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U.S. ATTACKS JAPS IN ALEUTIANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE fog lifts momentarily today to disclose that the Japs have made some kind of landing at the extreme tip of the Aleutians, some 800 miles to the west of Dutch Harbor.

The landings are at Attu island and at Kiska harbor, in the Rat Island group.

Today's dispatches indicate that the forces involved are not large, that the islands where the landings were made are not of great strategic value and that American warplanes, hampered by fog up to the past 24 hours, are hunting down the invaders.

ON the face of information available as these words are written, the threat does not seem grave and the dispatches suggest that the Japs may be playing their old game of face saving, providing the public at home with some good news to go along with the Midway bad news.

Still, these islands lie along the stepping-stone air route from the United States to Japan—or FROM Japan TO THE U. S., if one chooses to look at it that way.

Anything that INTERRUPTS our use of this stepping-stone route, or threatens to give the Japs a foothold on it, CAN be important.

It will be well to keep an eye on developments in that quarter. You may be quite sure the army and the navy are doing more than merely keeping an eye on developments.

TODAY'S dispatches carry the suggestion that Jap Admiral Yamamoto may be out on a limb. He was praised by the emperor for the big victory he won in the Coral Sea. If the news gets out to the Jap masses that he DIDN'T win, but instead took a bad lacing, he will have cast doubt (according to the Jap code) on the INFALLIBILITY of the son of heaven.

That would be bad medicine (still according to the Jap code.) It is intimated that he may have to sharpen up his snickernee and commit hari-kiri.

THERE is an interesting "incident" in Turkey. American bombers have made what appear to be forced landings near Ankara. The dispatches state that members of the crews who were not wounded had been interned.

The indicated explanation is that American air forces based probably in Egypt have been bombing the Black Sea coast of Rumania, with whom we are now officially at war. There are statements that British bombers also have made forced landings in Turkey.

The German propaganda agencies are howling long and loudly about it—presumably to throw a scare into Turkey.

THERE is an obscure dispatch today to the effect that British bombers took a shot last night at Piraeus, the port of Athens.

In itself, it is insignificant. But for days the British have been pounding Taranto from the air. Taranto is an important base of what is left of the Italian fleet.

IN these modern days, bomber squadrons don't just go roving around taking pot shots at whatever target happens to loom up in their sights. When they make a raid big enough to get into the news they HAVE A PURPOSE. Note on your map that Taranto and Athens are on a line that points either at Syria or, if bent a little, at the Dardanelles. Recall that in recent weeks extreme Nazi activity has been noted at Athens.

It is probable that these British bombers are smashing at German concentrations, seeking to head off some new German move. Taranto and Athens would be (Continued on Page Two)

REDS BATTLE BIGGEST NAZI DRIVE OF YEAR

Savage Attack Made By Germans Below Kharkov

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, June 13 (AP)—German tanks, planes and motorized infantry have been hurled in full force on a comparatively narrow front below Kharkov in the greatest Nazi offensive of the year, front line dispatches said today, but the Red army fought back fiercely and tonight was said to have the situation in hand.

The original enemy advances were checked, the dispatches said, while enemy tanks which filtered through the Soviet lines were being dealt with. In some sectors the Russians were mounting their own counterattacks.

Planes in Waves
The German planes came over in waves and the tanks attacked in columns, while Soviet artillery cut huge gaps in the armored forces and Russian warplanes rose to meet the enemy in the air.

At one village 100 German tanks attacked. Before Sevastopol, in the Crimea, the Germans made three successive assaults, but the Russian defense was said to be grinding down that offensive.

Counter-Attack
Soviet troops counter-attacked in the Kharkov sector of the Ukraine yesterday after 48 hours on the defensive, and levied a heavy toll on German manpower and material in the battle of Sevastopol, the Russians said today.

Tremendous losses in the new Crimean campaign have led the Germans to make "increasing use of Rumanians as cannon (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Cleveland, Philadelphia, Hardern, Heving, Wolf, Shirley, and Wagner.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Boston, Chicago, Earley and Lombard, Fleming and McCullough.

