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BATTLE ROARS IN GUADALCANAL

.8th Army Slashes Ahead

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SO far as we of the Pacific Coast are concerned, the news today is dominated by the naval battle that is being fought in the South Seas as a part of the defense of American positions in the Solomons.

NAVY Secretary Knox says the "issue has been joined in the battle of the Solomons" and that the "Japs have a lot of strength" but the "outcome is not clear."

Our navy, he says, is putting up a gamier fight than at any time in its history.

"I am not foreshadowing the results," he tells his press conference, "but I am certainly not foreshadowing defeat."

He describes the campaign in the Solomons as a war of attrition—meaning that each side is wearing down the forces of the other side.

THE Japs admit today they have suffered losses, but boast they have inflicted far heavier losses on us.

Remember they are talking for effect at home, and are also fishing for information from us. If, by claiming far heavier losses than they have actually inflicted on us, they can bait us into specific denials they will gain information that will be of immense value to them in the further progress of the battle.

About all we can be sure of as yet is that the losses have been fairly heavy on both sides. For further details we shall have to wait.

It is hard, but that is the way of modern war—especially naval war.

IN estimating the odds, we must remember that our navy is scattered far and wide over the world, fighting on all the far-flung fronts of a global war, whereas the Jap navy is largely concentrated in its home waters, behind its protecting ring of islands and bases, able to bring to bear within a relatively short space of time whatever added strength may be necessary.

That is doubtless what Secretary Knox has in mind when he says our navy is putting up a gamier fight than at any time in its history.

EX-AMBASSADOR-TO-JAPAN Grew takes the occasion today to warn us again that in the Japanese we have a tough and competent foe. He says:

They are disciplined and ready to fight to the end. Their cause is bad, but it is THEIR cause and if they lose they lose all. They can't be starved out. Their cities are not as disastrously flimsy as we have led ourselves to believe.

IT is hard to escape the belief that in his frequent references to the toughness of Japan Ex-Ambassador Grew is talking primarily to the people of the East (including Washington), whose eyes are fixed on Hitler and who find it hard to believe that the war in the Pacific is a REAL war.

THE new battle of Egypt is still in its preliminary stages.

When Rommel was stopped, he dug himself in on the narrow El Alamein front and prepared to defend himself against the expected counter-attack. The British are now blasting their way slowly through the deep belt of axis land mines, barbed wire and heavy fields of fire from shrewdly planted guns. Their purpose is to open a way for their tanks. Rommel's tanks are massed in the rear of his defense lines to receive the British tanks if and when they break through.

The British, with our help, are (Continued on Page Two)

WILLKIE ONCE MORE PLEADS FOR 2ND FRONT

Allies Deserve More Than Broken Promise, He Says

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie again has urged a second European front, and says that "if we continue to fail to deliver to our allies what they are entitled to expect of us or what we have promised them, our reservoir of goodwill will turn into one of resentment."

"We owe them more than boasts and broken promises," Willkie told a nationwide radio audience last night in an uncensored report of his recent journey to the Middle East, Russia and China.

No More Nonsense
The 1940 republican presidential candidate declared that the war's record thus far was not such as to inspire "any sublime faith in the infallibility of our military and naval experts." He termed "misdirected censorship" the idea that non-military experts or persons not connected with the government should not make suggestions about conducting the war — "military, industrial, economic or political."

"Let's have no more of this nonsense," he declared in the speech carried by the four major networks. "Military experts as well as our leaders, must be constantly exposed to democracy's greatest driving power—the whip-lash of public opinion, developed from honest, free discussion."

Attitude Attacked
"We and our allies must establish a second fighting front in Europe," Willkie said. "I also hope that shortly we can put the considerable force in India to aggressive use in an all-out attack on Burma, as General Wavell has urged. Thus we will relieve the pressure of our aerial resistance was offered."

4 Million Nazi Soldiers Lost, Reports Benes

LONDON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Four million German soldiers had been killed or put out of military action by severe wounds up to the end of August of this year, Eduard Benes, president of the Czech government in London, told his people tonight in a radio broadcast on the eve of Czechoslovakia's Independence day.

