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BOMBERS BLAST AT JAP ARMADA

In The Day's News

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TODAY'S highlights in the Pacific war:

The Japanese are attacking IN FORCE the New Guinea approaches to Australia. They already HOLD the other approaches.

In Tokyo, a government spokesman warns Australia to yield without a fight or "suffer the same fate that has befallen Singapore and Java." He adds: "They (the Australians) should see the handwriting on the wall."

London "authoritative quarters" assert today that the strength of the Jap main battle fleet has not been impaired by Japan's "far-flung sweeps of conquest" and adds that Japan can now be expected to lash out in three directions—to CEYLON (westward CLEAR ACROSS the Bay of Bengal), to Australia, and EVEN FARTHER EAST toward the Fiji islands.

A CONSIDERABLE school of thought in this country holds that Japan will be content (temporarily, at least) with what she has already seized.

But remember: A VERY CONSIDERABLE school of thought in this country held that Japan wouldn't go to war at all.

We know better now.

AT this point, get out your map (or, better, your globe.)

Take a look at the empire Japan has already overrun—coastal China, French Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya, lower Burma, the East Indies, the Philippines (all but Bataan.)

Recall the SPEED AND EASE with which she has accomplished all this.

Then look at Australia, with only seven million inhabitants, industrially weak and FAR REMOVED from American and British help.

Look at India—ripe, internally rotten and ready for plucking by a strong and bold hand. Remember that India has been the ultimate goal of all world conquerors since Alexander.

THEN take another look at Japan—ruled by an insanely ambitious military clique that for 20 years has been preparing for the conquest of ALL ASIA.

Remember that since history began conquest has roused hunger for MORE CONQUEST.

Recall that as long as a year ago Japan announced to the world her intention to take over the whole South Pacific—and we laughed, and said: "Oh, yeah!"

THEN ask yourself this question: IS IT SAFE to believe that Japan will settle down quietly to exploitation and development of the area she has already seized?

NOW turn your eyes homeward.

Last night in a radio address to the country Donald Nelson, director of war production, said: "Our war industries are operating at only HALF CAPACITY though we are face to face with an enemy DETERMINED TO DESTROY US."

Then remember the fate of France, whose factories operated at half capacity while the Germans were massing for attack.

AT this point, you will probably be inclined to say: "It looks like a terrible mess, but WHAT CAN I DO?"

This is the answer: You can write to your congressmen and your senators, saying (in your own words): "I want all-out war production—ONE HUNDRED PER CENT—not 50 per cent."

"I don't want to go the way of France. IF IT WILL, can COMPEL all-out war production. If you aren't willing to do (Continued on Page Two)

German Warship Attacked



Word of the death of R. Paul Roberts, 34, well known Klamath Falls insurance man, was received here Wednesday. Mr. Roberts' death occurred in a Des Moines, Ia., hospital Wednesday at noon.

ILLNESS FATAL TO R. PAUL ROBERTS

Prominent Insurance Man Passes at Des Moines

Word of the death of R. Paul Roberts, 34, well known Klamath Falls insurance man, was received here shortly after his passing at noon Wednesday in a Des Moines, Ia., hospital. Mr. Roberts had been in ill health for the past year and seriously ill for several months.

Mr. Roberts came to Klamath Falls in March of 1937, as district manager of the Northern Life Insurance company. One and one-half years ago he accepted the position as assistant general agent for the Aetna Life Insurance company, a post he held until closing his offices here February 10, at which time he left Klamath Falls for Des Moines.

In Civic Work While a resident of this city, Mr. Roberts took part in civic affairs and at the time of his death was president of the Klamath County Health association. He was a member of the Elks lodge, the Kiwanis club, Klamath county chamber of commerce, and vice president of the Life Underwriters association.

Mr. Roberts completed his early education in Des Moines and was then graduated from an Iowa university at the age of 18. He later spent one year studying medicine. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Roberts of Des Moines, both of whom survive as does one young daughter, Jeannine.