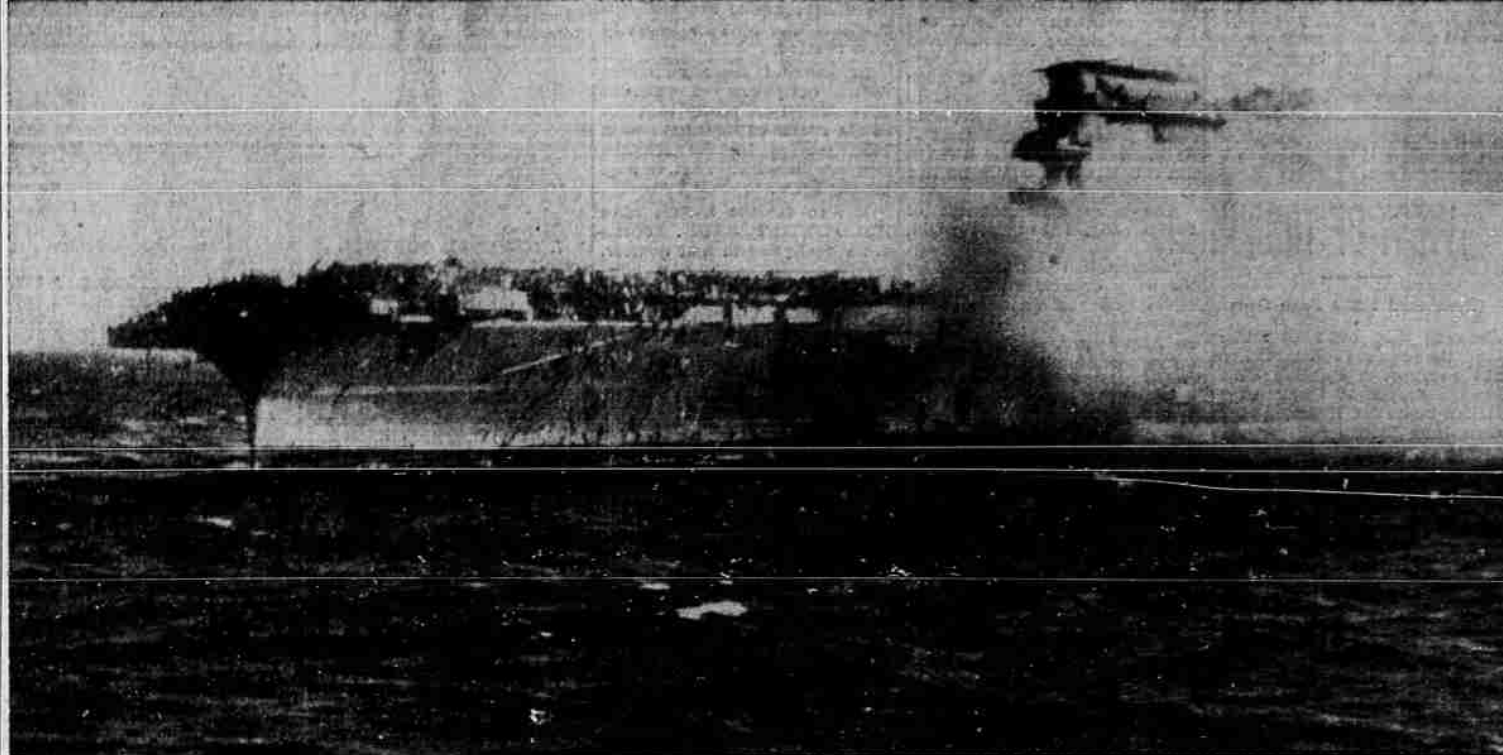
Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes New York, Pittsburgh, Melton, Feldman, Adams, and Danning.

