BOMB DAMAGE BELITTLED BY WAR OBSERVER

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Recently I ventured the view that England, while hard pressed, has a chance to win the war provided she has our increased aid (short of our entering the conflict), and I emphasized that since the British themselves are raising the subject of further support we shortly must make up our minds what we want to do about it.

Later in the day the campaign for more American assistance had an airing in the British house of commons in a debate which both exposed England's weaknesses and produced optimistic language. However, I wasn't so much interested in the "wishful thinking" as in factual statements, since it is upon fact that we must base our judgment of the chances of the belligerents.

In combing the debate for facts, the outstanding statement I found—and it was a most striking one—was this from Minister Without Portfolio Greenwood:

"With a close knowledge of the industrial damage we have suffered, I say unhesitatingly that it has not eaten to any serious extent into our productive capacity.

"What we can say with certainty," he remarked at another time, "is that Britain's resources and the capacity and the growing help of North America outmatch the industrial resources and capacity of the enemy."

Now this claim about British industries not having been seriously impaired comes at a moment when the wires have been humming with German reports of disastrous destruction of British factories by nazi bombs. The continuation of England's industries is absolutely vital to her prosecution of the war. It therefore is of the utmost importance that we know whether we can put full faith in Greenwood's statement.

Less than a week ago Milo M. Thompson, chief of the London bureau of The Associated Press, just returned from England, wrote this:

"It is not propaganda when the British say officially that most of the bombing has had small military significance. I have seen from week to week actual figures and had the opportunity to visit the scenes of the bombed factories and it is remarkable how few the direct hits have been and how, in spite of them, the very factories bombed have been back in production in a matter of days and hours."

Having watched both Greenwood and Thompson in action at close range for many years, I personally do not hesitate to accept their estimates.

But how are we to reconcile such conflicting British and axis claims? I have before me a letter from a reader on that very subject. He cites as an example a recent occasion when the British royal air force asserted that it had damaged Berlin railway stations. The nazis promptly escorted foreign newspapermen to view the stations and the press report was that no signs of damage were seen.

"This, mind you," says my indignant correspondent, "on the very day that the RAF claims to have blown those stations all to hell."

Well, I certainly can sympathize with him, for such contradictions are confusing not only for him but for professional observers as well. However, maybe we can clear up the whys and wherefors of these situations a bit.

The cold fact is that frequently it's impossible for an airman who is bombing from a great height, or for his observer, to tell accurately what damage has been done. He may report with perfect honesty that he has blown up a certain objective, or set a disastrous fire, whereas actually the damage may be small.

That might easily account for the episode of the Berlin stations. It might by the same token explain mistakes in German claims of damage done in England.

FUNERAL NOTICE

THOMAS DUANE

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services for the late Thomas Duane to be held Friday morning, November 29, 1940, at Sacred Heart church, High street at Eighth, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul commencing at 9 o'clock, with the Rev. John A. O'Brien officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Memorial park. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home of this city.

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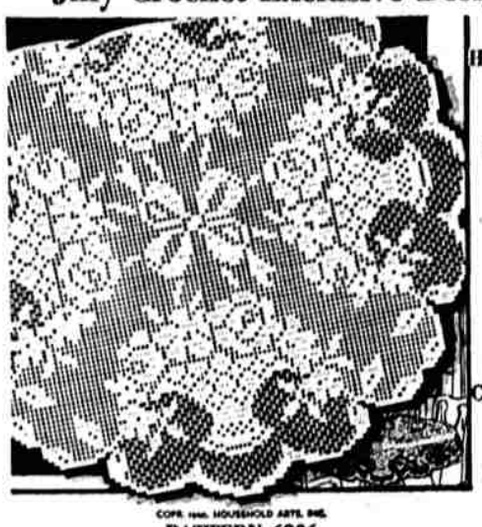

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Bremerton Boom-Town as Defense Building Activity Soars in Northwest Area

(Note: Pacific northwest defense activities make important news for the area as they unfold day by day. The huge government expenditures mean more payrolls, more men at work, more homes. In the air and on land and water, literally, work goes on, including the building of airplanes, destroyers and cargo vessels, and with Bremerton, Sand Point, Fort Lewis, Camp Murray and Fort George Wright busy. In four stories the Associated Press attempts to round up the entire picture. This is the first.)

