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AUSTRALIANS HOLDING IN MALAYA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the Pacific war situation today Singapore is vividly spotlighted.

An AP dispatch says: "With the Japanese still advancing, Malaya's steaming jungle land, which the British had looked upon as a sort of natural Maginot line for Singapore, has taken its place as another outworn defensive concept and the battle for Singapore today became purely a test of fighting men and their weapons."

THE dispatch adds: "Some of the fiercest hand-to-hand combat in the history of war is in store, if not already in progress, along the narrowing, fluid line of defense in Johore state, well within 100 miles of the pivotal base (Singapore) which the British call their Gibraltar of the Orient."

SINCE the remotest times of which we have any record, man has sought an impregnable wall behind which he could hope to be safe.

His earliest cities were walled. The Chinese built a vast wall along their whole northern border.

The French built their Maginot line—a wall of forts and guns.

But throughout history FIGHTING MEN AND THEIR WEAPONS have provided the ONLY defense that could be permanently relied upon.

LET us note with pardonable pride that in Luzon MacArthur and his men DID NOT retire to the walls and the underground chambers of Corregidor, but STAYED OUTSIDE and relied upon their discipline, their fighting skill and their weapons to hold back the Japs.

They will fall back to Corregidor only as a last resort.

BARRING a miracle, MacArthur's magnificent stand in Luzon can be only a delaying action. Today's dispatches say of it:

"The gallant band of Americans and Filipinos is contributing materially to the defense of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies by HOLDING IN CHECK a large army of Japanese on Luzon, but there seems no doubt that its situation is DETERIORATING."

This hard-fighting little army has been forced back 20 miles in two weeks and there are signs today that the Japs are grouping PREPONDERANT strength for a fresh offensive to defeat it as soon as possible and press on to richer fields.

BUT at least we know these Americans in the far outposts DIDN'T rely upon walls or citadels.

History tells us that over the long pull reliance upon walls and citadels and intricate fortifications such as the Maginot line has been a sign of spiritual deterioration—a national inferiority complex.

As a nation, China was becoming decadent when she built her Great Wall.

As a nation, France was becoming decadent when she built her Maginot line and retired snugly and confidently behind it.

AMERICANS, as typified by MacArthur and his tough little army in Luzon, still choose to FIGHT IT OUT IN THE OPEN in a test of fighting men and their weapons. We are NOT DECADENT. We have what the lesson of history tells IT TAKES TO SURVIVE.

Third Tanker Sunk By Sub

22 CREW LOST OFF CAROLINA, 13 BROUGHT IN

Missing Men Feared Victims of Fire After Blast

By The Associated Press
Twenty-two crewmen of a United States tanker, caught in a whirlpool of flames touched off by the torpedo that shattered their vessel, were given up for lost today—the latest reported victims of an axis U-boat challenge to the defense of the western Atlantic.

The tanker, the 6035-ton Allan Jackson, of the Standard Oil company, was en route to New York yesterday off the coast of North Carolina when, in the gathering dusk, a torpedo struck her amidships. She was the third tanker so destroyed within five days.

Fire Everywhere
One of the 13 survivors of the 35-man crew said, "the ship seemed to be parting in the middle and there was fire everywhere." So far as could be learned the 13 were the only ones to escape the holocaust.

Even that group came near to being chopped to death in their lifeboat by the churning propeller of the Allan Jackson before the ship settled in its death agony. They finally pulled away with a strength born of the knowledge of certain death if they failed.

The explosion spewed flaming crude oil onto the water and the glare lit the sea for miles around.

Although the Allan Jackson was the third reported victim of the U-boat offensive into the coastal waters of North America, the arrival of survivors of another sunken ship, an unidentified one, was reported today.

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Federal Potato Marketing Plan Set January 26

The potato marketing agreement which concerns five counties in southern Oregon and northern California will go into effect January 26, according to reports received Monday by C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent.

