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NIPPON LOSSES HEAVY AT TOUNGOO

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Tin Lack to Hit Canning Industry
Rationing of Soap Also on Program
Reclamation Fund Sharply Reduced

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The general public does not yet know, and only a few of the canneries of the northwest are aware that canning, one of the great resources of the area, is to be hard hit. Briefly, the war production board has a program of trying to make a normal one year's supply of tin stretch over five years. WPB realizes that this will cause inconvenience and much loss to many people; but that is the plan.

Most of the tin supply for the United States came from the Dutch East Indies. It was supposed that although there might be a temporary interruption of supplies, the Japanese would be shortly disposed of and tin would again flow. Unfortunately, the Japanese swarmed in and captured the Dutch East Indies and now no tin is expected from that source until after the duration. Sometime before the war is over it is hoped that a smelter will be operating on tin ore from Bolivia, the smelter having been located in Texas, although the engineers had recommended Tacoma.

Despite this possible relief from Bolivia, WPB is not placing too much confidence in it and declares that the outlook for an adequate tin supply during the next few years is so bad that the tendency will be to tighten the restrictions rather than to make them more liberal.

War production board proposes telling what size cans can be used. It recognizes that the small cans are more convenient for the needs of consumers but small cans require proportionately much more tin plate per ounce of contents than large cans. As between accommodating the consumer and conserving tin plate, WPB is for the

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time)

New York, March 31.—(Wide World)—Easter morn on the radio is to be greeted with broadcasts of sunrise services from various parts of the country. So far nine programs have been listed.

The broadcasts will cover the period from 3 a. m. to approximately 7 o'clock, to include pickups from both coasts and intermediate points.

Tonight: CBS—7 Passover program.

Blue—6:30 Stokowski NBC symphony Lenten concert; 7:30 fight, Belito Bettina vs. Gus Corazio.

Wednesday: The war—8 MBS 8:15 MBS; 9 CBS MBS; 10 BLU; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 11:30 BLU; 12:15 p. m., CBS; 1 MBS; 1:45 CBS MBS; 3:15 MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS MBS.

SIDE GLANCES

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A "Merry Christmas" slide flashin' on the screen at the Craterian—maybe as a preview to April Fool's day.

Gene Riebe dressed in his natty navy uniform and receiving a lot of feminine attention.

Coordinator Frank VanDyke very thoroughly explaining the mysterious ramifications of priorities and such to a willing telephone listener.

Moore Hamilton being somewhat startled to look a police revolver in the eye as he entered headquarters, there being no danger involved in the situation, however, as the weapon was merely reclining on the counter and facing the door.

5,000 KILLED BY CHINESE FORCES IN BLOODY FIGHT

Heavy Battle Still Raging About Burma Key Town; Japs Move on Right Flank

By Roger D. Greene

(Associated Press War Editor)
Chinese headquarters declared late today that more than 5,000 Japanese troops had been killed in bloody fighting around Toungoo, on the left flank of the allied line in central Burma, while on the other end of the front, the British admitted a critical turn in the struggle.

Previous reports had listed 18,000 Japanese troops engaged in the Toungoo sector, where the invaders had apparently wrested control of at least half the town from Chinese defenders.

Heavy fighting is still raging around the town, a Chinese communique said, adding that Chinese soldiers had recaptured the Japanese-held airdrome at Kyungon, 10 miles north of Toungoo. A whole Japanese battalion was reported annihilated there.

On the right flank, Japanese columns driving toward the oil fields of northwest Burma and the gateway to India were acknowledged to have advanced within 10 miles of Proma, supported by traitorous Burmese natives.

Prome is the British-held anchor on the right wing of the allied defense line in central Burma.

The city is strategically important as a barrier to the rich Yenangyaung oil fields, and also guards the Irrawaddy river route to Mandalay.

A British communique said the Japanese penetrated to Shwedaung, 10 miles below Prome, in heavy fighting in which imperial Indian frontier troops inflicted 300 casualties and captured 70 prisoners.

