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BRITISH ARMY SPLIT IN LIBYA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SEVASTOPOL and Tobruk remain the hot spots of the news. Accounts differ as to what is happening—especially at Sevastopol. The Germans claim to have driven into the city's inner ring of defenses. Russian reports say: "With point-blank artillery fire and infantrymen standing against tank-led waves of attackers, red army and navy defense forces have beaten back EVERY German attack."

SEVASTOPOL'S defenses are about 13 miles deep, and the Germans claim to be within two miles of the harbor (where the Russian naval base is located). In estimating this claim, it is just as well to remember that Russian reports have been right somewhat oftener than German.

AT Tobruk the reports are more nearly in agreement. The Germans say they have split the British Libyan armies into two parts. Cairo (British headquarters) dispatches say the British desert armies have apparently split into two forces, one falling back to fortified positions near the Egyptian border and the other remaining to defend Tobruk.

It thus appears that the Libyan situation is back about to 1941.

DON'T fall into the error here of thinking that if Sevastopol and Tobruk are lost the WAR will be lost. They are important, to be sure, and their fall to the Germans would hurt. But if they are lost, the Russians and the British will fall back to the NEXT defense line and go on fighting.

THE situation in our own Aleutians remains obscure. Secretary Stimson tells his press conference today that the Japs have so far made only a "very small landing." Fog and unfavorable weather, he says, are obscuring developments in the north Pacific.

He promises more news as soon as definite facts are available.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ, at Pearl Harbor, today tells us that in the Coral Sea and at Midway we exacted a ten-to-one toll in men and planes against the Japs. That is important.

If we can HOLD that ratio, the cooking of the Japanese goose is only a question of time.

NIMITZ adds: "Air power has played a leading role in both the Coral Sea and off Midway and WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO as the war progresses. The Coral Sea was the first aerial duel in history in which great aerial duels were fought by carrier fleets."

AMONG historical firsts, recall the battle between the ironclads Merrimac and Monitor, which changed INSTANTLY AND TOTALLY all previous conceptions of naval warfare.

After that epochal contest, wooden warships were as out-of-date as last year's birds' nests. Battleships are beginning to look almost equally out-of-date.

FROM Chungking comes some interesting speculation as to Jap plans to attack Siberia—which, according to "informed quarters" in Chungking, is expected to happen before the summer is over.

The Midway and Aleutian attacks, according to these Chinese sources, were intended to eliminate an assault on the Jap rear if they should tackle Siberia; but the Jap failure there won't necessarily delay the expected Siberian attack.

The main factor there, the Chinese say, is doubt over the course of the German-Russian war. The Japs are believed to have promised Hitler last summer to at-

Fog Obscures Aleutian News

STIMSON SAYS COAST DANGER IS LESS ACUTE

3-Day Midway Battle Scatters Enemy Fleet, Claim

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today the losses inflicted on the Japanese in the Pacific had temporarily but substantially reduced the threat of an attack on the Pacific coast which he has repeatedly said might be expected.

War and navy department information is, he said, that the Japanese thus far had made only a "very small landing" in the Aleutian islands off Alaska but he stressed that fog and unfavorable weather obscured developments in the north Pacific.

Information is still incomplete, the secretary also told his press conference, on the earlier air and sea engagement off Midway. "But after three days fighting the enemy fleet was scattered all over the Pacific ocean, hustling away as fast as it could in the opposite direction, without air protection," he added.

In the Aleutians, Stimson said, the American and Japanese forces thus far had only fleeting glimpses of each other through the eyes of airmen.

Word Promised He promised that the government would make available "every bit of information we can," about the Aleutians as well as the earlier engagements off Midway island in the Pacific and in the Coral sea near Australia.

One reason the report was still incomplete on the Midway fight, the secretary said, was that many naval fliers were still at sea on aircraft carriers which were prohibited by radio silence orders from forwarding reports.

Contact Slight Outlining the difficulties of obtaining a clear and complete picture of a modern sea and air engagement, Stimson noted that the only contact between the

Germans Plan Population Shift

MOSCOW, June 18 (AP)—A German plan for the transfer of 3,000,000 Dutchmen to Nazi-occupied districts of eastern Europe is part of a vast scheme for resettlement of the conquered peoples with the aim of opening choice areas for Germans and weakening resistance to the forces of occupation, Tass reported in a Geneva dispatch today.

The soviet agency said German colonists were to be sent into large sections of Holland, Alsace-Lorraine, Luxembourg, and the Baltic republics.

