

Jap Shipping Tracked Down At New Ireland

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shipping in the harbors at Rabaul and Kavieng, New Ireland. A headquarters spokesman said some of these latest victims of American airpower were found hiding in caves and inlets along the New Ireland coast, but all were apparently fugitives from Rabaul.

The attack Saturday afternoon was made by flights of Mitchell medium bombers which penetrated intense anti-aircraft fire to destroy one corvette, two gunboats, one 2000-ton and one 1000-ton freighter and damage two other merchantmen of 4000 tons.

Later that day and again the next morning, Liberator heavy bombers combined with Mitchells to sink three more vessels, of 2000, 1500 and 1000 tons, respectively, and damage a smaller freighter. MacArthur's communique said the damaged vessels probably could be considered lost.

Within seven days up to Sunday, the Japanese lost 44 ships to American guns and bombs in the Bismarck area. The total included vessels of all sizes and categories from small craft to a 10,000-ton tanker.

In the same period, 164 enemy planes were destroyed over New Ireland, New Britain and adjacent waters.

There was no letup in the aerial assault on Rabaul's airfields. Dauntless divebombers and Avenger torpedo planes, followed by Liberators blasted Lunakal airfield Saturday morning. The Japanese sent up 40 to 50 fighters and lost at least 23.

Later, more Liberators hit Toba airfield and their Lightning fighters engaged around 30 enemy interceptors and shot down three, and probably two more.

Allies Parry Weakening Nazi Blows

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the Fifth army infantry and tank units that threw six German divisions back in a fierce, all-out battle, but also commended the "magnificent support" given by allied warships, planes and artillery.

So heavily were the Germans massed for their blow at the allied center, straight south from Carroceto, that troops from five Nazi regiments were identified in one sector only 1000 yards wide.

At the height of the enemy's "do-or-die" offensive, it was disclosed today, the German air force broke through and subjected allied troops to intensive bombing and strafing. So furious were these attacks and so fluid the ground action that the Nazi pilots at times bombed their own troops.

An allied spokesman said the Germans were continuing to swell their forces in Italy. There are believed to be about 175,000 enemy troops in the country at this time, divided more or less equally between the beachhead and the original fighting front stretching across the waist of the peninsula.

Allied air operations yesterday were confined almost exclusively to attacks on German forces ringing the beachhead.

Western Trading Sues Dan Fry

Western Trading company of Portland, drug warehouse, has brought suit against Dan Fry of Salem, contending that he failed to follow provisions of a contract by which he was to supply the plaintiff company with 20,000 pounds of prime natural, single distilled peppermint oil in each of the years 1943 and 1944.

The complaint asks that the court force the defendant to fulfill terms of the contract or, in lieu, that \$110,000 total damages be awarded.

Scarlet Fever Attacks

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21-(AP)—Scarlet fever attacks rose through Portland, with 39 cases reported to the city health bureau last week and ten more today.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"March Called Off; Weather Too Good" says a Camp Adair Sentry Trailblazer. Of course, it's still February and a bit early to be calling off March, but look how we made the weatherman change his place in the American scheme of things because of the war!

Red Troops Topple Big Kholm Base

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Rog, a suburb just south of the prize industrial city. Among the 50 localities taken were Ivaovka, four miles south of Krivoi Rog, the rail station of Dolgitsvo, six miles to the east, and Zozhanovo, six miles to the northeast.

By taking Novy Krivoi Rog the Russians were within three miles of cutting the two rail escape routes leading out of the city, the line leading northwest to Dolinova and a spur line running south of Nikolokozelsk.

Farther north in the area west of Lake Ilmen, the Russians driving from three directions on Spikov captured approximately 112 localities, including Soltsy and Volot, district centers of the Leningrad region. Soltsy is only 24 miles northeast of Dno, last big rail junction short of Pskov, 60 miles to the west, while Volot is 27 miles east of Dno.

The Russians, within 55 miles of Pskov on the northeast, also reported a gain of three miles in their offensive down the railroad from Luga. North of Pskov the Russians last were reported only 28 miles from Pskov, key to the Baltic states, but the communique has not mentioned the progress of soviet troops in that area for several days.

Dried Milk Gets Titles

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21-(AP)—Dried skim milk went through the senate's centrifugal separator in triumph today, emerging with three modernistic titles conferred by a 46 to 4 roll call vote.

The action curdled the old-fashioned sensibilities of Sen. Overton (D-La.) whose heroic but singlehanded fight against the change gave Capitol Hill one of its most entertaining shows of the year. Now to be permitted are such names as "dried milk solids," "defatted milk solids" and "non-fat milk solids."

