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GREATEST AIR RAID BLAST'S BREMEN; SHOWDOWN BATTLE LOOMS IN EGYPT

52 PLANES LOST; LARGEST NUMBER IN SINGLE NIGHT

American - Made Lockheed Hudsons Take Part—Low Country Air Fields Hit.

London, June 26.—(AP)—Reconnaissance planes flying at great height over Bremen this afternoon observed fires still burning in that German port city, it was announced tonight.

London, June 26.—(AP)—Great fires were set by the RAF last night in the big German port city of Bremen, principal target of a devastating assault which probably was the largest in the history of aerial warfare.

Indications were that the number of planes participating exceeded the flights of 1,130 and 1,036 bombers which laid Cologne and Essen in ruins on May 30 and June 1.

U. S. Planes Busy
American - made Lockheed Hudson bombers belonging to the RAF participated in the Bremen attack, while Douglas Havoc fighter-bombers were used in other forays.

An air ministry communique told of one bomber force of "more than 1,000 planes" whose main target was Bremen and reported intensive attacks on air fields in the low countries by "a second force of bombers and fighters."

This force was believed to have been numbered in the hundreds.

Fifty-two planes were missing, the highest one-night loss ever experienced by the RAF, but informed sources said this was less than five per cent of those involved.

Aimed at Airfields
Each of the three massive air blows has been aimed at a vital aerial supply war tools for Adolf Hitler's land, sea and air forces.

By centering on Bremen, the RAF evidently was adhering to a policy of making "priority targets" of U-boats, especially U-boats under construction. In the period since the Essen-Cologne raids, smaller RAF squadrons—presumably of several hundred planes—four times have smashed at Emden, a U-boat base 70 miles northwest of Bremen.

It was the second time this month that Bremen was singled out by the British for the RAF's fire bath.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 26.—The house banking and currency committee has been in a state of stupefaction since hearing recent testimony by federal reserve Chairman Eccles.

He announced and persistently that our gold reserves have nothing whatever to do with the value of our currency, that we are completely off the gold standard.

If there was stupefaction in congress, there must have been conviction fits around the treasury at such a plan official suggestion that the gold (and silver) buying policy was a flop, that the value of the dollar is really only what the government says it is.

Rep. Frederick Smith, an Ohio (Continued on Page Ten)

Coast Guard Rescues Crew as Torpedoed Freighter Goes Down



With a rescued crew aboard, a coast guard cutter steams back to protect a convoy (left), as a torpedoed freighter (right), settles by the stern in shoal water where it was towed by the cutter.



Trailing a tow line, two coast guardsmen in a small rubber boat, paddle toward the stricken freighter while comrades aboard the cutter pay out the line. Besides taking the line over, the two men made an inspection of the damage and salvage possibilities. Photos from U. S. coast guard.

BRITISH EXPECTED TO MAKE STAND IN AMTRUH SECTION

Armored Nazi Force Now 100 Miles in Egypt—U. S. Bombers Aid British.

Cairo, June 26.—(AP)—The main armored force of Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel had driven at least 100 miles into Egypt to confront the British eighth army today with a challenge to decisive battle.

Latest word from the desert was that the Germans and Italians, advancing despite bitter resistance of British covering units, had not yet smashed into the principal British force, which is expected to make its stand somewhere before Amtruh, 130 miles within Egypt.

The United States army air force, now an integral cog in the aerial counter-offensive with which the British hope to curb Rommel's rush, struck last night at the harbor of Tobruk, Libya, which only a few days ago was the anchor of British positions in Libya.

Supported by mobile infantry, the axis heavy armor is rumbling along a wide natural avenue about midway between the sea and a desert plateau 25 to 30 miles inland.

Smaller enemy forces were operating along the coast. While the swiftness of the axis advance made it virtually certain that the main bodies of the two forces soon would be locked in decisive battle, United Nations sources said there was every reason to believe the enemy would be held.

Rommel, throwing everything he possesses into the advance, is operating on a shoestring fully as much as the British are. Thus far he has manipulated his string more skillfully, but as he progresses his problems become more difficult in many respects while those on the British become simpler.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
New York, June 26.—(Wide World)—Albert L. Warner, head of the CBS Washington news staff, is to become principal war correspondent for the army, with a commission as major, July 1. Before becoming a commentator, Warner had been in active newspaper work since 1924.