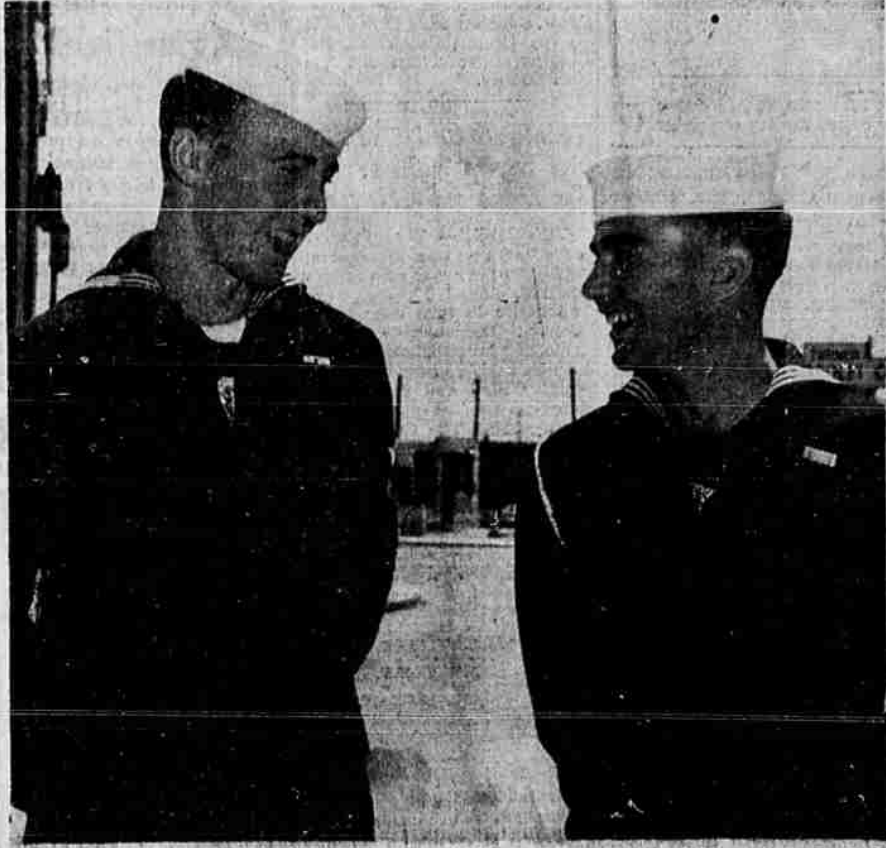
U. S. Exacted 10-for-1 Toll In Pacific, Nimitz Reveals

PEARL HARBOR, June 18 (AP)—American air power exacted a stunning toll of 10 Japanese men and planes for every one lost by the United States in the Coral sea and Midway island battles and rapidly is being bulkheaded for even greater sledgehammer blows.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz made the cheering disclosures yesterday aboard a fighting ship in an address to his Pacific fleet during which he urged the heroic veterans of the two "Titanic" sea-air fights "to hold the line until our reinforcements are ready to take over."

Acknowledging that losses to United States carrier air groups have been heavy since the war opened, due to initial Japanese air superiority, the commander-

Klamath's Battle Veterans



Six-foot-two-inch Jack Walls, left, and rugged Wesley Yancey, two of Klamath county's four veterans of the Coral sea battle, grinned for the photographer today in the middle of a busy round of civic feasting. The pair, both ex-Klamath Union high school athletes, were rescued from the aircraft carrier Lexington when the big ship went down after the south Pacific battle. Both will appear at a naval recruiting and war bond rally on the steps of the courthouse tomorrow night at 7:45.

MEXICO WILL AID U. S. IN SUB WAR

Patrol Planes Scout Gulf; Ordered to Sink on Sight

By The Associated Press News of aid to the United States in the war on axis submarines came from Mexico City today, with the announcement that Mexican patrol planes are scouring the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific under orders to "sink on sight" all prowling undersea boats.

While the officially-announced toll of ship sinkings since Pearl Harbor remained at 278 in the Atlantic and adjacent waters, Gen. Robert Flerro, chief of Mexico's military aviation, said: "Our pilots are winging far out to sea, searching for the enemy everywhere. We have no news of any encounters yet, but our fliers hope it will not be long before they have an opportunity to fire their machineguns and loose their bombs against an enemy."

Mexico declared war on the axis powers three weeks ago. Flerro said 12 modern patrol

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Eighth Sawmill Grants Wage Increase Here

To a list of seven Klamath sawmills granting wage increases in the past week, Thursday was added an eighth, the Long-Bell Lumber company's Klamath operation.

