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JAPANESE MINIMIZE MIDWAY DEFEAT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Japs finally concede that there was a battle at Midway. They claim the sinking of two U. S. carriers and a large U. S. transport and admit the loss of a carrier and damage to two other warships.

Then they announce in a broadcast that "Japanese forces have been able to occupy islands in the western Aleutians because the enemy (meaning us) was unable to send strong reinforcements north on account of the strong Japanese attack at Midway."

So that's that. One guesses that under the screen of necessary military secrecy there is feverish activity in the foggy north Pacific. The Japs sorely need a victory to offset Midway. They may be seeking it there.

But even more they need to AVOID ANOTHER DEFEAT. Unless a big Jap fleet can catch a small American fleet unit there won't be much doing.

Time will tell. SEVASTOPOL is today's hot spot. The Germans have been attacking there for six days, and Henry C. Cassidy, AP correspondent with the Russian forces, says it appears to be an all-out assault.

His dispatch relates: "The civilian population has gone into the catacombs deep under the city to weather the fiery and explosive storm of the German air force. All vital industries and institutions of the area are established under a thick protective layer of rock, leaving the ground free for full development of the defense."

The Russians say their defense lines are holding. SEVASTOPOL, in the Crimea, has been under siege for seven months. It is another Tobruk, supplied from the sea. Like Tobruk, it is a threat on the axis flank.

If the Germans boom on past it toward the Caucasus, they will face the danger that the Russians will issue from it in force to attack their communications.

Few commanders in history have been willing to expose themselves to such a threat.

AUTHORITATIVE reports from Vichy today say two years of war have convinced Petain the axis can't win, but Laval and Darlan hold a contrary view. Laval and Darlan have already gone out on the German limb. Unless the Germans win THEY'RE SUNK.

THEY HAVE to be pro-axis.

U. S. AMBASSADOR LEAHY, back from Vichy, says the people of France are overwhelmingly pro-American and hopeful of defeat of the axis power, but are suffering from complete military defeat, are unorganized, inarticulate and have no influence whatever on the make-up or the policies of their government.

That is a picture of helplessness.

Still, for some reason, Hitler hasn't so far taken the French fleet. He must want it terribly. There must be some reason why he is afraid to take it. Helpless as they are, he must fear the French people.

AND the French leaders, even the traitor Laval, must fear Britain's growing air power. They may have been told that giving up the fleet will bring on the destruction of Paris.

PRODUCTION BOSS Nelson, speaking to his old-home-towners at Hannibal, Missouri, says today: "Much as we might hope it might be over soon, America must be prepared for a long war."

He adds: "In any event, long or short, (Continued on Page Two)"

Germans Claim Penetration Of Sevastopol Line

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted today that German troops had stormed deeper into the fortifications of Sevastopol, last soviet stronghold in the Crimea, while the Russians said they had littered the battlefield with 2500 nazi dead in yesterday's fighting alone.

Soviet dispatches said the red armies had not yielded "a single line" to the Germans although the fight was growing hourly more intense, with the nazis incessantly attacking by land and air.

Red Star, the soviet army newspaper, conceded that German infantry had penetrated to a hilly sector, where it was trying to capture two heights, but declared that the battle generally still raged at the approaches to the city without major change.

SIXTH DAY
Today marked the sixth day of furious assault by German forces which have besieged the great Black sea naval base for more than seven months.

A soviet communique said Sevastopol's defense batteries scattered a German infantry regiment, killed many of its men, knocked out two dozen German tanks and 26 planes, and checked the nazi offensive.

On the north African front, both the German and Italian communiques acknowledged that Lieut.-Gen. Neil Ritchie's armies, supported by American-made tanks and planes, were heavily counterattacking.

British imperial headquarters said an eleventh axis assault on Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the 50-mile British defense line, had been driven off despite the fact that German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel threw in "an increased number of tanks, dive bombers, infantry and artillery."

HIT SUPPLY LINES
British armored and motorized columns bolstered the Free (Continued on Page Two)

BETTER OFFSHORE PATROL NECESSARY, SEN. WALLGREN SAYS
LOS ANGELES, June 10 (AP)—The sinking of a freighter by a submarine off the Washington coast points to the necessity of a better patrol of offshore points, Senator Wallgren (D-Wash.) said last night.

Wallgren, a member of the Truman committee investigating national defense who was in the Pacific northwest last week, commented: "I think the defenses of our west coast are absolutely inadequate. They are inadequate from the standpoint of patrol and lack of army and navy planes to guard and protect these vital areas."

"It is my intention when I return to Washington to try and get a delegation meeting of west coast states to discuss the defenses of this coast."

MERCHANT SHIP SUNK WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized British merchant vessel had been torpedoed in the Atlantic. Survivors have been landed at east coast ports.