Tonight: Blu, 6, Listen America, Gracie Fields; 7:15, Men, Machines, Victory; 7:30, talk, King of Yugoslavia.

MBS: 5:15, Fight Against Inflation, Secretary Perkins.
Saturday: NBC, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, professional tennis tournament; 1, Pan-American holiday, CBS, 11:45, discussion, "Teachers and the War;" 12:15, Congressional and Christian churches convention; 3:15, Pan-America concert from Rio.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Betty Jean McKenzie, Virginia Hammond, Ruth Andrews and Babe Wilbur hitching a ride to Neysa Wall's home to help her with the farm work.

Valeria Whitney absorbing southern Oregon sunshine and catching up on her reading.

George Green pouring over a heap of maps in an attempt to locate Shangri-La.

The A. W. Walkers, the town's youngest-looking great-grandparents, enjoying a visit from grandson, Michael John Barber, aged three months.

PUBLIC INVITED TO GALA OPENING OF USO SUNDAY

A gala opening of the United Service Organization center is scheduled for Sunday at which time the public is invited to become acquainted with the center, its purpose and how they, as civilians, can cooperate in the program of recreational needs for men in the armed forces. Open house will be held from 4 to 10 p. m., the center being located at 234 East Main street.

Extensive remodeling has been completed in the center and the room furnished with comfortable lounging chairs for the soldiers. Reading facilities are available, as are writing desks, information headquarters, a piano, canteen and other facilities.

The actual program for entertainment of the soldiers begins Monday at 9 a. m., running until 11 p. m. daily. Under direction of Mrs. Penny Fontaine, USO program director, a varied program is being prepared. She stated yesterday that during the summer months activities will be kept out-of-doors as much as possible. Through the organization of the Junior Hostess League dances and parties will be included in the calendar, the (Continued on Page Eleven)

BUGLE CORPS TO PARADE SATURDAY

The Crescent City drum and bugle corps will parade in Medford Saturday evening about eight o'clock, according to Mayor H. S. Deuel who stated he had received a request from the California coast town's Chamber of Commerce for permission to conduct the parade. Mayor Deuel said Medford city officials had granted the request but he did not know the details as to line of march.

The Crescent City corps won the gold cup awarded by the American Legion of Humboldt at the sixth annual musical field day, held in Eureka, Calif., and is considered one of the best organizations of the kind in northern California.

Grants Pass will be visited by the corps for a parade at five o'clock, en route here.

RUSSIANS ADMIT GERMAN ADVANCE IN KHARKOV AREA

By Associated Press
On the Soviet war front, the Russians conceded a dangerous German advance below Kharkov, in the Ukraine, but declared today that red army defenders still held stoutly in the 22-day-old battle of Sevastopol.

A bulletin from Marshal Semion Timoshenko's headquarters said the Germans had captured Kupyansk, 60 miles southeast of Kharkov, and added tersely: "Our troops continued fighting against advancing German fascist troops."

Soviet reserves were reported racing up to combat the new German thrust as it became apparent that Field Marshal Gen. Fedor von Bock hoped to score a deep breakthrough in the Kuyansk sector to disrupt Soviet communications to the south and pave the way for a German drive against Rostov, northern gateway to the Caucasus oil treasures.

Hitler's field headquarters said German and Rumanian troops, executing a familiar "encircling movement," had captured 21,827 Russians in the Kuyansk fighting, as well as 100 tanks, 250 guns and other booty.

Russia's heroic defense of Sevastopol, the Crimean key to a shortcut route into the Caucasus, won acknowledgment from the Nazi command, which again emphasized the "hard fighting" but asserted that axis shock troops had captured several more fortified heights.

Soviet dispatches said the German onslaught was hitting a stone wall at a sacrifice of five-to-one in manpower.

Mate Saw Torpedo but Thought it Was Shark

A West Coast Canadian Port, June 26.—(AP)—The third mate of a Canadian-built merchantman attacked by a submarine off the west coast saw the torpedo but "thought it was a shark and when he discovered his mistake it was too late," the British crewmen, related here.