George Hayes, manager of the local mill, said that the firm had notified employees of a 7 1/2-cent per hour pay boost retroactive to April 1. He said the move brings Long-Bell's minimum scale here to 80 cents. Approximately 150 men are employed at the mill. Hayes said that raises for employees in the Dorris Long-Bell plant are under negotiation.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America recently won a National Labor Relations board election at the mill immediately after CIO members in the Klamath area were granted 7 1/2-cent boosts under a blanket agreement with employers.

Earlier this week announcements were made that similar wage grants had been made by the Pellerhause Timber company, the Weylan Bay Lumber company, Conifer Lumber company, Shaw Lumber company, Kalpine Plywood company, Algoma Lumber company, and the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company.

Other announcements were expected to follow.

Sven Hult Reported Transferred To East Coast

Sven C. Hult, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hult of Altamont drive and a survivor of the Lexington sinking in the Coral sea battle, today wired his parents that he has been transferred to the east coast. Presumably, he will not be home on leave in the near future.

Hult is one of four Klamath county boys who survived the sinking. The others, Wesley Yancey and Jack Walls of Klamath Falls and Joe Rogers of Mallin are home on short leaves.

FARM PAGE FRIDAY This week's page of farm news will appear on Friday, instead of Thursday.

JAPS MAY ATTACK SIBERIA IN SUMMER

Chinese Say Strong Preparations Underway

By WILLIAM H. MCGAFFIN CHUNGKING, June 18 (AP)—While informed sources here believe the Japanese may attack Russian Siberia before the summer is over, the enemy now is concentrating on reinforcement of his air strength in the China and Burma theaters.

Army intelligence reports received here indicated today that the Japanese now have 500 planes in Burma and have increased the number actually in China to 300, with a fresh influx of planes at Canton and Hankow.

The aerial preparations of the foe gave weight to indications that the Japanese would intensify their efforts to tighten the cordon around the still free parts of southern China and thereby strangle off Chungking. The present nutcracker offensive in the eastern China provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsi is an important part of these efforts.

On the Chekiang-Kiangsi front, the Chinese hold on the important railway looping through the two provinces has been narrowed to about 50 of the 450-mile length of the line.

Ons Step Left Informed sources here, discussing prospects of a Japanese attack on easternmost Russia said the Japanese had taken certain preparatory steps but were leaving one, reinforcement of the air force in Manchukuo, to the very

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Make That Scrap Rubber Pile Grow! Over the next 12 days there are at least a dozen good pieces of rubber scrap you can probably find right in your kitchen. For instance an apron, gloves, dish scraper, sink plug, faucet spray, preserve jar rings, soap dish, drain plug, drain board mat, dish drainer, window wedge and an ice cube tray.

REDS BEAT BACK TANK-LED FORCE AT SEVASTOPOL

Germans Drive Within 2 Miles of Harbor, Berlin Says

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, June 18 (AP)—With point-blank artillery fire and infantrymen standing against tank-led waves of attackers, red army and navy defense forces have beaten back every German attempt to smash through the shell-scarred fortifications that guard Sevastopol and its cliff-lined Roadstead, Pravda reported today in dispatches from the front.

The communist party newspaper said that since yesterday shock troops had battered almost unceasingly at the grimly held Crimean base from north and south, disregarding a toll of 1500 killed in a single day.

"The enemy attempted by every means to break through our defense, but failed," Pravda said. "Fighting continues in two directions, to the north and south."

Southern Offensive "Yesterday afternoon a strong German force supported by tanks and aircraft launched an offensive from the south. Simultaneously the Germans also attacked from another direction. All these enemy attacks were successfully beaten off with heavy losses. . . . Even tanks did not help the Germans; they retired, being unable to stand our artillery fire and break the staunchness of our infantry."

(United States-built Consolidated Liberator bombers were reported unofficially in a Stockholm dispatch to London to be operating with the red air force in defense of Sevastopol. (The four-motored craft were (Continued on Page Nine)

Klamath's Scrap Rubber Pile Jumps To Over 45 Tons

Klamath's burgeoning scrap rubber pile today had jumped 50 per cent over Wednesday's total, a survey revealed. Total weight reported as in local oil dealers' yards was over 45 tons, 15 tons more than yesterday's three-day total of 30 tons.

The count early this afternoon showed 90,457 pounds with more expected by nightfall. Petroleum men expressed themselves as satisfied that Klamath Falls would rank high on the statewide list by the time the drive ends on June 30.

QUEEN IN CANADA OTTAWA, June 18 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands arrived in the Canadian capital today after a flight from Britain.

House Passes \$8 1/2 Billion Ship Construction Measure

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—A vast \$8,550,000,000 ship construction measure was passed by the house today after naval committee members reported that completion of the program would give the United States unquestioned supremacy on the seas.

