

Truman Committee Reveals Big Losses Of Allied Shipping

Present Moves Expected to Meet Submarine Menace; Liberty Ship Production Being Changed

WASHINGTON, April 21-(AP)—The Truman committee disclosed Wednesday that approximately 12,000,000 tons of allied shipping were sunk last year—more than the total tonnage built in 1942 by the United States and Great Britain combined.

'Lower 13' Jury Still Out

Group Returns for New Instructions After 4 1/2 Hours

ALBANY, Ore., April 22 (AP)—The Lower 13 jury considering a first-degree murder charge against Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car cook, retired early this morning without reaching a verdict.

Fathers' Induction Expected

Col. Wootton Tells of Draft Shuffle for Oregon Registrants

The military draft will be taking married men with children in Oregon by next fall unless their children were acquired before December 8, 1941, or they have claims for deferment based on reasons other than dependency, Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, said Wednesday.

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Byrnes Okehs Lumbermen's Wage Boost

WASHINGTON, April 21-(AP)—James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, announced Wednesday he had approved the action of the war labor board in granting a wage increase in the western pine lumber industry, and at the same time had asked Ernest Brown, price administrator, to leave present pine lumber ceilings in effect until the institution of a premium price plan such as has been utilized for non-ferrous metals.

Ruml Talks Stalemated

WASHINGTON, April 21-(AP)—The friendly democratic-republican efforts to devise a compromise pay-as-you-go tax system collapsed completely Wednesday night, with the two parties agreeing to take the issue on income tax abatement, including the Ruml skip-a-year plan, to the house floor for another finish fight.

Poison Gas Warning Sent

LONDON, Thursday, April 22 (AP)—The British government in an extraordinary announcement said today that it had received reports that "Hitler is making preparations for using poison gas against the Russian front," and warned that such a development would find the British retreating with the same weapon "upon German munitions centers, seaports and other military objectives throughout the whole expanse of Germany."

