

Nazi Warships Escape British

Furious Battle Off Dover Results in Loss of 42 Planes

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quently in Royal air force raids since last March on the harbor of Brest, apparently took advantage of the thickest kind of channel weather to make their getaway.

The Scharnhorst tried to escape once before, last July, when she scurried down the coast to La Pallice but soon returned to Brest after the RAF again spotted her.

The announcement of the great battle within gun-shot of Dover's shores was foreshadowed by day-long reports Thursday from the southeast coast telling of heavy artillery fire and of large RAF squadrons heading out over the channel; but the details were not given until the early morning.

The communique said: "At about 11 a.m. Thursday RAF aircraft reported an enemy squadron consisting of the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Prinz Eugen, accompanied by destroyers, torpedo boats, E-boats and minesweepers, was approaching the Dover straits from the west.

"The enemy squadron also was heavily escorted by fighter aircraft.

"Visibility at this time varied from three to five miles, with low clouds, and the enemy ships were never visible from the English coast.

"On receipt of the report, coastal craft of the Dover naval command immediately were sent out to attack, together with swordfish aircraft of the fleet air arm, strongly escorted by RAF fighters.

"Attacks by both swordfish and coastal aircraft were pressed close to home in the face of intense fire from all vessels and opposition by enemy fighters.

"Reports indicate the swordfish scored at least one hit on one of the enemy heavy ships and one of the motor torpedo boats also claimed a possible hit, but owing to the intense barrage and the heavy smoke screen put up by the enemy it was impossible to see the results of the attack.

"Six swordfish aircraft are missing but some of the crews have been saved. There were no casualties in the coastal craft.

"During this time the Dover defenses opened fire at extreme range which was replied to by enemy shore batteries on the French coast.

"The enemy force was repeatedly attacked by aircraft of the RAF, strongly escorted by fighters. The results were difficult to see owing to low clouds, but according to preliminary reports coastal command Beauforts claimed three hits with torpedoes and the bomber command crew is confident each of the main enemy units was hit by bombs.

"The attacks were pressed home with the greatest determination in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and strong fighter opposition which resulted in the loss of 20 of our bombers (including five aircraft of the coastal command) and 18 fighters.

"Fifteen enemy fighters were destroyed by our fighter escort and at least three more by the bombers themselves.

"Destroyers under the command of Captain C. T. M. Pizey, RN, and H. S. Campbell also proceeded to intercept and attack the enemy.

"At 3:24 p.m. our destroyers sighted the enemy and went into the attack in the face of very heavy bombing by enemy aircraft and also heavy gunfire from all the enemy's surface ships.

"Our destroyers took advantage of a rain squall to press the attacks home. Owing to low visibility and the heavy fire to which the destroyers were subjected, it was not possible to be certain of the result of the attack, but there is reason to believe that a least one torpedo hit was obtained.

"Casualties in our destroyers were not heavy.

"When last sighted, the enemy had become separated and were making for ports in the Helgoland Bight.

"Further reports from our forces are awaited."

In the last few days there have been persistent reports that German warships were preparing to slip from their berths at Brest. They have been pinned there nearly 12 months by attack after attack by the RAF.

In all more than 110 air attacks have been made on the ships, during which some of Britain's most powerful armor piercing bombs were dropped on and near them from a great height.

It is known that on many occasions there have been near misses.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12-(AP) Laura Ingalls, speed fier accused of being an unregistered Nazi agent, testified Thursday that in her contacts with the German embassy she pictured herself as "a Mata Hari, an international spy" working to scotch subversive influences in the United States.

At times she testified that her aim was to ingratiate herself with the Germans so she could learn and expose their secrets, while at others she said she had been incensed at lend-lease aid to Britain and at "British propaganda" in this country.

Woman Flier Pictures Self "a Mata Hari"

Wants MacArthur as Army Chief; Perkins And Knox Rapped

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by experience the basic principles of organization."

"We have the startling fact," he asserted, "that the secretary of state, Mr. Cordell Hull, no longer is completely entrusted with full authority in the handling and execution of the government's foreign policy. In his place, Secretary of the Navy Knox has come forward as a ready volunteer."

"In his spokesman's role—whether self-assumed or administration inspired—Mr. Knox made known to other nations that we were fighting Hitler first, which meant we could not be so concerned about affairs in the Far East. Such gratuitous comment could not be expected to serve our best interests or encourage our associates battling against the aggression of Japan. Mr. Knox subsequently has found out that we are fighting everywhere.

