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SHOWDOWN RAGES FOR TUNISIA

Air Raids Scourge Europe

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS seems to be the story of Pearl Harbor: We got off to a bad start, as in most of our wars, but have been coming up steadily ever since.

THIS is clearly the lesson for the future: We'd better not be caught that way too often. Our luck might not hold.

WHATEVER else we do after the war, we must begin NOW to make up our minds to this: We must STAY STRONG.

IF the full, disastrous, HUMILIATING story of Pearl Harbor had been told at the time, it would have hastened our war effort by bringing home to us the NEED for all-out effort. It might have led the Japs to strike again with all their power while they were strong and we were weak.

Anyway, the milk was spilled, and the less crying we do about it now the better it will be. Crying and fighting don't go together.

WHY the Japs didn't follow up Pearl Harbor only the Japs know.

The best guess is that their planned objective was the South Seas empire they have already seized, and they didn't want to turn aside from that.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX tells us today that her loss of warships, cargo vessels and troop transports (the places the total number SUNK at 394) is bringing Japan near the point of desperation and is imperiling the security of her far-flung Pacific bases.

He adds: "The time is actually close when Japanese forces in the Jap-occupied islands of the Pacific will suffer for lack of manpower, weapons, ammunition and medical supplies because of LACK OF SHIPS to transport them."

He concludes: "Patient whittling away of the ship strength of our maritime enemy, Japan, LESSENS the magnitude of the task our men will have to do with bomb and bayonet along the long, hard road to Tokyo."

He gives much of the credit for this whittling away to our submarines operating in the Western Pacific.

JAPAN'S empire is an ISLAND empire. It takes ships to get from island to island. Knox tells us we're hacking down the Jap total of ships. His meaning is plain.

It is an encouraging statement.

GLANCING hastily at the dispatches from the rest of the world, we learn that German resistance on the central Russian front has been stiffened by airborne reinforcements, but the Russians say they are still MAKING PROGRESS on both the central and the Stalingrad fronts, battering down German counterattacks and maintaining the initiative.

DISPATCHES from Tunisia say the allied command has planned its next blow and has MOVED UP THE FORCES to deliver it.

Dramatic color is lent to the dispatch by the statement that the plans were made by candle light in an old house near the fighting front.

THE REAL MEAT is contained in the assertion that FORCES (Continued on Page Two)

AIR-BORNE AID BOLSTERS AXIS' MOSCOW STAND

Soviets Gain Against Desperate Counter-Attacks

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that the red army had occupied several populated places northwest of Stalingrad and driven deep into German defenses.

On the central front, too, the Germans were forced to fall back when fierce hand-to-hand fighting developed, and several of their hedgehog garisons were blockaded, the broadcast said.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (AP)—German resistance, stiffened by airborne reinforcements, was growing on the central front west of Moscow today, but the Russians announced they had battered down 20 counterattacks west of German-held Rzhev and killed 1000 nazis in a three-day advance along the important Rzhev-Vyazma railroad line.

The Russian offensive gained ground both on the central front and southwest of Stalingrad, it was reported, although the Germans were bursting out of their snow-covered positions in desperate counter-attacks. Northwest of the Volga stronghold the red army was reported tightening its hold on both banks of the Don river.

Many Nazi Slain
The mid-day communique said the Russians, after repulsing all counterattacks, were consolidating captured positions. In fierce fighting which accompanied these German counterattacks (Continued on Page Two)

Portland Promised Buffalo Steaks

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—Buffalo steaks at four bits a pound—were promised Portlanders today.

Fred Meyer, dealer, picked up two carcasses slaughtered in Yellowstone National park and brought them here to ease the beef, pork and mutton shortage.

Yank Soldiers Hammer Wedge To Guinea Coast

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Dec. 7 (AP)—Allied troops maintained their newly driven wedge through Japanese positions to the sea between Buna village and Buna mission throughout the day today and threw back a strong Japanese patrol which penetrated American lines at Cape Endalader.

The allied forces cut the long, narrow Japanese beachhead on northeast New Guinea into new segments yesterday by driving to the beach near Buna village. The advanced allied position was under fire from Japanese guns within the village all day.

Australian 25-pounders hammered at the mission area throughout the night in answer to heavy machinegun and artillery fire.

The Japanese were reported to have suffered heavy losses in their attacks on American lines at Cape Endalader southeast of Buna.

(R. B. Leonard, war correspondent of the Melbourne Herald, said the latest wedge was hammered through to the coast by American soldiers supported by Australian artillery.)

He said the operation had been a difficult one, the Americans being forced to penetrate swampy Mangrove country in the face of heavy enemy action.)