BREMERTON, Nov. 28 (AP) —Under the impetus of the nation's new defense program, Bremerton has most of the qualities of a livewire, thriving western "boom town."

The city fathers insist it's no mecca for the unemployed, with jobs available for only a skilled few in particular trades. But with 10,000 men at work at the navy yard, lots of money being spent, the navy's discipline, homes and hotels so crowded that "my home's where I hang my hat" describes the housing situation—the city is busy and booming.

Uncle Sam is doing something, too, about the housing situation.

Unlike the short-lived "boom towns" of the west and Alaska of early days, there's a permanence in the city's expansion, caused by the nation's building a "two ocean navy." Bremerton is one of the major west coast bases—and that navy should be in the Pacific a long time to come.

In one step which means more homes here, bids were called recently on a 600-unit low-rent housing project on an 80-acre tract near Oyster bay, southeast of the navy yard. A Seattle firm was low on a bid of $1,812,300. Yesterday 800 more units were authorized.

Meantime, day and night, the machine-like clatter of riveting through the yard. The harbor, the waters across to Port Orchard, and the passage across-sound to Seattle are busy with navy ships.

Aside from the major job, taking care of the nation's fighting ships with routine overhauls and repairs after weeks or months at sea is a major task and at one time recently 22 vessels were here for such work.

Despite the cloak of navy secrecy, the announcement of contracts awarded and other sources over past months discloses the building program to be of two kinds:

Ships — Two destroyers and four seaplane tenders under construction (the destroyers were launched May 16). Also on order, a submarine tender to cost approximately $16,000,000 (one of three such to be built on the west coast) and six more destroyers, at a cost of $42,000,000. The destroyers will be of the new 2100-ton type.

Yard enlargement — one new graving dock, largest in the nation, just completed at a cost of $4,300,000; a second one-third finished and a contract just awarded for a $2,300,000 concrete pier, to extend 1400 feet out into the stream, big enough to dock the navy's largest ships. Approximately $1,500,000 allocated for fuel oil storage depots. A shipfitters' assembly building and four buildings at the keyport torpedo station in the initial construction stages.

Envisioned, too, and possibly not far distant are two other big projects — development of the Fort Ward naval radio station into a high powered station (a radio "school" is already being operated there for navy men) and enlargement of the present county airport into a major-size port for the navy's use.

Meantime, with the number of civilian workers at or over the 10,000 mark, including WPA workers, pay increases which will mean about $700,000 more a year were approved by Secretary Knox the first of November. Despite that, the higher wages of private industry in Seattle are an inducement to workers there to remain at home, rather than make the daily ferryboat trip here.

A year ago, the yard employed only 5500 and the 10-year average to 1939 was 2500.

As a proof of the need for skilled workers, the maximum age limits for ironworkers was extended from 46 to 55, and for shipfitters and loftsmen from 55 to 62 years, in mid-summer.

The WPA, too, has had under way the past summer work for extending and modernizing the city's and the navyyard's needs.

With all of this, the city's population has been growing. From a count of 10,170 in 1930, it jumped to 25,076 in 1940, and the chamber of commerce is certain many were uncounted, even then!

ITALIANS ARE NOT IN ACCORD

HOUSTON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Robert Conner, Houston Chronicle reporter, has decided he will no longer presume upon the identity of his telephone callers.

He answered the telephone Tuesday, thought the voice on the other end of the line was that of H. E. Slaymaker, British consul, and cheerily offered:

"Well, things are looking better in the Mediterranean, aren't they?"

Came a prompt reply:

"This is the Italian consul."

