

SEA-AIR FIGHT SCATTERS OVER SOLOMONS AREA

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tinuing. The military situation does not permit publication of further details at this time.

Major Battle Looms

Secretary of the Navy Knox told his press conference earlier in the day that preliminary naval skirmishing was in progress with an enemy fleet in the Solomons area.

There were indications a major sea battle involving what may be the largest United States naval force yet to fight the Japanese was impending.

The Japanese fleet steamed toward the southeast Solomons last week apparently in a new effort to regain those important South Pacific islands.

No Pitched Battle

Knox described as incorrect any assumption in a navy communique last night that a major engagement already is underway. In that communique the navy reported, "The increased activity on the part of the Japanese indicated a major effort to regain control of the entire Solomons area."

"It is not true," Knox said, "that a great big fight is going on. There are a lot of preliminary dispositions and preliminary moves. But there is no really pitched battle as yet."

He asserted that the Japanese, in making reports of a sea battle in the Solomons area, were "on a fishing expedition," and, replying to inquiries about the extent of the fighting, cited the communique and declared, "You'll have to be satisfied with that."

Long Fight Ahead

Knox added that in the Solomons area generally, "There is a long, tough, hard fight ahead of us."

Of Guadalcanal itself, with its all-important Henderson airfield, Knox said that "We're in complete possession and control; we completely dominate the Guadalcanal area."

He displayed on a map the battle areas on Guadalcanal, saying that United States forces hold two per cent of the island's area and the Japanese one-half of one per cent—the only parts of the island involved in the ground fighting.

Japs Hard Hit

He told of visiting Guadalcanal and going to a command post in the jungle with General Alexander Patch, commanding army troops there. From that outpost, Knox said, he saw Japanese defiles in the mountains in which Japanese troops have sought refuge. Some of them, he reported, surrendered while he was there.

"I do know we have had a number of voluntary surrenders, in excess of any before," Knox said. "The groups surrounded by American troops are in a hopeless situation and can't get supplies through."

PROGRESS

TOPEKA, Kas., (AP)—It wasn't his idea, Sen. W. A. Kahrns explained as he introduced a bill to establish classes in state schools for testing innovations in the field of psycho-phonics.

And the constituent who asked for the bill will be up soon to make a speech about it, Senator Kahrns added. He's leaving the definition of psycho-phonics to the constituent.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP-USDA) Potatoes, arrivals 122; on track 279; total US shipments 932; old stock, supplies moderate, good quality, demand moderate, market steady to firm; for ordinary stock, demand very slow, market dull and weak; new stock, supplies moderate, demand very slow, market dull, no track sales reported; Idaho Russet Burbanks US No. 1, \$3.18-23; Nebraska Bliss Triumphs, US No. 1, \$3.00; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, US No. 1, \$2.40-42; Commercial \$2.25; Wisconsin Chippewas, US No. 1, \$2.45; Michigan Russet Rurals, US No. 1, \$2.55; Florida bushel crate Bliss Triumphs, US No. 1, \$2.25-50 per grade.

Merrill Grangers Oppose Pay Boost

Merrill grange is on record opposing any increase in salaries of county officials at this time.

Copies of the grange resolution, adopted January 25, have been received at Salem by Representative Henry Semon and L. H. Craver and Senator Marshall Cornett, it was learned.

The Merrill grangers also notified other granges of the county of their action.

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Sanitarium Fire Kills 28



At least 28 persons were known dead in the wreckage of a sanitarium near Seattle, which burned in the worst disaster the Seattle area had known. Firemen are shown removing bodies from the still smoldering building. Many of the victims were found in charred beds.

2-Motored Army Bomber Lost in Northwest Area

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landed "at the south end of a lake near Boise" and needed food, clothing and an axe.

Planes from Gowen field have been unable to locate the plane. The search has covered a wide area in southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon and northern Nevada, he said, particularly in the vicinity of lakes.

Capt. Farley said the missing ship was a two-motored bomber with eight men aboard. The radio message said that all the crew was "intact," indicating that the ship had made a forced landing and been unable to get off the ground, but had not crashed.

Earlier Sheriff A. A. Moline of Canyon county, Idaho, and Sheriff C. W. Glenn of Malheur county, Ore., had reported their officers had been asked to search for the missing plane. State police headquarters at Ontario, Ore., also said their officers had been asked to search.

Club Planned—Instruction in square dancing will be given at the Elks club Saturday from 9:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. by Mrs. Izola Parker, former teacher at Oregon State college. Invitations were issued to a number of Klamath folks to attend the gathering in order that a square dancing club be organized. Carl K. Cook is chairman, Mrs. Frank Peyton, Mrs. Don R. Chase and Mrs. Vincent R. Lawler make up the committee.

With gas rationing putting the kibosh on Washington parties, there's a lot less pull—with corkscrews.

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LAST OF NAZIS SURRENDER AT STALINGRAD

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day siege of Stalingrad in a triumphant special communique which said the last of the Germans surrendered at 4 p. m. yesterday. It reported 91,000 prisoners taken since January 10 when the Germans rejected an ultimatum to surrender. This added to 100,000 Germans killed, announced by the Russians last Sunday, and 175,000 killed and 137,000 captured, announced December 31 as the toll since November 19.

