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ALLIES BLAST JAP PACIFIC BASES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

NEWS from the now six days old battle in the Solomons is scanty but indicates that the Marines are holding the beachheads they seized and perhaps even extending their grip.

No amplifying detail is available.

THIS long wait without news is wearing, but has to be endured. Admiral Ghormley is busy fighting a battle—a VERY important battle. His communications are limited, because use of her radio can reveal a ship's position to the enemy—and just one slip of that sort might give the enemy an important advantage.

Such use of his radio as he can make he needs for giving his orders.

We'll just have to wait.

THE importance of the battle of the Solomons can hardly be overestimated.

By two swift strokes, the Japanese wrecked the defenses we had prepared at Pearl Harbor and at Manila. At Pearl Harbor they destroyed our aircraft on the ground and crippled our fleet. At Manila, by a sudden blow with carefully calculated superiority of forces, they wrecked our aircraft and at the same time so seriously damaged the airfields as to make it impossible to rush in long-range bomber reinforcements. From then on, the battle of the Philippines was a hopeless, losing fight.

Without aircraft in these days, you can't fight an enemy that has plenty of aircraft.

AFTER Pearl Harbor and Manila, we were left in much the same position as the British after Dunkerque—that is to say, we LACKED WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO FIGHT.

These long, weary, in so many ways humiliating months since December 7 have been employed in building up fighting forces to replace those that were destroyed in our first disastrous clashes with the enemy.

These forces are now going into OFFENSIVE action in the Solomons. If they WIN in the stubborn battle that is raging there, we can begin to have some confidence that at last we are on our way.

THAT is why the battle now going on is of such importance. If its objectives are won, it will be dependable evidence that we have found ourselves and are hitting our stride.

If it is lost, we shall have to go back and start over again—as we did after Pearl Harbor and Manila.

IT is often said (usually by those at the top) that the American people are complacent. Nearly always it makes us non-insiders, who ARE the people, violently angry.

But, to some extent, IT IS TRUE.

We DO have a tendency, in this stern emergency of war as we had in the economic emergency of the depression, to BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS—to cherish the delusion that SOME-

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July War Cost \$107 Thousand Per Minute
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The United States spent \$4,794,000,000 for war purposes last month—\$107,302 a minute.

RAF BATTERS MAINZ; FIRES STILL RAGING

Coblenz, Netherlands Air Fields, Le Havre Hit

LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Mainz, German chemical industry and rail center on the Rhine, was heavily attacked last night by the RAF in a raid which was "particularly successful" and left fires still raging this morning, the air ministry announced today.

Sixteen bombers were missing, indicating a strong force participated. (If previous losses of 4 to 5 per cent of the attackers is used as a basis, the number involved would be up to 400.) Coblenz, docks at Le Havre and air fields in the low countries also were attacked.

Pas de Calais Raid
Late this afternoon a large RAF formation raided the Pas de Calais area.

The Mainz raid followed a one-night, weather-enforced gap in the RAF offensive against Germany.

This was the fourth time that the RAF picked Mainz as its target but the city had not been raided since Nov. 28, 1940.

Other RAF squadrons hit the French coast in an assault which began at Calais and spread southward. British residents along the southeast coast watched the fireworks from this side of the channel.

German nuisance raiders meanwhile bombed points on the south coast of England and in the midlands. One German bomber was destroyed.

London had an air alert which lasted 30 minutes but no gunfire was heard and no bombs were reported dropped.

War Plants May Be Slowed to Ease Drain on Materials
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—War plants which are running far ahead of schedule may be closed deliberately or slowed down for a time to ease the drain on scarce materials, under plans now being considered by the War Production Board.

The production cuts would be brought about by curtailments in the allocation of materials to such firms for the last three months of the year, it was disclosed by an official who requested that his name be withheld.

In any cases new or converted war plants are discovering that their output exceeds earlier expectations, with the result that parts they produce lie idle for weeks or months before they can be incorporated in the finished product.

