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CHINESE SCORE MAJOR VICTORY

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Additional Spud
Production Urged
Reclamation Coin
Prospects Bright
Spinner Maker's
Copper Wanted

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—N. E. Dodd, formerly of eastern Oregon and the only official of Triple A who knows and understands the problems of the Pacific northwest, wants an additional 100,000 acres planted to netted gem potatoes, a similar acreage to long staple cotton and still more acreage for soybeans. The nights are either too cool or the growing season is too short for soybeans or cotton in Washington or Oregon, but potatoes are right up the alley of these two states.

It is predicted by Triple A that sometime in the future northern California and eastern Oregon and Washington will be the principal potato growing areas in the United States. The land east of the Cascade mountains is mostly volcanic ash, ideal for spuds, and the famous netted gem variety thrives from Klamath basin north through this land of extinct volcanic action to Yakima valley and beyond. In this particular area is the place where some of the 100,000 acres can be planted. In the western part of Washington and Oregon the potatoes carry more water and are not as good, being more like the Maine potato.

At Beltsville, a dozen miles from the national capital, there are 2000 acres under glass where government scientists are grafting tomatoes on potato plants, these belonging to the same family. The scientists are seeking to find a stronger fiber for tomatoes grown west of the Cascades. They explain that on the west side the tomatoes keel over and spoil while tomatoes grown east of the mountains are red and grow on strong stems.

Mr. Dodd is striving for an expansion of food in 1943. He cites the potatoes, cotton and soybeans as highly important. In addition to these items the department of agriculture is anxious to develop the frozen food field. Dried and frozen foods are to play an essential role during the war, both for the civilian population and the armed forces as well as the lend-lease program. There is no delay in granting priorities for establishments which have the necessary background and wish to begin packing of frozen vegetables this season. One such plant has been approved for a northwest section where Japanese gardeners raised vegetables until they were removed to the interior.

IT has been the intended plan.

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CABLE CONCERN CITED ON DEFECTIVE SUPPLY

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Attorney General Francis Biddle today announced that a federal grand jury at Providence, R. I., has returned an indictment charging that the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. of Pawtucket, R. I., sold defective wire and cable for combat use to the U. S. army signal corps and the British war ministry.

This was the second indictment returned against the company.

SIDE GLANCES

By
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Glady's York going "buy buy" with one of those little shopping baskets on wheels.

Jack Garrett bragging to jealous brother orchardists that his labor problems are all solved with the arrival of an 8½-pound son yesterday.

Sarah Tolle and a group of friends going to Camp White to teach the soldiers square dancing and remaining to learn how to jitterbug.

3,000 JAPS SLAIN IN BIGGEST FIGHT LAST SIX MONTHS

Battle For Sinyang Now
Sixty Hours Old—Result
May Decide Japs' Fate.

By Karl Eskelund

(United Press Correspondent)
Chungking, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops, checking a major enemy campaign in the Honan-Anhui-Hupeh border triangle, have killed at least 3,000 Japanese in the heaviest fighting in occupied China of the last six months, a military spokesman said today.

Advancing Chinese and Japanese columns, supported by artillery, converged on the Sinyang in southern Honan province and turned the city into a "sea of flames" during a fierce battle still reported raging today, the spokesman said.

Battle 60 Hours

The battle within Sinyang, already nearly 60 hours old, found the Chinese clinging tenaciously to a position inside the city's west gate and repulsing attacks by reinforced Japanese columns.

The spokesman said Chinese forced an entry into the city three days ago and assaulted the Japanese headquarters. The enemy brought in fresh troops, and while the city burned, the battle reached a stalemate.

Outcome of the Sinyang battle, said the spokesman, will decide the fate of a Japanese column fighting at Loshan, east of Sinyang. If the main army at Sinyang falls into Chinese hands, the Japanese at Loshan will be cut off, he said.

The campaign began two weeks ago when nearly 10 Japanese columns, consisting of about 90,000 men, began a two-pronged advance on Chinese positions in the Taipeh mountains. The Japanese armies started eastward from the area north of Hankow in Hupeh district, and westward from the Yangtze river, near Wuhu, in Anhwei province.

Japs Move Fast

The Japanese advanced rapidly at first and captured about 10 important cities in the Honan-Anhui-Hupeh area. Within five days the Japanese covered hundreds of miles. Local Chinese forces in the beginning were not equipped sufficiently to halt the enemy.