The German radio broadcast an epitaph for its sixth army, which Adolf Hitler hurled at Stalingrad at the prompting of his intuition—and left there as the price of his pride.

The Berlin broadcast said the last radio message from the remnant of the sixth army signed off with "heil Germany; heil our fuhrer."

Red Army Freed The German people were offered this dubious consolation: the Nazi claim that the victory cost the Russians 300,000 dead.

The cleanup freed powerful Red army forces to reinforce the drive before which axis troops still were reeling back toward Krasnodar and the Black sea, Kozlov at the gateway to the Caucasus, and the southern front bastions of Kharkov and Kursk.

The Russian mid-day communique announced the recapture of 16 more towns in the tightening arc around Rostov and five more west of Voronezh.

HALT TO KAISER CASE IS REFUSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP) Effort by Henry J. Kaiser shipyards here to halt an NLRB case against them failed today when Federal District Judge James A. Fee refused them an injunction.

The CIO charged the shipyards with making illegal closed-shop contracts with AFL unions and the NLRB is hearing the charges. The Kaisers asked Judge Fee to enjoin the labor board on the grounds that two members were prejudiced and pre-judged the case.

Judge Fee, after pondering arguments for several weeks, today based his dismissal of the injunction plea on lack of jurisdiction.

The labor board hearing is in its fourth week.

Chiloquin

Mr. and Mrs. Remo Melchori of Klamath Falls were visiting friends in Chiloquin Sunday.

Mrs. Grear and son Dean, of Lamm's camp, shopped in Chiloquin Tuesday.

Mrs. Vernon Norval has recently returned from San Francisco, where she visited for a week.

Snow in Chiloquin has reached the depth of approximately 15 inches.

The Camp Fire Girls had their weekly Saturday meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Bradshaw of Williamson river was in Chiloquin Wednesday.

Reno De Bortoli was skiing at Sun mountain Sunday.

Sharp Increase in Prices Contributes to Revenues

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and an average acreage yield of \$81.71 from the 80 acres of strawberry, white, red and sweet clover planted in 1942.

On the Tulelake division, 6316 acres were cropped at an average of \$38.26, figuring from the total, \$276,572. Highest acreage returns came from the 22 acres of alfalfa seed with an average of \$176.73 per acre. Seven acres of carrot seed brought a total of \$1017 or an average of \$145.29, \$108.48.

Other small seeds including alfalfa clover, peas, radishes and lettuce also brought excellent returns.

Average returns per acre from the year 1930 including 1942, and given by the US bureau of reclamation:

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Main Division	\$1,482,456	\$2,749,750	\$3,011,480	\$2,492,686	\$3,007,548	\$388.86	\$44.50	\$77.86	\$39.99	\$58.23	\$55.81	\$60.16	\$94.28
Tulelake	1,821,639												
Langell Valley and Misc. Areas	1,440,827	2,387,009	3,287,955										
Tulelake Lease Lands	689,877	1,083,190	1,431,050										
Lower Klamath Lake Lease Lands	138,181	160,900	170,062										
TOTAL	\$5,542,980	\$8,873,544	\$10,917,104										

Loudspeaker Announcement Brings in Japs

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Japanese and pamphlets written in Japanese.

Furthermore, Hasamoto said that if Guadalcanal is a sample, he doesn't think Japan will win the war.

The Japanese soldiers were told by their officers on landing, he said, that fighting against the Americans would be easy and it would be easy to take prisoners. He said he soon developed a high respect for American fighters.

Hasamoto readily answered all questions put in Japanese by Marine Capt. Eugene P. Boardman of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

A young carpenter with an elementary education, Hasamoto joined the army in 1940, becoming a member of the third battalion of the 124th infantry which was part of the 18th division.

Board Meeting—Members of the executive board of the Klamath Falls Woman's Library club will meet for the regular February session in the library club rooms Thursday morning. A report on the Doernbecher tea will be heard.

Western Coal Mine Prices Upped By OPA Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Bituminous coal prices in Montana, Washington and Oregon were boosted by the office of price administration today to cover, it said, the cost of a longer work week and other increased expenses of operations.

A similar increase was granted some of the Pennsylvania soft coal mines a few days ago.

OPA has promised such price increases to all mines which follow the recommendation of Fuel Coordinator Harold L. Ickes on extending the work week from 35 hours to six days.

U. S. FORCES REPULSED IN FAID ASSAULT

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had occupied Zeleni, less than 20 miles from the border, and were in contact with Rommel's rear guard in the vicinity of the hamlet of Pisida, only 12 miles from the frontier.

Gap Closed

"In Tunisia," an Italian bulletin said, "the enemy continued his attacks, supported by considerable tank forces. The positions were firmly held by Italian and German troops. They inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, among which were 18 tanks."

The Berlin radio reported earlier that strong allied forces broke into axis positions at one point on the central Tunisian front, but that an immediate German counterattack closed the gap and small British forces were wiped out.

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