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ZERO-ZERO HALTS HONKER FLIGHTS

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 28 (AP)—The ceiling here was zero-zero Tuesday night and the fog not only kept airplanes on the ground but broke up several eschelon flights of geese and caused numerous forced landings of the honkers.

The big birds had been flying over Pendleton the last few days, splitting the peaceful ozone with their discordant honkings but until last night their flights had proceeded in military precision. Then came old mother nature's blitzkrieg, in the form of a blanket of fog—and the feathered fliers lost their sense of direction. Eschelons were broken up and for hours geese flew hither and yon over the city, many of them landing only to take off again, others landing and remaining on terra firma for quite a spell.

Most spectacular forced landing came at the Union Pacific stage depot, where a low flying goose collided head-on with a neon sign and went down with a thud on the sidewalk. Bystanders thought perhaps "its goose was cooked" but they underrated the tenacity and ruggedness of the honker. He fluttered a bit, waddled to his feet, and took off in the most approved fashion, clearing buildings with a fair margin.

At Taylor park about 4 a. m. several of the big birds were grounded and pedestrians approached within several feet of them, before the honkers became suspicious and took off. Reports were received (without confirmation) that several geese were caught in town but what happened after that no one knows and there is still the chance that goose meat will decorate some of those delayed Thanksgiving tables.

GULLS BEG FOOD FROM COAST HOMES

NORTH LINCOLN, Ore., Nov. 28 (AP) — The rest of the gulls have at last caught the idea from Old Faithful and Oregon beach towns in this section look like bird sanctuaries now.

Old Faithful has been a regular charity case here for years. Daily he perches on a bluff opposite a cafe and refuses to budge until fed.

The others are following his example this winter and are doing everything but asking for handouts. They flock in the streets, obstructing cars, and gather in dooryards, devouring any food thrown them. Town residents blame it on a scarcity of fish, on which the gulls usually feed.

Mt. Laki

MT. LAKI — The Mt. Laki Christian Endeavor society will have as guests the Altamont C. E. society Sunday night, December 1, at the Mt. Laki church. The Rev. Hugh Bronson of Altamont will deliver a sermon at 8 o'clock. Fireside services for all the C. E. societies of the Klamath-Lake union will be held following the sermon. All are most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Mrs. Estella Hill returned home last Wednesday night from a few days' visit at Medford and vicinity.

Work is being completed on the W. M. Williams home.

Among the college students home for the Thanksgiving vacation were Miss Ethel Dixon from University of Oregon at Eugene, and Miss Marjorie Fairclo, who had as her house guest Miss Keng Li of China, Miss Betty Fairclo, Earl Reynolds Jr., and Clyde Dehlinger, all of Oregon State at Corvallis.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

by June Michelson

To gain general office experience, Mrs. Aletha Shannon's advanced shorthand students are working in down-town offices of local business persons.

To date Beverly Anderson and Elsie Brohe have worked mornings in the county agent office of Mrs. Gardner; Frances Foster and Louise Sudberry have worked afternoons in the same office.

Beginning Thursday, other students will work in Mrs. Boivin's farm loan office in the federal building. Earl Reynolds Sr., has requested that several students work at the chamber of commerce in the near future.

The students gain experience in dictation transcription, tabulatory reports, use of the address graph and also learn to do a great deal of mimeographing.

Each member of the advanced shorthand classes is expected to work two hours per day for two weeks some time during the year, according to Mrs. Shannon.

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Girl ushers for the Parents' night open house ceremonies include: Virginia Ellen Smith, Patty Schupp, Merlon Albrecht, Mary Lou Johnson, Elsie Kurnick, Louise Howie, Barbara McLean, Betty Buchanan, Ethel Lindenmood, Virginia Andrews, Betty Bessonette and Dale and Gale Motley.

The girls will assist parents in finding the teachers' rooms.

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El Rodeo production is at a standstill for the moment. Robert J. Black, representative from the engraver, Hicks-Chatten of Portland, is expected any day. When he arrives, a printer will be chosen.