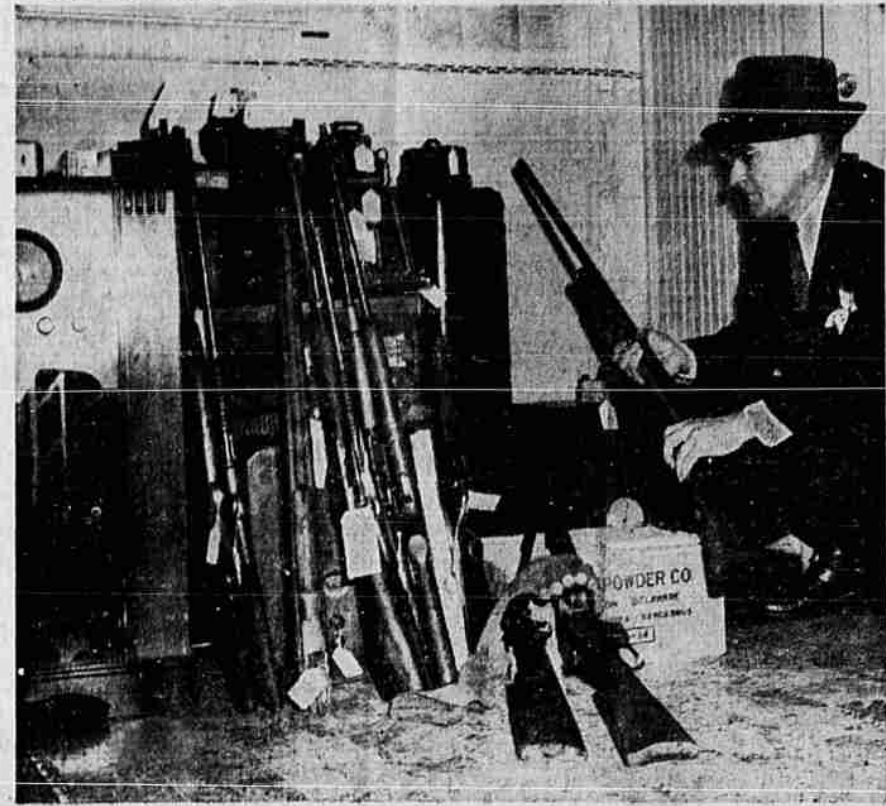
BARNES IN ENGLAND
LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Brig. Gen. G. M. Barnes, chief of the United States war department design section, has arrived at the head of a technical mission to work with the British in correlating American and British fighting material.

Japs Caught by Surprise In Saturday Raid on Kiska
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The price Japan has had to pay for occupation of three western Aleutian islands stood today at 21 ships sunk or damaged, an undetermined number of airplanes lost and important shore installations blasted into uselessness.

This record of destruction has been run up by American army and navy bombers, surface warships and submarines, whose latest exploits were detailed by the navy last night in a communique bringing the Aleutians campaign up to date from July 22.

The official account brought naval surface craft fully into the story of Aleutians fighting for

FBI Seizes Alien Contraband in Klamath County Roundup



Pictured above are contraband firearms, radios, cameras and a box of dynamite seized by federal bureau of investigation agents in raids in Klamath Falls and vicinity Monday and Tuesday. Three German and six Italian aliens were arrested for illegal possession of contraband and for violation of military curfew regulations. Shown holding a rifle is Acting Police Chief Earl Heuvel whose department, along with county and state officers, aided the FBI in the roundup.

MARTIAL LAW SEEN FOR RIOTING INDIA

Situation "Ugly" At New Delhi; Bombay Calmer

By PRESTON GROVER
BOMBAY, Aug. 12 (AP)—The British called increasing numbers of troops and police into an action today to cope with spreading violence and it became a question how long martial law could be forestalled in turbulent India.

The worst new trouble spot was New Delhi where an official statement described the situation as "ugly" and said an Indian mob had burned and virtually destroyed the town hall and troops had fired on civilian crowds yesterday.

The four-day-old tension persisted also in Bombay but the situation at noon seemed to have calmed down somewhat with

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Marines Progress In Solomons, London Asserts
LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The London Star said today that "reports suggest" United States marine landing parties in the Solomon Islands "have been strengthened and are making some progress."

The paper said the marines, "who are believed to have tanks and landing barges and special types of artillery, still hold bridgeheads they established Friday and Saturday."

Eleven Aliens Held in County Jail for Action

Eleven Klamath aliens had been arrested by the FBI and local officers had completed raids in search of contraband articles Tuesday evening.

Eight Italians and three Germans were arrested, and many contraband articles, including dynamite, radios, guns and cameras, were seized.

Names of the persons arrested were not given out. They are being held in the county jail for action by the federal authorities.

