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SEASIDE AREA SHELLED BY JAPS; TOBRUK TAKEN BY AXIS FORCES

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 21—A letter to Private Charles R. Holloman, school squadron—Flight, Field, Mississippi:

In our search for peace and justice in the post-war world, we are not confronted with a choice between utopias. It is not a question of making a heaven on earth by one means or another, rather it is a problem of looking at the world as it is and deciding what we can do about it. Primarily we must confine ourselves in this, as we do in our daily lives, to considering what is likely to work.

That is why I have objected to unrestrained idealism of some of our leaders. I am afraid that they will erect a premature idealistic state without a practical foundation and then it will crash, as they all have before, and all our hopes of peace and security will be thrown back another 50 years.

That is why I distrust the theory you suggest of a world democratic state or union of Democracies, completely disarmed and ruled by an international police force. If you will analyze it fairly you will see it cannot work.

China has 457,000,000 people, which is much more than any one else and more than three times our population. In a world democracy such as you suggest, she would be the biggest force, the major power, because she could outvote anyone. Next would be India with 350,000,000 or more. A majority of the population of the world is in Asia.

A democracy of the world would turn over to Asia the control of the world, although our common sense tells us such an idea is unthinkable. They do not even want it or suggest it.

But to think of dismantling our own hard-won superiority as a nation in favor of any foreign

6 TO 9 SHOTS IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT BRING NO DAMAGE

Bombardment by Unidentified Craft Drops Shells in Waste Area Sand Dunes.

San Francisco, June 22—(AP)—The army announced that six to nine shells, apparently fired from an unidentified craft off shore, landed in the area north of Seaside, Ore., at about 11:30 p. m. (Pacific war time) last night.

The firing continued for 15 minutes, the army reported, but apparently no damage or casualties resulted. Seaside, primarily a resort city, is about 25 miles south of the Columbia river. It is several hundred miles distant from Vancouver island, where a similar attack was made by another unidentified craft Saturday night.

Seaside, Ore., June 22—(AP)—For the first time since the Civil war enemy shells fell in the proximity of a United States military reservation near midnight last night.

At least nine projectiles from a submarine peppered the Fort Stevens area, north of this Pacific ocean resort town for approximately 15 minutes beginning at 11:30 o'clock. The fort is just south of the Columbia river's mouth.

They struck and exploded in a practically deserted beach area containing but few houses and did no damage to military establishments, installations or to private property. There were no casualties but one family had a close call.

Big Crater Found
One shell fell near a new road leading from Delaura beach to the fort and made a crater about five feet in diameter in a swamp. Fragments were found by means of which the kind and size of the projectile could be identified.

One fragment sheared off the two-inch limb of a tree and penetrated to half its thickness the 16-inch trunk of the tree. Col. Carl S. Doney, commanding officer of the Columbia harbor defenses, said the fragments indicated the projectiles were five-inches and about 16 inches long, weighing about 60 pounds.

All told nine shells were fired and most of the craters have been found. When asked how close to the military reservation they landed, Col. Doney said: "To damned close."

Planes In Search
Col. Doney said patrol planes went up early this morning and a combined surface and air search for the submarine was being pressed today.

Residents of Astoria and the ocean beach resort communities took the shelling in stride and considered it the Jean Heffling lark, but not the Jean Heffling family. Mrs. Heffling admitted "I was scared to death." Her husband said—"I tried to laugh it off, but I was scared too." The reason—shells passed low, not over 100 yards from their house and struck only about 500 yards away. However 10-year-old Keith Heffling slept through it all. His little sister, Donna Jean, 3, became frightened and fell out of bed.

Father Meyer's New Charge At Newberg

Father Augustine A. Meyer of the Sacred Heart parish plans to leave here the latter part of the week to assume the pastorage of St. Peter's church in Newberg, his first appointment since being ordained.

Assistant here for the past five years to Father Francis W. Black, Father Meyer's place will be taken by Father James Hamilton of Portland, recently ordained from St. Edwards' seminary, Seattle.

Huge Scrap Rubber Pile Pledged



Ten acres of scrap rubber—10,000,000 pounds in all—accumulated by a Los Angeles rubber company were pledged to the nationwide rubber salvage drive. Stephen E. Brennan, WPB official, said this was the largest single rubber contribution in the country.

Japanese Gain New Footing In Aleutians; Base at Kiska

Aleutian Invasion Major Blow for U. S. Says Veteran Chief

Buffalo, N. Y., June 22—(AP)—William C. Krueger of Cleveland, national commander of the army and navy union, said Saturday that the Japanese capture of the Attu radio station and invasion of Kiska Harbor in the Aleutians were "Major U. S. losses and may be the beginning of more serious defeats."

He told the union's administration council that when the Aleutians were invaded, "The government handed out the 'bunk' that the Japs were trying to save face after Jimmie Doolittle had bombed Tokyo and that the invasion was of no real importance."