"Why," Overton cried — and these fancy new names seemed to sour on his tongue — "you might as well call castor oil the 'elixir of life' or the 'nectar of the gods.' Why not change the name of spinach to 'health and strength greens' and oleomargarine to 'vegetable butter'?"

Impressed with the idea the more he thought of it, Overton offered an amendment to that effect but it was roared down.

The new names would apply only to dried forms, that liquid skim milk is not affected by the legislation.

Now it is up to President Roosevelt to decide whether he will approve the bill. The house already has passed it.

Japan May Risk Fleet

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21-(AP)—The swift trend of war in the Pacific threatens to force Japan into risking her fleet in battle even before arrival of the critical hour for defense of the homeland.

Nothing what has happened within recent weeks in the Marshalls, at Truk, Eniwetok and elsewhere in the eastern fringe of the Japanese empire, tacticians here suggested today that the course of the American offensive is veering from the northward course which it has followed for a year and a half to the west.

One of the purposes of this new direction already has been suggested by Adm. Nimitz—the opening of a direct supply line to allied forces on the Asiatic mainland.

The establishment of such a line, however, would have a more immediate and dangerous effect for the Japanese. It would isolate from Japan the whole southern half of her zone of conquest—the East Indies, New Guinea, the Philippines and other island strongholds seized in the first unchecked surge of the enemy in early 1942.

It would mean the loss to Japan (and gain for the allies) of raw materials from the rubber plantations, oil wells and mines of the rich islands.

Diseases Reported

Two new cases of measles and one each of influenza, mumps, meningitis, syphilis and gonorrhea were reported in Marion county for the week ending February 12, according to the state board of health bulletin.

US Air, Naval Forces Attack Kuriles Again

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land chain. Despite anti-aircraft fire from all targets, all planes returned.

Shimushu, a small island immediately northeast of Paramushiro, is the northernmost of the Kuriles.

This was the first time that Nimitz had announced action in the north Pacific, although that theatre always has been under his jurisdiction as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet. Henceforth, announcements of action in the far northern area may be expected from Pearl Harbor.

It was believed that the ship bombardment of enemy positions in the eastern Marshalls was relatively heavy. With the fleet divided for assaults on Truk and Eniwetok, however, it was unlikely that it was as concentrated as the pre-invasion shelling of Kwajalein and Eniwetok atolls.

Airfields were damaged, shipping strayed and ground installations attacked in a 24-ton bombing of three Marshall atolls by army Warhawk fighters and Mitchell bombers and navy Ventura.

Text of the press release included:

"Ventura search planes of fleet air wing four attacked Paramushiro and Shimushu islands in the Kuriles during the night of 19-20 February (west longitude date). More than five tons of bombs were dropped. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered at all targets but all our planes returned safely to their base."

It was the fourth air or sea attack of the year on Paramushiro. Our Aleutians-based aircraft struck at the island January 21 and January 22 and on February 4 a United States task force shelled it.

The ship bombardment was the first of the war on Paramushiro, which is considered a part of the Japanese homeland. The defenders were caught by surprise as the surface vessels shelled the east and south coasts. Return fire from shore batteries was erratic and not a single American warship was hit.

Oregon Slates 400 Million In Construction

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works and private enterprise for the first three postwar years was estimated at approximately one billion dollars.

The report also pointed out that there is need for employing 123,000 during the readjustment period. The public works program, now being formulated and amounting to \$300,000,000, will care for about 32,000 men. Half of these will receive employment within the state indirectly from the public works program expenditures. The committee indicated that additional public works amounting to \$100,000,000 will be programmed, permitting the employment of a total of 40,000 persons.

Assassination Try Riles Reds

LONDON, Feb. 21.-(AP)—Moscow manifested displeasure with two Balkan governments today, declaring that a reported Cairo assassination attempt on Yugoslav King Peter was part of a plot to discredit soldiers trying to join Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) forces, and asserting the Turks were aiding German propaganda efforts.

A Tass dispatch from Cairo, which reported the assassination attempt, was quoted by the Moscow radio as saying it was a pro-fascist effort of the Yugoslav government to hinder the departure of officers and men who desire to join Tito's partisans in their battle against the nazis.

Another Tass dispatch from Cairo said Nazi propagandists had visited Turkey, and said their work of strengthening ties with the Turkish press was "facilitated by Turkish official circles."

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FDR Refusal Of Tax Bill Thought Due

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"There is only one issue. That is whether the president shall usurp the congressional power to levy taxes."

Some capitol hill sources indicated that Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the ways and means committee might take an active part in the campaign to override. It was Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) who said the president would let the axe fall in a special message to congress tomorrow. Rayburn predicted Mr. Roosevelt would be sustained.

This probably would mean there would be no new revenue legislation in 1944.