No women were arrested.

Carrier Sunk; Convoy Battles In Mediterranean
LONDON, Aug. 12 (AP)—The British aircraft carrier Eagle has been sunk as result of U-boat action in the Mediterranean but a large part of the 22,800-ton warship's crew has been saved, the admiralty announced today.

A German broadcast heard here indicated the Eagle went down at the start of a battle which may be continuing between a British convoy and axis submarines and warplanes.

The broadcast, quoting DNB, said a British "capital convoy," escorted by the bulk of the Mediterranean fleet, had been engaged in the western Mediterranean since last evening.

Adding to the scope of the reported action, the Italian high command said that one of its submarines scored two torpedo hits at dawn yesterday on "a large warship of unascertained type, strongly escorted."

The admiralty said at least one enemy submarine operating in the same area as the old carrier already had been sunk, indicating that the Eagle went down fighting.

Allied Warplanes Bomb Formosa
CHUNGKING, Aug. 12 (AP)—It was rumored here tonight, without confirmation, that allied warplanes bombed Formosa today. This Japanese island off the east China coast is one of Japan's principal troop staging areas for offensive operations.

United States fliers yesterday bombed the Japanese airdrome at Nanchang, shot down one enemy plane in combat, probably destroyed another and returned to their base without loss, a communique from Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

NO REAL EXPANSION IN STEEL, CHARGE

Small Mills Choked Out by Big Companies

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the senate defense committee today attributed the steel shortage which he said was hampering America's war production to a lack of "real expansion" in the steel industry.

Senator Truman, after more than six months of inquiry, told reporters he had concluded that there was no real expansion in the industry, but merely an "integration" of the plants of the big companies, while they "choked" the smaller rolling mills out of existence.

He said Donald Nelson, director of the war production board, "should exercise his authority and reorganize the iron and steel division of WPB" to get action.

No New Mines
The blunt-mannered Missouriian said that so far as his committee had learned not a single new iron mine or blast furnace had been built in any new place, although lower California, the state of Washington and British Columbia contained an abundance.

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Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	0	4	1
Brooklyn	1	4	1
Melton and Livingston; French and Owen.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	9	11	1
Chicago	4	11	4
Beazley, Dickson (7) and W. Cooper; Lee, Bithorn (8) and McCullough.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	0	7	1
Boston	1	7	0
Schumacher, Adams (8) and Mancuso, Danning (7); Javery and Bluttz.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	4	11	0
Cleveland	2	8	1
Benton, Hensha (3) and Parsons; Smith (5), Embree (7) and Denning.			

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Blitz on Reds Gains

NAZIS NEAR RICH GROZNY OIL FIELDS

Reds Halt Axis Breakthrough Below Stalingrad

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's field headquarters claimed sweeping new successes in the battles of the Don river and the Caucasus today while the Russians acknowledged a new German advance toward Stalingrad on the Volga and declared whole cities were aflame on the trail of the Nazi invaders.

Soviet dispatches said huge masses of German tanks supported by planes ripped into the Russian lines northeast of Kotelnikovsky, 95 miles below Stalingrad, and broke through the red army defenses.

The assault was finally stopped, Red Star said.

Reds Rallying
Despite the Nazi boasts of spectacular successes, British military sources declared that soviet resistance was stiffening on all fronts.

These quarters said red army counter-attacks in the Voronezh and Rzhev sectors, south and northwest of Moscow, respectively, were beginning to worry the Germans. Nazi claims were discounted as greatly exaggerated.

The German high command declared 1,044,741 Russians had been captured since January 1 along the whole battlefield.

A Nazi communique conceded that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's armies had launched new counter-blows northwest of Vor-

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Oregon Service Men to Vote by Absentee Ballot
SALEM, Aug. 12 (AP)—Oregon members of the armed forces who will be away from home on November 3, general election day, will be permitted to vote by absentee ballot, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today.

To vote, a soldier must be registered in his home precinct. Here is the procedure for voting by absentee ballot:

1. Write to the county clerk of your home county at least 30 days before the election, asking for an absentee ballot.
2. Upon receipt of the ballot, mark it and return it, having the enclosed affidavit notarized.
3. Members of the armed forces who are not registered may register by writing to their county clerks. They will receive a blank, which must be filled out and notarized.