"The same line of 'bunk' was handed out when the Japs established a bridgehead in Luzon," he added, "and it was stated as of no real importance, but the Japs conquered the Philippines."

"The Japs do not need to save face after what they have done. It's the United States that needs to save face."

Exploration of the iron ore deposits of Peru assure the continuance of a local iron industry for at least 30 years.

Astoria Residents Wakened By Thud of Enemy Gunfire

Astoria, Ore., June 22—(AP)—Shelling at sea awakened hundreds of residents of Astoria and surrounding communities late last night, among them Robert Lucas, associate editor of the Astorian Budget.

Lucas said the sound of the gunfire came between 11:30 and 11:45 p. m. (Pacific war time). "I hurried upstairs to have a look toward the sea," he continued, "and heard from 12 to 16 shots. The shells seemed to be landing somewhere with a great thud, but I couldn't tell what the objective was."

Lucas learned that many of his acquaintances in Astoria and nearby towns also were awakened by the detonations. He was advised that residents in Hamilton and Warrenton, west of

Washington, June 22—(AP)—Under cover of fog and thick weather, Japanese landing forces have inched along the Aleutian island chain toward Alaska and now are establishing themselves at Kiska, which is only 585 miles from the United States navy base at Dutch Harbor.

This was disclosed in a communique yesterday that told of the bombing of "a small force" of enemy ships in Kiska harbor. Army fliers reported hitting one cruiser and sinking a transport.

While the number of ships actually in Kiska harbor may have been small, observers pointed out that presence of a force of destroyers and auxiliaries was somewhere in the vicinity.

"Within the last few days, however," it added, "the weather was sufficiently clear at times to permit some restricted air operations against Kiska where tents and minor temporary structures were observed to have been set up on land."

The navy reported on June 12 that a small enemy force had landed on Attu, a barren, rocky islet marking the westernmost tip of the Aleutian chain. At that time the presence of enemy ships at Kiska was noted, but they were reported shortly afterward to have been driven away.

Kiska, formerly used as a navy coaling station, is about 275 miles east of Attu. About 20 miles long, it is sparsely inhabited by Indians and a few white traders.

Those willing to volunteer their services as solicitors in the USO drive, which will be brought to a close July 1 are asked to leave their names at the Chamber of Commerce.

Serb Guerillas Chase Italians
London, June 22—(AP)—Yugoslav quarters reported tonight that Gen. Draja Mihailovic's guerilla army of Serbs was driving the Italians into the mountains circling Cetinje and Niksic, said to be the last Italian strongholds in Montenegro.

Yugoslavs said the Italians were isolated but receiving supplies by plane.

LAVAL DISCLOSES HITLER OFFER TO TRADE PRISONERS

French Chief Says Germany's Victory Desired—Take Part or Be Cheated.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, June 22—(AP)—Pierre Laval disclosed tonight that Adolf Hitler had agreed "to the liberation of an important number of former war prisoners who will be able to return to France" as soon as French laborers go to Germany to help the reich.

France, the chief of government said in a broadcast appeal, "cannot be passive now and indifferent to the sacrifices of Germany," and he added, "I desire Germany's victory."

The release of the prisoners, he said, as well as "the French position in the new Europe" depended on the workers' attitude. Collaboration Arraigned

Laval repeated the statement he made in his first speech as chief of government that "my presence in the government has a significance that escapes nobody"—that of collaboration with the Axis.

Since taking office, however, he said "events have not all favored me." He blamed this largely on "a sensational escape" as far as the release of war prisoners is concerned.

The reference was to Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, who escaped a German prison camp, and apparently is still in occupied France despite German pressure to extradite him. Giraud once was reported to have offered to return in exchange for 500,000 prisoners.

"We must either take part in the new Europe or be resigned to being cheated," the chief of government said in a broadcast.

GERMANS FORCE REDS BACKWARD AT SEVASTOPOL

Moscow, June 22—(AP)—Sevastopol defenders dropped back from the north and south fortresses guarding the Crimean naval base today before enormous German pressure, exerted ceaselessly despite the heavy casualties, estimated at 100,000, which axis forces have suffered in less than three weeks.

A fresh Nazi wedge was forced in the fortifications to the north where the enemy massed a huge force of infantry, artillery and tanks, press accounts said.

In the south, where the Russians had dropped back to the central lines, a furious battle was reported under way for a hill dominating the sector.

Today marked the start of the second year of the war for the Soviet. As the battle for the last remaining bit of Crimea entered its climactic stage, German vessels appeared off Sevastopol, dispatches from the beleaguered city said.

Sporadic fighting was reported continuing on the Kharkov front, 400 miles to the north. The Germans were said to be attempting to restore lines in a sector where they previously had lost four Ukrainian villages but the attack of two companies was reported repulsed.

EX-TREASURER DIES
Cleveland, June 22—(AP)—Carmel A. Thompson, 71, treasurer of the United States under President Taft, died today at his home after a long illness. He successively was named as assistant U. S. secretary of the interior, secretary to the president and U. S. treasurer under appointments by President Taft.

