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SUB SINKS SHIP NEAR PRAGUE SOUND

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 10.—Some readers are coming back at me already for my column of yesterday reminding them of our love for defenseless peace as expressed in our generous disarmament treaty of 1922, enabled Japan to sneak-build her navy up to ours, and that the Versailles treaty mandates the Pacific islands awarded to the Japanese enabled them to sneak-build the air bases and sea bases which made their conquest of the far east possible by forming a protective outer rim for her operations.

Readers say they always thought the Japs were treacherous treaty-breakers, but that if we make treaties for disarmament with Germany and Italy (and Russia?) after this war, it may be different, because we can trust them.

None of this is true. Treaty-breaking is not a racial or national characteristic of certain nations. Let us face the truth. Japan, Germany and Italy fell into the hands of military cliques which deluded our statesmen and the world. Those cliques thought they were acting in the best interests of their countries in breaking treaties which imposed disadvantageous conditions upon them.

IN the base of the Versailles treaty, the Germans certainly had a case. By it they were reduced to permanent inferiority.

France, through the League of Nations, imposed every possible treaty guarantee to keep Germany inferior—reparations, political and economic denials, even partial occupation for a time.

She could have undercut the Hitler movement in Germany before it started by a fairer and more just appeal to the German people than the Versailles treaty provided.

In truth, she did mitigate the reparations terms later on with

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One Thing To Do; Fireman "Dood" It
Portland, June 10.—(AP)—Fireman Ed Lawrence rolled out with the alarm.

In his haste he kicked his pants and shoes under the bed. Madly he groped for them, but the truck was roaring, ready to move. Only one thing to do, and he "dood" it.

At the fire, it was not the heat that made his face red.

SEED ACREAGE UP
Portland, June 10.—(AP)—Oregon seed acreage is up considerably, the crop is in better condition than last year, and per-acre yields are expected to be much heavier, the agriculture department said today.

Radio Highlights
(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: NBC, 9:05, Portland, Ore., Rose festival. CBS, 8:15, talk, Dr. H. V. Evans, Australian attorney-general. MBS, 8:15, Fight Against Inflation, Undersecretary of War Patterson. 8:15, Sen. James Mead on "Roll of Congress in War."

Thursday: NBC, 3:30, American Medical association convention.

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ensign Bob Hinman looking in fighting trim in his navy pilot's uniform.

Jack Matlack fussing for hours on end with his pet public address system.

Betty Vilim getting ready to move to Crater Lake for the summer months.

ONE MAN DIES IN LIFEBOAT DURING PULL FOR SHORE

Eight Injured When Unseen Submersible Fires Torpedo Into U. S. Freighter

Port Angeles, Wash., June 10.—(AP)—The first torpedoing of a U. S. merchant ship off the coast of the Pacific northwest, officially announced by the navy last night, was revealed after the ship's master, Capt. Lyle G. Havens, 48, San Carlos, Calif., brought his crew men here and said "I'm glad to report we lost only one of the 60 aboard."

The torpedoed ship was bound from a Washington port with a cargo of newsprint rolls.

Negro Cook Dies
Lone fatality was 56-year-old Stephen Chance, negro second cook and baker, of no known address, who died of exposure in a lifeboat.

Two were in a serious condition and six others were less seriously hurt, he said, when the explosion occurred last Sunday afternoon. He said the ship sank 30 minutes later, and that while he nor any of the ship's officers saw the submarine, its conning tower was reported seen by several of the crew.

A lifeboat carrying some of the survivors reached Neah bay, near Cape Flattery on the northwestern tip of the Washington coast, Monday night. They told of other men on two life rafts and planes and a naval vessel found those men early yesterday and also brought them into Neah bay. All came here yesterday from Neah bay by bus.

Men Hospitalized
The two most seriously injured men, Stephen Malone, fireman, of San Francisco, who was crushed in his bunk when the torpedo hit the ship about 50 feet from where he was sleeping, and Vern Wickert, oiler, of Sioux Falls, S. D., were taken to the marine hospital at Seattle. Wickert was standing near an oil tank which burst and he got oil in his lungs.

First Officer E. W. Nystrom, Oakland, Calif., a former economics major at Washington State college, said he saw what some described as the submarine and that "it might have been part of our ship's debris. I fired two parachute signal flares. The wreckage disappeared."

Captain Havens said "there is no doubt we were torpedoed."

Both he and Nystrom were in their bunks when the ship was struck, and were thrown to the deck.

