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GERMANS CLAIM REDS RETREAT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russian front holds the spotlight today. A big battle has been on in the Kerch peninsula since Friday. After five days, its results are still in doubt.

HITLER'S field headquarters announce:

"The critical five-day battle to break through on the isthmus of Kerch has been decided with the annihilation of the Russians encircled there and the taking of 40,000 prisoners.

"Pursuit of the beaten remainder of the enemy is being continued in the direction of Kerch."

The Russians give no hint of major nazis successes. A soviet communique at noon today says: "There were no substantial changes overnight."

The Russians concede, however, it is the strongest advance the Germans have made this spring.

THE German story sounds like the boastful Hitler communiques of last year, which told of wholesale destruction of Russian armies and predicted Russian collapse at any moment.

But anything can happen. Keep your fingers crossed and wait. Sooner or later, the facts will come out.

THE Japs, after rushing up reinforcements (of which they seem to have an endless supply) are making progress again against the Chinese. There are hints today that in addition to the Burma road battle they are striking into China from the Indo-Chinese border.

Consult your map here.

THE Australian front is quiet, but in allied quarters there the belief is expressed that the remnants of the Jap fleet that was manhandled in the Coral Sea action are in hiding in the numerous islands that border the sea and that the main Jap fleet is somewhere in the islands to the north.

It is clearly expected in Australia that these dispersed units will come together with the main fleet ("rendezvous" is the naval term) and that another and stronger attack on the island continent will be launched.

A SIDELIGHT today: The Jap newspaper Nichi Nichi says that 60 representatives of Japanese rubber factories are in Singapore organizing the Malayan rubber supply for Japan with large shipments soon to be made.

BACK, for a moment, to the Russian front.

The Russians report Italian planes in the Kerch battle, but ALWAYS, they say, accompanied by German planes.

The implication is that the nazis are crowding their Italian vassals into the fight but don't TRUST them.

IN the decisive battle of Zama, where Rome definitely broke the power of Carthage, the Carthaginians, urged by the same necessity that confronts Hitler, IMPRESSED their conquered vassals into the fight.

At the critical moment, many of these vassal tribes TURNED AGAINST their Carthaginian masters. Their defection was fatal to Hannibal's plan of battle and Carthage lost.

In trying to force conquered peoples to fight on his side, Hitler is taking long chances.

SOMETHING is cooking in France.

Laval yesterday summoned old Petain home from a Riviera vacation. Today he is driving back and forth from Vichy to the border of occupied France, talking first to Petain and Darlan and next to Otto Abetz, Hitler's envoy to Paris. Goering is (Continued on Page Two)

Horse and Wagon Again for Boston Newspapers



The Record, American and Sunday Advertiser, Boston newspapers, in anticipation of a tire and gasoline shortage for delivery trucks, go back to the horse and wagon for newspaper deliveries and a few of the wagons line up in the South End before starting out for the day.

GRUMBLING HEARD ON GAS RATIONING

Confusion Over Rules Of Necessity in East Blamed

By The Associated Press

Although most citizens took the prospect of gasoline rationing in stride, the question of who gets how much and why precipitated a wave of grumbling Wednesday along the 17-state eastern seaboard where registration for rationing beginning Friday entered its second day.

A survey indicated there was considerable confusion among individuals and rationing officials over what constituted legitimate needs. There were reports from some sections that applicants in many cases were not exactly accurate in stating their needs.

Registration was not an hour old yesterday before the office of Adolph J. Chesley, deputy federal rationing administrator for the Bronx, received 50 calls from irate motorists who complained that they had not received the ration cards to which they were entitled.

At Providence, R. I., this morning Administrator Edward T. Hogan warned over the radio that card applications would be examined rigidly and penalties given if abuses were detected. At least one city administrator said he didn't think people were dishonest, but just stretching the truth.

Leslie V. Bateman, rationing administrator for Westchester county, New York, declared, "St. Peter closed the gates on many residents of Westchester today," meaning, he said, that many motorists weren't entitled to the B-3 and "X" cards—providing more than the minimum ration—which they asserted they needed.

