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U. S. NAVY SINKS FIVE SHIPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE news from the war in the Pacific has its bright spots and its dark spots. Today is one of the brighter days.

AUSTRALIANS go into action in Malaya, jolting and checking the attacking Japs. Only time can tell whether the check thus administered will be permanent or only temporary. From Singapore today comes this tribute to the tough Australian fighters: "News that the Aussies had seen action sent a thrill of expectancy through this British stronghold even as its residents prepared to defend it." More allied planes are being heard from at Singapore, leading to the hope that reinforcements are arriving.

THE navy reports that the U. S. Asiatic fleet has sunk three Jap transports and two large cargo ships, bringing to 24 the number of Japanese ships, both combatant and non-combatant, since the war began on December 7.

FOR two days Jap bombers, supported by fighters, have been attacking the Dutch naval base at Ambon, on the island of Ceram, midway between New Guinea and Celebes. Other island attacks along the southern rim of the Dutch East Indies have been reported from time to time.

A glance at your map will indicate that the Japs are trying to close all possible routes by which allied reinforcements can reach the principal scenes of conflict around the South China Sea.

The Japs know that sooner or later the allies will gather their forces for a counter-offensive, and are preparing for it.

FROM Tokyo today comes a tale that a Jap fleet has appeared off Subic bay. That, if it should prove to be true, would indicate that the Japs are trying to land troops to take MacArthur in the rear.

It would be a reliable hint that they have found his little army too tough for a frontal attack.

PROOF of Japanese air and naval superiority in Malaya is indicated pretty clearly by the method of their advance down the long, narrow peninsula leading to Singapore.

Time and again they have outflanked the British defense lines by sea, landing troops in the REAR of the defenders and compelling them to fall back.

DON'T take these brighter spots in the Pacific war news so seriously as to jump to the conclusion that the Japs have shot their bolt and are slowing down. No such conclusion is justified as yet. The Japs got there "fastest with the most men," and it will take time to overcome that advantage.

IN the Philippines, the Japs posed at first as the deliverer of the Filipinos. It didn't seem to "take."

They're now decreeing the death penalty for anyone who injures a Jap soldier or civilian. If the guilty individual can't be found they seize TEN hostages for each Jap injury. (If you've been reading the news from conquered Europe, you know where they got that idea.)

The point is that the Filipinos AREN'T going over to the Japs. Instead, they are risking torture and death to oppose them.



Gary Cosad, right, buys the first automobile tax stamp at the local postoffice when the window opened at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. The green stickers, about 1 1/2 by 2 inches, have glue on the unprinted side, whereas they should be glued against the inside of the windshield's lower right hand corner—the green Liberty bell showing through the glass. Selling the stamp, which cost \$2.00, is R. L. Griffith, assistant postmaster. Money in hand and ready to buy No. 2 stamp is Martin Peplau, route 3, city. Next payment of the federal tax on motor vehicles is due July 1, 1942, the postmaster advises.

Buy Your Own Glue, Mister!

ARGENTINE PUZZLE BELIEVED SOLVED

Ecuador Border Tiff Still Blocking Solidarity

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16 (AP)—Indications that Argentina had changed her position and might swing into line with her sister republics in a resolution calling for a break of all relations with the axis powers were seen today in informed quarters as the conference of American foreign ministers swung into action.

Pre-conference talks between her representatives and other conference leaders, in which Argentina was said to have been brought under considerable pressure by her sister republics, were believed to have averted a deadlock on the issue, one of the most important on the agenda.

Border Obstacles
The last obstacle to accord, however, was not yet removed. Observers expressed the belief that the border dispute between Peru and Ecuador left a stumbling block in the path of harmonious action.

Indications were that the resolution calling for a 100 per cent break in relations with the axis would be tested today. It was placed before the conference this morning by Colombia's representative, Gabriel Turbay, ambassador to Washington. He said he was introducing the resolution in the name of the governments of Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela.

It was believed the resolution condemned the axis aggression against the United States as an act of aggression.

Japs Promise Fair Treatment

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Major General Yoshishige Dizu, commanding officer of the internment camp on Shikoku Island, told his 442 American war prisoners today they must behave according to the Japanese military code and without the "traditional Anglo-American sense of superiority for Asiatics." The prisoners include Captain George J. McMillin, who was governor of Guam. Dizu assured the prisoners they would be treated fairly.

Congressmen Declare Air Defense Lax

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee declared today that the army and navy had "blindly failed" to keep abreast of aircraft developments in modern warfare.

He made the assertion while discussing with newsmen the report of the investigating committee headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo.) which charged yesterday that poor planning and administration had resulted in inadequate and largely "mediocre" warplane production.

