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JAPS STRIKE SOLOMON ISLANDS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Japs slacken temporarily their attack on the eastern tip of the island of New Guinea, and today's dispatches report that considerable Japanese forces have been sighted well to the eastward, in the neighborhood of the Solomon Islands.

This might mean:

1. That they are attempting a fake play, hoping to draw U. S. and Australian forces away from New Guinea and northern Australia.

2. That they are moving eastward along the line of islands dotting the South Pacific to threaten the supply line from America to Australia.

It must be accepted from the start that Australia will be unable to defend herself without aid—and the United States is the only place effective help can come from.

If we are to help Australia, the sea lanes must be kept open.

THE Japs probably got something of a jolt in their latest New Guinea attack, finding combined American and Australian air strength tougher than they expected.

Admiral Hart, former commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, told us bluntly the other day that we lost the first round against Japan because the Japs had complete command of the air.

Maybe we are making progress toward building air strength in Australia.

THE Japs have already spread themselves reasonably thin. If they undertake the conquest of Australia, they will spread themselves thinner still.

If, simultaneously, they TACKLE INDIA, the spreading process will be carried much farther.

We know from Britain's experience what getting spread too far and too thin may mean. Because Britain was already spread too far and too thin, she was unable to do anything about Hongkong and Singapore.

IF we can keep from getting spread too thin, we can sooner or later mass our forces at ONE POINT for an effective counter-blow at Japan.

MEANWHILE, on the other side of the world, the Russians unless a new counter-offensive, using today's dispatches tell us, from a million and a quarter to a million and a half men, with 90 armored divisions. The German line is reported to be bending under the blow.

Red Star, the Russian army newspaper, says:

"The offensive this spring will be RUSSIAN—not German."

Red Star insists that the Nazi war machine is wearing out as a result of its costly fall drive and the battering it has received during the winter.

WISHFUL thinking leads us to believe this statement. CAUTION points out that there have been no reports as yet of German SURRENDERING in large numbers.

On the contrary, there have been repeated reports of surrounded Germans fighting stubbornly and bitterly—as the Russians fought when they were being driven back last fall.

When we get authenticated reports of Germans surrendering in large numbers we can begin to believe the Nazi war machine is wearing out.

Until then, we'd better keep our fingers crossed.

NOTE that the Russians are striking NOW—not retiring behind the barrier of mud that will be created by the melting of the winter snows.

The Germans are masters of mechanized warfare. The Russians have demonstrated their ability to use cavalry effectively (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Start Spring Drive

BRITISH BOMB KIEL IN LARGE SCALE ATTACK

Allies Beat Germans To Punch in Two Heavy Blows

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH Associated Press War Editor

Germany's springtime offensive waited today on the calendar, propitious circumstances and Adolf Hitler, but Britain's and Russia's offensives—in the air and on the land, respectively, were in full swing.

The British announced a fire-raising raid on the great German naval base of Kiel while the red army, having beaten Hitler to the springtime punch, was battering its way across the Donets basin.

New Reserves Via Stockholm came word that Marshal Semon Timoshenko and his southern army of from one and a quarter to one and a half million men had forced the enemy to draw once more on reserves being prepared for Germany's own offensive effort.

The Germans admitted they still were on the defensive against "strong enemy forces" in the Donets region—gateway to the Caucasus.

London observers held that the objective of Timoshenko's 90 divisions was the Donets bend, natural defense line in the heart of the Ukraine.

Unofficial reports have placed them only 30 to 40 miles from this goal.

Although the calendar spring is but a week away, snow on the Staraya Russa front, below Leningrad, was reported so deep that ski troops still had to carry the burden of the fighting against the entrapped 16th German army.

The Russian army newspaper Red Star declared there would be only one spring offensive—the Russian.

It described the German invasion machine as worn out and run down, with Hitler's soldiers trying desperately to hold on, counter-attacking repeatedly but at heavy cost and (Continued on Page Two)

Anti-Aircraft Gun Scores Direct Hit on Wall Street

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—The explosion. These sections broke into minute particles and fell into Nassau street. Some pieces of steel which fell into the street were about two inches long.

Fragments also flew into open windows of the building on the 37th floor, but did no damage. No windows were shattered. No one was reported injured.

