

Nazi Warships Escape In Battle Off Dover

Bitter Fight Waged

British Lose 42 Planes in Channel Row

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 13—(AP)—The long-refuged German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and the cruiser Prinz Eugen slipped away from their French coast anchorages Thursday with a strong air and surface escort and engaged the royal air force and the British navy in the greatest land-sea-air battle off the Dover coast since the fall of France.

After the furious battle, to which even the shore guns on the Dover cliff added their thunder, the German ships were last reported escaping to new bases in the Helgoland light.

The cost was great to both sides, in this tremendous gamble to free the 26,000-ton battleships and the Prinz Eugen, a survivor of the Bismark-Hood sinkings, for new Nazi implements in the battle of the Atlantic.

The British acknowledged they lost 42 planes including 20 bombers and said "casualties in our destroyers were not heavy."

The joint admiralty-air ministry communique early Friday placed the German losses at 18 fighter planes and said that despite poor visibility the crews of British planes and surface ships claimed five or six hits with torpedoes on the big ships. RAF pilots also were convinced they scored direct bomb hits on the three vessels.

The heavy German ships, bombed and reported hit free. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Posters Warn Enemy Aliens

Prohibited Areas in Oregon to Be Vacated Sunday Says Order

C. S. Burdell, special assistant to the attorney general, has announced that enemy aliens must vacate prohibited areas in Oregon by midnight February 15.

Col. Joseph L. Stromme, commanding officer at the Portland air base, said that the same held true of the area around the base although it was not one of the regular prohibited districts.

Posters in English, German, Italian and Japanese are to be distributed notifying aliens to consult their federal social security boards for additional information.

Portland, Feb. 12—(AP)—Enemy aliens may be barred from additional areas in Oregon, US Attorney Carl C. Donaghy said Thursday as federal agents began posting the 25 prohibited districts already designated.

Future orders may include the Portland metropolitan region, Donaghy said. If this is done, he estimated the total number of aliens affected in the state will be about 5000. Under present restrictions only about 1500—mostly Japanese merchants and truck gardeners—are affected, he said.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12—(AP)—Two Japanese, one German and one Italian alien were arrested as federal bureau of investigation agents searched alien homes in the Astoria district, J. Douglas Swenson, FBI chief here, said Thursday.

Swenson said those arrested had contraband articles in their possession. Eight guns, ammunition, two sticks of dynamite and five short wave radios were confiscated in the raid.

The search centered in the vicinity of Tongue Point naval air station, Fort Stevens, Astoria, Hammond and Warrenton.

Oregon Firms Get Contract

Portland, Feb. 12—(AP)—A \$5,000,000 contract for reciprocating marine engines has been awarded by the maritime commission to a Portland pool of 18 metal working plants, E. C. Sammons, president of the group, announced Thursday.

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Awake Yet?

The Japanese drive on Singapore has narrowed all questions down to one: "Can we survive or they?" So says Paul Mallon in his column on the Statesman editorial page today.

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Details Of January 31 Foray Told

US Loses Only Five Bombers; One Ship Hit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The navy department announced Thursday night that important Japanese naval and air bases flanking US supply routes into New Zealand and Australia were wiped out in the recent bold attacks by units of the Pacific fleet on the Gilbert and Marshall islands.

The mighty offensive actions—first since the Japanese smashed at Pearl Harbor December 7—also yielded a rich harvest of destruction in ships and planes.

Sixteen ships, including a converted aircraft carrier, a light cruiser, a destroyer and two submarines, were blasted into useless wreckage. Forty one enemy planes either were sent flaming from the skies or battered to bits on the ground.

The raid on the mid-Pacific isles, a surprise attack brilliantly executed, was carried out January 31 under command of Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, jr., of Washington, DC, the bases attacked were in the Marshall and Gilbert islands lying more than 2000 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor. Five—Roi, Kwajalein, Wotje, Tarao and Jaluit—are in the Marshall group, and one—Makin—is in the Gilbert group.

It is from the bases of these islands that the Japanese have sent their marauding submarines to raid shipping on the Pacific coast. It was from these bases, according to naval authorities here, that they intended to strike devastatingly at the US convoys carrying reinforcements and supplies.

Salem Chest Officers Are Re-Elected

All officers of the Salem Community Chest were reelected Thursday night by the directors, who also accepted the 1942 budget as recommended by the budget committee and discussed relationship of the personnel to war chest activities.

Officers are T. M. Hicks, president; Guy Hickok and Irl S. McSherry, vice presidents; Mrs. Roy Keene, secretary, and Lian C. Smith, treasurer. Directors recently elected to succeed themselves for a three-year term were W. W. Chadwick, Leo N. Childs, A. C. Haag, Dr. D. B. Hill, Floyd E. Miller, Irl McSherry and Linn C. Smith, and William Braun to succeed Ben J. Ramseyer.

This Destroyer Probably in Isle Fight



This is the starboard side of a destroyer which is protecting a convoy somewhere on the Pacific ocean enroute to the war zone. One officer is taking bearings of an object while a signalman (right) is blinking a message to another ship. (Official US navy photo from Associated Press).