Senators See Synthetic Rubber Made in 10 Seconds
WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—To the expressed astonishment of senators, who had just been told that the B. F. Goodrich company planned ultimately to produce 165,000 tons of synthetic rubber annually, a company executive compounded some in 10 seconds today and bounced it on the floor.

K. D. Smith of Akron, Ohio, assistant to the vice president in charge of factory operations, poured what he called "liquid ameripol latex" into a beaker, added acetic acid, squeezed the surplus liquid out, and bounced the ball.

Smith said that 20 cents a pound would be a "very fair" price for the synthetic rubber and demonstrated to the senate agriculture subcommittee a number of tires in which it had been used.

He said that tests showed the synthetic casings had about 90

Civilian Defense Workers See Control Room in Action



For the benefit of scores of civilian defense enrollees, the command section of CD gave a demonstration at the high school auditorium Thursday night. The picture shows the control room set-up in operation. Men around the large table head the various services—utilities, medical, wardens, police and fire. L. Orth Sisemore, warden chief, is at the right explaining the operations through a loudspeaker system. Around the table are G. A. Krause, commander; J. A. Souther, George Myers, Lawrence Slater, Lloyd Low, Ira Sherman, Keith Ambrose and Assistant Commander Arthur Schupp. Jim Kerns Jr., is at the blackboard. The regular control room set-up is at the chamber of commerce. (Story on Page 14.)

GRANTS PASS MAN KILLED IN CRASH

Kenneth G. Tompkins Fatally Injured Near Beatty
Klamath county's traffic fatality figure rose to four early Wednesday morning with the death of Kenneth G. Tompkins, 35, Grants Pass, fatally injured at 10 o'clock Tuesday night when his light roadster plunged over a rocky embankment two Auto Toll miles west of Beatty on highway 66.

Tompkins' death was the second fatality of the week. Andrew Hemrich, Merrill, was killed at noon Monday when his farm truck was struck by an SP passenger train at the Wocus crossing.

Slightly injured in the crash was Dick Lessard, 27, and Raymond Hessel Hayes, 33, both of Grants Pass. Lessard was released from Klamath Valley hospital Wednesday morning following treatment for a wrenched leg and body bruises. Hayes was in the county jail charged (Continued on Page Two)

First U. S. Merchant Ship Sunk by Sub Off Northwest

By LELAND HANNUM
PORT ANGELES, Wash., June 10 (AP)—The first torpedoing of a U. S. merchant ship off the coast of the Pacific Northwest, officially announced by the navy last night, was revealed after the ship's master, Capt. Lyle G. Hansen, 48, San Carlos, Calif., brought his crew men here and said "I'm glad to report we lost only one of the 60 aboard."

Lone fatality was 56-year-old Stephen Chance, negro second cook and baker, of no known address, who died of exposure in a lifeboat.

Saw Conning Tower
Two were in a serious condition and six others were less seriously hurt, he said, when the explosion occurred last Sunday afternoon. He said the ship sank 30 minutes later, and that while he nor any of the ship's officers saw the submarine, its conning tower was reported seen by several of the crew.

First Officer E. W. Nystrom, Oakland, Calif., a former economics major at Washington State college, said he saw what some described as the submarine and that "it might have been part of our ship's debris. I fired two parachute signal flares. The wreckage disappeared."

Captain Havens said "there is no doubt we were torpedoed." Both he and Nystrom were in their bunks when the ship was struck, and were thrown to the deck.

"The strange thing about the concussion, and it was a terrible one, was the 'silence' of it," Nystrom said. "There wasn't any 'boom'."

Captain Havens said the explosion smashed one of the two lifeboats, but that the entire personnel were gotten away in the remaining lifeboat and two life rafts within 10 minutes. He and Chief Engineer N. J. Irvine, Seattle (Continued on Page Two)

GERMANS WIPE OUT ENTIRE CZECH TOWN

Men Shot, Women Deported in Revenge For Heydrich
By The Associated Press
LONDON, June 10 (AP)—In vengeance for a slain executioner, Germany's gestapo and army today wiped out a whole Czech village, shooting all the men, deporting all the women and children and leveling every habitation.

This, the German radio in Prague announced, was done because the village of Libice was suspected of harboring the two men who fatally wounded Reinhard Heydrich, "protector" of Bohemia-Moravia, on a winding mountain road two weeks ago. So far as is known, the two remain uncaught.

By all odds it was the most savage single act of repression yet perpetrated by the nazi conquerors against the sullen and resentful millions of occupied Europe, of whom it was estimated today by their exiled governments that 500,000 had been shot or hanged by the Germans.

The Prague broadcasts did not give the number of men of the village who were shot. It said the women had been sent to a concentration camp and the children to "educational centers." Then the nazis removed the name of the village from their records.

