their sleep to listen to President Roosevelt's world broadcast proclaiming a state of unlimited national emergency in the United States and promising whatever may be necessary for safe delivery of war supplies to Britain. It was 4:40 o'clock in the morning here when the American president began speaking in Washington.

There was no official comment because of the late hour and there was no indication that Prime Minister Winston Churchill listened.

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—During President Roosevelt's 43-minute speech Tuesday night there was only one incoming call on the Associated Press office switchboard in New York.

The operator, who has handled the switchboard for 24 years, said the lone call was the least he had ever taken during a like period.

CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., May 27 (AP)—Hints that the unlimited emergency may mean extended military service for the national guardsmen from five western states making up the 41st division were dropped by high ranking officers Tuesday night after listening to President Roosevelt's speech.

"We've spent a lot of money getting the men into the present fine military shape they're in," said one officer, who declined to let his name be used. "With the emergency declared, we can't afford, with military tactics changing so rapidly, to release them."

Reserves Set Ladies' Night

Annual ladies' night party of Marion chapter, Reserve Officers association, is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at the Marion hotel. A short business meeting, featuring installation of new officers, is to be followed by dinner and dancing.

The Major Flynn trophy, awarded each year to the chapter furnishing evidence of highest all-around efficiency in reserve activities, will be on display. It has been won for the fourth consecutive time by Marion chapter and for the sixth of nine times awarded.

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