Other developments in the far Pacific theater included: Philippines—A war department bulletin reported that Japanese planes attacked a base hospital in American-defended Bataan peninsula, inflicting a number of casualties. The hospital was plainly marked.

The communique said heavy aerial bombardment of Manila bay fortresses, accompanied by fire from enemy shore batteries, continued day and night, causing little damage.

Bataan Blow Waits
On Bataan, sharp patrol clashes were reported, but there was still no sign of the threatened all-out Japanese offensive against long-besieged American and Filipino troops.

Australia—United States bombing crews were officially credited with destroying 50 Japanese fighter planes in aerial combat alone and sinking or damaging 46 enemy transports and 16 warships up to March 1. The blows were inflicted in the battles of the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

Fast Talkers Get \$10 Short Change

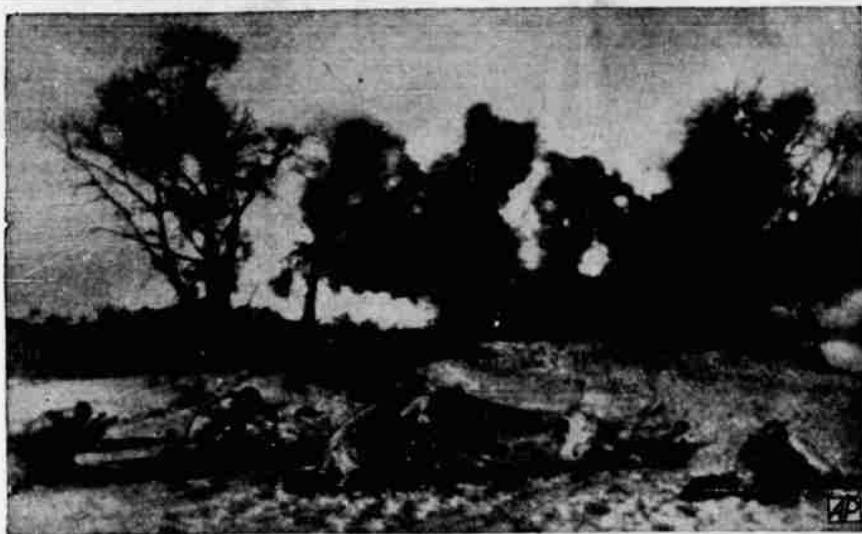
Tacoma, March 31.—(AP)—You see it done in the movies, but Store Clerk R. L. Hagerson, was chagrined to find a couple of men had done him out of \$10 change on a 50 cent transaction today.

Hagerson explained to police how the trick is worked: "They talked so fast and changed their orders so many times and gave me so many different pieces of money and asked so many questions while I was trying to figure it all out, that it wasn't until they had walked out of the store that I discovered I was \$10 short."

WED IN RENO

Reno, Nev., March 31.—(AP)—Dorothy E. Sargent, former Mount Vernon, N. Y. beauty parlor operator, and William (Bill) F. Skiff, 46, manager of the Seattle baseball club of the Pacific Coast league, were married here today.

Reds Creep Over Snow Toward Nazis



Soviet soldiers, their white uniforms blending with the snowy landscape, dislodge German troops from one village with the support of artillery, according to the Russian caption for this picture, which was radioed from Moscow to New York.

DALADIER SHOUTS IN GUILT HEARING

Riom, Unoccupied France, March 31.—(AP)—Bull-necked former Premier Edouard Daladier, irritated over charges that France's tank force was inferior to Germany's, shouted a public warning today that the French may beat the Germans in another war.

"Never mind about who got licked," the irate defendant told Gen. Joseph Keller who had just finished saying German tanks outnumbered the French about 2 to 1.

"It will not always be the same ones who will get licked."

SENATE REJECTS 40-HOUR CHANGE

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—The senate rejected on a voice vote today amendments to pending legislation which would have suspended the 40-hour week, outlawed the closed shop and made it unlawful to use threats or violence to keep workers from their jobs.