Final services will be held from the Dunn Funeral home in (Continued on Page Two)

Independent Barber Meeting Increases Scale of Prices

At a meeting of the independent barbers of Klamath Falls and vicinity last night, it was decided to up the prices of shaves and haircuts, in line with other rising costs, according to Tom Miles, spokesman for the group. A price of 50 cents for haircuts and 35 cents for shaves was the figure agreed on.

HITLER CALLS ON ALLIES FOR MEN, REPORT

Fuehrer Seriously in Need of Manpower, London Hears

By The Associated Press Adolf Hitler was reported today to have called upon Italy, Hungary and Slovakia for 2,600,000 fresh troops to bolster the heralded Nazi spring offensive and fill the gaps left by nine months of slaughter in the war with Russia.

Advises reaching London said Hitler, desperately needing manpower to replace the Nazi losses in dead, wounded and missing, had demanded 1,000,000 troops from Italy, 1,500,000 from Hungary and 100,000 from Slovakia.

Snow Melting Soviet officials declared on Feb. 22 that Germany had lost 6,000,000 men on the Russian front.

With pre-spring thaws already melting snow on the long battle-line, dispatches indicated that the Russians were smashing with ever increasing fury to demoralize the Germans and keep them reeling backwards instead of organizing a spring counter-drive.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged that the red armies were striking in mass attacks on the southern (Ukraine) front and holding the initiative on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts.

"Heavy and bloody losses were inflicted upon the enemy," the German high command said, in a communique which also noted "uninterrupted heavy defense fighting" by German troops.

Soviet dispatches reported the capture of an important junction in the Lake Ilmen sector, where trapped survivors of the German 16th army originally estimated at 96,000 soldiers were reported suffering from lack of food, clothing and munitions.

A red army bulletin also announced the capture of three villages on the central front, where Nazi garrisons at Rzhhev and Vyazma were described as virtually surrounded.

United States-built trucks and motor cars, some still bearing the olive drab paint of the U. S. army, mingled with Russian vehicles in Moscow today as fresh evidence of allied supply aid for the red army.

Highway Worker Struck by Car On Keno Road

Frank Stroberg, employed as maintenance section man with the Oregon state highway department and located at Keno, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from broken bones and multiple abrasions as the result of an accident which occurred on the Keno highway early Tuesday night.

Stroberg was walking on the left side of the highway toward oncoming traffic when a car attempted to pass a truck, striking Stroberg and hurling him some distance. He was admitted to the hospital at 8:30 p. m. His condition is considered serious but not critical.

Contracts Let on Legion Hall Job

Contracts were let Wednesday morning in county court session for remodeling of the Veterans Memorial building to make room for county offices and a Klamath county office, authorized by statute in 1940. Work should be completed by July 1.

Nelson Reports War Industries Short of Goal

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The nation's war industries were told today that they were operating at only 50 per cent of capacity, although "face to face with an enemy determined to destroy us."

Bespeaking a determined public demand for faster "production, and no fooling," Donald M. Nelson blamed the current output lag on these main causes:

Reluctance to increase the number of shifts; Lack of imagination in meeting production problems; The issue of extra pay for holidays and Sundays; Faulty flow of materials; Time required to train new men;

Shortages of certain specialized facilities. The war production chief, in a radio address to the country last night, voiced his belief that these difficulties could be overcome by government, labor and management working together in concerted effort.

"If all our equipment now involved in war production were used 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he declared, "we would practically double the man-hours being put into military production."

BRAZIL PRESIDENT ORDERS EMERGENCY

Torpedoing of Fourth Ship Answered by Vargas Decree

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 11 (AP)—President Getulio Vargas issued a decree today giving himself the authority to declare a state of war or a state of emergency throughout the country in case of foreign menace, imminence of internal disturbance or existence of a plan of conspiracy.

Promptly answering the torpedoing of the fourth Brazilian ship off the United States coast in three weeks, the decree cleared the way for imprisonment of axis subjects and seizure of axis property.

Orders for seizure of axis property were expected within 48 hours. The decree, issued as Brazil was experiencing increasing shipping losses as a result of axis submarine activity off the United States Atlantic coast, declared that "from the time the use of the armed forces for the defense of the state becomes necessary, the president will declare a state of war in all national territory or in part of it."