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Report cards were filled out in classes today. They were due back, signed, today, Thursday. Detention will be assigned if they are not back by Friday.

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Twenty-five mathematic students and Ted Russell, advisor, will attend a movie party in the near future. The show is a treat for those concession salesmen who worked faithfully during the football games.

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Beginning with the list this week, the committee in computing students eligible for pay entertainments will consider only the unexcused absences and tardinesses which occur within a two-week period prior to the entertainment. In examining records of detention or reported misconduct, the committee will continue to check for a period of four weeks prior to the entertainment.

This announcement appeared in a recent noon bulletin.

British Freighter Sunk In Indian Sea

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 28 (UP)—Navy Minister W. M. Hughes announced today that the British freighter Port Brisbane was shelled and sunk by a raider in the Indian ocean five days ago.

At the same time it was revealed that an Australian warship, which picked up some of the Port Brisbane's crew, had found an empty lifeboat from the 8011-ton British freighter Maimoa, and it was feared this vessel also was lost, possibly a victim of the same raider which sank the Port Brisbane. It was speculated that if the raider had sunk the Maimoa it might have captured her crew.

Uraguay Ratifies Naval Base Talks With U. S.

MONTEVIDEO, Nov. 28 (UP) The chamber of deputies last night ratified Uruguayan government's foreign policy regarding conversations with the United States for the construction of naval and air bases to be used for the joint defense of the western hemisphere.

In ratifying the government's policy, the chamber of deputies approved intercontinental defense discussions with the United States on condition that any naval or aero-naval bases that will be constructed in Uruguayan territory will be under the complete control and supervision of Uruguay.

The government has repeatedly stated that it does not intend to cede or lease any bases to a foreign power, presumably the United States, and that Uruguay's sovereignty and territorial integrity will be fully safeguarded.

Senate Group Shelves Issue Of British Cash

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (UP) The senate foreign relations committee has shelved until early next year the explosive issue of financial aid to Great Britain.

The committee met briefly to consider two measures. The first, by Sen. William H. King, (D-U.), would repeal the Johnson act barring loans and credits to American World war debtors, and modify sections of the neutrality act outlawing loans to belligerents.

The second, by Sen. Gerald P. Nye, calls for a far-reaching survey of British financial resources in this country, the data thus obtained to be used in establishing the urgency of Britain's needs.

LOCKHEED WORKERS GIVE BOMBER FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

BURBANK, Calif., Nov. 27 (AP)—Representatives of the 20,000 employes at Lockheed and Vega aircraft plants started a movement Monday to give the royal air force a $100,000 Hudson bomber as a Christmas present.

E. J. Morgan, an employe of the Vega material planning department, said workers had agreed through their two recreation organizations to donate their time to building the craft, identical to many now in service for the British.

The craft will be christened "The Spirit of Lockheed-Vega" and presented to a British air ministry representative sometime before Christmas, Morgan said, adding:

"We plan to paste 'do not open until Christmas' seals on the bomb chutes. We think that will appeal to British humor."

REDWOODS HONOR PIONEER WRITER

EUREKA, Calif., Nov. 28 (AP) Samuel G. Blythe of Pebble Beach, whose writings first directed national attention to California's redwoods, was honored Tuesday when one of the huge trees was named after him.

Formal dedication ceremonies were held yesterday in Founders' grove, near Dyerville, on the Redwood highway.

The Blythe tree, one of the finest specimens in the grove, is 350 feet tall, and is estimated to be between 1400 and 1600 years old. The tree is marked by a bronze placque, executed by Haig Patigan, another old friend of the writer.

HOW POPCORN POPS

The natural moisture inside a popcorn kernel is turned to steam by heat. The steam gathers force enough to rupture the hard outer coat of the kernel and turn it inside out.