One of the sorest points with easterners was that only in their section of the nation was (Continued on Page Two)

Gas Deliveries Again Reduced In Northwest

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) — The war production board Tuesday ordered additional cuts in gasoline and fuel oil deliveries in Oregon and Washington and imposed drastic restrictions on deliveries of fuel oil in 15 other states.

In a sweeping move, the board extended to the Pacific northwest its order slashing east coast fuel oil and motor fuel deliveries to 50 per cent of normal.

In Washington and Oregon, the ordered cut in fuel oil deliveries will become effective Friday. Gasoline deliveries will be cut as of June 1.

A source close to Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Lickes said officials felt that it was "advisable to build up stockpiles a little more" in Washington and Oregon despite the fact that a substantial increase in overland oil movement into the area has been effected to replace coastwise tankers diverted to war-time purposes. It was believed extension of the curtailment order to the Pacific northwest also might result in including those states in the gasoline rationing program. It was pointed out that it may prove virtually impossible to obtain equitable distribution of supplies under the drastic 50 per cent cut in deliveries.

Second Ship Lost In St. Lawrence

OTTAWA, May 13 (AP)—The Canadian government today announced the loss of a second ship by submarine attack in the St. Lawrence river.

Navy Minister Angus McDonald told the house of commons the second ship was sunk in about the same waters and about the same time as the first.

He announced the first sinking yesterday.

Pierce-Mack Contest in Political Limelight Here

By MALCOLM EPLEY

How much interest has developed in eastern Oregon in the contest between Charles Mack of Klamath Falls and Walter Pierce of La Grande for the democratic nomination for congress is not known here, but in Klamath county it has become a major feature of a generally dull primary political campaign.

Mack and Pierce clubs here have been active in the traditional political manner, fighting spiritedly for their candidates.

Klamath county has more democratic votes than any other county in the second congressional district—in fact, about 22 per cent of the district's democratic registration is in this county. The vote in this county therefore may be expected to play an important part in the outcome of the district democratic primary, and neither side is overlooking that fact.

Mack has said he hopes for a 2000-vote majority in his home county. He has left his campaigning here largely up to his local club, and has devoted much of his effort in more distant areas.

The Pierce club here has gone actively into the field to fight Mack's appeal for Klamath votes for a Klamath man.

Congressman Pierce has not always carried Klamath county in his many years of congressional campaigning. He was behind in the general election in this county in 1934, the primary election in 1938, and the general election in 1938. While he failed to carry this county on those occasions, he won out in the district.

Herewith is the official Klamath county count on the various elections in which Pierce has (Continued on Page Two)

FREEZE ORDERED ON SALES OF LUMBER

Only Large Producer Concerns Affected; Skips Retailers

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP)

The war production board today applied a 60-day freeze to all sales and deliveries of soft wood construction lumber by large producers, except to full orders of the army, navy and maritime commission.

The order, effective immediately, halts producers' sales of about 70 per cent of the country's soft wood lumber output, but does not affect stocks in retail yards which are estimated to be sufficient to supply defense housing and essential civilian needs during the 60-day period.

5000 Feet Daily The sales prohibition applies particularly to timbers, boards, commonly used in building construction and framing items.

Free to move in customary trade channels are all hardwood lumbers, and soft wood factory, shop and box lumber.

The producers affected are those whose mills turned out 5000 feet or more, board measure, in an average 8-hour day's continuous operation during the 90 days preceding issuance of the order.

WPB said the present and anticipated demand situation in construction lumber was a "military secret," but Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson declared the shortage for military cantonments and war plant construction was "critical."

House Stands by \$50 Army Pay Bill

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) Approving a base pay schedule of \$50 a month for buck privates and apprentice seamen, the house passed and sent back to the senate today the amended pay adjustment bill for all branches of the armed services.

The house refused to back down, on a roll call vote of 331 to 28, from its tentative action of yesterday in boosting the \$42 base pay voted by the senate and recommended by the house military committee. The amendment also posted pay of second class seamen and first class privates from the senate-voted \$48 to \$54.