At the same time the government (Continued on Page Two)

Fliers Battle Sea, Hunger In 1000-Mile Raft Voyage

PEARL HARBOR, T. H., March 11 (AP)—Accept the words of three United States navy fliers who were tossed by—and sometimes in—the stormy south seas during 34 days adrift on a rubber raft, there are times when one is tickled to death to see a shark.

Shark liver . . . the meat of an albatross which chanced by . . . a fish caught with a pocket-knife . . . a floating coconut. These sustained the courageous trio as, naked and baked by the sun, they used shoes for oars to travel 1000 miles to the safety of an island after their land plane ran low on fuel and they were forced to alight in the ocean Jan. 16.

Tempers Short Today they are recovering in Pearl Harbor—Harold Dixon,

BRITISH FIND NEW CRAFT IN NORSE WATERS

Effect of Torpedoes On 35,000-Ton Ship Unknown

LONDON, March 11 (AP)—Germany's newest and mightiest battleship, the 35,000 ton Tirpitz, made its first known contact with British forces Monday when it was attacked by torpedo planes off the Norwegian west coast, the admiralty announced today.

The damage, if any, could not be determined, for the Tirpitz, sister ship of the ill-fated Bismarck, was last seen retiring under cover of a heavy smoke-screen.

Not Located British warships which steamed toward the scene of action, near Trondheim, some 800 miles from the German coast, were unable to locate the huge German battleship.

"Any attempt to attack our convoy was frustrated," the admiralty said, without indicating whether the Germans had attempted a raid on supply ships on a voyage to Russia.

In London it has been suggested that the Germans were organizing strong battle forces at Trondheim perhaps for raiding the Russian supply lines from Britain and the United States.

The communique said the warship put out of Trondheim and took a northward course, but was sighted by reconnaissance planes and then attacked by the torpedo planes.

"It was not possible to observe the result of this attack," said the admiralty.

Jackson Murder Case Goes to Jury In Portland

PORTLAND, March 11 (AP)—The case of Lawrence Dale Jackson, 17, charged with slaying another Indian, Merlen Chocktoot, on the Klamath reservation last December, went to the jury just before noon today.

Jackson is on trial in Federal Judge Claude McColloch's court. Jackson, on the stand late yesterday, said he struck Merlen Chocktoot, another Indian, over the head in self defense on the Klamath reservation December 5 of last year.

LEASE-LEND

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The United States and Peru signed a lend-lease agreement today providing for an undisclosed amount of arms and ammunition for the South American republic.

U. S. Freighter Lost in Pacific

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The navy announced today that the Matson Navigation company's freighter "Malama" is presumed to be lost in the Pacific.

Named Commander in Burma



Accompanying news of the desperate allied resistance in Burma was the announcement that Lt. Gen. Sir H. R. L. G. Alexander (right), had been appointed general officer commanding in Burma. He commanded the first army that covered the retreat at Dunkerque.

F. R. Says All Strength Needed For Offensive

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt informed congress today in a message analyzing the first-year's operations of the lend-lease program that the offensive the united nations "must and will drive to the heart of the axis" would take "the entire strength that we possess."

"The war can only be won by contact with the enemies, and by attack upon them," he asserted in a letter transmitting the lend-lease report. "That takes time, for the united nations need more and still more equipment and transportation. Success will come dearly, at the price of defeats and losses."

Mr. Roosevelt said lend-lease was a prime mechanism through which the united nations were pooling their entire resources.

The report, covering operations since the original lend-lease law was signed a year ago today, showed that the total value of aid was \$2,570,452,441.

This aid includes not only military items such as guns, tanks and planes, but also raw materials, machinery, food, ships, expansion of production facilities and services.

Hart Declares Japs Paid Heavily in Indies Invasion

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Admiral Thomas C. Hart declared today that the Japanese had won the first great campaign of the war in the Pacific because of unfettered aerial superiority but had paid a cost in ships sunk and damaged which must give them "great future concern."

