

BRITISH WARSHIPS KEPT GUNS HOT BY FIRING AT STUKAS

Battle in Waters Around Crete Writes New Chapter in Naval History, Is Word

By Larry Allen.
 Alexandria, Egypt, May 28.—(AP)—British warships in the waters around Crete wrote a new chapter of courage under one of the heaviest air attacks in history, naval sources here said today, when, amid incessant battle against hundreds of Nazi dive-bombers, they prevented the landing by sea of a single German soldier on that island.

Constantly attacked by Nazi fighters, dropping 1,000-pound bombs as the ships of the royal navy broke up axis convoys attempting to reinforce air-borne divisions already on the island, the guns of the British warships turned red-hot firing thousands of shells into the swarms of sky-raid.

Continuous Fire.
 Officers said British battleships, cruisers and destroyers, smashing one convoy and scattering a large expeditionary force of 30 vessels, flung six-inch and four-inch anti-aircraft shells at swooping dive-bombers continuously from dawn to dusk on May 22.

It was a day, they said, which will go down in history as marking one of the biggest aerial assaults ever made upon warships. Scores of German dive-bombers were shot down by the ships' anti-aircraft batteries, the British said, while the other guns of the fleet were sinking one Italian destroyer and two transports; and blasting swarms of caiques (fishing boats) carrying between 5,000 and 8,000 Nazis—practically all of whom drowned.

Convoy Broken Up.
 One squadron of cruisers and destroyers, they said, broke up an axis convoy of at least 30 vessels with gunfire, forcing its remnants to flee northward toward Greece.

Returning to this Egyptian base aboard a battleship before the big air-battle around Crete began, I learned later from officers of other naval units how the British seamen—even after their fighter aircraft protection had been withdrawn from Crete—gave the Nazis some of the hottest barrages yet seen in this war.

For five days after leaving their base most units of the fleet were constantly at action stations, with Nazi bombers swooping overhead in great masses.

England's gasoline ration now permits the ordinary driver to travel approximately 200 miles a month. It has been estimated that about 65,000 square miles of Alaskan territory could be developed for farming.

More than 160,000 men have applied for admittance to the Australian air force in the last year, that country's air department announces.

The Mississippi river and its tributaries drain 19 states, or about two-fifths the area of the United States.

POLICE KILL BUTLER ATTEMPTING TO ROB HOME OF EMPLOYER

Los Angeles, May 28.—(AP)—Detectives killed a butler today after, they reported, he bound a wholesale merchant and a maid, threatened the merchant's son with a gun and stole \$200.

Detective Lieuts. Wallace Greeter and William Molle trapped Ben Smith, 28, in the William Klatscher home and shot him after, they said, he threatened to kill them. They told this story:

Smith, employed at Klatscher's palatial home in the Wilshire district, entered the house shortly after midnight, bound the maid, Smiles Love, 48, and forced William Klatscher, Jr., 16, to bind his father.

While he searched for money, Jeanette Klatscher, 22, freed her father. Klatscher, Sr., went to a neighbor's and called police.

As they arrived, Smith sought refuge in a closet, using the boy as a shield, and cried "I'll kill anybody that comes through that door."

William, Jr., shoved Smith and grabbed his gun. The detectives killed Smith.

SCHMELING AMONG CRETAN CHUTISTS

Berlin, May 28.—(AP)—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, was among the parachutists landed in Crete, well-informed sources reported today.

Schmeling was accepted as a volunteer in the Nazi parachute forces during the summer of 1940 although he was overage, at 35, and considerably overweight for that particular branch of the service.

Last October he suffered a leg fracture in a practice jump. After he had recovered, newspaper pictures of him going through various training movements and finally making a headlong dive from a plane were widely displayed in German theaters.

Accused



George E. Browne (top), president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and William Bioff (bottom), were indicted in New York under federal anti-racketeering laws. They were accused of extorting \$550,000 from four leading movie producers and distributors through threats to tie up the movie industry with a strike.

Astec Ruins National Monument in western New Mexico embraces a great E-shaped structure built by stone age architects and masons more than 800 years ago.

TWO JAPS INDICTED FOR TRYING TO SHIP STEEL DRILLS HOME

San Francisco, May 28.—(AP)—Two Japanese were indicted by the federal grand jury today on a charge that they attempted to export defense tools in violation of national defense regulations.

The two, Gizo Yueno, 34, and Shiro Higuchi, 36, were arrested May 16. Assistant U. S. Attorney James T. Davis said they had tried to export to Japan about 3,600 steel drills.

Yueno operated a candy shop here; Higuchi drove truck for a Japanese warehouse company.

Four months ago, Davis said, Yueno went to Japan. On his return he asked Higuchi to pack his furniture for shipment to Japan. At the warehouse, the attorney stated, Higuchi was told to pack steel drills in the furniture and to pack others in crates marked condensed milk.

On May 16 customs agents found milk cases in Yueno's cabin on the Japanese liner Asama Maru. The cases, Davis said, were packed with steel drills, and others were found in the furniture en route to the ship. The men had been in jail since their arrest.

FARMERS URGED TO VOTE QUOTAS

Washington, May 28.—(AP)—Chairman Fulmer (D. S. C.) of the house agriculture committee, today appealed to wheat farmers to vote for marketing quotas on their 1941 crop in a special farmer referendum Saturday.

"If quotas are disapproved, farmers may look for greatly decreased prices for their wheat, because the AAA wheat program is holding domestic wheat above the world level," he said in a statement.

Fulmer also warned government loans on wheat, now fixed by law at 85 per cent of parity, would be prohibited if quotas were not approved.

INSURANCE APPEAL IS WON BY WIDOW

Salem, May 28.—(AP)—The Mutual Life Insurance company of New York was ordered by the state supreme court today to pay double indemnity to Betty Jean Trevathan of Portland, whose husband was killed April 15, 1939, when his motorcycle collided with a truck in Portland.

The husband, Clarence E. Trevathan, had a \$1,000 life insurance policy, containing a provision that his widow would receive \$2,000 if he were killed accidentally.

The company paid the \$1,000, but refused to pay the extra \$1,000.

'FRISCO FIRM LOW ON PENDLETON JOB

Portland, May 28.—(AP)—De Luca & Son of San Francisco was lowest of six bidders today for installation and construction of a gasoline storage and fueling system at the CAA Pendleton airport, the U. S. army engineers announced.

Deluca's bid was \$175,000. Bids on a sewage disposal plant at the Pendleton airport will be opened May 29.

To man the fleet now being contemplated, the U. S. navy must train 16,000 officers by 1947.

The United States has about 126,000 miles of oil pipeline and the rest of the world 11,000 miles.

New York's 11,000 firemen fought more than 28,000 fires in 1940.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP IS FORMED AT B. F.

Butte Falls, May 28.—(Spl.)—Formation of a Boy Scout troop here got under way last night with a meeting of committeemen who are sponsoring the troop. Scoutmaster is Virgil Clark, and members of the committee are W. J. Petterson, chairman; Clay Conley, Clyde Smith, Ted Fredenburg and Gus Edmondson.

The committee, which will meet every second Wednesday of every month, plans to finance the troop by small individual donations from residents of the community.

First meeting of the troop will be held Tuesday night, June 3,

and subsequent meetings will be held every Tuesday.
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