

Planes Disrupt Enemy's Plans

Patterson and Arnold Laud; Navy Bombers Blast Solomons

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—The smashing victory of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's big bombers in wiping out an enemy armada in the Bismarck sea has completely disrupted Japanese plans for the coming campaigns in the south Pacific, Undersecretary of War Patterson announced today.

Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the army air forces, said the Japanese had been dealt a "crushing defeat" and that "in attacking and eliminating the enemy where he was most vulnerable and before he had time to get set," Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, had utilized the striking power of his air force to the fullest advantage.

Arnold, in a statement, said the battle had "reestablished the effectiveness of air power."

Tokyo's purpose in sending the ill-fated convoy of 12 transports and 10 warships down from Rabaul, New Guinea, was viewed here as defensive rather than offensive. Patterson's reference to "the coming campaigns in the south Pacific," therefore, was taken to mean allied offensives which the Japs now will be unable to stop.

These may take the form of intensified aerial attacks along the whole perimeter of Japanese islands in the south Pacific, from Malaya eastward.

In this connection a navy communique reported that Liberator heavy bombers struck at four enemy-held areas in the northwestern Solomon Islands Wednesday (east longitude time) even as the Bismarck sea attack was under way. Bombs were dropped at Kahili, Buni, Ballale and Vila and every American plane returned.

At the same time Dauntless dive bombers with Wildcat fighter escort raided Munda on New Georgia island for the 82nd time, starting a fire there, and these planes likewise all returned. It was assumed that the Liberators and dive bombers operated out of Guadalcanal.



OFFICIAL CHANNEL.—U. S. censorship rules designate the American Red Cross inquiry service as the only means of communication between citizens of this country and their relatives in enemy or occupied countries. Here a worker at Red Cross national headquarters in Washington files messages according to the countries to which they are addressed.

Anna W Cross Dies at Home

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Anna Wagner Cross at her recent residence, 1287 Chemeketa street, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with Rev. George H. Swift officiating. Mrs. Cross, widow of the late Edwin C. Cross, died at her home Thursday morning.

She was born in Oskosh Wis., later moving with her parents to Ventura, Calif. When she married Edwin C. Cross on November 6, 1895, she moved to Salem, where she resided until death. Her brother, A. I. Wagner, was once owner of the Willamette hotel, now known as Hotel Marion.

Mrs. Cross is survived by a brother, Ernest Wagner of Stockton, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Veda C. Byrd of Salem; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Silverton Canner Fined, Food Law

PORTLAND, March 4—(AP)—Federal Judge Claude McCulloch Wednesday fined Roy A. Walin, manager of the Silverton Canning company \$30 on three counts of violating the national pure food and drug act.

Walin pleaded guilty to charges of shipping adulterated canned prunes to Grand Rapids, Iowa, and mislabeled canned cherries to Bellingham, Wash.

Dam Power Boosted

WASHINGTON, DC, March 4—(AP)—Annual power capacity of Bonneville dam will be increased from 518,000 to 600,000 kilowatts through temporary wood construction over the lower gates that will raise the head from 72 to 78 feet, government officials announced Thursday.

Lobby Hobnobber

Quips "Angles" And Personalities At the Capitol

Thursday was honors and friendship day for Senate Pres. W. H. "Spike" Steiwer and Mrs. Steiwer.

Lengthy and tedious proceedings were interrupted long enough for Sen. Coe A. McKenna to do a gracious job of presenting Mrs. Steiwer with a bouquet of roses "from the girls of the senate," Pres. Steiwer with a wrist watch, from his colleagues, and the two with a beautiful sterling silver set consisting of a pair of candelabra and a covered serving dish.

McKenna described Mrs. Steiwer as "a little, dimpled-faced youngster with a golden smile whom I saw making castles in the sand on the beach not very many years ago."

To Sen. Steiwer, he added: "Spike, I can't say much but that this gang out here just loves you; you've been so fair and square."

The Steiwers, obviously, were pleased and touched.

Judge Donald A. Long of the court of domestic relations, Portland, was accorded courtesy of the senate Thursday.

The Battleship Oregon commission came in for acid remarks when its appropriation bill came up for senate consideration—and the Multnomah delegation for some pointed twitting.

Sen. Strayer said he was supporting the bill "wholly for the purpose of liquidating that bunch of parasites."

The number one senate Spanish war veteran, Sen. Wipperman, didn't like that crack, retorting: "I take exception, as a Spanish war veteran. This project has been of intensely patriotic nature as well as of educational value."

Sen. Strayer explained that he was "not referring to Spanish war veterans, but to a little group that has milked over a quarter of a million dollars out of the treasury of this state."

The twitting came from Sen. "Sooty" Gibson, who represents Lane and Linn counties and, as chairman, the ways and means committee. Recalling the Multnomah delegation's part in defeating a \$7200 appropriation for the Willamette valley basin commission, he said he was "going to support this (Battleship Oregon) bill despite the fact the Multnomah delegation wouldn't support our bill yesterday to keep this museum from floating down the river."

The "museum" incidentally didn't float away, but was towed away a few days ago to be scrapped for war metals. Only the museum displays it had housed and its main-mast were left behind as mementoes of the gallant old ship's historic race around Cape Horn.

Observer Found

MEDFORD, March 4—(AP)—Howard Griffen, aircraft warning observer, missing since Wednesday morning in the wild Indian Creek district, was found unharmed by a searching party late Thursday. Griffen said he became lost while on a walk in the mountains.