"It is to be hoped that he will hereafter confine his attentions to that fighting, and leave statements of policy in regard to other nations to our secretary of state. The country, irrespective of party and the world outside, has confidence in Mr. Hull. Mr. Knox is another matter even under censorship."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12-(AP)—In a decision of far-reaching import, the national war labor board Thursday required the Aluminum Company of America to bring its basic hourly wage in the south seven cents closer to its northern standards.

The company is financially able to be a leader, the board said, in "gradual and steady progress" toward elimination of the north-south wage differential which has helped bring vast industrial growth to southern states, but held that "complete elimination of the south's competitive advantages" at this time would disrupt war production.

The board's vote was 7 to 4, the employer members recording their protest in a dissenting opinion. The Alcoa management itself, in a statement issued at Pittsburgh, accepted the decision "under protest" declaring there was "no justification whatever" for narrowing the differential.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12-(AP)—Gov. Everitt admonished a Lincoln day banquet audience Thursday night that "the people have forgotten that what we have taken out of the nation we must put back in this time of emergency."

"Let us find what is right," he counseled, "and then dare to do what is right, for right makes right. We are faced by a challenge from within and without, and the greatest challenge is from without."

In extolling the virtues and leadership of the civil war president, the governor said: "Lincoln hitched the people's ideals to a star—and then took them there."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12-(AP) Political hatchets must be buried until victory is won and the United States saved, Gov. Dwight Griswold of Nebraska said in a speech prepared for delivery at a republican Lincoln day rally Thursday night.

Warning that this nation will not be permitted to live if Japan and Germany win the war, he said: "It is well enough to think of coming elections, but first we must make sure that we are permitted to live in a world in which elections can be held."

Griswold said republicans should continue their own party under their own leadership, however, and not let the war carry the nation into a one-party government.

"We are engaged in a terrible war, fighting in order that we may continue to enjoy certain fundamental freedoms. One of those freedoms is the right to disagree, to criticize and to express publicly our differing opinions. If we have the right to disagree, then it means that we must have the right to make decisions when we cast our ballot. To do this we must have two parties of different political principles and methods."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12-(AP) Members of the Marine Corps league from Portland, Eugene and Salem decided at a meeting here Thursday night to apply for a charter for a state department of the organization.

The group elected Dale Florence, Portland, as temporary state commandant; Charles Bezel, Portland, temporary adjutant; L. L. Pittenger, commandant of the Salem detachment, temporary state senior vice-commandant, and Delmer Bates, Eugene, temporary junior state vice-commandant.

A fourth detachment of the league is now functioning at Klamath Falls and units are soon to be formed in three other Oregon cities.

Mike Hodes, national junior vice-commandant, was a guest of the Salem detachment for Thursday night's meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12-(AP)—Rationing of gasoline in the east appeared Thursday night to be an early probability as a responsible source said Atlantic seaboard oil companies had reported that fast dwindling stocks, due to war loss and diversion of tanker ships, justified restrictions on non-essential consumption.

Oil circles heard that an industry committee reported to Secretary of Interior Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, that consumption should be cut 15 per cent between February 15 and April 1, possibly by use of coupon books.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12-(AP)—Charles L. Brinkerhoff, spokesman for welders seeking an independent union at the shipyard here, announced Thursday night they had decided to picket welders going to work at 6:30 a.m. Friday, and thenceforward on a 24-hour schedule.

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Japs Set for Final Assault

Bataan Awaits Mass Attempt as Invader Occupies Island

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which imposed the latest of many restrictions on the Filipinos.

No newspaper, book or pamphlet may be published without Japanese permission, and the contents must be censored, the proclamation said, threatening severe punishment of violators.

Meanwhile reports reaching MacArthur's headquarters suggest that occupied areas of Luzon faced a food scarcity because farmers had fled their homes to escape harsh treatment from Jap soldiers.

Enemy alarm over the situation was evidenced by a proclamation issued by Lieutenant General Masaharu Homma, the Japanese top commander, appealing to the Filipinos as "dear brethren" to harvest neglected crops.

The farmers have crowded into Manila or hidden in the mountains, the communique said.

By CLARK LEE WITH GEN. MACARTHUR ON BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 11 (Delayed)—(AP)—The distant boom of cannon and the trickle of battle news from the jungle telegraph have bolstered the morale of the people in occupied Manila, authenticated advices reaching the fighting forces disclose.

The Japanese, on the other hand, by the brutality of their now un-informed sentries and the widespread hunger they have brought to the city have failed completely to win the friendship of Manila's Filipinos.

Manilans, who long ago were told by the Japanese that General MacArthur's forces had been annihilated on Bataan, now are circulating the cheerful rumor that "MacArthur will have dinner in a Manila hotel before the end of the month."