MARINES WIPE OUT FIVE JAP BASES

Axis Losses on Guadalcanal Placed At 6641

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Japanese killed by United States soldiers and marines on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons stood at 6641 today—not counting thousands of Nipponese estimated to have been destroyed by sea action, artillery fire and air bombings.

The navy said yesterday the 6641 figure was based on an actual count of bodies. The report indicated naval authorities here believed the Japanese have received no appreciable reinforcements or supplies since their huge armada was blasted by United States forces in a great (Continued on Page Two)

RAF STRIKES AT INTER-AXIS RAIL SYSTEM

U. S., British Airmen Assault Continent Sunday

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—A strong force of RAF bombers, striking after American and British airmen carried out their biggest daylight assault against the continent, continued the offensive to knock Italy out of the conflict with an attack last night upon one of the bottlenecks in the rail system through which the nazis sustain their weaker partner.

At a cost of nine planes the British bombed targets in southwest Germany, which Berlin identified as Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, neighboring communications and war factory centers on the most direct route from Germany to Italy.

8 Planes Lost
The German news agency DNB said three were killed and injured both at frequently bombed Karlsruhe and at Pforzheim, 16 miles to the southeast. The air ministry did not give the size of the raiding force, but its assertion that it was a strong one presumably meant that hundreds of bombers were used.

The British announced officially that nine planes were lost; the Germans claimed only five but broadcast a boast that (Continued on Page Two)

No Blackout in Klamath Tonight, Officials Say

There will be no blackout or other cessation of general activity on the part of the public in connection with tonight's "remember Pearl Harbor" mobilization of the civilian defense corps, it was emphasized by CD officials Monday.

The event, it was pointed out, is for the civilian defense personnel only. There will be no whistles or other public notification. Purpose is to test the strength, speed and efficiency of the CD set-up here. Section heads have called their workers to meet at various places, and a complete mobilization is expected.

Pelican Gridsters Honored at Banquet



These Pelican gridsters, shown with Coach "Matty" Matthews of the University of Portland, were given special honor at a Lions club banquet Saturday night at which members of the state champion Pelican team were guests. Matthews was chief speaker of the evening. Boys in the picture, who received honors bestowed by the team, are, left to right: Henry Schortgen, the man the seniors think will be the most valuable player next year; Neal Mayfield, best defensive player; Don Mast, most valuable player and captain; Arnold Selby, most improved player this year, and Ralph Foster, star offensive player. (Story on sports page.)

EVACUEES RIOT AT MANZANAR CENTER

Martial Law Declared As Disturbance Quelled

MANZANAR, Calif., Dec. 7 (AP)—A pro-axis celebration of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor caused a riot in the Japanese relocation center here last night and troops called to restore order fired several shots into the surging mob, killing one Japanese and wounding nine.

Ralph P. Merritt, project director, said the rioting started Saturday night when Japanese loyal to America interfered with a meeting called by the Kibei, anti-American group. Merritt called for military assistance and the disturbance was quelled.

Troops Open Fire
Today, the center is under martial law.

Last night the factions began fighting and soon there were 4000 in a milling crowd. Shouts of "Pearl Harbor, Banzai! Banzai!" had precipitated a free-for-all. When part of the crowd broke toward the troops, the soldiers first threw tear gas bombs. The fumes, however, soon were blown away. The Japs then began hurling stones at the soldiers (Continued on Page Two)

Flour Ceiling Signals Bread Shortage, Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) Senator Reed (R-Kan.) told the senate today the nation would "face a bread shortage within 30 days" unless flour ceilings were lifted.

"Millers," he asserted, "face bankruptcy if the illegal and unlawful rulings by Price Administrator Leon Henderson and his associates continue."

Reed said that since the establishment of flour ceilings based on 76 per cent of the price of wheat, wheat has gone up and millers are unable to operate at a profit under the flour ceiling.

Huge Battleship "New Jersey" Slides Down Ways

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7 (AP) The mammoth battleship New Jersey, heaviest ever built, was launched at 2:14 p. m. (EST) today at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Displacing approximately 52,000 tons at full load the giant warship, whose main battery will consist of nine 16-inch guns, slid down the ways into the Delaware river nearly 18 months ahead of schedule.

Japs Periled by Ship Losses, Knox Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox asserted today that Japan's loss of warships, cargo vessels and troop transports was approaching the point of desperation and imperiling the security of her far-flung Pacific island bases.

The enemy's "maritime strength," he said in an article in the Army and Navy Journal, has been cut in one year of war "to a few thousand tons short of desperately impairing Nippon's extended lines of communication and supply."

"The time is actually close," he continued, "when the Japanese forces in the occupied islands of the Pacific will suffer for lack of replacements in manpower, weapons, ammunition and medical supplies." (Continued on Page Two)

Fighting French General Decries Darlan Choice

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Gen. Georges Catroux declared today that the expedient of allied collaboration with Admiral Darlan in French North Africa should be ended quickly because, "speaking on purely military grounds, I say Darlan is dangerous."