Four-H News

FAIRHAVEN

The Fairhaven fairy cooks are having a cookie sale November 29. Mrs. Neil, the cafeteria cook, will handle the sale for the girls to save confusion at the noon hour. The girls will make chocolate chip cookies at their regular meeting Thursday after school. They will also make plain cookies with the 4-H emblem on the top. These will sell for one cent each.

The 22 members of the Fairhaven Cookie club, division one, will have a big and important meeting when Mr. Jenkins comes to present them with their charter. The subject of the meeting will be cereals. Amolee Young and her team mate, Alma Ferrell, will give a demonstration of hasty pudding.

On November 15 the Plevna Poultry and Rabbit club had a meeting in the upstairs of the Slusser home on the Keno road. Visiters were Dale Olson and Billie Minkie. All the members were present. They are: Donald Olson, Norma Olson, Leo Olson, Joyce Olson, Peggy Pledger, Johnnie Burnett, Eleanor Sergent, Bobbie Sergent, Ruth Schultz, Edward Schultz, Peggy Batman, Merle Harvey and Pinky Harvey, leader. Donald called the meeting to order, afterwards having the minutes read. We had old and new business and our meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.

ALGOMA

At Algoma the boys are organizing a leathercraft club. The club elected officers as follows: president, Jimmy Keeling; vice president, Jimmy Cobb; secretary, Kathryn Cobb, and news reporter, George Loyd.

Mr. Seely is the leader. The club decided to meet on Thursdays.

WOCUS

This is the first meeting for this club year.

The members are Bob and Billy Burgess, Dorothy and Ruth Hagelstein and Lewis Hagelstein.

Officers are as follows: Bob Burgess, president; Dorothy Hagelstein, secretary, and Ruth Hagelstein, vice president.

Names were drawn for the presenting of Christmas gifts.

PELICAN

The Busy Cookers met in the school cafeteria Tuesday evening, November 19. Plans for the parents party to be held December 17 at 7:30 were completed.

Mrs. Blanche Jones conducted an interesting discussion on the importance of practicing good manners and courtesy at the family table.

A winter salad was prepared and attractively served to members of the club.

WOCUS COOKERS

A Four-H club has been assigned in Wocus. It is a cookery club. The name of it is Burn It Black club.

The officers are as follows: president, Louise Pinon; vice president, Mary Hartell; secretary-treasurer, LaMae Vanderhoff. News reporter, yell leader and song leader has not been chosen as yet.

ALTAMONT

"The Clever Cooks" of Altamont junior high had a Hallowe'en party October 28.

Janet Kitchens, president, appointed the following committees which were: game committee, Geneva Gehrmann, June Hairrell and Patty Knoll; decoration committee, Betty Jean Fowler and Gloria Mayfield; refreshment committee, Lucille Gourley and Vinetta Smith.

The room was decorated with cornstalks, pumpkins and confetti. Games were played, followed by refreshments. A short business meeting was held before the party.

HENLEY

June Dickson called the meeting of the Henley Sewing club to order. The secretary read previous news and called the roll. Patsy Hanson led us in the club pledge and some songs and yells. Margaret Noble attended her first meeting this year. She was a member of the cooking club last year. Velda Andrews moved and isn't in the club now. The club talked of the next meeting which is to be the 27th. Since it is the third meeting the club is having a party. For the remaining portion of the period, Ruth Crumrine tap danced for the organization and the club played some games.

Quartz Mt.

Lee Real and Leo Lehto left Sunday for Sprague River where they are employed by Ewauna Timber company.

Mrs. Gustana Korjola and Hazel Piggott attended the theatre in Lakeview Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferguson and son John, returned Sunday evening from Fort Klamath where Mrs. Ferguson and John had been visiting this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirkland Thursday, enjoying a turkey dinner. Pinochle was enjoyed during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Piggott, Dale and Denny, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lamoureaux Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMurrin and family left Sunday for Sprague River where McMurrin will continue his work with Ewauna Timber company.

Peggy and Jimmie Barnes were Thursday dinner guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Vera Real at Quartz mountain.

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