House Votes Slash In Tax Exemptions

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) The house ways and means committee voted today to lower personal income tax exemptions to \$500 for single persons and to \$1200 for married persons.

Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) said the new exemptions would apply for both normal and surtax purposes. He said the committee had made no change in the present exemption of \$400 for dependents. He said further that it had reached no agreement on new individual tax rates.

Japs Open New China Push

MEKONG RIVER BATTLE OPENS NEAR BORDER

Twin Objectives Seen In Nippon Stabs Through Burma

By The Associated Press

A Chinese communique today said Japanese troops opening up a new front by advancing northward into the Mekong river from Thailand into the Burma-Thailand Indo-China border region have occupied the town of Hong-luk and pressed on toward Mong-ko, where the Chinese engaged them.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch reported that strong Japanese forces were battling Japanese troops south of Myitkyina, northern terminus of the Burma railway from Rangoon.

Japs Claim Trap Reuters said other Japanese columns were striking northward from the Chinese city of Lung-ling in a drive toward Paoshan, a key Burma road city, 125 miles inside China.

Domestically, the Japanese news agency said Japanese troops had "trapped" all Chinese forces in northeast Burma by dynamiting a Salween river bridge.

A bulletin from Chinese headquarters declared Chinese troops attacking Japanese supply lines in northern Burma were dis-

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Baseball

American League

	R	H	E
Washington	2	3	2
Detroit	6	11	0

Newsom, Zuber (8), and Evans; Newhauser and Tebbetts.

National League

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	3	7	0
New York	1	6	1

Butcher and Lopez; Koslo, Adams (7), Sunkel (8), and Danning.

St. Louis 9 15 0 Philadelphia 1 5 1 Warneke and Odes; Johnson, Pearson (1), Beck (5), Nahem (8), and Warren, Livingston (8).

Cincinnati 0 2 0 Brooklyn 4 9 0 Vandermeer, Derringer (4), Shoun (8), and Hemsley (4); and Owen.

Chicago 5 5 1 Boston 6 9 4 Mooty, Blithorn (7), and McCullough; Tobin and Lombardi, Masi (5).

British Shoot Down Big Axis Troop Planes

CAIRO, Egypt, May 13 (AP) Thirteen Junkers 52's, the German troop-carrying planes, and two of their Messerschmitt escorts were shot down yesterday into the sea off north Africa, the RAF announced today. Still others may have been destroyed, a communique said, with only one British plane lost.

(There was no word whether the German planes were carrying troops or where they were bound when the RAF intercepted them. The Junkers 52, carrying a score or more troops, has been used in all the German invasion campaigns to date, both for paratroopers and for the transport of regular infantrymen to hot spots.)

In addition to the flight off north Africa, the RAF reported destruction of four Messerschmitts over Malta Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and of a Heinkel 111 over the eastern Mediterranean on Monday. Two British fighters were listed as missing.

Vichy Replies to American Note on Martinique Status

VICHY, May 13 (AP) — The Vichy government announced tonight that it had sent a reply to an American note concerning Martinique which "has given rise to grave questions."

The text of the Vichy reply was not disclosed, but a communique said the American note had been submitted to "thorough examination" after the hurried return of Marshal Petain, chief of state, to Vichy from vacation early this week.

The communique follows:

"The American government communicated to the French government on May 5, through the intermediary of Admiral (Georges) Robert, high commissioner of France in the Antilles, a note containing new demands tending to modify the status of the Antilles at present in force. "Problems such as those put forward by the American government have given rise to grave questions."

"They have been made the subject of thorough examination since the return of the marshal (Petain.)

"On different occasions the chief of government (Pierre Laval) has conferred on this subject with Admiral of the Fleet (Jean) Darlan (chief of the armed forces), Admiral Auphan, secretary of state for the navy, and Governor General Brieux, secretary of state for colonies. "President (of the government) Laval today sent the reply of the French government to the American government."

(The United States government has taken the position that its communications concerning Martinique were addressed only to Admiral Robert, as the authority capable of dealing with the issues raised, and not to Vichy.