The veto would be the second in a week. The president's rejection of the anti-food subsidy bill was sustained in the house with 25 votes to spare.

Mr. Roosevelt in a blunt veto message said that legislation would break the line against wartime inflation. The tense situation between the white house and capitol hill brought charges from republicans and anti-administration democrats that the president is running for a fourth term on an "anti-congress platform."

Council Studies Municipal Overhauling

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services to residents in thickly-populated districts which refuse to become part of the city.

Three members of the council are to comprise the committee to study the possibility of affixing a small charge for sewer service to establish a reserve fund, which together with money already raised by a bond issue would be used to finance construction of a sewage disposal plant following the close of the war.

Maple Named Ward Seven Councilman

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ward, advised the council as he delivered his parting address two weeks ago that there should be a reorganization of city government for efficiency and so that whatever elected unpaid representatives the voters may have will not be required to carry too heavy burdens of work outside their policy-forming duties. However, he has indicated that he will be glad to continue the work with the postwar committee, which he has served as chairman since its inception.

Alta Louise Adams Struck by Auto

Alta Louise Adams, 5, of 2275 North Front street, suffered a fracture of the right leg above the knee and head abrasions Monday night when she was struck by a car driven by William T. Mathies, 750 North Front street, while running across Front street near her home. First aid treated the child and removed her to Salem General hospital where her condition was reported satisfactory late Monday night.

Mathies was driving south on Front at moderate speed when the accident occurred. He was not held.

Kappeli Car Stolen

A car owned by Allan D. Kappeli, Turner, was stolen from the 200 block on South Liberty street Monday night by a juvenile who wanted to take some friends to the skating rink. The car was recovered a short while later by city police.

Seamstresses to Meet

The Salem Heights Red Cross sewing meeting will be held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Douglas.

CONTINUOUS SHOWS
TODAY FROM 1 P. M.
ELSONORE
It's a RHYTHM RODEO

LAMOUR
POWELL
MOORE
RIDING HIGH
IN TECHNICOLOR

Co-Hit
Richard Arlen
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Yanks Raid Nazi Aircraft Industry

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the fighter component factories at Brunswick was delayed "an additional three or four months" by the attack.

At first the gigantic effort entailed great sacrifice in allied planes, but as the German fighter defenses became weaker, wearier and more dispersed, allied losses dropped.

The decreasing scale of resistance was shown in this recapitulation of four successive large-scale attacks:

The RAF lost 79 bombers—a record number—in the opening assault on Leipzig early February 20.

The US army air forces lost 22 bombers in daylight attacks Sunday, but with their fighter escort destroyed 126 German planes.

The RAF lost 10 bombers on Sunday night's Stuttgart raid.

American losses Monday were 15 bombers—estimated at roughly one and one half per cent of the force dispatched.

US army headquarters said "nearly as many aircraft were employed in this second successive day of major offensives as participated in the assault on units of the German fighter aircraft industry Sunday."

"Among the airbases attacked were those at Bramsche, Lingen, Bechte, Quakenbruck, Diepholz and Alhorn," the communique said.

Today's American armadas swept out shortly after hundreds of RAF bombers had set the war center of Stuttgart afire with 2240 tons of high explosives and incendiaries in a night raid.

Black British Lancasters and Halifaxes had opened the offensive at 4 a.m. Sunday with more than 2576 tons of bombs heaped on Leipzig, like Stuttgart a kingdom in production of aircraft parts.

As it affects the air over future battlefields, such destruction of Nazi plane potential is a prerequisite of invasion.

Some Fortress crews were able to make a second bomb-run over the target, so good was the weather and so light the fighter opposition.

The air ministry declared "intense fires" were set in Stuttgart, city of 500,000 population and one of Germany's biggest manufacturing centers. Its factories include the large Daimler-Benz auto works making engines for Messerschmitt fighters and Heinkels, the Bosch works specializing in ignition equipment for all kinds of engines, and plants making tanks, trucks, and submarine parts. The city also is a main railroad junction on the route to Italy.

Mrs. Bushnell Given Council's Sympathy

A resolution of sympathy directed to Mrs. Earl C. Bushnell and also spread upon the minutes of the council was voted Monday night by Salem city council a few hours after funeral services of Earl C. Bushnell, who for 15 years was municipal building inspector here.

City Engineer J. H. Davis was empowered to represent the city as its building inspector until further action can be taken and the auditor now working in the city hall was instructed to close the accounts of Mr. Bushnell and turn the books over to the engineer, who has shared offices with the building inspector.

Hospital Proposed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21-(AP)—A joint city-county hospital was proposed today by City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson, because of the recent death of a 14-year-old boy, whose treatment for severe burns was delayed by a shortage of hospital beds.