Czech Executions Mount, Prague Says

LONDON, June 13 (AP)—Twenty-four more Czechs, one of them an 18-year-old girl, have been executed, the Prague radio reported tonight in a broadcast heard by Reuters.

These latest executions brought to 382 the number executed in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, Czechoslovakian vice-premier and protector for Bohemia and Moravia. This total did not include the persons killed in the town of Lidice, estimated to number 350 alone.

WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—Destruction of "several" German villages by air bombardment was urged upon the United Nations today by Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian vice-premier and foreign minister, as retaliation for the wiping out of the whole Czech town of Lidice by German vengeance squads.



Burning U. S. Carrier Abandoned at Sea

Sailors slid down ropes from the U. S. plane carrier Lexington, which sank after explosions, as result of Japanese bombing in the battle of the Coral sea. Note the decks alive with men awaiting their turn to go overboard. Some have already been taken off by the destroyer partly hidden by smoke at right. (Official U. S. navy photograph from Associated Press). For picture of Jap carrier ablaze in Coral sea, turn to page 12.

POWERFUL NEW U. S. FORCE IN IRELAND

Record American Convoy Completes Atlantic Crossing

WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, June 13 (AP)—Thousands more United States soldiers, including tank destroyer forces as well as additional armored units, have arrived in northern Ireland, it was announced today.

United States warships participated in escorting the transports which crossed the Atlantic without incident.

Most of the troops were from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, California and Indiana.

Twenty-eight-ton tanks swung from the ships' holds to the docks, swelling the total brought over by earlier contingents.

Festive Air

The band accompanying the new arrivals gave a festive air to the Ulster port as it blared out, "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "The Jersey Bounce," "Elmer's Tune," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas," while troops marched down the gangplanks.

Even while the men were waiting their turn to leave the ships, the usual scramble began among British soldiers and dockworkers for American cigarettes.

This time the soldiers also (Continued on Page Two)

27 Dead, 100 Hurt In Wake of Tornado At Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 13 (AP)—Storm-swept Oklahoma City counted its known dead at 27 and injured at 100 today after two tornadoes slashed a 12-block residential area at the city's southwest edge.

Scores were reported missing and approximately 80 buildings were demolished. Many inhabitants of the devastated area entered storm cellars when the first tornado struck last night and escaped the force of the second which came 10 minutes later.

Two inches of rain and considerable hail fell in a three-hour period. Of the dead, six were men, 11 women and 10 children.

MINESWEEPER LAUNCHED
SEATTLE, June 13 (AP)—The Winslow Marine Railway and Shipbuilding Co., yesterday launched the U.S.S. Pursuit, first steel minesweeper of her type built in the Pacific Northwest.

Prepare Now Against Cold Days, Warning

Klamath people were warned again Saturday that the fuel situation next winter may be serious and smart people will prepare now against a rainy—or snowy—day.

Shortages are possible in coal and wood, and appear certain in fuel oil, which has been cut to 50 per cent of last year's deliveries, it was learned from fuel dealers and civilian defense sources.

People who heat their homes with oil, it was explained, should provide fuel for fireplaces, trash burners or other auxiliary heating devices. Those without stoves or fireplaces should look around now for heating apparatus that will burn something besides oil, to be used to supplement oil heat.

Limb and body wood are both scarce right now. There is an ample supply of green slabs and coal at this time. But it takes three weeks to get a carload of coal here, and transportation conditions might interfere. (Continued on Page Two)

DOUBLRAB WINS

NEW YORK, June 12 (AP)—Mrs. T. Christopher's Doublrab won the 42nd running of the Carter handicap at Aueduct today as Warren Wright's Whirlaway finished third. Doublrab, winning his third straight stake in as many weeks, ripped off the seven furlongs in 1:23 to equal the track record.

Half of Jap Carriers Lost In Pacific, Experts Say

WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—The Midway and Coral sea battles have cost Japan probably half of her best aircraft carriers and thus have broken the spearhead of her air-sea striking power, informed naval sources estimated today.