Passage was on a roll call vote announced as 316 to 0. The measure, envisioning the greatest ship building program in history, would provide for more than 500 combatant vessels, together with 1000 smaller craft, including 800 torpedo boats and subchasers.

With emphasis on floating aerial striking strength, the measure called for 500,000 tons of plane carriers, 800,000 tons of

On State Board



—Kennell-Elis E. M. Chilcote, Klamath Falls real estate man, has been appointed by Governor C. A. Sprague to the state real estate advisory board for a period of four years. He succeeds Lowell Williamson of La Grande. Next meeting of the board will be in August, when the state real estate convention is held in Klamath Falls.

WPB SPOKESMAN PREDICTS CHANGE Truman Demands Reorganization of Board

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—A war production board spokesman today predicted an "extensive organizational realignment" of WPB within a month, which "inevitably will bring the abolition of some jobs."

At the same time, he emphasized that the changes probably would not be based on the latest congressional criticism of \$1-a-year men, released today by Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the special senate defense investigating committee.

WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson declined to comment on Truman's demand for changes in men and methods at WPB, but sources close to Nelson indicated that the realignment might effect some of the changes Truman asked.

The committee criticized "damaging delay" in conversion of major civilian industries to war work, and Truman declared that "the WPB has not fully measured up to this responsibility."

The WPB spokesman pointed (Continued on Page Nine)

Fire Razes Davis Creek Lumber Mill

BIEBER, Calif., June 18—Fire on Wednesday evening destroyed the Davis Creek Lumber company mill eight miles northwest of Bieber.

Four million feet of lumber in the yard was saved, but A. Zamboni, owner, said the loss to the plant totaled \$100,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Zamboni said the mill cannot be replaced for operation this year. More than 100 men were employed in the mill and the related logging operation.

Greatest in World "Probably when this program is completed," Vinson said, "the strength of the United States fleet will be greater than that of all the other navies in the world."

Rep. Mott (R-Ore.), ranking minority member of the naval committee, concurred in that statement, and declared the construction program "is the greatest (Continued on Page Nine)

TOBRUK HELD ENCLOSED BY AXIS FORCES

Only Coast Road Links Fortress With English

By EDWARD KENNEDY CAIRO, June 18 (AP)—The British fell back to fortified positions near the Egyptian frontier today, leaving the famous fortress of Tobruk all but surrounded by Marshal Erwin Rommel's German and Italian divisions.

Only a coastal road remained open to link Tobruk with the Egyptian border 80 miles eastward.

Apparently British Gen. Neil M. Ritchie's eighth army split into two forces, one remaining to man the defenses of Tobruk against imminent onslaught of a siege such as that which endured for nearly eight months in 1941.

British forces still were on the perimeter of Tobruk's south and southeast defenses, where they hurled back repeated axis assaults last year and where they stood when relieved by a British westward offensive on December 10, 1941.

Thus the situation now was almost the same as that during the long siege of Tobruk, where they hurled back repeated axis assaults last year and where they stood when relieved by a British westward offensive on December 10, 1941.

Allied air squadrons, supporting the ground forces, were declared to have broken all records for bombing and strafing as the enemy moved eastward and the British pulled out of El Adem and Sidi Rezegh.

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), June 18 (AP)—The German high command reported today that the British army in Libya had been split into two parts.

A military spokesman asserted tonight that this amounted to the collapse of the eighth British army.

One part has fallen back on Tobruk, while strong German and Italian tank formations are pursuing other British forces fleeing in the direction of Bardia, the high command said.

An earlier announcement said axis forces had occupied a British base south of El Adem, 18 miles below Tobruk, and captured 500 prisoners.

Plans Complete For Fourfold Rally Friday

All plans are complete for the patriotic rally to be held on the courthouse steps at 7:45 p. m. Friday, and general public attendance at this event was urged Thursday.

Purpose of the rally is fourfold: to help in recruiting 38 men for the navy, to sell war bonds which will send these men on their way, to honor Klamath county men who served on the USS Lexington, and to dedicate "Victory Center."

Victory Center is the name to be given to the courthouse steps site in connection with its use for war-time events of this nature. A special platform is to be constructed for use on such occasions.

Wilson Wiley, local attorney, will make a patriotic address. City Attorney Dayton Van Vactor will speak as representative of the city. "Commandos," the young women's service group here, will help in recruiting and bond selling under direction of John Ebinger. A band, under direction of Charles Stanfield, will give musical numbers. Les Jacobs will be master of ceremonies.

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE R. H. E. New York 1 4 2 Detroit 3 6 0 Chandler and Dickey; Trucks and Tebbets.