CAPITOL Last Times Tonight!

Olivia de Havilland
Robert Cummings
"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"

CO-HIT
"DR. GILLESPIE'S CRIMINAL CASE"

With Lionel Barrymore

Starts Wednesday

Radio Red and his whole gang are back again!... Right in the middle of a mystery mess.

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Meeting Changed

The March and September circles of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of Jason Lee Methodist church, which were to have met this week with Mrs. Lewis on South Capitol street, will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. P. Miller at 376 North 23rd street.

Rail Express Charge Cut Is Vetoed

An ordinance to cut in two the new \$300 license fee charged the Railway Express company by the city of Salem went down to defeat Monday night in council session after Alderman David O'Hara had pointed out that, like annual fees charged the electric company and telephone company, that assessed against the express concern was based not upon the street use but the profits of the company.

Nor is the charge the full two per cent of the gross earnings of the company although that is the basis on which such fees were supposed to be figured, O'Hara declared.

The company, represented a few months ago before the council by legal counsel and last night by Manager Harry Brown, would not object to an annual charge of \$150, which is a 50 per cent increase over that which has been charged it since 1905, but it does protest a fee as high as that charged it in Portland, where it operates 60 trucks. Here it operates three. Nor is the charge commensurate with that charged taxicabs, it was maintained by Alderman A. H. Gille, who introduced the unsuccessful ordinance.

Chief complaint of the company and its representatives is the fact that its competitors, railroads and heavy trucking concerns, are charged no fee at all.

Storm Hits California

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21-(AP)—Southern Californians today experienced alternate blasts of heavy rain, wind and—in the uplands—snow, with more forecast for tomorrow.

Many highways were blocked by snow and the main inland north-south thoroughfare, the Ridge route, was closed by three to five feet of snowfall.

Forest rangers reported 25 or more persons were stranded in the Mt. Wilson area near Pasadena.

In Los Angeles trees and power lines were blown down and 4.41 inches of rain were recorded. Nearby Glendale received 5.25 inches, Pasadena 4.15 and Burbank 4.42.

Lightning struck a transformer at Newhall and cut off lights. Storm conditions extended south to San Diego where several motorists and skiers were marooned on Cuyamaca mountain.

High tides were predicted along the coast tomorrow.

GRAND NOW PLAYING

First A—i can Pin—er of the Japs! Author, Reporter—Man of many ADVENTURES!

Michael O'Shea 'Jack London'

with Susan Hayward Ralph Morgan Frank Craven

FLYNN★SMITH "GENTLEMAN JIM"

with JACK GARRON ALAN HALE Directed by NICK BRUCE

TERRIFIC CO-HIT • Humphrey Bogart As the Bandit Who Defied All Law! in "HIGH SIERRA" IDA LUPINO

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here comes ELMER

Fun-Jammed Co-Hit!

with Bob EVANS from ALBERTSON Directed by STUART

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Air, Surface Forces Attack Parry Island

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does not expect any serious ground opposition on Parry Island, a seaplane base which guards the deep eastern entrance into Eniwetok's excellent lagoon. Parry is about 4500 yards long and little more than 100 yards wide.

Adm. Nimitz said that enemy resistance has been stubborn and small pockets of troops yet must be overcome on Eniwetok island.

The island, heavily wooded, probably affords small groups of isolated Japs better protection than they found on the more exposed Kwajalein group.

Carrier-based Hellcat fighters carried bombs in the preinvasion attack on Eniwetok atoll. Associated Press Correspondent Eugene Burns disclosed in a dispatch just received from a carrier operating near that atoll.

Burns also reported that planes of that carrier task force unloaded more than 450 tons of Jap-busters on Eniwetok "without benefit of a single Jap plane to brighten the dull routine."

Davies Says Soviets Vital

WINTER PARK, Fla., Feb. 21.-(AP)—Stressing the need for mutual trust and tolerance among the allied nations, former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies declared today "The soviet union, obviously, is as vital to postwar peace as it is to the winning of the war."

"Thanks to the cooperation of Great Britain, the soviet union, China and the United Nations, we can now look forward to ultimate victory with reasonable assurance," he said in an address at the mid-winter Rollins college convocation at which he was awarded the degree of doctor of literature.

"But to win the war is not enough," declared the former ambassador to Belgium and Russia who came here from his winter home at Palm Beach for the ceremony.

"When, then, will be confronted with the test which we failed to meet 25 years ago. The question now, even as then, is whether the human race has sufficient intelligence and capacity to impose upon itself conditions which will assure that the future will, for a time at least, be relieved of mass murder, fratricide and suicide—that which we call war."

STATE LIBERTY

OPENS 6:45 P. M.