Chinese reinforcements were dispatched to the battle area. The Japanese failed to leave garrisons at many of the "captured" cities, and the fresh Chinese troops, using "elastic ribbon" tactics, recaptured districts which the Japanese had just passed through.

FARM MACHINERY LACK IS DAMPER

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Members of the special defense committee headed by Sen. Harry S. Truman, D., Mo., charged at a hearing today that farmers are being hampered in their efforts for record wartime food production by a government-induced shortage of farm machinery.

Target of the senators' criticism were quotas determined by the War Production Board's office of civilian supply setting production of new farm machinery in 1943 at 23 per cent of 1940 tonnage, and of repair parts at 167 per cent of 1940.

BROKER CLERK IS HELD AS ESPIONAGE SUSPECT

Boston, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—A former Wall Street broker's clerk who joined the merchant marine two years ago and allegedly attempted to smuggle letters into the United States was jailed today pending federal grand jury action while FBI agents and the army and navy intelligence departments investigated for possible espionage.

The defendant was Davis J. Jacobs, 39-year-old Syrian who gave his address as New York City.

Ed Flynn New Minister to Australia



Democratic National Committee Chairman Edward J. Flynn, left, nominated by President Roosevelt to be minister to Australia, is shown conferring with Postmaster General Frank Walker in Washington immediately after Flynn's nomination to the post.

Democratic Senators Refuse To Hear Flynn's Detractor

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Only two Democrats stayed in the senate today to hear Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H., make charges of "unfitness for any diplomatic post" against Edward J. Flynn, retiring Democratic national chairman and presidential nominee as minister to Australia.

Those remaining were Sen. Tom Connally, D., Tex., chairman of the foreign relations committee, which will meet tomorrow to arrange for a hearing on Flynn's nomination, and Sen. Tom Stewart, D., Tenn.

"Evidently the stretch of the Flynn appointment has become so nauseating to many members of the senate that they have gone to the cloakrooms during its continued discussion," remarked Bridges as he looked at the empty seats on the Democratic side.

On Flynn Front
Connally interrupted to observe that the "new front about which so many people have been inquiring is here. It's the Flynn front."

Describing Flynn's nomination as "the most despicable appointment yet made by the present president of the United States," Bridges charged that the law firm of Goldwater & Flynn had represented "a Serge Rubinstein who at the time had large Japanese interests and was closely associated with one Guji Kassai, a registered agent of the Japanese government in this country until two weeks before Pearl Harbor."

Other charges made by Bridges: Flynn as chancellor of New York city invested and lost more than \$1,000,000 in public funds in the State Title & Mortgage company to which his law firm subsequently became general counsel; he appointed the late gangster Dutch Schultz a deputy sheriff when Flynn was sheriff of Bronx county, N. Y.; the grand jury investigation of alleged use of city-owned paving blocks to pave a courtyard at Flynn's estate was "improperly handled" and the foreman of the jury, Daniel Daly, received a federal appointment in New York city "two months after the Flynn whitewash."

Bridges exhibited on his desk a paving block from Flynn's Lake Mahopac, N. Y., estate which the "committee to reopen the Flynn case" had presented him.

Explaining that he would not here today, the New Hampshire senator said that "reputable citizens are prepared to appear before the foreign relations committee to present evidence in proof of each."

HOWLING DOG REVEALS MYSTERY IN HARLEM

New York, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—A dog howling in the moonlight on the rooftop of a Harlem tenement house led last night to the discovery of a dazed and beaten society girl lying on an adjoining roof and raised the curtain on a mystery.

The girl told police she was Beatrice Hudson of Park avenue and that her mother was a "Mrs. W. Ross" of that address. The mother removed the girl from Harlem hospital to Doctors hospital, a private institution, and refused to speak to reporters.

United Press Correspondent

Germans Stiffen Rostov Resistance

UNION HEADS AND MINE OFFICIALS CITED TO APPEAR

WLB Orders Principals to
Attend Hearing Friday For
Statement on Work Halt.

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board today ordered union leaders and representatives of anthracite companies to appear before it at 2 p. m. Friday "for the purpose of stating fully the reasons why the anthracite miners... are on strike against the national no-strike policy and against the welfare of the nation in time of war."

The board's telegram, which was signed by Chairman William H. Davis, said the controversy would be considered "on its merits when the miners have returned to work."

