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JAP FLEET IN BAY OF BENGAL

Corregidor Blasts Ships

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM London today comes word that the Japs have at least three battleships, five aircraft carriers, a number of light and heavy cruisers and several flotillas of destroyers in the Bay of Bengal.

One of the battleships is reported to be a 32,000-tonner, with 16-inch guns, and one of the aircraft carriers is said to be a 28,000-tonner, carrying 60 planes.

A fleet of that size must be assumed to be looking for trouble and prepared to handle it if found.

THE disclosure is made by Churchill in a report to the house of commons. Churchill rates as the great discloser of this war—in fact, almost the only one.

WHAT is a Jap fleet of such strength doing in the Bay of Bengal?

In trying to answer that question, we must remember that the Japs are even more important in war than in football. It might be a diversion, intended to draw allied strength away from the real Jap objective.

But at the moment it looks as if the Jap objective is India.

Clyde Farnsworth, AP war editor, says in a dispatch today, "With India still not united for battle with Japan and with further Jap advances reported in Burma, indications are stronger than ever that India will rank soon with Russia as one of the two most important fronts of the world conflict."

INDIA, torn by factional strife, with her most numerous faction professing and practicing NON-RESISTANCE, must offer temptations that the Japs find it hard to resist.

Gandhi's chief weapon in his long struggle with Britain has been the hunger strike.

A hunger strike would be duck soup for the murderous Japs.

INDIA, in time of peace, was one of Britain's great resources. She now becomes a liability—for she must be DEFENDED.

Britain's great naval strength is spread thinly over the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and other waters where thousands of leagues of lifeline communications must be guarded.

Assembling from these widely scattered forces a fleet large enough to cope with the Japs is no easy task.

BRITAIN's present situation is a good example of the weakness of world empire.

The Germans, from the beginning, have had the advantage of short inside lines of communication and supply. The British, on whose empire the sun never sets, are scattered all over the world.

In helping them, we also are scattered all over the world.

THE Russians, likewise, have the advantage of short inside lines. That is one thing that has made it possible for them to stop Hitler's victorious march.

THE Russians are one of the prize puzzles.

Today's dispatches picture them as riskily confident. They are said to believe they can lick the Germans in Western Russia. If they can't lick them there, they speak of their ability and their willingness to retire east of the Urals and go on fighting.

All the established rules of propaganda seem to call for the painting of a dark picture so as (Continued on Page Two).

SOVIET HITS JAP THREATS OF INVASION

Moscow Hints Attack More Dangerous To Japanese

By The Associated Press

In apparently growing conviction that the red army holds the whiphand on Russia's European front, one of the leading mouthpieces of Russian policy declared sharply today that Japanese "blabbering" about invasion in the Russian east "might damage, first of all and most of all, Japan herself."

Thus, Pravda, newspaper organ of the communist party, oddly observed the first anniversary of the signing of the Japanese-Russian neutrality pact, the basis of the uneasy peace between the two powers and striking in similarity to the Russian-German non-aggression pact which Germany voided by invasion of the soviet union last June.

City Encircled

Bespeaking readiness of the red army for offensive action, a roundabout report credited to the Moscow radio said that the Russians had crossed the Dnieper river near Bryansk, virtually encircling that city, 200 miles southwest of Moscow.

Pravda firmly warned Japan to live up to all ramifications of the agreement.

"It is necessary," the editorial declared, "that the Japanese military and fascist cliques who are dizzy on military successes should understand that their blabbering about war and invasion in the north might damage first of all and most of all Japan herself."

Siberia is north of Japan.

The anniversary and the editorial came while the new Japanese ambassador, Natsuke Sato, and the new United States ambassador, Admiral William H. Standley, were in Moscow to present their credentials.

Second Front

How much of Russia's confidence depended on the possibility of a second European front was a question. There have been repeated calls that the axis thus be diverted to facilitate.

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FBI Checks Ski Resorts for Spies

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13 (AP)—FBI agents launched swift raids today in the rugged ski country of California's Sierras, in search of German aliens possessing contraband articles.

The agents carried executive search warrants, issued upon the allegation that certain German aliens were among the skiers and sportsmen at Norden, Truckee, Soda Springs and other winter resorts of the interior mountains.

It was recalled that Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, when he was German consul-general in San Francisco, was a frequent visitor at mountain resorts in the snow country.