"Up until a few weeks ago," George declared, "the army and navy apparently did not afford the air force its proper place in modern warfare. They were not up to date with their designs and blue print and they hadn't done the work that should have been done."

(In New York last night, John H. Jett, president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, took pointed exception to the conclusions of the committee's report.

"In every theater of the war to date," he asserted, "our American designed and built warplanes, including pursuit and bombers, have shown marked superiority over the enemy."

Nine Killed in Crash of Bomber South of Boise

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16 (AP)—An army bombing plane on a routine flight Wednesday afternoon crashed and burned 13 miles southeast of Boise, Idaho, killing the nine men aboard, second air force headquarters said today.

Second Lt. Elmer M. Munn Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas, was the pilot and his co-pilot was Second Lt. Darrell S. Wing of Phoenix, Ariz.

SOVIETS THREATEN NAZI KEY POINTS

Advances Scored All Along 1200-Mile Front, Claim

By The Associated Press
Masses of Russian tanks were reported smashing today at the gates of German-held Tanagerog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, as Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's red armies pressed a general counter-offensive through the Ukraine and tightened a trap on 100,000 Germans in the Crimea.

"The soviet forces are now battering fiercely at the gates of Tanagerog," a British radio broadcast said.

Near Capital
Russian troops were reported fighting the invaders a few miles from Simferopol, the Crimean capital, 40 miles north of Sevastopol on the railroad to the Russian mainland.

On the basis of previous soviet reports, the German forces at Tanagerog had long since been isolated by Russian columns which by-passed the city in pursuit of the main axis armies retreating along the sea of Azov toward Mariupol.

Soviet front-line dispatches chronicled an unbroken series of Russian triumphs along the entire 1200-mile battleline from Leningrad to the Black sea.

"History Repeats"
In the northeast Ukraine, red army troops were reported heavy.

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Aussies Throw Japs Back

HIGH-SPIRITED TROOPS TAKE MALAY FRONT

Singapore Morale Up As Colonials Go Into Action

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Bronzed, jungle-trained Australian troops, whooping into battle with a song, were officially credited today with smashing a column of Japanese tanks and infantry in their first engagement with the Mikado's invasion hordes, and Britons in Singapore thrilled to a hope that the Malayan retreat finally was ended.

The Japanese-controlled Saigon radio asserted Japanese troops had advanced within 62 miles of Singapore. The claim, unconfirmed elsewhere, may be a typical example of axis propaganda.

Hardest Blow
Official dispatches said Australian reinforcements, using the invaders' own jungle-fighting technique, were giving the Japanese "the hardest blow they've had in this war to date."

Maj.-Gen. Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australians, was quoted as saying: "There's lots more coming to them. Every move they make from now on will be countered by Australians who can out-march, outfight and outwit them."

British headquarters said the Australians, getting their baptismal taste of action in the Malay campaign, inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese and destroyed six tanks. On the Malay west coast, British imperials were reported to have blasted 14 more Japanese tanks and 10 armored cars out of action.

Japs Checked
The general situation remains unchanged," a Singapore communique announced, indicating that the Japanese advance (Continued on Page Two)

British, Japs 'Meet' on Border

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 16 (AP)—British combined headquarters announced tonight that British troops had "met" the Japanese on the Burma-Thailand border.

"Our troops were in contact with the enemy at Midia in south Burma last night," the communique said. "No further details are yet available."

At the same time, the war report said, British bombers smashed at an airbase in Thailand, damaging planes on the ground, and machine-gunned an armored train. No British planes were reported lost in the attack.

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Parade to Focus Public's Attention on Bond Pledge

A parade will pass through Klamath's downtown streets at 2 p. m. Tuesday, bond pledge day, to help direct citizens' attention to the opportunity to go to the polls and indicate what they can do in the purchase of defense bonds and stamps.

Andrew M. Collier, defense savings chairman, announced that the American Legion will have charge of the parade, which will feature high school music and marching organizations, Boy Scouts and other entries. He also stated that a loud speaker truck will play patriotic music in various parts of the city and suburbs on Tuesday.

8 a. m. to 7 p. m.
Former Governor Charles H. Martin, who will be here to address the junior chamber of commerce Founders' day banquet, will probably ride in the parade, Collier stated.

All plans are rapidly shaping up for the pledge day program. The polls in all precincts throughout the county will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. Regular election boards will be in charge at the polls, under an arrangement with County Clerk Mae K. Short. Sheriff Lloyd Low on Friday announced the polling place locations, the list appearing on Page 12 of this paper.