Following is a telegram sent by A. E. Mercker, head of the potato division of surplus marketing administration, department of agriculture: "Oregon-California potato marketing order issued today, effective January 26. Extent of operations this season are undetermined until the committee organizes."

A hearing was held in Klamath Falls in July followed by a referendum in the five counties affected, Klamath, Deschutes and Crook in Oregon, Modoc and Siskiyou in California.

The agreement regulates the marketing of Irish potatoes in interstate commerce. Growers in the Klamath basin were in accord with the agreement especially as it regulates the marketing of undergrades of potatoes. (Continued on Page Two)

Five Killed, 30 Injured in Rail Collision



Five persons were dead and thirty others injured 40 miles from Little Rock, Ark., when a switch engine and a passenger train collided head-on. Coaches were left shattered like the one shown. Many of the victims were soldiers.

PARKING METERS ASKED BY BUREAU

Additional Revenues For Police Force Sought by City

Parking meters on a limited number of downtown streets may result from the proposal to be presented Monday night to the city council by the Klamath Retail Trade Bureau.

The bureau at noon Monday adopted a recommendation proposed by the directors and representatives of the Klamath Truckers association and the city planning commission, with one change. As amended, the proposal will leave to the discretion of the city council whether parking meters should be placed on Main street or on side streets from Fourth street to Eleventh street, between Pine street and Klamath avenue.

Mayor John H. Houston told the Klamath merchants at their Monday luncheon meeting that parking meters are the only method the city fathers can devise to secure additional revenue at this time to increase the police force as well as give a small raise in salary to police officers. He said that any other suggestion for raising more revenue would be eagerly investigated, but merchants had no other plan to suggest.

The proposal to be presented to the city fathers tonight includes the recommendation also that one loading zone be maintained in each block on Main street between Fourth street and Eleventh street, for the use of commercial vehicles only.

Need More Cops
Mayor Houston pointed out that this city attracts a tremendous number of out-of-town customers and that an addition to the police force is necessary, especially in the way of traffic officers. The city council he said does not believe the cost of the increase in police should be paid only by residents of Klamath. (Continued on Page Two)

Bodies Brought Down From Site Of Plane Crash

Additional Revenues For Police Force Sought by City

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 19 (AP)—The shattered bodies of Actress Carole Lombard and eight other persons among 22 killed in a mountain-top plane crash Friday night lay in a Las Vegas morgue today while men toiled through snow to bring the remaining 13 victims down from the crash scene.

The dead included Miss Lombard and her mother and two other women, the actress' press representative and 15 army fliers in addition to the pilot and co-pilot.

Recovered from the plane wreckage late yesterday were the remains of two women and seven men.

Wisp of blonde hair "and the general contour of her face" served to enable Edgar J. Manix, vice president of MGM studios, to identify one body as that of the actress. (Continued on Page Two)

Price-Control Split Widens on Farm Amendment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Chairman Brown (D-Mich.) said a joint senate-house conference committee appeared today to be farther away from agreement than ever before after a two-hour study of farm amendments to the administration's price control bill.

"Both sides seem to be stiffening in their resistance," Brown told reporters. Senator Danaher (R-Conn.) another conferee, said there appeared to be no agreement in sight.

Chief provision in contention is a senate approved amendment linking farm prices to industrial wages. Opponents have charged this would permit a 25 per cent increase in present good costs.

QUOTA REACHED IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Pelican Bay Employees Boost Fund Above \$10,000

Based on records at Red Cross headquarters at noon Monday, Klamath county has reached its \$10,000 quota of the \$50,000,000 national Red Cross war fund.

Credit for actually putting the quota over the top goes to the employees of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, who on the basis of contributions of a half day's pay each had up to Monday morning given a total of \$1202.12—the largest single contribution to the fund. Employees of the Kesterson Lumber Corporation, with a total of \$748.17, were the second largest contributors.

Employees of di Giorgio Fruit Corporation, with a total of \$430.05, were third from the top.