Many Japanese wounded now are being brought into Manila from the fighting on Bataan, and the bodies of Japanese military dead are being cremated within the city.

The Japanese soldiery, even some of the highest officers, appear terrified at the prospects of air raids, and run for shelter every time they believe American planes may be approaching.

One Japanese officer is reliably quoted as saying Japan has no hope for eventual victory and that "all Japanese forces sent to the Philippines must die here."

At least 10 and possibly 20 Filipinos have been reported executed at old Fort Santiago, formerly MacArthur's headquarters, for opposing the Japanese.

This kind of brutality precedes executions.

Filipinos formerly employed by the US army or navy are tied helpless to telephone poles on the main boulevards of Manila for three days and nights kicked and slapped by passing Japanese sentries and given little food.

Then if the Japanese decide they assisted Americans they are put to death.

Two high officials of the supreme court, Judge Arsenio Locson and Judge Gregorio Narvasa were thus trussed publicly for several hours before they were released with an unctuous: "Sorry, mistake."

The suspects are denounced by Manila's Quislings—politically Sakdallistas and Ganaps—who point out the victims to the sentries. When the Quislings fail to turn in suspects, they are tied up themselves; hence they make accusations at random.

One Filipino who told the Japanese where they could find 5000 gallons of hidden gasoline was first rewarded then later shot for failing to uncover additional supplies.

Food and money are very scarce, almost the only supplies coming from looters who raided warehouses and stores after the US army evacuated the city.

Business and industrial life are dead. The Filipinos are ignoring Japanese appeals to go back to work.

Jap bazaars are the only stores open. Trolleys and one bus line run, but only half a dozen private cars are allowed to operate. People wander aimlessly about and go indoors at 6 p.m., although the curfew is not until 10 o'clock.

Americans interned in the city are allowed the freedom of the campus of Santo Tomas university at certain hours and may receive a little fruit once every four days from their former servants and employes.

Their treatment however is pretty much up to the sentries who sometimes forbid male internees to shave for a certain number of days.

Americans over 50 and women with young children are allowed to live at home, but they lack food and money.

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Pioneers Will Honor Oregon's Birthday

Blaze Fatal To Girl, 8

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Blaze fatal to a girl, 8, in a home near Silverton; Car wreck hurts family.

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He, frantically attempted to arouse her younger sister, said. Told by the sleepy youngster to "leave me alone," Mary made a dash for fresh air and for help.

First on the scene to assist the Algers were Charlie Baker and his son, Forrest, 22, who had seen the blaze. The young man carried the youngest child from the house; one of the Bakers drove to Silverton for help because there were no telephones in the neighborhood.

Just when the house, owned by Charles Brooks, took fire no one could say, but the alarm was received in Silverton at 10:45. City firemen responded to the call but were unable to do more than prevent spread of the blaze.

Only explanation revealed by Virginia was the fact that there was still a little fire in the stove when the family retired.

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Japs Close in On Singapore

British Admit Enemy Within Two Miles of City's Outskirts

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BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Feb. 12-(AP)—Dutch troops fought bitterly Thursday to prevent extension of Japanese lodgements which already were menacing this key island of Java, but the progress of their struggle was obscured by unbroken silence from the hard-contested fronts.

"No further report," said the Dutch command in its afternoon communique, "has been received from the various parts of the Archipelago where the fight against the invader is still being continued."

Word from authoritative but less official sources was similarly inconclusive as to the turn the fighting was taking, particularly in Celebes and Borneo islands.

On Celebes, the enemy was seeking to consolidate footholds centered about Macassar, the principal port on the west side of the island, and at Balangnipa, just across the southern arm of the island. From beachheads held above and below Macassar and just to the east on the Gulf of Bone enemy troops were developing a maneuver to envelop the entire southern tip of the peninsula.

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DAYTON—Dayton union high's basketball team clinched the Yamhill county league championship for the second consecutive year when it downed the second-place Dundee five 37 to 24 here Tuesday night. Dayton has won 6 and lost 1 while Dundee has won 4 and lost 3. Dayton's girls won the volleyball game the same evening by a 32-24 score.

ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 12-(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt indicated Thursday she would step down shortly as assistant director of the office of civilian defense and added she saw "no reason for staying after my job is completed."

Declaring at a press conference she always intended to resign when organization of the OCD is finished, she said she expected it to be completed "very soon."

The first lady defended appointment of her friends, Actor Melvyn Douglas and Dancer Mayrilyn Chaney to OCD positions, both in the press meeting and when she spoke later on Cornell university's Farm and Home week program.

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