The amendments were offered by Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) to a pending bill designed to help small business concerns get a greater share of war contracts.

O'Daniel sought unsuccessfully to force a roll call vote on his proposals.

Cairo, March 31.—(AP)—Nine persons died of suffocation at Alexandria Sunday during a daylight air raid alert when 2,000 persons rushed into a shelter meant to accommodate only 100. No bombs were dropped.

New Jersey Standard Chief Denies Rubber Frustration

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, described today as without "a shadow of foundation" testimony that the company had prevented or delayed development of synthetic rubber in the United States.

"The facts and the record," he told the senate defense investigating committee, "are exactly to the contrary."

Farish appeared before the committee to reply to testimony by Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general in charge of anti-trust enforcement, that the company had frustrated development of synthetic rubber in the United States as a result of cartel agreements made with I. G. Farben of Germany before the United States entered the war.

"Any charges that the Standard Oil company or any of its officers has been in the slightest respect disloyal to the United States is unwarranted and untrue," Farish asserted, reading from a statement.

INDIA NEGOTIATION MAY FAIL ACCOUNT DEFENSE CONTROL

New Delhi, March 31.—(AP)—Growing indications that the British proposal to grant India dominion status might break down over the British insistence on retaining control of India's defense during the war came today from the all-India congress executive committee and other sources.

Mohandas Gandhi's son Devadas wrote in the Hindustan Times that the defense issue might cause the congress, dominant political party of the great sub-continent, to reject the offer Sir Stafford Cripps brought from the British government.

The younger Gandhi said opposition was strong in the congress.

Sir Stafford has stated emphatically at a press conference that there would be no revision in Britain's decision to retain defense control during the war.

An atmosphere of depression grew tonight as a result of a general feeling that the conferences would prove unsuccessful.

Harriman Lodge On Klamath Lake Burns

Klamath Falls, March 31.—(AP)—Harriman Lodge, a landmark on upper Klamath lake 20 miles north of here, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin yesterday.

The lodge, built as a summer home by the late E. R. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, in 1907, has been operated as a private summer resort recently.

"He told me he wanted to lead his own life in his own way. He said he wanted to be free, that he didn't want a child or a wife and would rather be alone."

Miss Damita told Judge Palmer.

MANY UNOPPOSED IN PRIMARY RACE

Filing for county offices in the May primary closed yesterday, with no candidates filing against Syd I. Brown, democratic candidate for sheriff, William Perry, Eagle Point, republican candidate for county commissioner; Paul B. Rynning, republican county surveyor candidate, and Nick S. Young, seeking re-election on the Republican ticket for constable for the Medford district.

The following filed for precinct committees: Republicans: Otto Fuhrman, Foothills; Ethel Florey, North Central; Medford; C. Y. Tengwald, Orchard Home; Frank Davis, Ashland West; G. M. Green, Ashland Northwest; H. N. Butler, Medford, North Central; H. C. Galey, Ashland Boulevard; Lucy P. Hast, Ashland West, and Myrtle Blakeley, Medford North Main.

Democrats: Fay Carver, Phoenix East; Ward Spatz, Medford Southeast; William Grenbemer, Oakdale; Nora E. Walton, Talent East; Parenthia Terrill, Talent West; J. B. Wetters, Jacksonville South; Vera D. Rippon, Florence Rock, and Ray J. Schumacher, Talent East.

Damita Divorces Film Hero Flynn

Los Angeles, March 31.—(AP)—The stormy marriage of Lili Damita and Errol Flynn of swashbuckling movie fame ended today when the French-born actress was granted a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty.

Miss Damita told Judge Palmer: "He told me he wanted to lead his own life in his own way. He said he wanted to be free, that he didn't want a child or a wife and would rather be alone."

Pickets Delaying Army Hut Order

Detroit, March 31.—(AP)—The Currier Lumber Co. said today two pickets for the Detroit Building Trades Council-AFL today were delaying shipment of 900 pre-fabricated army huts.

