

PRAYER AND GULL PROVE SALVATION OF RICKENBACKER

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ple to realize that," he said. As for himself and the men with him, "we couldn't have lasted another 48 hours" if rescue hadn't come when it did.

Rickenbacker arrived at Bolling Field here this morning and was immediately escorted to the war department to report to Stimson. Later Stimson called reporters in and turned over his chair to the captain.

"He's back — and I think there's more of him here than went away," Stimson said.

Rickenbacker started speaking slowly but quickly warmed up. At times he grinned. At times he spoke softly. Occasionally he was reverent.

On the second day after their big B-17 went down, "we organized prayer meetings in the morning and in the evening," he said. "Frankly and humbly we prayed for our deliverance."

Rickenbacker had one story to tell which, apparently, he feared would be met with skepticism.

"If it wasn't for the fact that I had seven witnesses," he said, "I wouldn't dare tell it."

The story was that "one hour after the prayer meeting" one day, when starvation was at hand and the men had asked God for food, "a seagull landed on my shoulder."

Rickenbacker's tense face relaxed into a smile as he continued.

"You can imagine my nervousness as I reached around to get it," he said. "But I caught it and we wrung its neck. We feathered it and stripped its innards, which we used for bait."

The seagull kept them alive. But when, on the next day, another gull landed on his shoulder, "I didn't have the heart to wring its neck and I let him go," Rickenbacker said.

AIR CRAFT WORKER HAS ROMMEL DISH

San Diego, Cal. —(U.P.)— Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, who now is abandoning his battered tanks on the Egyptian desert, acquired his careless habits in World War I, according to Charles A. McDougall, aircraft worker.

McDougall has an aluminum butter dish which he picked up in an abandoned German officers' lean-to on the Argonne front in September 1918, when he was a signalman with the 28th Division. On it is engraved the name and address of 16-year-old Lieutenant Rommel, now the field marshal.



COALS AT NEWCASTLE—The steel industry is doing its bit, too, in the way of steel salvage. Here's an example above as a burner dismantles an obsolete narrow gauge engine boiler for the scrap pile at Pittsburgh district plant of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation.

WAR NO TIME TO FOOL WITH POOR COLLEGE STUDENT

Los Angeles, Dec. 19 —(U.P.)— War is no time to bother with poor students Dr. Joseph Kaplan, chief of the physics and meteorology department of University of California at Los Angeles told the Western College Association conference here today.

"There is no need to abandon traditional academic values," he said, "but will have to have teacher training courses of a new kind soon."

He added that 80 per cent of the meteorology students who graduated November 30 already were overseas.

Dr. Auelia Reinhardt, president of Mills College, told the meeting that "war has exposed a certain feebleness in colleges." "A girl could go through college, have a delightful time, get a degree and then forget all about it," she said. "This is going to pass."

Educators were assured by President E. Wilson Lyon of Pomona College that the army and navy are not taking over colleges. He said a sort of dual system will prevail, and normal programs would continue as usual.

He said it was a mistake to change the education of women too much, as the need for teachers, nurses, social workers and similar workers was great.

The manpower commission will shortly announce specific regulations for training men needed for science, medicine and technology, Dr. Balwin Woods, head of the extension division of University of California informed the session.

San Francisco, Dec. 19 —(U.P.)— The light cruiser USS Reno will be launched about 11 a. m. Dec. 23, the navy announced tonight.

Chinese-English Dictionary Is Now Half-Way Completed

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Cambridge, Mass. —(U.P.)— The task of compiling a Chinese-English dictionary with a Yankee slant—a project destined to consume more time than did the building on the Panama Canal—is nearing the half-way mark.

War slowed down but did not stop the Harvard-Yenching Institute's tremendous undertaking of the American lexiconographer's dream. When the first issue rolls off the presses it will hold between its covers close to 500,000 man-hours of labor in a period of 15 years.

More than seven-and-a-half years of labor have already gone into the project and according to Prof. Serge Elisseeff, head of the Institute, at least eight years' work lies ahead. The Chinese-English dictionary now in wide use is far behind modern standards. It was written in 1892 by Herbert Giles, an Englishman, and contains too many Anglicisms for the American liking. The new dictionary will incorporate modern, classical and new war terms in a more solid linguistic method.

No Slang Included

Prof. Elisseeff says although there will be biological and anatomical terms hitherto foreign to most Chinese dictionaries, there won't be any slang or Chinese translations for words of American vintage such as "jitter-bugging" — it's not considered good taste in China.