He said these figures had been obtained through a "quitting" statement direct from Berlin.

He described Germany's food position as comparable to that of Imperial Germany in 1917 and said her internal transport was lamentable and worsening daily.

In an address prepared for the books and authors luncheon, Grew listed among the "psychological minefields and ambushes" to be avoided such assumptions as:

1. The Japanese are less formidable because they are not free.

2. The cities of Japan are flimsy and incapable of standing up under incendiary air raids.

3. The Japanese can be starved into submission.

"You can tell the American people," Grew said, "that our Japanese enemy is none the less formidable for being unfree, Japanese work well under orders. They are a disciplined people. They are fighting for a cause which is bad, but it is the only cause they know. To them, the imperial homeland is security, patriotism and religion at the same time. The Japanese do not bend. They fight until they can fight no longer."

As for the oft-reported flimsiness of Japanese cities, Grew explained that while the dwellings would burn easily, "the vitals of Japan are modern: the telephone, radio, electric and other centers are up to date."

"Japan has built her cities to withstand shock, fire, concussion," he added. "When I think of the exposed position of Tokyo, and the exposed position of New York, I do not believe that we have occasion for premature self-congratulation."

As for starving the Japanese into submission, the former ambassador warned that:

"Unlike Great Britain, Japan (Continued on Page Two)



Tokyo Raider

Lt. Dean E. Hallmark, above, of Dallas, Tex., has been listed by War Secretary Stimson as one of four American airmen missing after participation in the U. S. raid on Tokyo, which now claims capture of Hallmark.

NAVY REVEALS NEW ATTACK ON KISKA

Sub. Base. Named For First Time As Objective

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Two new bombing raids on Japanese installations, including a submarine base, on Kiska Island in the Aleutians were reported by the navy today.

The reference to the submarine base was the first mention of such an enemy installation in the island chain reaching westward from Alaska. However, the navy on several previous occasions had mentioned enemy submarines operating in the Aleutians area.

Both of the bombing assaults were made by army planes. No report of the damage inflicted upon the Japanese was given.

The navy said that during the raids enemy anti-aircraft shore batteries were active but that no aerial resistance was offered.

In the first raid army "Liberator" bombers guarded by Lockheed "Lightning" fighters dumped 18 tons of bombs on the Japanese camp in Kiska and the submarine base.

Crewmen Helped to Safety, Pilot Dies

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 27 (AP)—Lt. John Nathan Boyd of Yuba City, Calif., heroically stayed at the controls of his army plane yesterday to allow his three crewmen to parachute to safety, but lost his own life when the plane crashed into a mountain 50 miles southwest of Pendleton. The plane was on a routine flight.

Find out how you can do your part in Uncle Sam's army. Turn to page 3.

HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE CRACKS ROMMEL LINE

U. S. Air Forces Take Part In Mastery Of Skies

By DON WHITEHEAD
CAIRO, Oct. 27 (AP)—Slashing forward in hand-to-hand fighting under cover of darkness and beating off desperate axis counterattacks by day, the army of the Nile has penetrated Field Marshal Rommel's main positions and widened a road for tank attack through enemy minefields, battlefield dispatches reported today.

As the battle for North Africa raged through its fourth day there was no word of a clash between main armored forces, but the cautious British advance through mines, barbed wire and fields of heavy fire was clearing a battleground for the expected test.

Axis Plane Score
United States army fighters and bombers were taking an increasing part, along with the RAF and south African air force, in holding the mastery of the desert skies, with a tight protective cover over the British advance and a ruinous battering of enemy positions.

Advance ground forces operating within sight of the bombing of axis troops and strong points sent back their message of praise: "Good show; keep it up."

In all aerial operations yesterday, over the desert, the Mediterranean and Malta, allied airmen scored 18 to 10 over the axis in planes shot down.