No "Boom"
"The strange thing about the concussion, and it was a terrible one, was the 'silence' of it," Nystrom said. "There wasn't any 'boom'."

Captain Havens said the explosion smashed one of the two lifeboats, but that the entire personnel were gotten away in the remaining lifeboat and two life rafts within 10 minutes. He and Chief Engineer N. J. Irvine, Seattle, left the vessel shortly before she sank.

G. Pass Legion For Admitting All Vets
Grants Pass, June 10.—(AP)—The local American Legion post has adopted a resolution calling for congress to amend the national organization's charter to permit the Legion to admit to membership veterans of all United States wars, and to accept property of other veterans organizations.

CRUISER LAUNCHED
Camden, N. J., June 10.—(AP)—The big cruiser Santa Fe was launched in a "closed ceremony" at the New York Shipbuilding corporation yards today—a year and three days after the keel was put down. A bottle of water from the Santa Fe river was broken over the bow by 14-year-old Caroline Trevelyan Chavez of Santa Fe as the mighty vessel headed down the ways.

CHROME SHIPPED
Grants Pass, June 10.—(AP)—Eight carloads of war-essential chrome were shipped from Grants Pass last week, a mines survey showed.

Women's Army Recruits "Fall In"



Colonel Charles L. Malone, commander officer of the army reception center, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., leads 91 candidates for officer rank in the WAAC to the mess hall while the women were at the center for physical examination. Note most of the neophytes are in step.

Ship Losses Mount To 263; Staggering Cost Revealed

(By the Associated Press)
Announcement today (Wed.) of the torpedoing of a British merchantman in the North Atlantic brought the toll of allied and neutral ship losses in the Atlantic and Pacific areas to 263.

The sinkings by submarine attack of an American merchantman off the Pacific coast and a Norwegian vessel in the western Atlantic were the most recent previously disclosed losses.

The British ship carried 12 American field service workers, four of whom missed death by a scant 15 feet when a second torpedo struck the ship as they sought to disentangle themselves from jammed lines against the side of the sinking ship. The British crew of 59 all reached port safely.

Meanwhile an indication of the staggering cost in money of the sinkings came from the American Institute of Marine Underwriters, which announced yesterday that insurance companies had lost \$46,488,068 on marine insurance policies in the first six months of this year.

FLAT \$2000 SALARY TO BE SOUGHT FOR COUNTY COMMISSION

At the public hearing, Monday, June 29, on the Jackson county budget for the tax year starting July 1, adoption of a resolution asking the hearing to petition the next legislature to adopt a law placing Jackson county commissioners on a flat salary of \$2,000 per year, without mileage fees, will be asked. The budget committee recommends it.

According to County Judge J. B. Coleman, the change would make the costs about the same as now. The county commissioners receive \$5 per day when in session, and mileage fees. Due to the increase in business the past year they are in session practically every day and devote the greater portion of their time to county business.

JUSTICE MURPHY TO ARMY SERVICE

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—Associate Justice Frank Murphy is leaving the supreme court temporarily, associates said today, to become a lieutenant colonel in the army.

Attaches of the high court reported that he would take the oath of office at the war department later today and would leave shortly thereafter for Fort Benning, Ga., for four months of intensive training in the field and then would spend six weeks in the advanced school of infantry training at Fort Benning.

He is to be attached to the office of the chief of staff, General George C. Marshall.

It was said at the court that Justice Murphy would not resign but would be absent "for the duration."

Murphy, 49, saw overseas service in the last war.

GRANTS PASS CLERK KILLED IN SMASHUP

Grants Pass, June 10.—(AP)—Services will be held here for Kenneth G. Tompkins, grocery clerk, who died at Klamath Falls today following an automobile accident. Among survivors are his brother, Chester, his mother, Mrs. G. H. Kester, his father, Mr. G. H. Kester, both of Grants Pass, and a daughter, Diane, eight, at Los Angeles with her mother, Mary Evelina Tompkins. The Tompkins divorce decree was granted here yesterday.

SURVIVORS LANDED
Willemstad, Curacao, June 10.—(AP)—Ninety American and Belgian survivors of torpedoed ships were landed here last night, it was disclosed today. The survivors did not indicate how many ships were involved in the torpedoings.

GERMANS SHOOT ALL MEN IN VILLAGE NEAR PRAGUE

INQUEST TONIGHT FOR VICTIMS OF SISKIYOU CRASH

Bodies of Lieut. Stockwell and Sgts. Jones and Stone Brought Here From Scene.