(The French communique, however, implies that Robert forwarded them to Vichy.)

Ritchey Named Transportation Officer Here

Conservation of transportation facilities, including the privately owned automobile, was urged in a message received Wednesday by Mayor John H. Houston from Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation.

Eastman advised Houston "the gravity of the situation warrants immediate action" and urged the mayor to name an official administrator of transportation in this community. Sam Ritchey of the California Oregon Power company, has accepted the office of administrator, the mayor announced.

"Any breakdown in local transportation facilities including the necessary use of automobiles needed to get essential workers to their jobs, will seriously interfere with the war production program," Eastman stated in his letter.

"Immediate steps must be taken by each state and each community to insure continued and efficient operation of all such facilities essential to war production and maintenance of essential civilian activities."

A plan worked out in other communities will be forwarded to the administrator here. Eastman did not outline the plan at (Continued on Page Two)

Denaturalization Of Seven German Bundists Sought

NEWARK, N. J., May 13 (AP) Firing its opening salvo in a wartime offensive to lift American citizenship papers granted unworthy applicants, the government has filed denaturalization proceedings against seven native Germans identified as members of the German-American bund.

The chief target was August Klapprott, now a resident of Camp Nordland at Andover, where bundists once heeled and marched in storm troopers' uniforms while swastikas fluttered. U. S. Attorney Charles M. Phillips described Klapprott as "notoriously and openly one of the chief leaders and active members" of the bund.

Hours Fixed for Election Boards

Hours for election boards on Friday, day of the primary vote, were announced by County Clerk Mae K. Short.

Day boards must be at polling places and ready for work at 8 a. m. They will work until 8 p. m. Lunch hour for these boards will be between 1 and 2 p. m. Polls must be kept open from 12 noon to 1 p. m. Night counting boards will go to work at 1 p. m.

SOVIET GIVES NO HINT NAZI PUSH GAINING

Berlin Says Crimean Battle "Decided," Reds Trapped

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted today that the critical five-day-old "battle to break through on the isthmus of Kerch" in the Crimea, gateway to the Caucasus oil treasures, had been "decided" with the annihilation of Russians encircled there and the capture of 40,000 prisoners.

Both nazi claims were sharply discounted by informed London sources.

Heavy fighting continued in the Crimean campaign.

50 Miles to Go

Dispatches indicated that after breaching soviet lines at the entrance to Kerch peninsula, the Germans still had nearly 50 miles to go to reach Kerch city, just across the narrow Kerch strait from the Caucasus.

Informed quarters in London discounted the German claim of having breached the Russian lines and described the nazi report of 40,000 red army prisoners as probably "greatly exaggerated." Moscow was officially silent.

12-Mile Front

These quarters said Hitler had perhaps 2,000,000 of his best combat troops massed in the Ukraine and was using 2000 dive bombers in the Kerch campaign. The latter, it was said, could be regarded as the opening of a triple offensive aimed at the Caucasus, with other drives expected from Taganrog and Kharkov.

The battle, regarded as a test phase of Hitler's long-heralded spring offensive, started last Friday along a 12-mile front on the peninsula.

While the Germans claimed a smashing victory, a soviet midday communique reported "no substantial changes" overnight.

"This would indicate that neither side scored any major gains. The Berlin radio broadcast a German war correspondent's description of the battle, declaring that "more than 2000 Stuka bombers smashed the first soviet lines and cut a path for the first infantry advance."

Waves of Planes

Another German account in Hitler's newspaper said waves after waves of nazis planes blasted the Russians, "blotted out" fortified villages, "razed" fortifications to the ground, silenced Russian artillery, and destroyed bunkers, machine gun nests and tanks in great numbers.

Soviet dispatches said the battle was developing steadily, but gave no hint of a major nazi victory and said the attack was evidently a far cry from the smashing offensives launched by the Germans at this season in western Europe in 1940 and in the Balkans in 1941.

TWO SHIPS SUNK

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) The navy announced today that a medium sized American merchant ship and a small Norwegian merchant vessel had been torpedoed and survivors from them landed at United States ports.

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