United States fighters inter- (Continued on Page Two)

Newell Center To Be Probed, Says Pierce

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Representative Pierce (D-Ore.) said today the war relocation authority had agreed to make an immediate investigation of the Tulelake, Calif., Japanese relocation camp to determine the accuracy of reports that aliens there were persuading American-born Japanese in the camp to refuse to accept farm work in the neighborhood.

Pierce, who is in Oregon, made the announcement in a statement issued through his office. He said residents of nearby Klamath Falls contended that conditions were bad in the camp because of agitation by the aliens and had asked the investigation.

Farm labor was needed in the neighborhood, he said, and American-born Japanese refused to perform it. Allen Japanese, he said, could not be forced to (Continued on Page Two)



Lost in the Solomons

The Navy announced Monday night that the United States aircraft carrier Wasp was sunk in the south Pacific on September 15 as the result of an enemy submarine action. About 90 percent of the personnel of the great ship were rescued. It was revealed. The Wasp was the third U. S. carrier lost in the Pacific, the others being the Lexington and the Yorktown.

NAZIS FALL BACK IN STALINGRAD

Red Pressure Grows As Invaders Struggle For New Gain

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (AP)—The Germans lost a foothold in the southern industrial section of Stalingrad and fell back to the barren steppes outside the city today under red army counterattacks while Nazi assaults were reported to have beaten fruitfully upon restored defenses of a northside factory.

Russian pressure against the German flanks both south and northwest of Stalingrad appeared to be growing and the invaders struggled ineffectually to make more than slight gains within the city, the Russians said.

Reporting on one phase of the action south of the Volga river stronghold, the soviet information bureau said soviet units had destroyed 10 machine-gun posts and 26 blockhouses and dugouts at the outskirts.

Izvestia said the Germans had been thrown back behind the low, rolling hills which rim the southern edge of Stalingrad, placing their front 150 yards from the city boundary, and chimneys of the battle-scarred soviet factories in that area continued to smoke.

One red army division was credited with killing 4000 Germans and Rumanians in six days, routing survivors from their positions and occupying new lines.

"Deep In The Heart Of Texas" Gets a New Hearing

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 27 (AP)—"Deep In The Heart of Texas" on a rough Pacific was heard by Don Avery-Elliott, 19, one of three Knoxville survivors of the aircraft carrier Wasp.

Elliott, seaman first class, hung on a floating timber with 10 or 15 other Wasp seamen for five hours before he was rescued by a destroyer.

"We saw a small sailor who had thrown a mattress over the side, jumped in after it and was using it as a raft," Elliott declared. "He was floating around in the ocean on that mattress, sitting there with his legs crossed, singing 'Deep In The Heart of Texas.'"

"A destroyer saved him, too."

Volunteer Groups For Dakar Eyed

VICHY, Oct. 27 (AP)—Serious attention was given by Vichy circles today to a proposal that the government create volunteer groups to be rushed to Dakar "or any other menaced point of the empire."

The suggestion was said to have originated as a resolution passed at a government school near Vichy yesterday. It was widely reproduced in morning newspapers today along with favorable comment.

Klamath to Pay Tribute to Its Fighting Sailors

IS YOUR BOY IN THE NAVY?

Parents and wives of men in the navy will be honored guests at the Klamath Navy Day program to be held this evening at the American Legion hall in the courthouse grounds. Special seats will be reserved for them. If your boy is in the navy, don't fail to be present tonight at the Legion hall at 7:30 o'clock to do honor to him.

Tonight at the American Legion hall at 8 o'clock, the Klamath country will pay honor on Navy day to the men of the U. S. navy. Navy day is observed nationally on October 27, and similar programs will be held in cities and towns all over the United States.

The feature of the program will be an address by CGM F. R. Duncan, now attached to the Portland office of the navy recruiting service and formerly navy recruiting officer in Klamath Falls. A special film, "Men of the Navy," will be shown under the direction of C. J. Speakman, local navy recruiting officer who succeeded Duncan.

Music will be provided by the Klamath Junior high school band, under the direction of Andrew Loney, public school music director, and the KUHS girls (Continued on Page Two)

Pilot in Collision Crash Under Arrest

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—The war department announced today that the pilot of the army plane which collided with a commercial airline plane near San Jacinto, Calif., last Friday, had been placed under arrest pending completion of an investigation.