Before this had happened, the Germans had executed 275 Czechs for the assassination of Heydrich, and it was apparent from German advices received today in Switzerland that a new wave of punitive measures is on the way, not only in Czechoslovakia but in other occupied countries. Prague, Paris, Amsterdam, and all Poland and Yugoslavia were regarded here as likely to feel first the effects of the increased death penalties.

First Jap Version
Belatedly lifting the veil of its secrecy on the battles of Midway and Dutch Harbor, the Japanese command gave its first version of the conflicts, with its scoresheet bearing on relation to the account of staggering Japanese operations in this area.

Construction Worker Fractures Back
Samuel Preston Moore, 517 Mt. Whitney street, employed on construction work at the Japanese reception center near Tulelake, was brought to Klamath Valley hospital at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday suffering from a fractured back received in a fall.

Moore is a member of the Morrison, Knudsen crew and formerly employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

Friends Keep Teacher Alive 5 Months With Breathing Aid
JAY, Okla., June 10 (AP)—Artificial respiration applied by friends who have labored unceasingly for five months—night and day—has kept the spark of life burning in Mason Williams, 49-year-old schoolteacher.

To stop pumping breath into his wasted body would mean a strangling, suffocating death. Dr. Frank Veroni, Jay physician, said Williams was suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease causing degeneration of nerve tracts leading from the spinal cord to the muscles.

The first effect, he said, was paralysis of the muscles of the hands and shoulders. Later, it attacked the muscles used in breathing and swallowing.

When Williams began to lose control of his respiratory system, artificial respiration was applied. Some of his friends volunteered to help and for five months they have kept at it, working in relays.

Dr. Veroni said Williams' ability to breathe has been impaired about 75 per cent. Without artificial respiration he cannot speak or swallow.

When he is sitting upright, his friends labor over him constantly. When he sleeps they sometimes are able to stop for about (Continued on Page Two)

Willamette Road Projects Okehed

Contract-letting will be completed in about two weeks for two important construction jobs on the west end of the Willamette highway, the state highway commission said Wednesday in answer to an inquiry from Klamath Falls.

The highway officials said that satisfactory bids had been received on a new bridge over the Coast fork near Goshen, and road relocation of about three miles in that district. Work can start as soon as two minor right-of-way matters are cleared up.

The inquiry was made following Wednesday's chamber of commerce directors' luncheon.

Flags of the United Nations

A display of the flags of the United Nations will be found on page 6 of today's edition, as a contribution to flag week observance. Major event of the week will be the Elks temple Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Chicago	4 10 0
Philadelphia	1 8 2
Mumphries, Haynes (8), and Turner; Knott, Marchildon (9), and Swift.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	3 8 1
Boston	10 10 0
Niggeling, Hanning (3), Ferris (7), and Ferrell; Hughton and Conroy.	
R. H. E.	
Detroit	4 8 1
New York	1 10 0
Benton and Tebbetts; Brewer, Murphy (9), and Rosar.	

MANY AT FUNERAL

VICHY, (Unoccupied France, June 10 (AP)—Three thousand persons (presumably French) were reported today to have attended funeral services for an RAF flier who was shot down along the French coast and buried with military honors by the Germans at St. Malo Monday.

NIPS ADMIT LOSS OF ONLY ONE CARRIER

Tokyo Says Troops Continue Attack On Aleutians
Thousands of Japanese perished in last week's battle off Midway island it was indicated by incomplete returns of enemy ship losses as revealed today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

The enemy casualty list will be large, though as yet not completely determined, according to these returns.

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Imperial Tokyo headquarters sought to minimize the gravity of the Japanese naval disaster at Midway today but acknowledged that United States forces had sunk an aircraft carrier, heavily damaged another carrier and damaged a cruiser.

Official United States reports have listed 16 and possibly 18 Japanese warships sunk or damaged before the enemy fleet limped off in retreat.

Moreover, an eye-witness account by Ensign George H. Gay, Jr., 25-year-old U. S. navy flier, declared three of Japan's aircraft carriers, including two of the 26,900-ton Kaga-Akagi class, were seen to burst into flames under attack by American torpedoes. Tokyo did not specify the class of the carrier it admitted lost.

Navy Silent
In Washington, the navy withheld comment on the Japanese claim of two American aircraft carriers sunk, indicating that Tokyo was attempting another "fishing expedition" in quest of information.

Tokyo headquarters also reported that Japanese army troops were used in attacking the U. S.-owned Aleutian islands off Alaska on Sunday, Tokyo time, (Saturday, Alaska time)—three days after the Dutch Harbor raids—and declared they "are continuing operations in this area."

Captain Hideo Hiraide, chief of the naval press section, imperial headquarters, asserted in a nationwide broadcast that "Japanese forces had been able to occupy western Aleutian islands because the enemy was unable to send strong reinforcements north on account of the strong Japanese attack at Midway."

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, described the situation in the far north as "confused" several days ago, but there has been no hint from any source other than Tokyo of any Japanese troop landings in the Aleutians.

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