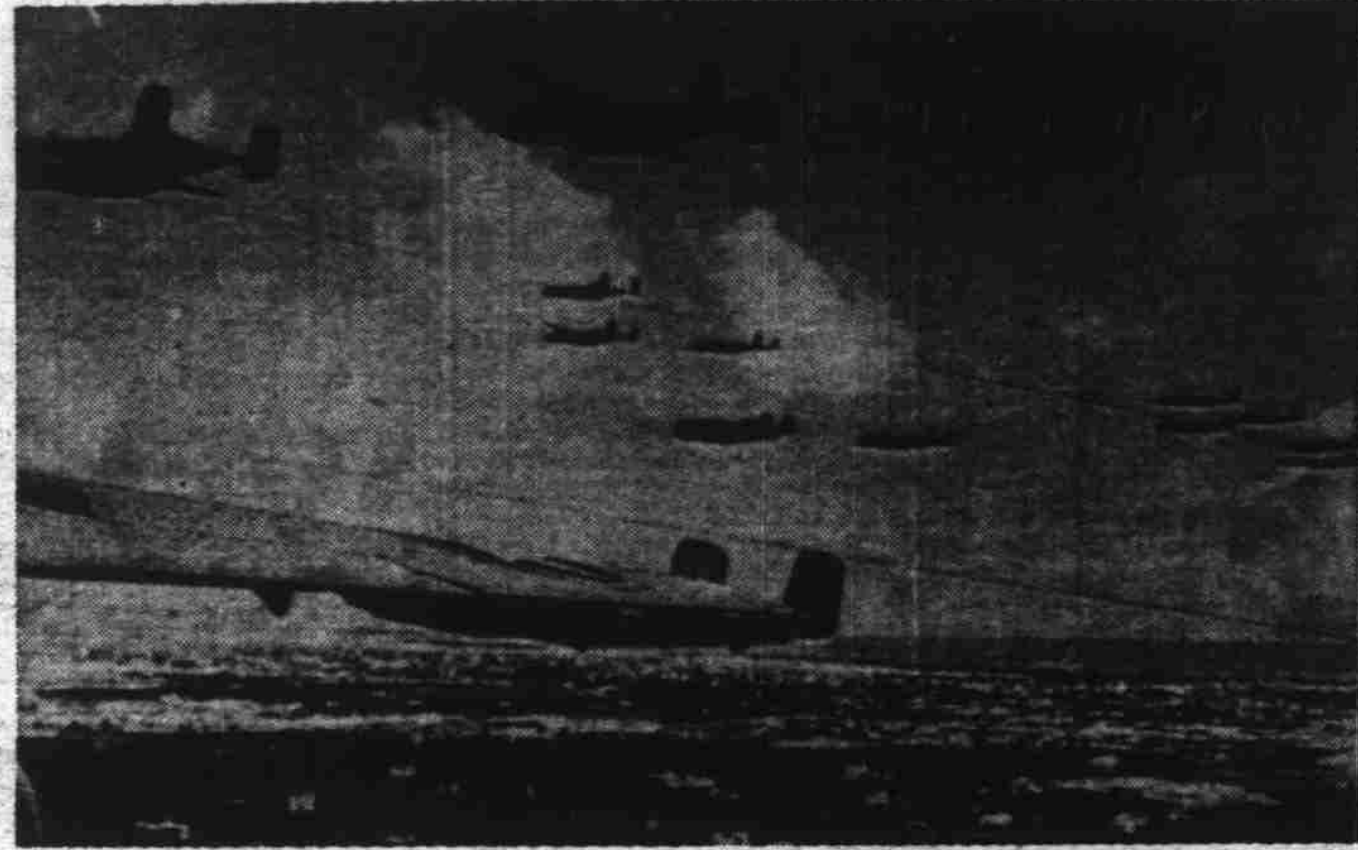
Expect Jury Report

Marion county grand jury, in session since Wednesday morning, is expected to report on a number of routine criminal investigations late today or Friday.

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US Heavy Bombers Attack Rommel



Action of American heavy bombers (of the type shown above) was restricted Wednesday by heavy snow storms at the scene of the heaviest action. Their continued raids on Rommel's supply lines and bases are slowly but surely inching the noose-tightener around the "Desert Fox's" trapped forces.—IIN Soundphoto.

Tommies Storm Axis Heights At Takrouna

Foe's Rear Bases Pounded By Allied Airmen; Berlin Admits 'Unequal Fight'

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 21 (AP)—The British Eighth army has captured the axis coastal pivot of Enfidaville, has swung five miles northwest to storm the mountain citadel of Takrouna, and also has gained two miles in the Djebel Garci area farther inland amid "very severe fighting," it was reported Wednesday night.

Striking along a 10-mile front after a tremendous artillery barrage, Eighth army infantrymen armed with knives for close-quarter fighting, scaled the enemy's mountain positions at some points only 45 miles south of Tunis, while the British first army gained slightly in the Medjez-El-Bab sector 35 miles west of the Tunisian capital.

British Blast Nazi Bases

Russians Bomb East Prussian Railway Center, Tilsit

LONDON, April 21-(AP)—Sweeping into force in perfect flying weather, British bombers Tuesday night blasted manufacturing and other war installations in the Baltic ports of Stettin and Rostock, left Berlin alight with fires, and ranged widely over other sections of occupied Europe today in one of the war's biggest air assaults on German communications.

Simultaneously, a mass raid by Russian bombers on the east Prussian railway center of Tilsit Tuesday night started fires visible nearly 100 miles away, Moscow announced.

The broadcast said the fires merged into "one huge conflagration" at Tilsit, and that big explosions "were particularly numerous" near munitions dumps, among railroad installations and around the harbor and airfield.

Russ Defeat Nazi Attack In Caucasus

LONDON, April 22-(AP)—Powerful Russian shellfire has defeated the newest German attempt to storm Red army positions in the Kuban delta of the Caucasus, and inflicted heavy losses on the attackers, the Soviet midday communique, as recorded by the Soviet radio monitor here, said today.

More than 400 of the enemy were killed, some small groups being entirely wiped out in hand-to-hand fighting after they had managed to reach the first Russian defense lines, it was said.

The attacks were part of a drive which the Germans have been mounting in the area for the last several days in what may be an attempt to start a new axis spring offensive.

The noon war bulletin said that Russian troops had dug in on newly-won positions on the Smolensk front, and north of Chuguev there were clashes reported between opposing scouting parties.

Polish Radio Cries Out, Is Silenced

STOCKHOLM, April 21-(AP)—The secret Polish radio appealed for help Wednesday night in a broadcast from Poland and then suddenly the station went dead.

The broadcast was heard here: "The last 55,000 Jews in the Ghetto at Warsaw have been condemned to execution.