Second Hitch



Capt. Floyd Hart

CAPT. FLOYD HART CALLED TO DUTY WITH AIR CORPS

Having recently received a commission as captain in the U. S. army air corps, Floyd Hart, a pilot in the American air force during World War I and president of Timber Products company here for the past three years, left this morning for the army air corps officer's training school at Miami Beach, Fla.

Captain Hart, who was officially credited with shooting down one German plane in the last war, will be subject to an active duty assignment following his completion of the officer's training course.

After joining the National Guard shortly before America's entry in World War I, Captain Hart soon transferred to the air service and received his preliminary training at Belleville, Ill. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and sent overseas, where he saw considerable combat action during America's victorious offensive. He was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart, and held the rank of second lieutenant at the time of his discharge after the war.

Captain Hart retained a keen interest in aviation during the years of peace, and served for several years on the state board of aeronautics as appointed by the governor. He was one of Medford's most air-minded citizens.

Mrs. Hart, it was understood, plans to remain at the Hart home in Central Point for the time being, perhaps joining Captain Hart at a later date.

C. H. Herman, vice president, will be in charge of Timber Products company during Captain Hart's absence, company officials stated. Captain Hart had been connected with the company since 1923.

SENATE APPROVES PAY TO CIVILIANS

Washington, June 22—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house today legislation authorizing benefits for civilian personnel injured, killed or captured in war action at military installations outside of the United States.

Approval came on a voice vote after the senate had agreed unanimously to strike from the bill provision authorizing the payment of monthly benefits ranging from \$10 to \$85 for civilians within the United States who were injured, killed or captured by enemy action.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said this provision would be included with an authorization for the establishment of an emergency war disaster relief organization in a new measure to be introduced and referred to the senate finance committee for study.

ROMMEL'S CORPS ROLLS EASTWARD TO PERIL EGYPT

Thousands of British Left in Tobruk Trap—Surrender Marks Major War Turn.

TOBRUK BOOTY LARGE

Rome (from Italian broadcasts), June 22—(AP)—Booty captured by axis forces at the Libyan port of Tobruk includes 100 tanks, several hundred guns and hundreds of motor vehicles, the Italian high command reported today. The commander of Tobruk fortress, the bulletin added, was among the prisoners—estimated yesterday to total approximately 25,000.

By Clyde A. Farnsworth
Associated Press war editor.

With Tobruk and virtually all eastern Libya regained and with the British eighth army beaten, leaving thousands of its number in the Tobruk trap, the axis African corps rolled eastward against Egypt, imperiling the entire position of the United nations in the middle east.

An enemy column evidently feeling out the weakened British line along the Egyptian frontier clashed with British mobile units a few miles from the border, the British reported, and Rome boasted that Italian-German troops were marching against Egypt.

RAF Hits Hard
Trying to block further reinforcement of the already superior Africa corps under Marshal Rommel, the RAF lashed desperately at Rommel's forward concentration points, landing fields, and land and sea transport.

Among other actions the RAF "successfully attacked large numbers of enemy transport vehicles on the Sidi Azeiz landing ground," the air communique said.

British and axis mobile columns already had clashed yesterday near Sidi Azeiz, 12 miles northwest of the Libyan-Egyptian border strongpoint, Fort Capuzzo.

The axis' own heavy air forces joined the British frontier positions to strike at defense communications along the Egyptian coast between Sidi Barrani and Fuka.

Major War Turn
The white flag that fluttered over Tobruk's shattered barricades as a final, mute concession that a superior axis force had reconquered Libya marks a major turn in the strategems of war on two continents, if not in the whole world.

So extended and intertwined are causes and effects of this galling capitulation that military experts were hard-pressed to trace them all but it was obvious that the axis triumph was forcing a drastic reshaping, if not postponement or abandonment, of some plans of the United Nations.

AIR RAID ALARM LONG ULULATION

For the benefit of newcomers to Medford, civilian defense officials explained today that the air raid alarm signal was a two-minute sounding of the siren, the tone undulating at frequent intervals, with the "all clear" signal being a two-minute sounding of the siren, the tone solid and clear.

Practice alarms may be held in the near future if permission can be obtained, officials stated.

No ray fever exists because no rayed foveas in the Gaspé Peninsula, in La Province de Quebec.

SURFACE RAIDER SEEN POSSIBLE

Victoria, June 22—(AP)—Possibly an enemy surface raider was on the prowl along the Canadian-United States west coast was raised here today as a shelling attack on the shore near Seaside, Ore., followed a similar attack Saturday night on the Dominion government radio station at Estevan, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. No damage was reported in either case.

Unofficially some military men subscribed to the surface raider theory.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The Don Clarks presenting to a sweets-loving friend a Father's Day gift of five precious cubes of sugar, appropriately done up and inscribed.

Morris Leonard and George Frey taking time out for a cup of coffee.

Janet Childreth down town bright and early on a publicity job.