Action on Bills

PASSED BY HOUSE
 HB 126, by Craver—Relating to filing of plats and subdivisions.
 HB 209, by J. Wilson et al.—Appropriation for investigation by state board of higher education.
 HB 208, by Lee et al.—Submitting sales tax to vote of the people.
 HB 207, by counties and cities—Relating to Clatsop county surveyor's salary.
 HB 207, by ways and means—Appropriation for state police.
 SB 15, by insurance—Relating to surplus line agents.
 SB 14, by insurance—Relating to security deposits of title insurance companies.
 SB 14, by Ellis—Relating to deduction from value of property subject to tax.
 SB 65, by fishing industries—Regulating and licensing commercial canning.
 SB 67, by fishing industries—Relating to fishing in Sandy river.
 SB 62, by Chesnut—Relating to disbursement of real fund.
 SB 147, by Cornett et al.—Relating to funds of school district No. 1, Klamath county.
 SB 151, by Cornett et al.—Relating to Deschutes county livestock district.
 SB 101, by Cornett et al.—To create Lake county livestock district No. 1.
 SB 173, by industries—To regulate working conditions in theatre projection rooms.
 SB 126, by Rand et al.—Relating to no-par-value stock of corporations.
 SB 221, by Rand et al.—To limit salaries for overlimit pay.
 SB 226, by Newbury et al.—Relating to preparation of local budgets.
 SB 226, by Wheeler et al.—Regulating salaries of Lane county officers.
 SB 240, by Zuercher et al.—Regulating salaries of Wheeler county officers.
 SB 229, by Cornett et al.—To create Deschutes county-Sisters livestock district.
 SB 264, by Jones—To regulate livestock running at large in Harney and Malheur counties.
 SB 264, by Jones et al.—Relating to Harney county officers' salaries.
 SB 261, by industries—To authorize investment of county funds in United States bonds.

PASSED BY SENATE
 SB 123, by Zuercher—Relating to proceedings when county judge is disqualified or the office is vacant.
 SB 226, by Wheeler et al.—Continuing appropriation for allied Disabled American World War Veterans in obtaining national convention for Eugene.
 SB 222, by revision of laws—Relating to settlement of estate of deceased partner's interest in partnership property.
 SB 95, by Marion county delegation—Relating to allowance for board of prisoners.
 SB 115, by game—Relating to game management.
 SB 109, by Lee—Extending powers and duties of Battleship Oregon commission.
 SB 207, by Mahoney—To define legal status of oyster beds.
 SB 224, by industries—Extending workmen's compensation to cover occupational diseases.
 HB 112, by Ellis—Relating to salaries of state police.

Senate Passes Limit on Time For Claiming Overtime Pay

Protection for employers who don't know whether or not they are affected by the federal wage and hour act was provided in a senate bill passed Thursday by the Oregon house of representatives, 40 to 18, after opponents had protested that the remedy was drastic to the point of rank injustice to workers.

The bill is a statute of limitations affecting only extra pay for overtime, and requires that claims for such additional pay be filed within six months after the work is performed. Rep. Eugene Marsh said this provision benefited both employers and workers, citing cases in which employers were ruined financially and their workers left unemployed. He added that in many cases employees were forced to accept overtime pay covering long periods, against their will.

Rep. Phil Brady described the bill as "vicious," depriving workers of their rights, and Rep. Leo Smith said it was rankly discriminatory since no other statute of limitations provided for a period comparably brief. The ordinary limitation is six years, though special statutes provide for lesser periods.

The house sent back to the highway revenue committee for amendment, the newest version of a "long truck" bill which merely

legalized the present permission granted by the highway department for operation of trucks in excess of statutory maximum length and weight. Re-referral was preceded by a sharp tilt in which objection was raised to amendment on the floor. Rep. Burt K. Snyder, committee chairman, had asked unanimous consent to remove language which appeared to be redundant.

Between tussles over the sales tax and the one-man tax commission proposal, the house found time to complete its calendar.

Wider Security Coverage Asked

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney introduced Thursday a memorial extending social security benefits to include all state employees.

This memorial was presented, Sen. Mahoney said, following defeat of the civil service bill in the house of representatives.

Office to Plan Firewood Ration, Not Imminent

SEATTLE, March 4—(AP)—National headquarters for the firewood branch of the OPA's fuel rationing division were opened here Thursday with assurance from the executive in charge that "no firewood rationing is contemplated at this time."

Should rationing be decided upon in the future, said Milton L. Hersey, chief of the new branch, its start would have to await completion of a fact-finding survey.

"Any plans we have for rationing will be highly flexible," Hersey explained, "since one month there may be a great deal of firewood available and the next month the supply may be relatively short."

"It probably will not be practical to ration firewood on a square-foot occupancy basis as was done in fuel oil. Likely it will be done on a basis of room count alone and the heatness and availability of supply."

He expressed the belief there probably should be rationing now in some wood-short communities. Every effort will be made to avoid wood rationing in the Pacific northwest, he said, but "our

job now is to prepare the plans and have them ready to put into effect when and where necessary."

Senate Okehs Milk Study

The senate Thursday approved a resolution by Sen. Merle Chessman, creating a committee of five members from the state at large to investigate the milk price situation.

Sen. Chessman said the resolution was requested by Governor Earl Snell.

It was set out in the resolution that existing price ceilings fixed by the office of price administration have interfered with milk production in Oregon with the result that a number of large dairies have retired from business.

Members of the committee would be appointed by the governor.

General Improved

MARYSVILLE, Calif., March 4—(AP)—Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan, commander of an armored division at Camp Beale, who became ill last week after eating fungus plants believed to be mushrooms, was greatly improved Thursday, army physicians said. Mrs. Wogan and their daughter, Patsy, 16, also appeared to be recovering.

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