At the request of army officers here, an inquest into the deaths of First Lieut. Raymond Ansel Stockwell and Tech. Sgts. Randolph Jones and Paul W. Stone, killed in the crash of an army photographic plane near Pilot Rock in the Siskiyou mountains last January 6, will be held at Conger's at 7:30 tonight.

District Attorney George W. Nelson, who will conduct the inquest, said it was called to officially establish the cause of the deaths and to identify the bodies of the three men.

Found Monday
Wreckage of the plane was discovered about 2 p. m. Monday by George E. Miller of Ashland, regular fire warden for the state forest patrol, and Earl Hoadley, a member of the forest patrol's suppression crew, who were working on a trail leading to Pilot Rock. They notified army authorities here, state police and the coroner's office and details were sent to the scene yesterday afternoon.

The plane, according to Captain Bert J. Staats of the state police, apparently crashed head-on into Pilot Rock, which rears itself straight up for several hundred feet about a mile and a half east of the California line. It appeared to Captain Staats as though the craft struck about 50 feet from the ground on the east side of the rock, then dropped back completely demolished.

Pieces of the plane were scattered over a large area, Captain Staats said, part of one motor being about 150 feet south of the fuselage and part of a propeller lying in approximately the same place. "The plane was just scrap and I don't believe any part of it was unbroken," the policeman stated.

As the battle swirled indecisively under a broiling sun, RAF bombers attacked the big Italian naval base at Taranto for the second successive night.

An Italian communiqué said known casualties totaled 20 killed, 75 injured, and acknowledged that "several fires flared."

On the English channel front, bad weather kept the RAF's city-destroying offensive against Germany grounded for the third night this month.

HOSPITALS OFFER PREPAY PROGRAM

Portland, June 10.—(AP)—Seven Portland hospitals today announced a prepaid hospitalization program providing care of individual families for \$2 monthly.

An employed man may become a member for 75 cents monthly. An additional 75 cents will cover his wife. For \$2 monthly both, plus dependent children, will receive hospital service.

Membership entitles the man to 111 days, women and children to 21 days.

RECORD TIMBER PRICE

Portland, Ore., June 10.—(AP)—The Bellingham Plywood corporation yesterday paid the highest price ever recorded in a government timber sale. Regional Forester Lyle F. Watts said it was \$11.50 a thousand for 2,500,000 board feet of Douglas fir timber in the Skagit river area of the Mount Baker national forest.

JAPANESE MINIMIZE LOSSES IN ALASKA, MIDWAY BATTLES

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—A navy spokesman countered Axis claims of Japanese occupation of Aleutian Islands bases today with a categorical assertion that "none of our inhabited areas, islands or rocks are troubled with uninvited visitors up to this time."

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor.
Imperial Tokyo headquarters sought to minimize the gravity of the Japanese naval disaster at Midway today but acknowledged that United States forces had sunk an aircraft carrier, heavily damaged another carrier and damaged a cruiser.

Official United States reports have listed 16 and possibly 18 Japanese warships sunk or damaged before the enemy fleet limped off in retreat.

Moreover, an eye-witness account by Ensign George H. Gay, Jr., 25-year-old U. S. navy flier, declared three of Japan's aircraft carriers, including two of the 26,900-ton Kaga-Akagi class, were seen to burst into flames under attack by American torpedo planes. Tokyo did not specify the class of the carrier it admitted lost.

Tokyo headquarters also reported that Japanese army troops were used in attacking the U. S.-owned Aleutian islands off Alaska on Sunday. Tokyo time (Saturday, Alaska time)—three days after the Dutch Har-

Fleeing Japanese Did Not Stop To Rescue Survivors

Pearl Harbor, June 10.—(AP)—Thousands of Japanese perished in last week's battle off Midway Island it was indicated by incomplete returns of enemy ship losses as revealed today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

The enemy was pressed so hard by American forces that in the fast moving action he did not stop to pick up his survivors, strewn over the sea from sinking vessels. More than thirty vessels comprised the invasion fleet, aimed at Midway and Hawaii, said reports received by Admiral Nimitz.

Here are the contrasting tallies:

JAPAN CLAIMS
Japanese Losses
Sunk—One carrier, one transport, one cruiser, one destroyer, one battleship, eight to 11 other ships.

UNITED STATES CLAIMS
Japanese Losses
Sunk—Two and possibly three carriers, one destroyer, damaged—Three battleships, eight to 11 other ships.

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