Public Disregarded

The board order was issued shortly after Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes had charged that the strike "shows a reckless disregard of the public's good." He said the walk-out already has cost the nation 500,000 tons of hard coal.

Characterizing the strike as "highly reprehensible," Ickes said at a press conference that the issue involving increased union dues might well have been postponed. He emphasized that he had no jurisdiction in the matter at all and said that it is a "purely intra-union" problem.

Latest reports from Pennsylvania said only around 3,000 miners had acceded to the board's request that they go back to work. Around 15,000 were reported still on strike.

WALKER ACCEPTS DEMOCRATIC CHAIR

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker has been persuaded to accept the chairmanship of the Democratic national committee, it was learned definitely today.

His name will be proposed in behalf of President Roosevelt when the committee meets in special session Monday at Chicago on the call of Chairman Edward J. Flynn who is resigning because of his nomination as minister to Australia. As Mr. Roosevelt's personal choice, little—if any—opposition is expected from the committee.

Walker will continue as postmaster general. It was understood that he was taking the chairmanship with great reluctance, but that his opposition was whittled down by the insistence of the president that he take it.

HULL GETS STAMPS

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The first two sheets of the new United Nations issue of two-cent stamps were sold to Secretary of State Cordell Hull by Postmaster General Frank Walker today. Walker called at Hull's office to deliver the stamps.

French Royalists Seen Implicated In Assassination of Jean Darlan

London, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The British radio said today that French Royalists, trying to set up a monarchy in North Africa, were believed implicated in the assassination of Admiral Jean Francois Darlan. It quoted the Algiers radio.

The democrats, Vichyites and royalists were the three most active political groups in North Africa, and the royalists, who have been trying to get back in power since the French revolution, strove for the most spectacular results, BBC said Algiers radio had broadcast.

United Press Correspondent

FILMSTRUCK GIRL SAYS SHE DIDN'T REPULSE FLYNN

Witness in Trial Claims She
Thought Kindness Shown
Because She Was Ill.

Hollywood, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Moviestruck Betty Hansen admitted today she "didn't have no objections" when, she testified, handsome film star Errol Flynn attacked her in an upstairs boudoir during a Hollywood party on pretense of putting her to bed for a stomach ache.

Defense Attorney Jerry Giesler in cross-examining the blond Nebraska school girl who came to Hollywood to seek a movie career, asked:

"Didn't you have any idea, what was going to happen?"

"I thought he was going to put me to bed because I felt sick."

"When was it that you first thought about what he was doing to you?"

"At the time."

"So you thought 'this kindly man is going to take off my things and help me rest because I was sick to my stomach'?"

"Yes."

"But you did object when he locked the door to the bedroom?"

"Yes."

"When he came over to the bed, didn't you object?"

"No."

Miss Hansen told in unprintable detail her story of Flynn's alleged attack.

"He took me upstairs and said he was going to sit me down because I didn't feel well," Miss Hansen said in relating the events she said took place last September 27 at the home of Fred McEvoy, wealthy British sportsman.

"The first thing he did was to lead me to the bedroom with the twin beds," she continued under prompting from Deputy District Attorney Thomas Cochran.

"The next was to sit me down on the bed. I told him I didn't want to stay up there. I was feeling all right by then and wanted to go downstairs and associate with the others at the party."

"Flynn said 'you don't think I'd really let you go downstairs, do you?'"

"Yes I do," Miss Hansen said she replied. She glanced quickly over at the handsome film star, who glared at her from the counsel table.

Miss Hansen then went into detail to describe the act of intimacy that she said occurred in the bedroom.

"Afterward," she related, "I got up and went to the bathroom and put my clothes on."

Miss Hansen said she went to the party at the McEvoy home in company of Armand Knapp, youthful studio worker who was originally charged with statutory rape upon Miss Hansen along with Flynn and two other Hollywood men-about-town. Knapp was freed of the charge when Betty refused to testify against him.

War Bulletins

Moscow, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Russian tanks with Tommy gunners clinging to their sides ripped through fiercely resisting German infantry during the night and captured a concentration camp deep in the enemy rear where herded Russian civilian and Red army prisoners joyfully awaited them.

London, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The air ministry announced tonight that bombers of the coastal command bombed two and probably three German merchant ships last night.