Employee contributions at all these operations were on the basis of a half-day's pay from each worker. The fund was lagging until employees of industrial organizations entered the picture on this basis. After that, it rose rapidly.

Non-Belligerency Plan Up at Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 19 (AP)—Mexico presented a proposal to the Pan American conference today to extend to all the united nations the status of non-belligerents in their fight against the axis powers.

Led by Argentina, most of the Latin American countries already have declared the United States a non-belligerent. Among other things, this means that United States warships can enter and leave their ports at will, free of the regulation forcing ships to limit their stays to 24 hours.

U. S. SMASHES JAP ASSAULT, ACTION WANES

Nine Jap Warplanes Downed by Yankees In East Indies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The war department reported today that American army bombers had shot down nine enemy planes in a fight in the Netherlands Indies and, striking for the first time in Malaya, had successfully raided a Japanese held airdrome.

Two American bombers are missing and a third was damaged in the air battle, a late day communique said, which took place Saturday near Menado, on northwest Celebes island.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Japanese patrols have been active against American and Filipino forces in the Philippines during the last 24 hours but results have been indecisive, the war department reported today.

Ground operations have been of a desultory nature since American troops smashed a heavy Japanese attack, the communique said.

Enemy air activities were confined to frequent reconnaissance flights.

General Douglas MacArthur reported that Filipinos in the occupied areas had been deprived of their means of transportation.

He said farmers had been evicted from their farms and the invaders had seized harvested crops and food stores.

TOKYO, Jan. 19 (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—A Domei dispatch from the Japan (Continued on Page Two)

Blind Buck Wandering in Bly Mountains

A blind, three-point buck is wandering through the mountains near Bly, colliding with trees and other obstacles. He even ran into a CCC boy.

Assistant Ranger Miles Langdon of the Fremont forest observed the buck on a ski trip from Bly to Finley Corral. The animal was first seen crossing the road about a mile below Swede Cabins. A CCC boy was with Langdon on the trip, and the sightless buck staggered into the boy.

The animal then made a wide circle in open timber and collided with a dead tree which knocked him down. He got up and ran toward Langdon and the CCC enrollee, approaching within 20 feet. Both eyes appeared to be covered with white cataracts and the animal was bleeding at the nose. He had broken his horns in previous collisions with trees.

In the same vicinity, Langdon found a four-point buck down in the snow with his jaw broken. His neck was stiff and one horn was stuck in the snow and mud. He was badly emaciated and near death.

Langdon reported deer tracks were noted as far east as Brownworth creek and all of them were pointing south. Numerous coyote tracks were seen between Camp creek and Finley Corral. About 34 inches of snow were found at Finley.

Missing



Warren Clayton Gillette, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gillette of Montelius street, reported missing in action by the United States navy following the bombing of Pearl Harbor December 7. Young Gillette is the second Klamath boy to lose his life since Pearl Harbor. He was a squad leader and range finder on the Oklahoma.

NEW HITLER DRIVE GATHERS WEIGHT

Operations Hinted in New Axis Military Convention

By The Associated Press
Hints and actual circumstantial evidence that Adolf Hitler is plotting a new move, which has appeared from time to time since his Russian offensive was thrown into reverse, were given official axis stamp today although what he has in mind is still obscure.

The German radio declared that a military convention signed yesterday by Germany, Italy and Japan provided for "proper and appropriate distribution of military forces in preparation for operations of great striking power which will be of outstanding significance."

Speculation, now as before, naturally turns to the Mediterranean zone, newly strengthened by the fact that Hitler's naval chieftain, Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, and Premier Mussolini's chief of naval staff, Admiral Arturo Riccardi, talked high strategy last week at a Bavarian rendezvous.

But the Mediterranean is big. A move in that region might be against Turkey with the idea of winning control of the entire eastern Mediterranean zone, including the Suez canal, or through Spain aimed at reducing the war to West Africa, or finally the plainly indicated objective of turning the British offensive in Libya.

In all these possibilities, the strategic position of Malta, the little British island just south of Italy and Sicily, figures prominently.