And because of the importance of the air arm, the Japanese are regarded as having gambled away in the two engagements the chance of major offensive action on the American side of the Pacific, even though they still have several fast carriers which would operate with the weakened high sea fleet.

They have lost at least six of the ten or more fully effective fleet carriers with which they started the Pacific war, and still others have been put out of action temporarily by bomb and torpedo damage. This is on the basis of official reports of the Coral sea battle and word from Midway pilots that three and possibly four Japanese carriers were sunk in that action.

Japan probably had more carriers than those listed in naval manuals, but the best available listings, she started the war with these: Shokaku (or Shokaku) and Zuihou, the newest listed designs, each of 14,000 tons, 30 knot speed and 45 planes; Soryu, Kiryu, and Koryu, 10,050 tons, 30 knots and 40 planes; Ryuzo, 7100 tons, 25 knots, 24 planes; Akagi, 26,900 tons, 28 knots, 50 planes; Kaga, 26,900 tons, 23 knots, 60 planes; Hoso, 7470 tons, 25 knots, 26 planes; and the Ryukaku, a new carrier either of 14,000 or 20,000 tons. She also had several converted liners as carriers, but these are not classed as fleet vessels.

ROMMEL STRIKES WEST OF TOBRUK

British Positions Still Intact, Communique Reveals

By HARRY CROCKETT
CAIRO, June 13 (AP)—Repulsed at El Adem, 15 miles due south of Tobruk, Field Marshal General Erwin Rommel struck with a full armored division today toward Acroma, some 10 miles west of Tobruk, against stiff British resistance.

A British communique announced that "all our positions are intact." The German sweep toward El Adem was beaten off yesterday in an all-day battle which mixed artillery duels, infantry engagements and tank clashes.

The RAF, meanwhile, announced that it had struck a heavy new blow at the German mechanized columns in the forward battle area and hammered hard at Rommel's lines of transport and supply.

German and Italian air activity was reported also on a "considerable scale." Thirteen axis planes were listed as shot down. The RAF announced the loss of nine planes.

New reports on the withdrawal, earlier, of the Free French and British imperial forces from Bir Hacheim at the southern flank of the British desert line (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Torpedoed Lexington to Cut Loss of Life

By ROBERT S. PRESCOTT
SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 13 (AP)—The U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington was sunk by American torpedoes to prevent greater loss of life after fires and internal explosions started by a Japanese attack had raged for seven and a half hours, the commander of an American dive-bomber squadron said today.

"We finally had to put it under with our own torpedoes," revealed Lieut. Commander Weldon L. Hamilton, chief of the Lexington's dive-bombing squadron, in an interview. He said Captain Frederick Sherman's order to abandon ship "undoubtedly saved a great loss of life from flames and explosions, which was the important thing."

Commander Hamilton said only eight per cent of the men on the Lexington were lost. Aircraft from the carrier were searching for an enemy task force in the area around Tagula island in the Coral sea on May 7, when they stumbled upon a Jap force of a carrier and several cruisers that had not been reported, he said.

The next day American and Japanese scouting planes discovered each other's carriers simultaneously, and launched attacks at the same time.

"We decided to get back to our base, so we turned back without trying for the Jap. Our fuel was running low. We jettisoned our bombs en route, and reached the Lexington just in time."

"From the air, the carrier didn't look damaged a bit. We landed and taxied forward, noting superficial shell fragment holes but nothing serious. "But we found Jap torpedoes had struck the Lexington from an angle, damaging it internally. It was doomed."

MacArthur Calls on Americans to Pray for Guidance

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, June 13 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur called upon his fellow countrymen celebrating MacArthur day to rededicate themselves today to "duty, honor, country" and to say "a simple, silent prayer that merciful God may guide our steps."

In a brief statement, the allied commander-in-chief in the southwest Pacific expressed belief that the celebration in his honor would reaffirm "the implacable will of our great nation to maintain its inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The occasion, coinciding with the 43rd anniversary of MacArthur's entrance into West Point, brought public tributes from Prime Minister John Curtin and other Australian leaders.