Boylan Cleared by Jury at Pendleton

PENDLETON, April 13 (AP)—Tom Boylen Jr., Pendleton rancher, was cleared by a federal court jury Saturday night of a charge of converting mortgaged property to his own use.

It was Boylen's second exoneration of charges of selling mortgaged sheep. In the first, Judge Claude McCulloch ordered a verdict of acquittal.

Trial on a third indictment, charging Boylen and Robert McGreer, Pine City, with conspiracy to defraud the government, will open in Portland April 28.

War Dollars Roll Here as Bataan Falls

"Bataan fell this morning. Here's my donation!"

"Start building another machine gun with this!"

These remarks and a dozen more like them were heard Thursday, Friday and Saturday as defense bond buying in Klamath Falls hit a new high and banking institutions reported the three-day sales following the fall of Bataan equal to a total of two or three weeks' previous sales.

Americans who stay at home while the young men of the nation are battling on far flung Pacific outposts, were contributing dollars to the national defense fund as an effort to show their appreciation to the men in the armed forces, and to avenge the fall of Bataan.

One customer buying bonds Thursday morning after Bataan told a bank clerk: "I am too old to shoot a gun but here's enough to start building a couple!"

PRESIDENT WORKS AGAINST INFLATION

Message to Congress On Taxes, Wages, Prices Eyed

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt got down to "spade work" today on the issue of checking an inflation spiral, and there were indications he would direct a special message to congress on the subject within a fortnight.

While it was emphasized that final decisions had not been reached on the method of attacking inflation and the corollary problems of taxes, credit, wages and prices, Mr. Roosevelt had only two appointments today and the White House said he would restrict engagements for the rest of the week so as to have an "opportunity" to do much spade work along the lines that he gave at a recent press conference.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early would not say, however, that any one thing like taxes or the broader question of inflation was coming into special consideration.

At his press conference Friday, Mr. Roosevelt admitted the administration was mapping a (Continued on Page Two)

AIR ATTACKS KEPT HIGH BY DEFENSE GUNS

Raiders Cause Little Damage on Island, Report Says

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—The war department reported today that Corregidor's gunners sank a number of small Japanese boats and kept enemy air raiders so high over the Philippine island fortress that bombers in a series of new raids caused only minor damage.

A communique said the Japanese boats were in the harbor of the fishing village of Mariveles at the tip of the abandoned Bataan peninsula. Several were set afire in addition to those sunk.

Cebu Cut Off

Meanwhile, communication between Corregidor and Cebu was cut off for the past 48 hours as Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright was unable to report on the efforts to beat off an invasion of the central Philippine island, more than 300 miles south of Corregidor.

The communique reported belatedly the sinking by enemy action of two army freight ships, the Liberty and Meigs, both of which went down in the southwest Pacific.

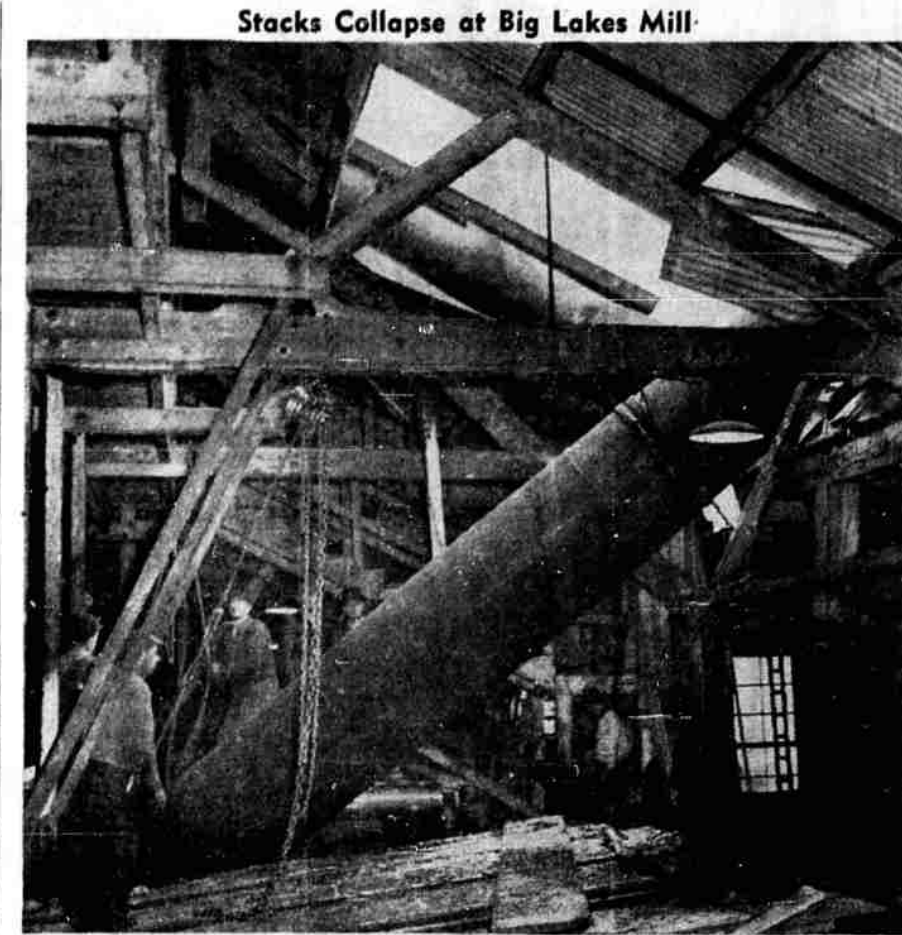
The Liberty was torpedoed twice by an enemy submarine January 11 when 12 miles from the Netherlands Indies island of Bali. No lives were lost. The vessel was beached and 53 crew (Continued on Page Two)