Ed Thal, secretary of the building trades council, said he did not know the plant was being picketed.

MINE PRIORITY ORDER MODIFICATION COMING

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—Senator Johnson (D., Colo.) said today he had been told by a war production board official that the WPB order restricting priorities for mines producing more than 30 percent gold and silver money value would be modified within a few days.

ODD FELLOWS CHANGE PLACE OF CONVENTION

Roseburg, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—The annual state convention of the I.O.O.F. lodge, originally scheduled to be held in Roseburg May 17 to 21 inclusive, will be held instead in Portland, according to word received here today.

ER PRIMARY CAMPAIGN SEEN AS ENTRY ENDS

Competition For Most Major Offices; Wide-open Races In New Fourth District.

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

Salem, March 31.—(AP)—Bitter battles for most of Oregon's major offices, including that of Senator Charles L. McNary, were predicted today after yesterday's last-minute rush of 141 candidates for the May 15 primary election boosted the total number of candidates to 306, compared with 357 four years ago when the same offices were filled.

McNary, who had been unopposed in either party until yesterday, will face Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney, in the Republican primary. Democratic candidates are Walter W. Whitbeck and Dr. Mac Beth A. Milne, dentist, both of Portland.

Mott Unopposed

Congressman James W. Mott of the first district, Republican, is the only congressman who won't have any primary opposition. Democratic candidates for his seat are Earl A. Nott, McMinnville, Yamhill county district attorney, and Lyman Ross, Aloha, former state representative from Washington county.

In the second district, Congressman Walter M. Pierce will be opposed for the Democratic nomination by Charles H. Mack, Klamath Falls, former newspaper man and county assessor, who filed at the last minute. Republican candidates for the job are Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, former state liquor commissioner; and Marvin Klemme, Burns, veteran employee of federal and state grazing departments.

Rep. Homer D. Angell, Portland, representing the third district, will be opposed in the Republican primary by John M. Schofield, Portland insurance adjuster. Democratic candidates are E. J. Griffith, former state WPA administrator; State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, and A. W. O'Connell, all of Portland.

Fourth District Races

There will be wide-open races in both parties in the newly-created fourth congressional district. Republicans seeking the

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New Elks Ruler



Dr. Stanley E. Phillips (above) will be installed as exalted ruler of the Medford Elks lodge at ceremonies in the temple Thursday night, along with other new officers elected at the last meeting.

ELKS TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS AT THURSDAY MEET

Installation of officers for the coming year will be held by the Medford Elks lodge Thursday night, ceremonies to be conducted by Past Exalted Ruler Millard Grubb of the Ashland lodge and a group of Ashland Elks.

Elected exalted ruler to succeed Ernest Scott was Dr. Stanley E. Phillips. Other officers named were C. C. Leonard, esteemed leading knight; Dr. C. H. Paske, esteemed loyal knight; Melvin R. Plasket, esteemed lecturing knight; Ernest L. Scott, secretary; George T. Frey, treasurer; Dr. W. E. Lantis, trustee for three years and Ralph McKay, tiler.

The regular lodge session will be preceded by the annual free crab feed to be served at 6:30. Retiring Exalted Ruler Scott urged all Elks in southern Oregon to attend.

The world's total stock of radium, valued at \$18,000,000 amounts to about two pounds.

Lew Ayres Objector; Sent To Work Camp

Hollywood, March 31.—(AP)—Lew Ayres as the boyish, war-hating German soldier who died trying to catch a butterfly on No-Man's Land made screen history a dozen years ago in "All Quiet On The Western Front."

It was a poignant scene, that death on the battlefield—a dramatic summation of the hate that young soldier had for war.

Today handsome, moody Lew Ayres was speeding by train to Wyeth, near Portland, Ore., to take his place in a camp for conscientious objectors to war.

Even his studio didn't know of his plans—or his plea for classification as a conscientious objector.