Blaze Fatal To Girl, 8

Body Sought in Home Near Silverton; Car Wreck Hurts Family

SILVERTON, Feb. 13—The body of eight-year-old Nettie Alger, believed to have perished in the flames which Thursday night destroyed her family's home, was sought throughout early hours of this morning. State police and coroner L. E. Barrick joined neighbors and city firemen in the search at the charred ruins of the old residence on Powerhouse hill.

In a Silverton hospital her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Alger, and her 3½ months' old sister, Deeti Nora, received care for injuries sustained in the fire and in a later automobile wreck.

Details of the highway accident were not generally known, but Mr. Alger was reported severely cut and some bruises and cuts were received by the other two fire victims in the mishap, which involved a neighbor's car as they were en route to medical aid.

The story of the fire was related by 12-year-old Virginia Alger, who with Mary, 11, and Leon, jr., 7, escaped practically unscathed.

While the fire crackled through the frame house on the Silver Creek Falls highway three miles east of Silverton, Mary, sharing a bed with Nettie, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Shingle Weavers' Union Demands Pay Increases

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12—(AP)—The AFL Oregon, Washington and Idaho shingle weavers' union announced Thursday it would demand increased wages and two-weeks vacations with pay.

The union said its 4000 members would ask increases from 78 cents to \$1 per hour and time and one half for all work over 30 hours per week.

2000 Salem Men Expected To Register

Probably 2000 men will be registered in Salem this weekend for selective service, Col. Elmer V. Weston, state director, said Thursday. He estimated 1300 to 1400 would be signed in each of the other Marion county boards, at Stayton and Woodburn.

Col. Weston stated the figure was only a guess because an extremely large number of men within the age groups, 20-21 and 22-24, had enlisted in services from this area.

Registration for Salem will be in the armory beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ontario Chief Says US Navy Fears Nippon

TORONTO, Feb. 12—(AP)—Mitchell Hepburn, Ontario's provincial premier, sounded the possibility Thursday night of a Japanese invasion of Canada in three months and charged that the American navy "is afraid to make contact" with the Japanese fleet.

Hepburn's ire was fanned by criticism of his previous statements in which he declared "the American navy is in hiding."

"Wednesday Canadian Navy Minister Angus L. Macdonald said Hepburn's statement, coming from one who had long been opposed to the Canadian national government, in no way reflected the official view in Ottawa.

About the prospects of Japanese invasion, Hepburn said "they will come down the prairie side and not the Pacific." Although he failed to elaborate his statement, he apparently had the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Sprague Sees Over-Faith

Tells GOP at Boise US Too Confident; Red Tape Slapped

BOISE, Feb. 12—(AP)—Warning against overconfidence in American strength in the present conflict was given Thursday night by Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon in an address at the annual republican Lincoln day banquet.

"The pages of history are full of the failures of great nations of great armies because their greater powers were ineptly handled," he asserted.

He admonished members of the republican party "to refrain from criticism which seeks only party advantage" and declared "in many respects we have failed on our industrial front. Business was slow to pitch in on war work... strikes slowed down production or delayed shipping.

The governor also remarked there had been "woeful lack of coordination" in Washington and that "bureaucratic obduracy and red tape have crippled enterprise."

"All of these initial failures can be overcome," he said. "It is unthinkable that this nation, the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

State Farmers Donate Iron

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12—(AP)—Three thousand tons of scrap iron and steel—enough to make 250 light tanks—have been turned in by farmers of 10 Oregon counties, the state department of agriculture war board was told Thursday.

Robert B. Taylor, Adams, state chairman, urged farmers to redouble their efforts to clean up scrap piles. Collections of the metal have been made by granges, the Future Farmers of America and AAA committeemen.

ing a custom of past years, drove to the Lincoln Memorial beside the Potomac river with a wreath. Bareheaded in a chill wind, the president stood within a cordon of soldiers while his military aide, Colonel Horace B. Smith, laid the floral tribute at the base of the Lincoln Statue and the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, placed a wreath on Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Ill. President Roosevelt, follow-

War Effort Of US Hit By Willkie

Wants MacArthur Army Head; Flays Perkins, Knox

BOSTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—Wendell Willkie asserted Thursday night that there was "lack of mutual confidence and central 'direction' among our various fighting forces" and demanded that Gen. Douglas MacArthur be brought home from the Philippines and placed in supreme command under the president.

"Then," Willkie told the Middlesex Republican club, "the people of the United States will have reason to hope that skill, not bungling and confusion directs their efforts."

The republican leader's assertion came in a prepared Lincoln dinner address in which he assailed what he termed "nibbling" by the administration at the authority of Secretary of State Hull, and he criticized the administration's labor policy, declaring "we need a Bevin, not a Perkins."

As for the part the republican party should play, Willkie said "let us do more proposing than opposing. Let us exercise our freedom by developing our own policies."