Workers point out it took 50 years to complete the Oxford-English dictionary which treats of one language with an alphabet and 15 years on a bilingual dictionary is pretty good considering there is no Chinese alphabet and lexicographers work with 40,000 characters.

The work was begun as a purely academic proposition by the Harvard-Yenching Institute in 1935 under the general supervision of Prof. Serge Elisseeff, world-famed authority on Far Eastern languages. Prof. William Hung began the preliminary work in Peking when he directed a corps of Chinese students in cutting up and pasting 17 Chinese dictionaries on cards. By 1938, the last of a million-and-a-half cards had reached Cambridge. Included in the 17 basic Chinese dictionaries were the first and last to be written — the Shuo Wen brought out in 121 A. D., and the Tr'u Hai completed in 1937, the 26th year of the Chinese republic.

Use 425 Filing Cases

The Institute is at last able to lift its head from the preliminary chaos of shuffling the cards across the ocean, weeding out a quarter million duplicates, filing and refiling them in 425 cases, and clearing up the tedious ground-work.

Prof. Yuen-Chao, in charge of phonetics of the dictionary, and the four full-time and many part-time workers under his direction, have completed one-fifth of the dictionary. The new dictionary will be valuable to the rapidly growing number of Americans taking up the study of Chinese as it contains in one volume all the material now scattered through several.

No Chinese words will be coined and the new English war-terms will be translated into established Chinese. For in-

stance, anti-aircraft will be a "high-shooting gun." The dictionary will use the North Pekinese pronunciation as a standard, but will include the Fukien and Canton dialect pronunciations.

NIPPON TRICKERY ON SOLOMONS IS ENDED WITH LEAD

Washington, Dec. 19 —(U.P.)— A Japanese patrol got by the first sentry on the Solomons by giving the formal password in fluent English, according to Pvt. August R. Montgomery, 23, of Terre Haute, Ind., but the patrol ran into difficulty and a hail of lead in trying to get a little more conversational with the second sentry.

Montgomery, now recuperating in a San Diego, Cal., hospital, recalled in a story released by the navy tonight how the over-confident Japanese approached the second marine, who was guarding the American encampment of sleeping troops.

"Hi, buddy, what outfit is this," asked the first Japanese. "Yeh, what's the dope?" a second one inquired.

This time, however, they were confronted by a marine who had seen service in China and could detect a Jap accent a mile away. His part of the conversation was carried on by his Garand rifle.

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AWARD 81 MEDALS TO ARMY FLIERS ON AFRICA FRONT

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Dec. 17 —(U.P.)—(Delayed)—Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle today announced the award of three distinguished flying crosses and 81 other decorations to members of the 12th U. S. air force for heroic and meritorious service in the North African theater.

The DFC was awarded to Col. Paul L. Williams, of (2303 Wellington Rd.) Los Angeles, Cal.; Col. John Hawkins, of San Antonio, Tex., and Capt. Robert M. Ritchie, of Morrison, Ill.

Williams was cited for organization of a troop carrying command and dropping paratroops "on an extremely dangerous mission" over the extreme forward area on November 29.

Hawkins was honored for commanding a fighter group from an airport near Oran and "for meritorious achievements while participating in an aerial flight and for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility."

Ritchie was cited for piloting a photographic mission 8,000 feet over Bizerte and Tunis despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. On the return trip, he eluded a German Messerschmitt fighter despite one disabled engine.

The Oak Leaf cluster award went to 1st Lt. Charles C. Kenworthy, Jr., of Shenandoah, Iowa. (Kenworthy since has been promoted to captain.)

Jews to Register
London, Dec. 19 —(U.P.)—Radio Paris reported today that all Jews in Greece between 18 and 45 years old have been ordered to register with military authorities.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Old Sheriff's Van Now Gives Light For Fires; Cost Is \$10

Philadelphia —(U.P.)— Capt. John J. King, head of the Fire Bureau's emergency crew, and his mechanics have turned night into day—for \$10.

It cost them that much to convert an old sheriff's van into a floodlight wagon, thereby saving the city \$17,090.

"It's a beauty," said King. "It's something I've dreamed of for years."

King contended that darkness caused more injuries than fires and that what the city needed was a floodlight wagon to illuminate night fires.

Three months ago King was given an old sheriff's van and told he might use it for an emergency truck. It seemed old, heavy, so King removed the old steel box down to the chassis.

He obtained from William Caldwell, Pennsylvania railroad fire marshal, two old 1,500-watt generators, some old searchlights and old ends from a motor training school.

"Does it work?" exulted King. "Why, you should have seen it turn night into day at its first trial at a two-alarm blaze. It's going to be the handiest thing in the whole bureau."

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