93 Buildings Burn In \$1,500,000 Fire

KEWANEE, Ill., April 13 (AP)—Ninety-three buildings in two square blocks in the heart of Kewanee were destroyed or damaged by a fire which raged for four hours today.

Business leaders estimated the damage in Kewanee's most picturesque fire at \$1,500,000, but Police Chief George Nelson said the loss might reach \$2,000,000. The exact cause of the conflagration was not immediately determined.

There were no known dead and only two firemen were injured.



Stacks Collapse at Big Lakes Mill

Two 125-foot stacks collapsed at Big Lakes Box company's mill here at noon Monday. One piece of stack fell through the roof of the mill and is shown in this picture. No one was injured in the accident, which occurred when a "dead man" pulled loose to render a guy-wire ineffective. The plant's biggest stack, which stands 150 feet above the mill, did not collapse. The accident reduced steam capacity, necessitating closing down the mill while the kiln is operated. The mill probably will resume Wednesday. Repairs will begin immediately.

14 FLIERS KILLED IN DOUBLE CRASH

Two Big Navy Planes Fall, Burn Near Livermore

LIVERMORE, Calif., April 13 (AP)—Fourteen U. S. navy fliers perished yesterday when two big PBV-5A patrol bombers crashed and burned near each other in the Livermore hills.

A fifteen-man crew survived, without serious injury.

The crash-up occurred in foggy weather as the giant land-and-sea ships were flying on an undisclosed mission at a point about 30 miles southeast of their base at the Alameda naval air station.

The 12th naval district headquarters in San Francisco released this list of the dead: Plane No. 1: Lieut. Frank S. Fernald, Antonio, Texas. Lieut. Edward F. Denney, Ala. (Continued on Page Two)

Senator Says Patents Delay War Program

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) told the senate patents committee today that the American war effort was being impeded by the refusal of patent holders to make available a new process for manufacturing plastic glass for war planes, as well as new developments in the processing of iron ore and zinc.

President Roosevelt wrote the committee that he believed "the problem" of government use of patents for prosecution of the war "is vital."

"Patents are the keys to our technology," President Roosevelt wrote Chairman Bone (D-Wash.) of the committee, "technology is the key to production; production is the key to victory."

Urging the patent committee to approve a bill permitting the government to take over any patent for the duration of the war, O'Mahoney asserted that the time had come to draft materials, money and machines in an all-out war effort.

"There isn't a technological discovery that Hitler isn't using and there is nothing that Hitler can lay his hands on that the Japs aren't using," O'Mahoney said. "It is difficult for me to understand why we are not taking full advantage of these developments."

Eureka Fire Razes Egg Warehouse

EUREKA, Calif., April 13 (AP)—A great mound of scrambled eggs, and other wreckage, represented all that was left today of the Eureka plant of the Poultry Producers of Northern California.

The building was destroyed yesterday in a \$50,000 fire that burned up a large stock of hay and dressed poultry, and overcooked a great quantity of eggs awaiting shipment.