4 U. S. PLANES LAND IN TURKEY, REPORT

London Hints 'Planes Used in Black Sea Attack

ISTANBUL, June 12 (Delayed) (AP)—The official Turkish radio reported today that four United States planes had landed in Turkey.

An informed source said the planes were bombers and landed before noon today, each with an American crew of seven. All those who were not wounded were interned, this source said.

There was no official information on why the planes were flying over Turkish territory, where they came from or where they were going.

Meanwhile, it was announced officially that the Turkish assembly today passed a bill prolonging for another six months the state of martial law first proclaimed for the Dardanelles, Bosphorus and Thrace regions 18 months ago.

Two Airmen Perish In Plane Crashes

TACOMA, June 13 (AP)—Two army airmen were killed today when their fighter planes crashed in separate accidents in the Tacoma-Olympia area.

One plane sidwiped St. Peter's hospital in Olympia and fell in flames to the street below. Hospital attendants rushed out and with the aid of firemen removed the injured pilot into the hospital where he died a short time later. He was identified as Lieutenant Ralph M. Edwards, Jr. His home town was not immediately reported.

Japs Capture Town In Kiangsi Province

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts), June 13 (AP)—Japanese troops, pressing deeper into Kiangsi province, have captured the town of Yushan on the Hangchow-Nanchang railway 10 miles west of the Chekiang border, Domei reported today.

The Japanese announced yesterday their forces had crossed the Kiangsi frontier after capturing the western Chekiang cities of Changshan and Kiangshan.

AIRMEN COMB SMALL ISLANDS FOR INVADERS

Jap Units Landed at Attu and Kiska In Islands

WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—American army and navy airmen combed the small, bleak islands of the Northern Pacific Aleutian chain today in a rising effort to search out and disperse small Japanese invasion units which have landed at Attu and the harbor of Kiska in the Rat Island group.

Despite adverse weather conditions, a navy communique asserted, air attacks have already forced the invaders to retire from populated regions of the tiny islands at the extreme western tip of the Aleutian Archipelago.

"Attacks of the army and navy forces in the area against these operations are continuing," the navy said. The announcement emphasized that it had only been in the past day or two that weather conditions had permitted flying operations.

Attu is the tip of the dagger pointing toward Japan, being only some 700 miles from the northern tip of Nippon's Kurile chain. Should the enemy continue to occupy the island, it would not only blunt that potential offensive dagger, but likewise would give the Japanese a base to use against the other Aleutian islands and the Alaskan mainland.

Kiska, located some 100 miles to the southeast of Attu, has similar strategic possibilities, although the military value of both is decreased somewhat by poor terrain and weather conditions. Both are mountainous, frequently blanketed in fog and are bounded by outlying reefs which make offshore navigation hazardous.

Dutch Harbor Secondary
Dutch Harbor—some 2900 miles from Yokohama and only 1988 miles from Puget Sound—(Continued on Page Two)

Roosevelt Calls For Every Scrap of Rubber Available

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY
WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt has called upon all Americans to turn in "every bit of rubber you can possibly spare" in a two week scrap collection campaign expected to determine whether nationwide gasoline rationing is necessary to conserve tires.

Addressing the nation by radio last night the president asked householders to search attics, cellars and garages for old rubber and to deliver it to gasoline filling stations which would pay one cent a pound and would be later reimbursed by the government. The drive will begin at 12:01 a. m. June 15 and end at midnight, June 30.

RAF Bombs Germany And Port of Athens

LONDON, June 13 (AP)—RAF reconnaissance planes dropped bombs at several points in Germany by daylight yesterday, it was authoritatively reported today.

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts), June 13 (AP)—The RAF caused great damage in a raid on Piraeus, the port of Athens, the Italian high command announced today.

"A large number of houses" was damaged, the communique said, without giving any further details of the destruction. It said 36 persons were killed and 28 injured among the Greek population.

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