Lumber Industry Shown as Critical War Activity
That the lumber industry is a critical war activity and mills here will be taxed for all of this year and probably all of next year to produce the lumber demanded for the war effort was brought out in a discussion of the lumber labor situation at Wednesday's meeting of the Klamath county chamber of commerce directors.

It was emphasized in the discussion that maintenance of an adequate labor supply for the lumber industry is of vital importance not only to the community but to the war effort. Public policy in connection with this problem was discussed, and the industrial development com-

mittee of the chamber was asked to consider it and take necessary action.

Policies of the U. S. employment service and the vocational education program at the high school were discussed in this connection, as well as articles appearing in the press.

Advance in Food Prices Slated For September

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Advances in food prices, possibly totalling one and a half per cent, were scheduled today to take effect in mid-September to relieve a price "squeeze" on hundreds of food items.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced yesterday that alterations are necessary in the general maximum price regulation to avert any disturbance in the nation's food distribution system. Until the new formula is devised, Henderson cautioned, the highest price of each seller must be the maximum charged in March.

The food industry previously petitioned the OPA for relief on prices of about 400 or 500 of (Continued on Page Two)

TREASON CHARGE EYED FOR NAZIS

Biddle Plans Action Against 14 Aides To Saboteurs
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Attorney General Biddle said today that treason charges may be brought against more than six of the 14 persons charged with aiding the eight Nazi saboteurs, six of whom were electrocuted Saturday.

Those against whom the evidence does not justify treason charges may be indicted under some lesser statute, the attorney general said at a press conference.

Two of the 14, he said, have been interned as dangerous alien enemies. These are Mrs. Maria Kerling, widow of the leader of one group of Nazi invaders, and Ernst Herman Kerkhof, a native of Germany whose American citizenship acquired by natural-

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Portland Housing Situation Gets Desperate
PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP)—An appeal to Portlanders to rent sleeping space to war industry workers in their basements, attics and garages was issued today by the Willamette Iron and Steel corporation in newspaper advertisements.

"War workers are desperate for places to live," the message from the corporation, holder of important war contracts, said. "Right here in Portland a little boy and his sister sleep every night in the family automobile because their father can't find a house. . . . A man and his wife and two babies are sleeping on blankets on a bare cement floor. . . . A family with seven children is living in a shack of berry boxes."

Nacker Released From State Penitentiary
SALEM, Aug. 12 (AP)—Donald Nacker, Klamath Falls, received at the state penitentiary Dec. 19, 1930, to serve a life sentence for first degree murder, was ordered released immediately yesterday by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Prison officials said Nacker was released because of his perfect record during the 11 years he's been in prison.

"He's been a model prisoner if there ever was one," Deputy Warden Gene Halley said.

Nacker was sent to prison from Klamath county for the murder of Fred Dunbar, local business man, at Summit lake, in 1930.

His conviction followed one of the most sensational murder trials in the history of the county and the case has been given nationwide attention in detective story magazine articles.

Nacker shot Dunbar as he was wading at the edge of the lake, and held prisoner a young woman who was at the lake at the time.

Nacker's home is in northern Klamath county, near Crescent Lake.

HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE RAGES IN SOLOMONS

Leatherneck Progress Hidden in Official Silence

By MURLIN SPENCER
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 12 (AP)—Jungle-hardened marines battled on today in bitter hand-to-hand clashes to broaden hard-won footholds in the Solomon islands while supporting allied airmen struck effective new blows upon Japanese bases and shipping along a 3000-mile front.

The leathernecks' progress was hidden in official silence but the latest information, issued in Washington, was that operations were continuing in the area of Tulagi, palm-dotted, two-mile-long island in the southeastern Solomons.

More definite word was not expected until a let-up in the operations permits Vice Admiral Robert Lee Ghormley, allied commander in the south Pacific who is in charge of the offensive, to send a detailed account over his now limited and overtaxed communications.

Open Offensive
But whatever the situation, the U. S. navy, in a statement in Washington, hailed the landing of the marines on the shores of Tulagi as having "opened the doors to an allied offensive in the south Pacific."

From this it was taken that the land, sea and air assault which began six days ago was making headway.

General MacArthur's headquarters, still silent on the main operation, told of the fourth air attack within as many days upon Rabaul, big Japanese Zero fighters over New Guinea; another raid on Japanese ships south of Timor, Dutch East-

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