"The day of phrase-making and showmanship for those in government is past," he added. "The time for petty political opposition and negation is over. This is the day for tough and resolute men; this is the hour for patriotic men."

Calling on the republicans to force "necessary reforms in organization" of the nation's war effort, Willkie said:

"In the case of production and labor, the confusion has arisen from failure to appoint administrators. In the case of the state department, we see our most respected department of government gradually being destroyed by a process of nibbling at the authority of the administrator... all because this administration did not know and has not learned (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Hoodoo Day? Watch Step! Friday 13th

This is a season of marriages in Salem and a time for registration of candidates seeking office, but the man on the street is safe in predicting that few will apply for marriage licenses today or file for places on the ballot. Throughout this "unsuperstitious" world this is Friday, the 13th, doubly unlucky.

What is more this is only the beginning, for the 1942 calendar contains three such days, March and November completing the trio.

To the capital city's curbstone philosophers, who Thursday night took time off from telling the president how to run the country, the editor how to publish his paper and passing drivers just what was wrong with their technique, there is a simple answer for persons who worry about implications of this date.

"It's Friday, the 13th in Germany, Japan and Italy, too, isn't it?" they asked and then turned their eyes and conversations to the silk stocking problem.

Famed Artist Dies on Eve of 50th Birthday

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 12—(AP)—Grant Wood, famed mid-western artist whose paintings caused periodic nation-wide controversies, died here Thursday.

Recognized as one of the greatest portraiters on canvases of the mid-western scene and the leader in what has been termed a new "regional" school of art, the Iowa would have been 50 years old Friday.

1861 Receipt Returned to Statesman

An 80-year old reminder that The Oregon Statesman is one of Oregon's earliest newspapers, a subscription receipt issued in 1861, was brought to the Statesman office Wednesday by Mrs. I. Knox, 1015 South High street.

Signed on the back, "Receipt from Bush," evidently by Asahel Bush, founder of The Statesman, the receipt read: "Received of John Wilson \$13 for The Oregon Statesman Vols. 8, 9, 10, and 11. Salem, Oct. 15, 1861. (signed) H. Gordon."

Wilson, Mrs. Knox said, was the grandfather of her brother-in-law, E. J. Sears, of Cottage Grove.

Japs Close in On Singapore

British Admit Enemy Within Two Miles of City's Outskirts

BOMBAY, Feb. 12—(AP)—The British Thursday night reported an intensification of Japanese pressure on the northern part of Singapore Island and officially announced that the invaders were within two miles of the city of Singapore itself.

(This dispatch, delayed in transmission from Bombay, although confirming earlier indications of the British position on Singapore island brought the first official announcement of this position.)

Thursday night's regular Singapore communique, relayed here by radio, stated that "heavy fighting continues in the western and northern sectors" of the island, and indicated that the British still held the naval base in the north.

The British line, said the communique, runs from this base to Tanglin in the south. Tanglin is a point just two miles northwest of Singapore city.

The British also reported successful counter-attacks on the Japanese left flank, presumably at the north of the island.

The communique relayed here by wireless.

"At 7:30 a.m., today, Japanese military bombers with a fighter escort fought an unsuccessful engagement against our air force over Malaya.

"Heavy fighting continues in the western and northern sectors. In the north of the island enemy activity has been intensified.

"Enemy air activity ceased during the night, but was resumed early this morning. The enemy attack was supported by dive-bombing and machine-gunning as well as by medium tanks.

"The British line extends from the naval base in the north to the center of the island to Tanglin in the south.

"From Sungei Sunya the line runs north. Counter attacks by our (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Boys Locate Odom's Body At Troutdale

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12—(AP)—The body of Foster L. Odom, Oregon City contractor missing since January 6 when a car in which he was riding plunged into the Sandy river near Troutdale, was found Thursday by two 12-year-old boys.

Odom's family had offered a reward of \$1000 for recovery of the body. The boys were Richard Schultze and Martin Chase, both Troutdale.

Odom was a Salem resident until a few years ago.

Wednesday's Weather
Weather forecasts withheld and temperature delayed by army request. River Thursday, 9 feet. Max. temperature, Wednesday, 52, min., 36.

Nation Celebrates Lincoln's Birthday

By The Associated Press
The United States, in its darkest days since the 1860's, made Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary an occasion Thursday for renewed pledges that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

These words from the Civil war president's Gettysburg address were read at a ceremony in the house of representatives and were repeated at scores of other observances.

Democratic leader McCormack of Massachusetts eulogized the martyred Lincoln in the house as "a great president, a great American and one of the outstanding men in the long history of man."

"Lincoln preserved the nation from internal danger," he said. "It is our duty to preserve the nation from external danger." In a low, firm voice, Mrs. Fran-

ces P. Bolton, republican representative from Ohio, read Lincoln's Gettysburg remarks.

In accordance with long custom, the republican party held dinners in many communities. Through all their speeches ran a keynote of unity in prosecution of the war against the axis, although party spokesmen have emphasized that there will be no moratorium on criticism where they consider criticism due.

President Roosevelt, follow-

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