President Sets Up War Board Under Nelson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The appointment of William S. Knudsen as director of production for the war department was announced late today by President Roosevelt.

The chief executive said in a statement that Knudsen was "one of the great production men of the world."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt formally established the war production board today and directed that all federal departments and agencies must comply with the policies and procedures worked out by its chairman for war procurement and production.

Donald Nelson has been picked by the president for the chairmanship.

The supply priorities and allocations board was abolished and its membership transferred in its entirety to the war production board.

Effective Prosecution
The board was placed within the office for emergency management of the executive office of the president.

The presidential executive order creating the board said this step was taken "for the purpose of assuring the most effective prosecution of war procurement and production."

Nelson is to report to the president from time to time, and through him, the army and navy munitions board must report from now on to the chief executive.

3 TRANSPORTS, 2 OTHERS LOST BY JAP FORCES

Nippon Planes Strike U. S. Positions Along Batan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The Asiatic fleet has sunk three enemy transports and two large Japanese cargo vessels in the Far East.

These sinkings, announced today by the navy, brought to a total of 24 the number of Japanese warships and non-combatant vessels sunk by the United States navy and marine forces.

Sub Menace
The navy communique, based on reports received up to 6 a. m., PST, today reported the submarine menace to the northeast coast of the United States "remains unchanged."

Text of the communique:
"Far East:
"Units of the U. S. Asiatic fleet report the sinking of five enemy vessels in Far Eastern waters. They include two large cargo ships, two large transports and one medium-sized transport. These sinkings are in addition to enemy casualties at sea previously reported.

Atlantic area:
"The submarine situation along the northeast coast of the (Continued on Page Two)

Navy Confirms Loss Of Allied Ship Off New York

By JOHN A. MOROSO, III
NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (AP)—A tanker, supposedly British, has been torpedoed and sunk within cannon shot of Long Island's elite summer playground centering around Southampton.

The coast guard announced the sinking yesterday, but confirmation from the navy department was not forthcoming until nearly 20 hours later.

The navy said some survivors were being brought in, but that it did not know their whereabouts.

The waterfront along Quogue, Long Island, teemed with activity today as ships, planes and shore searchers looked for wreckage and bodies.

The sinking was the second in (Continued on Page Two)

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New Attempt to Settle Union Shop Issue Started

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The government made a new attempt today to settle the strike-breaking, union shop issue and hold unbroken the wartime truce between labor and management.

Secretary of Labor Perkins certified to the new war labor board seven disputes involving the closed shop question which all but wrecked its predecessor, the defense mediation board, and the issue was paramount in the 22 cases inherited from the old board.

Meeting today under the chairmanship of William H. Davis, the new 12-man board sought first of all to find a formula for settling disputes in the peaceful manner prescribed by labor and management representatives who pledged themselves to a no-strike, no-lockout policy Dec. 23.

Both industry and labor looked to the coming sessions for a quick answer to whether the board would adopt a fixed policy on the union shop, perhaps freezing the status quo as did the World War board of 1918, or deciding every case individually.

Berlin Says Rail Traffic Curtailed

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The Exchange Telegraph heard a Berlin radio announcement today that further curtailment in railroad passenger traffic had been ordered starting Sunday night because of an "increase in important traffic."

In the past, one of the indicators of impending important German action has been suspension or abbreviation of rail traffic to clear the roads for military purposes.

Contributions Received by Red Cross in War Relief Campaign

Contributions previously acknowledged	\$7214.12
Contributions acknowledged Friday	333.31
Total	\$7547.43
Listed below is the remainder of Thursday's contributions to Klamath's \$10,000 Red Cross war relief fund. These contributions were held over for acknowledgment and appear in the total printed above.	
The following Klamath Billiards employees:	
Fred De Main	\$1.00
Sam Brown	1.00
Phil Bateau	1.00
Al Fidler	1.00
Jack Ralston	1.00
Chet Skinner	1.00
Charles Hoffman	1.00
Perry Wilson	1.00
Lee King	1.00
Jim Watts	1.00
George McGahan	1.00
M. Piper	1.00
T. A. Douglas	1.00
Ben Reed	1.00
M. Hodges	1.00
Earl Smith	1.00
Carl Young	1.00
M. Stoltz	1.00
Bob O'Connor	1.00
Raymond K. Taylor	1.00
Gus Pedroni	1.00
Tim Reen	1.00
Laura Morez	1.00
Ed. Coughlin	1.00
Walt Chilton	1.00
Al. Brotherton	1.00
Eddie's Place	2.50
Currin's Fur Drugs	10.00
Karl's Shoe Store	2.00

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