Warsaw again is echoing in misery, the people are murdered. Women and children defend themselves with their naked arms.

"Save us..."

County Hits Two-Thirds

\$2,500,000 Mark Is Passed by Sales Outside Banks

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Japs Execute US Fliers; Warning Sent to Tokyo

WASHINGTON, April 21-(AP)—Japan has put to death some of the eight American fliers captured after the bombing of Tokyo and, treating the others as criminals, is denying them the rights to which prisoners of war are entitled.

This new horror by the enemy in violation of covenants concerning military prisoners—was disclosed Wednesday by President Roosevelt. He made known, too, that the American government has warned Tokyo that for this and any future "acts of criminal barbarity" just punishment will be visited on the responsible Japanese officials.

"This recourse by our enemies to frightfulness is barbarous," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement to the American people. "The efforts of the Japanese war lords to intimidate us will utterly fail. It

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All states are about on an equal basis so far as the necessity for inducting men with dependents is concerned, Wootton said. Oregon is now inducting only single men or men who acquired dependents after war was declared, but this pool of men is near exhaustion and calls in the next few months will include men with dependents, the state director indicated. He pointed out that Oregon had at one time been calling some men with wives only and with collateral dependents but was enabled to fill its calls this year with single men following registration and classification of the 18 year olds.

Aside from some 18 and 19 year olds deferred to finish the semester in high schools, this group of single men is now near exhaustion and the students completing the school year will be sufficient only to fill June calls in part, Wootton declared.

Wootton said it is not true that all single men will be inducted before any men with dependents are taken. He said some single men will continue to be deferred in class II-A and Class II-B so long as they are irreplaceable in occupations essential to the support of the war effort. This group of single men, Wootton added, is being kept as small as possible but cannot be eliminated if induction will dangerously curtail activities essential to the war program.

Wootton said there is some misunderstanding regarding the new hardship classification, Class III-D.

"Class III-D will afford deferment only to those registrants whose induction would cause extreme hardship and privation to their dependents," Wootton said, "and the word extreme is (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Mexican Laborers Sent to Washington

PORTLAND, April 21-(AP)—Walter A. Duffy, regional farm security administration director, announced that 400 Mexican farm laborers left Mexico City today for Washington sugar beet and truck crop areas.

Tembler Recorded

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21-(AP)—A slight earthquake was felt by residents of San Francisco's Sunset district about 4:40 p.m. PWT, Wednesday.

FDR, Camacho Visit Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., April 21-(AP)—The presidents of the United States and Mexico said farewell Wednesday to their precedent-breaking conferences after President Avila Camacho had been welcomed at the naval air training center here and President Roosevelt had called the occasion "one of the great American historical meetings."

The president of Mexico and Mr. Roosevelt inspected the busy training station and saw a brilliant aerial display by a formation of Catalina patrol boats and a squadron of dive bombers. Finally they rode back to the railroad siding and said their farewells in Mr. Roosevelt's private car.

President Avila Camacho was repaying a visit to Monterrey, Mexico, Tuesday by the American chief executive, which Mr. Roosevelt described as "one of the highlights in my life."

The aerial display was witnessed on four of the senior staff

ter luncheon in a mess hall with cadet officers.

In contrast with an elaborate banquet served to the two chief executives in Monterrey Tuesday night, their luncheon here was the regular ration of flying cadets at the world's largest aviation training establishment. The main course was frankfurters, mashed potatoes and string beans.

Lacking, too, was the pomp and pageantry which Monterrey splurged on the chiefs of state of the neighboring nations. But, they did not enter Corpus Christi itself and the only people they saw were the cadets, officers and civilian employees of the training center.

They ate in a mess hall with 250 cadet officers, and Mr. Roosevelt spoke briefly and informally after the meal.

"I am glad that the cadets are hearing what I have to say," he asserted, "because I want to tell you I regard this as one

of the greatest American historical meetings.

"I think you will remember it just as long as you live, for we are receiving on American soil the president of one of our sister republics."

Avila Camacho did not speak, but as he left the mess hall he shook hands with the Mexican cadets stationed there.

Touring the training center in an open car, the two presidents saw dozens of patrol bombers and other planes, some in the air, some on the ground, cheering lines of civilian workers, cadets drilling and running around a commando toughening course.

No disclosure has been made of the real reason for their dramatic meeting.

The two chief executives took Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles with them as they set out on their tour of the main training station. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Avila Camacho were in a second car.