Twelve persons died in the crash.

Controversy Over Proposed City Charter Breaks Out

First controversy over the proposed city charter broke out Tuesday over the question whether civil service for firemen and policemen has been "streamlined" out of the new charter.

City councilmen mulled the matter over Monday night without conclusion, but hope to get a definite opinion Wednesday from Orval Etter, legal consultant of the League of Oregon Cities, who helped to write the new charter.

Councilman Walter Wiesen-danger told the council Monday night that if it is found civil service is not properly provided for in the new charter, he will propose the charter committee publicize a request that the voters reject the charter.

Etter, who will be here Wednesday night for a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities, was quoted at the council meeting as saying that:

JAPS CLAIM SIX U. S. SHIPS SUNK

Knox Plays Claim As "Another Fishing Expedition"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—The Japanese broadcast today their version of a big naval and air battle yesterday in the Solomon islands area, claiming the sinking of six United States warships, including four aircraft carriers, one battleship and another ship of unidentified type.

In Washington, Frank Knox, U. S. secretary of the navy, said the Japanese claims were "another of their fishing expeditions." Both the American and Japanese forces in the south Pacific, he added, were engaging in a war of maneuver.

This enemy report recalled others emanating from Tokyo after the Midway and Coral sea battles, which turned out to be greatly exaggerated.

The announcement, credited to imperial headquarters and broadcast by both the Tokyo and Berlin radios, said that American casualties also included another battleship, three cruisers and a destroyer heavily damaged.

These claims were without confirmation from American sources. Japanese communiques issued after the Midway and Coral sea battles included similar claims which proved to be considerably exaggerated.

Comparatively minor losses were acknowledged by the Japanese, who said that they suffered slight damage to only two of their aircraft carriers and a cruiser in the engagement, which was said to have taken place Monday to the north of the Santa Cruz islands, which lie just east of the main Solomon group. This would indicate that the Japanese were describing the same (Continued on Page Two)

US Censorship "Very Unwise," Charges Byrd

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 27 (AP)—Senator Harry Byrd (D-Va.), a member of the senate naval affairs committee, charged here today that some phases of American wartime censorship had proved "very foolish and unwise."

In a Navy Day address at the Norfolk navy yard, he said the people of the United States should be told the whole truth about the war, the good and the bad, except when the truth would aid the enemy.

"The people at home are just as much interested in winning this war as their leaders, and the government owes it to them to tell the truth," he said. "Often the facts have not been told."

The Virginia senator, publisher of two Virginia dailies, said he believed all casualty lists should be published. At present publication of navy and marine casualties by any one newspaper is limited to those men having kin residing within the base circulation area of that newspaper.

The Virginian in the same address criticized what he said were attempts by armchair strategists, including some congressmen, to try to direct actions of military leaders.

"And that applies to Wendell Willkie," he added.

OUTCOME OF BATTLE HELD "NOT CLEAR"

U. S. Carrier "Wasp" Sunk In Action Sept. 15

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt, echoing an analysis earlier in the day by Navy Secretary Knox, told a press conference today the outcome of the battle raging in the Solomon islands was not clear.

He was asked whether there was anything he could add to what Knox already had said about the Solomons and he asserted that he thought a headline in the Washington Evening Star was accurate.

He said with a smile that the headline stated that "battle rages in Solomons," adding that he did not know whether he would use the adjective decisive.

One day after the sinking of the aircraft carrier Wasp was announced, Knox said that the navy was "putting up a gamier fight" than at any time in its history.

"I am not foreshadowing the results," he told his press conference "and I am certainly not foreshadowing defeat."

Frenzied Drive
The secretary described the campaign in the Solomons as a war of attrition in response to requests for any comment he could make on frequent arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

All indications today were that Japanese, goaded by continual bombing and a realization that their march of conquest had stalled, were throwing everything they have into a (Continued on Page Two)

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