The former chief of allied naval forces in the western Pacific, just returned to Washington from the theatre of operations, discussed the western Pacific conflict in a statement issued at Secretary of Navy Knox's press conference.

Afterward reporters asked him whether the allies' offensive counter action would be a frontal attack designed to roll Japanese forces northward from the Dutch East Indies and Hart replied: "A frontal attack is always the most difficult kind of attack and a flank attack is usually easier."

Woman Missionary Confirms Reports Of Jap Terrorism

CHUNGKING, March 11 (AP)—Phyllis Harrop, first foreign woman to escape from Japanese-occupied Hongkong, gave an eyewitness account today of the atrocities committed by the invaders, in complete confirmation of the report before Britain's house of commons yesterday by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Miss Harrop, whose anti-vice crusades won her the name of "Hongkong's District Attorney Dewey" said both Chinese and Europeans were victims of the invaders.

CHURCHILL WORKS ON INDIA DEMANDS

Cripps to Travel to Orient to Check On New Plan

LONDON, March 11 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill repeated today Britain's promise of dominion status for imperilled India after the war and announced that his ranking aide, Sir Stafford Cripps, would go to India as an emissary to seek assurance that a precise plan already drafted by London would gain general Indian acceptance.

The promise of Indian self-government with the British commonwealth of nations after the war, first made in August, 1940, so far has failed to mollify Indian nationalists.

But Churchill, in a long-awaited statement to the house of commons, disclosed that the government, in order to "clothe these general declarations with precision and to convince all classes, races and creeds in India of our sincere resolve," had gone a step forward and agreed to a detailed plan.

He did not, however, disclose the exact nature of the concessions by which his government hopes to win the loyalty of India's 350,000,000 peoples for the defense of the rich sub-continent now threatened by the Japanese advance in Burma and to the Indian ocean.

Medford Wins in Tourney Opener; Locals Play Tonight

SALEM, March 11 (AP)—The Medford Tigers battled their way into the second round of the Oregon State high school basketball tournament today by upsetting McLoughlin High of Milton-Freewater 31 to 28.

Medford led at the end of each quarter, leading 15 to 12 at the half, but the Tigers never were more than three points ahead at any stage.

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The Klamath Union high school Pelican basketball team, champion of District 3, meets McMinnville tonight at 8:45 in their first game of the Salem state tournament.

The News and Herald office will have the final score at 10 o'clock. It will be available by dialing 3124.

GAS RATIONING

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today the petroleum industry rationing of gasoline in the east by a card system to meet the supply emergency caused by the sinking and war transfer of tanker ships.

U. S., AUSSIE FLIERS STRIKE SEVEN VESSELS

Invasion Force Still Forming in New Guinea Area

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The war department reported today that eight heavy American bombers, raiding Japanese shipping in the harbor of Salamaua, New Guinea, left two ships sinking, four on fire and one beached on the shore.

The force of bombers, commanded by Major Richard H. Carmichael, dropped 18 tons of bombs on Japanese ships in the harbor, the department said. None of the planes was damaged.

CANBERRA, Australia, March 11 (AP)—Beating violently at Japanese invasion flotillas which nevertheless apparently still were being marshaled above the mainland, the royal Australian air force reported tonight that seven enemy ships were known to have been sunk or damaged and two others probably damaged in the waters of New Guinea.

Of this number two ships definitely were sunk, four were set afire and one was beached, said an official announcement listing results of a series of smashing assaults yesterday on Japanese ship concentrations in the harbor of Salamaua, on New Guinea's east coast.

New Convoy But even as the air arm continued its running counter-offensive action a large new Japanese convoy was reported heading for Port Moresby on the southern New Guinea coast, in an area only 300 miles from Cape York on the mainland.

The Australian Associated Press observed that the government had no denial to offer of these reports.

Port Moresby likewise was under new enemy aerial assault, 12 bombers participating in this thrust, although there was no immediate announcement of damage there.

The RAF's action was described in its communique as "one of the heaviest aerial attacks so far launched in the New Guinea area."

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