At a press conference, the fighting French authority described the battle of North Africa as one of communications and cited the distances over which allied lines must be maintained and the scarcity of air bases. "One cannot avoid feeling a certain apprehension when one considers these lines of communication under the control of a man like Darlan," General Catroux said.

He declared that an agreement with Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, who heads a French North African force fighting alongside the Americans and British would have been equally effective.

HERSHEY REMAINS AS DRAFT CHIEF

Navy to Continue Enrollment of 17-Year-Olds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt said today that Major General Lewis B. Hershey would continue as director of the selective service system, for the present at least.

This was the first official word on Hershey's position since he and his agency were placed under McNutt by presidential order giving McNutt control over allocation of military and civilian manpower.

Enlistment Stopped
McNutt's aides explained that Hershey, like Brigadier General Frank J. McSherry, director of the manpower commission's division of operations, was a regular officer "on loan" from the army for his present work and could be called by the army at any time.

McNutt scheduled a press conference (Continued on Page Two)

Five Dead, One Missing as Army Bomber Crashes

HAMILTON, Calif., Dec. 7 (AP) The army listed five persons as dead and one missing today as the result of a crash of a bomber on a routine training flight near here yesterday.

The dead: Pilot, Second Lieut. Donald E. Pedrazzini, Arcata, Calif.; co-pilot, Lieut. H. L. Knowlton, Riverside, Calif.; Technical Sergeant Joseph B. English, Montverde, Fla.; Staff Sergeant William C. Malone, Riverside, Calif.; Private Vern B. Smith, St. Paul, Minn.

Listed as missing was Second Lieut. Charles F. Meyer, Riverside, Calif.

Battleship "Oregon" Goes Onto Nation's Scrap Heap

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (AP) As the nation remembered Pearl Harbor, Oregonians consigned their most treasured relic, the rusting battleship Oregon, to the scrap heap today.

Shortly after Portlanders observed a minute of silence, turning westward in salute in memory of those who died in the Japanese assault on the mid-Pacific outpost, ceremonies releasing the hulk to the navy were started.

It was a warrior's farewell, with Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon and other high state and city officials and navy and army officers participating. A parade through Portland's downtown business district took thousands of private citizens to the Oregon's moorage in the Willamette river.

Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson, (D-Texas), a lieutenant commander in the navy who served in the South Pacific on the staff of Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghormley, and a member of the house naval affairs committee, reviewed the Oregon's history briefly. Commissioned in 1896, the battleship was on duty at Bremerton, Wash., when word was (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIED CHIEFS LAY PLANS FOR "FINAL PHASE"

No Clues Given as to Course of Violent Fighting

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 7—A savage battle of tanks, planes and guns raged today along the southwest corner of the Tunisian triangle in what may be the supreme allied bid to thrust the axis out of North Africa.

An allied war bulletin said the fighting erupted yesterday in the vicinity of Tebourba, strategic communications center 20 miles west of Tunis where the axis had been hurling strong assaults against British and American advance positions.

No Clues
Simultaneously with this big-scale action, Rome and Berlin reported stepped-up artillery duelling in the vicinity of El Agheila, in Libya, where both the British and Marshal Rommel's Africa corps have been rushing up reinforcements for a showdown.

Today's communique from allied headquarters in Africa gave no clue as to the course the fighting was taking, saying merely that it was "continuing."

Supporting allied planes battered the enemy throughout yesterday.

Allies Hold Heights
Allied commanders were reported today to have "laid plans for the final phase of the Tunisian campaign" at a candlelight (Continued on Page Two)

Wickard Named To Guide U. S. Food Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, who grew up on the farm and who believes bread is as important as bullets in winning a war, today was in complete charge of supplying the greatest food needs in American history.

President Roosevelt directed the 49-year-old Wickard yesterday to assume "full responsibility for and control over" the nation's food program, an undertaking that must reach unprecedented proportions next year in order to help feed the armed forces (Continued on Page Two)

GOP's Talk Compromise for New Chairman

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—After two ballots failed to produce a winner, the republican national committee took a 45-minute recess late today to discuss a compromise choice for its next chairman to succeed Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., who has resigned.

The first two ballots resulted in a nip-and-tuck battle between the Willie-against Werner W. Schroeder, Chicago lawyer, and 35-year-old Frederick E. Baker, Seattle, Wash., advertising man and newcomer to the national political scene.

In the lobbies during the recess, the name of Harrison E. Spangler, veteran committee member from Iowa, was on many tongues as a compromise, although increased Baker support on the second ballot was reported sticking tight.

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