The air ministry also reported that planes of the army cooperation command today attacked locomotives and other targets in North France. All planes of both commands returned safely, the communique said.

HOUSE BILL TAKES DIG AT SENATE FOR DEADLOCK DELAY

Salem, Ore., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—A house bill striking at the delay in organizing the senate, and two measures that would revise the apportionment and terms of senators and representatives highlighted the first full session of the Oregon legislature today.

The house bill, prepared for introduction by two tyro representatives, Dean Bryson of Multnomah and Clackamas counties and Robert E. Duniway of Multnomah, would make organization of the legislature mandatory by 4 p. m. on the opening day of each session.

The two representatives, serving their first terms in the legislature, said their bill would forestall a move to create the post of lieutenant-governor, as well as prevent repetition of the senate deadlock which delayed the inauguration of Governor Snell for two days.

The remainder of the senate morning session was devoted to the naming of committees and routine business.

On the basis of Governor Earl Snell's inaugural address and comments in the capitol corridors, taxation appeared as the leading business of this session.

Among the first bills introduced in the house was a measure which would grant a 50 per cent reduction on the whole scale of income taxes.

Sen. Thomas Mahoney of Portland moved to implement another Snell recommendation by introducing a bill to abolish the milk control board and transfer its functions to the state department of agriculture.

LININGER LOW ON ROAD ROCK BIDS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Highway commission today received bids on five of six rock production projects today, and in four cases the low and only bidder was the same contractor, M. C. Lininger of Medford.

The Lininger bids included: Baker County—Richland-Halfway rock production project, \$28,000; Crook and Wheeler Counties—Ochoo Summit project, \$24,750; Klamath County—Chemult project, \$34,450; Wallowa County—Rock Creek-Joseph Rock project, \$39,400.

On the fifth project, Trent-Rock Creek in Lane County, A. H. Saxton & Son, Corvallis, submitted a low bid of \$52,480.

AUTHOR'S DAUGHTER DIES

Gardner, Me., Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Laura E. Richards, 92, author and daughter of Julia Ward Howe, who wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," died from pneumonia today.

STUBBORN EFFORT MADE TO RETAIN RAILWAYS, ROADS

Red Air Force Softens Krasnodar For Ground Troops
—French Active in Tunis.

By United Press
The Russian army advanced over slushy battlefields in the Caucasus today, encountering stiff German resistance that was blocking the path to Rostov.

The Axis troops were stubbornly defending railroad stations and important roads in an effort to slow down the Soviet advance.

The Russian air force kept up a 24-hour offensive against Krasnodar, 150 miles south of Rostov, trying to soften the approach of ground troops by knocking out the big German air base.

The Russians were preparing for a drive through the Kuban valley.

French Active

On the Tunisian front, French forces smashed several Axis strongholds to win control of a 12-mile line in the mountains northwest of Kairouan. The French troops were supported by planes of the Lafayette Escadrille, which had been presented to the famous flying group by the American air force.

Allied air forces in North Africa continued to hammer at the defensive positions of the German Afrika Korps in Tripolitania.

A navy communique issued at Washington disclosed that torpedo boats had scored two hits on one Japanese destroyer, a single hit on another, and two possible hits on a third in the Solomon area on the night of Jan. 10. The extent of the damage to the enemy ships was not reported. A force of medium bombers, supported by fighter planes, bombed Japanese installations at Rekata bay on Jan. 13.

FLYING CROSS TO MEDFORD AIRMAN

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U.P.)—The Distinguished Flying cross has been awarded to David T. Manus, aviation radioman 3-c, 19, Medford, Ore., whose father, Joseph E. Manus, lives in Indianapolis.

Young Manus visited his sister, Miss Virginia Manus, Medford high school student, during the Christmas holidays. While here he related to friends details of the incident which led to awarding of the flying cross. Young Manus and the pilot of a navy airplane operating in the south seas were shot down and were adrift on the ocean for 10 days in a rubber life raft. After their rescue he was allowed to return to this country on leave.

Manus attended Medford high school last year, leaving school to enlist in the navy.

MEDFORD MAY BE OPA REGION HUB

Local war price and rationing board members stated today that they had received no information on the decentralization revisions being made in the OPA nor had they any knowledge of a district office being possibly established in this city.

Recent dispatches have indicated that OPA plans supervision by districts rather than states and that a district headquarters office might be located in Medford or Klamath Falls.