Shortly after tenants in the building telephoned police that an explosion had occurred, members of an anti-aircraft unit reported to police that they had accidentally fired eight shells from one of their guns. The gun, they reported, was pointed south in the general direction of lower Manhattan.

HOUSE PARES FARM BILL BEFORE VOTE

56 Millions Cut Off Big Measure in 9-Day Debate

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The house passed late today the 1943 agriculture appropriations bill, carrying a total of \$771,555,137 in authorized expenditures and loans. A total of \$69,810,722 was cut from the bill in nine days of debate.

A last ditch attempt to restore a \$25,000,000 reduction in the allotment for loans, grants and expenses of the farm security administration met defeat on a standing vote.

As finally passed, on a voice vote, the measure still carried the controversial clause designed to forbid the sale of government-held crops, a ban to which President Roosevelt has objected strenuously.

Dale New Chief of Air Raid Wardens

R. C. (Bogue) Dale, local realtor, has been named chief of air raid wardens of Klamath Falls, it was announced Friday by Orth Sisenero, head of the air raid precautions section of the civilian defense setup.

Dale succeeds Coleman O'Loughlin, who has resigned. He will take over his new duties immediately.

Losee Appointed Juvenile Officer to Fill Vacancy

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Friday morning appointed Forrest C. Losee, Klamath insurance man, new county juvenile officer. Losee takes over the office vacated Thursday by Gerald (Spee) Murray, who has left for Utah to serve



Forrest C. Losee

as second lieutenant in the reserves.

Losee is well known in Klamath Falls, where for the past eight years he has been manager of the Security Life and Accident company and active in civic affairs. Losee has withdrawn from the insurance business, and will assume his new duties immediately, he said Friday.

Background for his new job includes six years' experience in general police, traffic and juvenile work in Coronado, Calif., where he served as president of the San Diego Highway Patrolmen's association during 1929, a job placing him in charge of all county peace officers. Losee left police work in 1930 to enter the insurance business, but has retained an active interest in juvenile affairs.

In Klamath Falls, he holds the district commissioner's office for the Modoc area of the Boy Scouts and has taken an active part in development of the junior police. Losee has also served as president of the Klamath-Modoc chapter of the Izaak Walton league, and is a member of the board of directors of the (Continued on Page Two)

Unions Squabble Over Results of NLRB Election

Unleashed union tempers were the only victors Thursday when a bitterly contested National Labor Relations board election at two Weyerhaeuser timber company woods camps ended with no majority for either the AFL or the CIO and an AFL protest almost certain to be filed.

The IWA polled 96 votes, the AFL 42, and neither union 45 out of 183 ballots accepted but 14 others were challenged and taken under advisement by Henry Penfield, NLRB conductor.

One ballot was mutilated and not accepted. One hundred votes were necessary for a majority. Wilbur E. Yeoman, AFL representative, said Friday that his union would protest the election and also the refusal of Penfield to accept 19 additional AFL challenges.

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TWO WARSHIPS LOST AT JAVA BY AUSTRALIA

Americans Credited With Five Wins On New Guinea

MELBOURNE, Australia, Saturday, March 14 (AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin announced today the presumed loss of the cruiser Perth and the sloop Yarra, with loss of 833 lives.

He said both warships had fought successfully and without damage in the Java sea and had later put in at a Java port, but had not been heard from since they left there for home. The Perth is an Australian cruiser of 6980 tons; the Yarra a sloop of 1060 tons.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The war department reported today that five American army heavy bombers destroyed five enemy planes in a raid two days ago on Japanese-held airbases at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea.

A communique said all buildings were destroyed, heavy damage inflicted on runways and a direct hit made on a pier in the harbor of Lae.

Escaped Prisoners All the American bombers escaped damage in the fight with a formation of Japanese pursuit planes, which suffered the loss of five craft.

A spokesman said the raid presumably was among those reported in dispatches from Australia, but the results of the air attack were believed new.

Bataan Quiet Meanwhile the situation on the Bataan fighting front in the Philippines was reported unchanged. For five consecutive days, following the disclosure that Lieutenant General Tomoyuki Yamashita had been shifted to command of the invaders in the Philippines, military activity has been at a virtually complete halt on the besieged Philippine peninsula.

Charged that the 19 whose ballots were questioned were not fulltime employees of the timber company and that many of them had not been on the Weyerhaeuser payroll since last fall.

Most of them, he said, have since been working in Portland and Seattle shipyards and appeared here only for the election.