The submarine shelled the vessel as well as torpedoing it, the crew said when brought here aboard a Canadian ship which picked them up after a night in open boats, but two 17-year-old seamen slept through the attack and heard about it from the captain, who went back to the settling ship to rouse them when their absence was noted.

The attack, the second on an allied ship off the west coast in June, was disclosed officially today at Ottawa. In this case the ship was salvaged and no one injured, but the earlier attack sank a United States merchantman off Neah Bay, Wash., and resulted in the death of a crewman from exposure.

Ordered to abandon ship, the crew circled in lifeboats for 45 minutes, then returned while the captain, described by one of the crew as "the bravest man I ever sailed with," returned to wake the two youngsters who were sleeping soundly in an after compartment.

BUY A BOND FOR JULY 4TH IS PLEA

Members of the Volunteer Women's Bond Sales corps are cooperating with the theme, "buy a bond for the Fourth of July" by making it possible for Jackson county residents to buy a bond Saturday night at a Victory booth. This booth will be set up on Main street between Central Avenue and Front street.

Both Medford banks are cooperating in the effort and bonds and stamps will be on sale at tables in front of the banks between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. Bonds will be delivered at time of purchase along with a ribbon to the purchaser, stating that he bought a bond for the Fourth of July.

GERHARDT AMONG OFFICERS LISTED FOR PROMOTIONS

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated nine brigadier generals for promotion to the temporary grade of major general today and at the same time advanced 44 colonels and one lieutenant colonel to the temporary grade of brigadier general.

The promotions were explained by officials as required to meet the needs of the increasing army.

Colonels promoted to brigadier general included Samuel L. McCroskey, coast artillery, Colfax, Wash.; Alan W. Jones, infantry, Seattle; Desmond D. Baler, field artillery, Pullman, Wash.; Robert C. Candee, air corps, Spokane.

Among brigadier generals advanced to major general were J. L. Bradley and Charles H. Gerhardt.

Last month Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that Gen. Gerhardt would command the 91st division at Camp White, near Medford, Ore., and Gen. Bradley would command the 96th division at Camp Adair, Corvallis, Ore. These are among nine new infantry divisions to be organized by August 31, the secretary said at that time.

ROGUE RIVER MAN DIES IN SMASHUP

Corvallis, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Charles Mortimer, superintendent of the Arboretum CCC camp north of Corvallis, was killed yesterday afternoon in a collision of two trucks five miles north of here.

Mortimer, whose home was at Rogue River, was riding in a truck driven by Otto Brake of the camp who had stopped the machine at the side of the highway.

VAST PRODUCTION SHOWN IN FIRST REPORT BY F.D.R.

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that America's mighty war effort, in the single month of May, had turned out nearly 4,000 planes and more than 1,500 tanks.

Releasing official war production figures for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the chief executive asserted in a statement that this country also turned out nearly 2,000 artillery and anti-tank guns in May, and these were exclusive of anti-aircraft guns and those to be mounted in tanks.

The May output of machine guns exceeded 50,000 weapons of all types, including infantry, aircraft and anti-aircraft. If sub-machine guns are added on, the total passes 100,000.

Mr. Roosevelt released these figures because, he said, they are going to give the axis just the opposite of "aid and comfort."

"We are well on our way," he declared, "towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals."

The last announced objectives of the war production program, told of in the president's annual message to congress last January, were 185,000 planes in 1942 and 1943, 120,000 tanks, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns.

The chief executive, in citing the May figures, warned against over confidence. He said: "While these figures give you some idea of our production accomplishments, this is no time for the American people to get over confident. We can't rest on our oars. We need more and more, and we will make more and more."

Oil-heating equipment in all public buildings in British Columbia will be converted to use coal.

Driver's Left Foot Cut Off in Smashup

Portland, June 26.—(AP)—An automobile sideswiped a bridge guardrail near here last night and was impaled on a heavy plank which sheared off the left foot of the driver, Ellis Hughes, 21, sailor, believed to be based at San Francisco.

Hughes remained in critical and semi-conscious condition today. Mary Giacobbe of Sandy, Ore., passenger, was uninjured.

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