It was believed that in citizen-Jap camps, internees are given considerably more freedom, which south-enders thought undesirable to the area. They also pointed out that American-born Japs would be more apt to remain in the basin after the war.

A resolutions committee was appointed from the meeting to list all possible objections to the camp. Represented were Merrill, Malin and Tululake grange, legion, service and chamber of commerce groups.

JAPS MOVE NEARER BURMA OIL FIELDS

Chinese Lines Stand Fast on Sittang Near Toungoo

NEW DELHI, India, April 13 (AP)—A Burma front communique said today a Japanese column was reported to be advancing up the main road from Sittang, 70 miles north of Proma.

Sinbaungwe is on the east bank of the Irrawaddy river about 55 miles below the vital Yenyaung oil fields of inner Burma.

There were no details of any action as the invaders, advancing inland from captured Bhamo, moved still closer to the coveted oil resources.

On the opposite end of the United Nations line, where the Chinese hold the eastern anchor, reports yesterday said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (Continued on Page Two)

British Smash at Axis Arsenal in Germany, Italy

LONDON, April 13 (AP)—Britain's far-ranging bombers pounded at axis arsenals in Germany and Italy early today in a bombing offensive designed to smash the equipment of many German divisions before it is able to leave the factories.

Swarms of RAF fighters swept across the channel during the afternoon in such numbers that the incessant drumming of the motors reminded coastal residents of the busiest days of the battle for Britain in the autumn of 1940. The new formations were flying toward France and they passed others returning from offensive sweeps.

Some planes were so high they were hidden by lofty, fleecy clouds. The air ministry announced that RAF fighters made a large-scale daylight sweep over northern France and shot down one enemy fighter without loss.

NELSON WINS

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 13 (AP)—Blond Byron Nelson, the Toledo stylist, won his second Augusta Masters' golf title in five years today, defeating little Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., in a 18-hole playoff by the margin of one stroke. Nelson shot 69, Hogan 70 on the par-72 course.

ATTEMPT AT INVASION OF INDIA VIEWED

Churchill Reports on Jap Move Before Parliament

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

Associated Press War Editor

With at least a fourth of its total strength in battleships, perhaps half of its aircraft carriers and formidable contingents of supporting and covering craft, the Japanese Imperial fleet has seized effective control of the Bay of Bengal in the war's strongest challenge to the United States and British fleets.

Prime Minister Churchill gravely disclosed in the house of commons today that at least three Japanese battleships, including one of 32,720 tons mounting 16-inch guns, along with five aircraft carriers, a number of light and heavy cruisers and several destroyer flotillas are operating there at the front door to India.

Invasion of India

The size of the force indicated to Britain that it had been sent to support invasion of India. With such a force, London military observers said, the Japanese could shield the seaward flank of land forces descending from Burma, across the upper Bengal border into the Ganges basin.

Broadly suggesting a strategy to meet the challenge, with a possible implication of the need for United States naval participation, Churchill said:

"We have the Pacific ocean and the Indian ocean with the Japanese occupying an intermediate position between the two. It is possible to use large forces on one side and small forces on the other, or vice versa."

Issues Statement

His statement, covering the Easter day bombing of Colombo and Trincomalee, strong points on Ceylon, and the subsequent sinking of the British aircraft carrier Hermes and the cruisers Dorsetshire and Cornwall, constituted an indirect admission that the Japanese had won dominance in the Bay of Bengal.

Not until Churchill made his disclosure today was the threat to communications with India—known to be backed so powerfully. Earlier estimates of the enemy's power in the Bay of Bengal counted at most a cruiser force and a pair of aircraft carriers with supporting craft.

Whether the British fleet would take up the challenge to the full was not at once apparent, although last week when the Japanese strength there was not so fully pictured, it was reported that his majesty's warships were seeking the Japanese for battle.

Portland Mill Fire Damage \$100,000

PORTLAND, April 13 (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed part of the West Oregon Lumber company here yesterday. Owner A. E. McIntosh estimated loss at \$100,000.

Damage was limited to the head rigging room where logs are hauled from the Willamette river for sawing.

The mill had been idle for 24 hours, but Fire Investigator William Goetz said there was no indication of sabotage.

KILLED AT CROSSING

SALEM, April 13 (AP)—Lawrence Binder, about 25, employee of the Carter Keene ranch near St. Louis, was killed almost instantly shortly before noon today when his car was struck by a south-bound Southern Pacific freight train at a crossing near Gervais, north of here.

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