Born in Minneapolis, where he attended high school, Ayres drifted into California with a small-time band. He played the banjo, piano and guitar.

Must Toe Mark

Wyeth, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Lew Ayres, the movie "Dr. Kildare" and the other men who hold "thou shalt not kill" above all else—love of country, respect of fellow men, even freedom itself, in this camp must toe the mark. Military discipline prevails, under supervision of the selective service board.

They must work eight hours a day, five days a week in actual constructive work. It is similar in all respects to that performed by civilian conservation corps enrollees in this area, Camp No. 21. In fact, formerly was a CCC camp.

Came the role in "All Quiet—", it brought more fame, more wealth. He and Lola were divorced and he married Ginger Rogers. Presently Ginger's stock was high and Ayres' dipped.

Years went by and they separated, were divorced. Suddenly Ayres found himself again, as "Dr. Kildare."

At the Wyeth camp, Ayres will get up at 6 a. m. daily and swing an ax 40 hours a week—and pay \$35 a month for the privilege. The \$35 will defray his expenses. Along with 100 other objectors there, he'll be on call for forest fire fighting duty.

RELENTLESS REDS BATTER AT NAZIS ON WHOLE FRONT

Germans Claim Aerial Successes And Destruction Of Many Russian Tanks.

(By Associated Press)

Russia's armies, pressing a relentless spring offensive amid the thawing snows of winter, were reported battering heavily at key German bases along the entire front today while the Nazi high command claimed aerial successes and the destruction of 183 Soviet tanks between March 23 and March 30.

In the battle to keep allied supplies pouring into the U. S. S. R., the British admiralty reported that British and Russian naval forces crippled a German destroyer and drove off attacks by Nazi surface craft and U-boats Sunday while escorting a convoy to Russia.

Three German submarines were severely damaged "if not sunk," the admiralty said, while a British cruiser and a destroyer were damaged but reached port safely.

Red Successes

On the Russian land front, Soviet dispatches reported important new successes before Leningrad, with the Red army starting to roll back German and Finnish forces along the whole sector.

The Soviet radio announced the capture of an "important strategic point" in the Leningrad area. The point was not identified, but Leningrad's defenders have long been seeking to recapture Schluesselburg, on Lake Ladoga, to open a new land route of supplies to the beleaguered metropolis.

German field headquarters acknowledged severe Russian pressure in the Ukraine, on the central (Moscow) front, and in the far north, but asserted that Nazi dive-bombers had "frustrated" a tank-led Soviet attack in the critical battle around Lake Ilmen.

The high command described the dive-bombing assault as taking place "northeast of Lake Ilmen," presumably referring to the Staraya Russa sector where the German 16th army has been trapped for many weeks.

Soviet front-line dispatches said Red army cavalrymen, attacking in the same region northwest of Moscow, beat off a stiff German attack, forced the Nazis to retreat and seized an important populated place.

FARM WOMEN IN TANGLED TRIANGLE

Clarksville, Ga., March 31.—(AP)—Officers disclosed today the arrest of two farm women, each accusing the other of killing the husband of one of them in a tangled triangle case.

Deputy Sheriff Lew Allen said Mrs. Australia Baker was arrested on a murder warrant sworn out by Mrs. Flossie D. Thomas who accused Mrs. Baker of poisoning her 50-year-old tenant farmer husband, William Baker. Mrs. Baker swore out a similar warrant against Mrs. Thomas.

Baker died Nov. 11, 1941, while suffering from tuberculosis, the officer said. The body has been exhumed for examination but the exact cause of death has not been determined. Meanwhile both women remained in jail without bond pending a special session of the Habersham county grand jury. Dennis Thomas, husband of one of the accused, was jailed as a material witness and on charges of abandoning his wife and children, Allen said.

80 MORE GUERRILLAS

Pendleton, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Fifty men enlisted with the Umatilla county guerrilla organization here over the weekend, with applicants coming from Pilot Rock, Hermiston and many other outside points.