Meanwhile, the Italian high command was getting another shakeup. The replacement of General Mario Roatta as army chief of staff by General Vittorio (Continued on Page Two)

Wake Islanders in Japan, Says Tokyo

TOKYO, Jan. 19 (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Showing little signs of their ordeal except beards and soiled uniforms, 1235 men captured on Wake Island by the Japanese arrived at Yokohama yesterday.

The party consisted of 30 officers who wore their uniforms, 423 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men and 782 civilians, most of whom were employed "on defense construction projects."

This group was the second to reach Japan. The first prisoners were from Guam.

FINAL STAND AT SINGAPORE SEEN NEARING

Hot Battle in Johore Expected as Line Narrowing

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
Associated Press War Editor
The Australian imperial force turned back waves of Japanese attackers today in the fierce defense of Singapore, fulcrum of the united nations' defense system in the southwest Pacific region.

Major General Gordon Bennett, commander of the AIF, announced that some of his troops had been sent "to stabilize the position" in the Muar river area, where British Indian troops had fallen back before the attacks.

Tanks Halted
"Almost immediately after the Australians had taken up positions the enemy launched a vigorous tank attack which was beaten off by our troops. The enemy lost eight tanks," Bennett reported to the Australian army ministry at Melbourne.

"Again this morning Monday—the enemy attacked again, and again were defeated by our troops. Australians are holding their ground everywhere."

Jungle No Bar
The Muar river zone, about 90 miles northwest of Singapore, had developed as the softest spot of the elastic defense line through Johore state. The Japanese had threatened to turn the entire defense line by infiltrations and direct assaults in that region, near the coast.

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Some of the fiercest hand-to-hand (Continued on Page Two)

Fire Sweeps Two Sacramento Oil Company Plants

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19 (AP) Damage totalling \$200,000 was listed by Fire Chief Torrence Mulligan following a spectacular fire which swept through two oil company plants on the north outskirts of Sacramento early today.

Five firemen and seven civilians were injured. Approximately 180,000 gallons of oil, nine large oil storage tanks, several corrugated iron buildings and some trucks and a freight car were burned.

Officials said the fire broke out when a motor, used to transfer gasoline from a tank to a storage tank, exploded and ignited the truck and storage tanks.

A second explosion shook the entire city and was felt as far distant as Folsom, 20 miles from Sacramento.

Destroyed in the blaze were the plants of the El Tejon Gas Co., owned by the Weitz Oil Co., Lodi and the Signal Oil Co. Partially burned were the plants of the Sunshine Biscuits Co., and the Hancock Oil Co.

Several civilians were injured in the mad rush to safety by workers and residents near the explosion and fire. Soldiers aided police in controlling the thousands of spectators.

Earlier reports that a man had been knocked down by the explosion and cremated proved erroneous, officials said.

Chief Mulligan and Fire Captain T. J. Healy were slightly injured. Two firemen were forced to leap from a high wall by the intense heat and sustained possible leg fractures.

GO TO THE POLLS TUESDAY, BOND PLEDGE DAY

Citizens of Klamath county are asked to go to the polls Tuesday, which is Bond Pledge Day in Klamath county.

Available at all polls—which will be open in each precinct—will be bond pledge cards. Every citizen financially able to buy defense savings bonds or stamps, including those already buying, is asked to fill out one of these blanks. Those who do not feel they can pledge may indicate as much on their cards.

This voluntary effort is expected to put Klamath county in the forefront in a statewide bond pledge campaign. Cooperating are the republican and democratic precinct committees, the county clerk, county sheriff, precinct election boards and defense savings committees.

Polks will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. See list of polling places on Page 10.

Special events in connection with bond pledge day include a parade in downtown Klamath Falls at 2 p. m. Tuesday. On Monday night at 7:30 o'clock a rally for precinct committeemen, election boards and others interested, will be held at the circuit court room. President Charles Walker of the Northwest School of Commerce, Portland, will be speaker.

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