"There is no assurance that these men will ever appear on Weyerhaeuser payrolls again," Yeoman asserted.

"We believe," he said, "that every man who works for the company the year around should be allowed to vote but do not accept the fact that part time employees should determine the will of regular workers."

Mt. Angel Wins; Salem, Eugene Go Out of Tourney

SALEM, March 13 (AP)—Mt. Angel defeated Hillsboro 44 to 40 in a state high school basketball tournament game today eliminating Hillsboro from the tourney.

Mt. Angel will meet the winner of this afternoon's North Bend-McMinnville game at 10:35 a. m. tomorrow, the latter game to decide fourth place in the tourney.

SALEM, March 13 (AP)—Oregon City and McLoughlin High of Milton-Freewater won their consolation semi-final games today and the right to meet each other at 9:30 a. m. Saturday in a game to decide fifth place in the Oregon state high school basketball tournament.

Oregon City defeated Eugene 56 to 45, while Mac-Hi nosed out Salem, 33 to 32. The losers were dropped out of the tournament.

In beating Eugene, Oregon City staged a furious last half assault. Eugene held a half-time lead of 27-21, but Ray Cain, Eugene forward, and Bob Hodgins, Eugene guard, who at most single-handedly dominated first half play, were checked too closely in the second half.

PRICE FROZEN WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The office of price administration today clamped a temporary price ceiling on finished piece goods made of cotton, rayon and their mixtures to check what it called a "rapid and unwarranted rise in prices."

He Really Saves Rubber



Gilbert Honey, Santa Monica, Calif., aircraft worker, thinks even a bicycle uses too much rubber. He built himself a unicycle and this is how he looks pedaling to work every morning.

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CHINESE MAKE CONTACT WITH BRITISH FORCE

Burma Line Forms as Australia Attack Still Looming

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

Japan's offensive against Australia, still taking form in the wester of islands curving along the vast northern shore of the continent, has speared off in a tangent of naval penetration of the Solomon Islands.

In the second chief theatre of the war with Japan, the British imperials withdrawing north of Rangoon have for the first time joined Chinese troops, attempting to consolidate a front between two main routes out of Rangoon, 60 to 80 miles from the abandoned port city of the Irrawaddy delta.

Japan's Solomon Islands move was evidently either a feint to distract attention from establishment of New Guinea bases for the prospective lunge at Australia or actually a thrust to ward the New Hebrides and New Zealand along the island chain pointed at the United Nations sea route to Australia, ahead of any direct attempt to invade the continent.

Sea Forces Sighted The move was disclosed by Australian air reconnaissance over the Australian-mandated part of the Solomon group. The warship force was sighted three days ago off Kessa, on tiny Buka Island, a stepping stone from New Britain to the Solomons. There was no further indication that the Japanese had landed there.

Buka is 180 miles southeast of Japanese-occupied Rabaul, New Britain, and 900 miles northeast of Australia's northeastern extremity, the Cape York peninsula.

New Britain Bombed Australian bombers smashing at the potential island route toward New Zealand attacked the enemy-held airfield at Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, yesterday.

"All our bombs fell in the target area and columns of smoke rose from the ground," a communique said.

The Japanese offensive was crippled to some extent in the sinking of seven ships by air attack last Tuesday off Salamaua, a Japanese foothold in New Guinea. Closer at home for the enemy, a single United States submarine has picked off four vessels, boosting to 14th the total of Japanese ships destroyed or damaged by US forces.

"It is further recognized by the . . . association that during (Continued on Page Two)

WEST INDIES ATTACK CASTRIES, St. Lucia, British West Indies, March 13 (AP)—An enemy submarine has attacked Castries harbor, damaging two ships and causing slight casualties, British authorities disclosed today.

Profitable Fireplug Nets Extraordinary Offender at Dorris

DORRIS—One sure money-maker for the city of Dorris is the fire plug opposite the city hall. Hardly a week goes by without a fine of \$1 being assessed by Police Judge L. M. Chase against an unwary motorist who parks by the plug.

Recently the judge heard an extraordinary case and boosted the fine in the interest of the national emergency which demands that fire equipment of all kinds be kept clear at all times.

"It is ordered by the court that you yap a fine of \$5 or serve three days in the city jail," he solemnly told the offender standing before him.

Fire Chief Fenwick sheepishly paid the fine.

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