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U.S. BLASTS MASSSED JAP SHIPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Russians enliven an otherwise quiet news day by printing their first complete war map. It is a full-page affair, carried in the Russian newspapers, and shows the whole long front, from Leningrad to the Caucasus.

It discloses that Russian gains during the past winter have been somewhat greater than had been supposed.

THE red army, for example, is shown to be nearing Velizh, on the upper Dvina, some 70 miles NORTHWEST of Smolensk, which means that Russian forces are slightly in the REAR of that important German base.

They have reached Yartsevo, 36 miles east of Smolensk, where a fair-sized tributary of the Dnieper comes in from the north. In flat Russia, rivers are important defense lines, and they have this river to cross.

West of Rostov, they are within 12 miles of Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, where the Germans held last winter, which means that Taganrog is within range of their artillery. In the Caucasus, they are slowly squeezing the Germans back toward the Tamm peninsula and the Kerch strait.

IT may be taken for granted that the Russians have it in mind to push the Germans entirely out of the Caucasus as soon as possible. The bridgehead the nazis now hold there would be immediately dangerous in the event of a new German offensive aimed at the coveted Caucasus oil.

Hittler claims to be organizing such an offensive now.

THE Russians formally announce today the end of their winter offensive, which lasted four months and 20 days.

At Stalingrad, they say, they inflicted on the Germans the worst defeat in the history of warfare. Their winter offensive, they add, cost Germany 1,193,525 men, including 850,000 killed. They say they destroyed 9190 German tanks, 5090 German planes and 20,360 German guns.

They recovered 185,000 square miles of Russian soil (about twice the area of Oregon).

WITHOUT in any way seeming to discredit the hard-fighting Russians, we shall be realistically wise if we take these statistics with at least a small pinch of salt.

In these statistical battles that are fought with adding machines and typewriters, the fellow who tells his story first simply hasn't got a chance. If they run true to form, the Germans will come out in a few days with a story utterly dwarfing the Russian figures.

Claims of losses inflicted on the other fellow are tainted with propaganda, and whatever has the faint of propaganda can't be believed.

YOU'VE learned by this time, of course, that when the other fellow bombs you he hits only residences and churches and kills only civilians—especially.

CONGRESS SEES FIGHT BREWING ON FARM VETO

Administration Men Work Upholding President

By ERNEST B. VARARRO
WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—Administration forces in congress worked feverishly today to stem a new farm bloc revolt that threatened to override President Roosevelt's veto of a bill prohibiting the deduction of government benefit payments in calculating agricultural parity prices.

Senator Bankhead, (D-Ala.), author of the measure rejected by the president on the ground that it was inflationary in its effects and dangerous to both the "constructive farm policy" and the "whole war effort," worked just as feverishly to muster votes for Tuesday's showdown when the question comes up again.

Odds Against
Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky conceded that the odds were against getting the necessary one-third vote to sustain the veto in the senate, but declared he would make the fight. He thought the house, where the so-called "city vote" counts more heavily, offered more favorable prospects for the administration.

Outside the Capitol Hill lineup, organized labor appeared likely to exert some pressure for sustaining the president's veto, with farm organizations generally expected to join the fight against it.

CIO Supports
The Congress of Industrial Organizations and American Federation of Labor came out flatly in support of Mr. Roosevelt's act. (Continued on Page Four)

Navy Bombers Still Pound on Aleutian Japs

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—American bombers continuing their heavy pounding of the Japanese base on Kiska island in the Aleutians raided the enemy's main camp area there four times Thursday, the navy reported today, scoring several hits.

Communication No. 333 said: "North Pacific: '1. On April 1, a force of army Liberators (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell (North American B-25) bombers, escorted by Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters, made four attacks against Japanese installations at Kiska. Hits were scored on the enemy main camp area.

"South Pacific. (All dates East Longitude). '2. On April 2, Lightning and Corsair (Vought F4U) fighters attacked and set on fire a small Japanese cargo vessel at anchor at Vella Lavella island, New Georgia group."

The attacks on Kiska raised to 38 the total number of raids made against the Japanese outpost since the spring aerial offensive there started March 1.

Soldier Admits Smothering Ten-Week Baby at Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., April 3 (AP)—A first degree murder charge was filed today in the Jackson-Josephine county circuit court against Sgt. Bernard Lotka, 23, Cleveland, O. District Attorney George W. Neilson said Lotka confessed the auto camp cabin smothering of his 10-week-old son.

The child's mother, Tillie Michanalski, 22, was arrested in the Union station at Portland last night as she was about to board a train for Cleveland. The district attorney said the couple was not married.

Neilson said Lotka re-enacted the slaying, which took place April 1, describing how he rolled the baby tightly in a heavy blanket, effectively shutting out air. He placed the child on the cabin



Held

"Not Guilty," Says Jury in Trial of Kenneth Wallan

Kenneth Wallan was declared not guilty of the murder of James Bowman by the circuit court jury after deliberating but one hour Saturday afternoon.

The jury went out at 2:15 p. m. and returned at 3:15 p. m. R. C. Woodruff, foreman of the jury, handed the verdict to Judge Vandenberg.

The Kenneth Wallan case was turned over to the jury at 2:15 p. m. Saturday, the only possible verdicts being innocence or a manslaughter conviction for the 44-year-old garage foreman accused in the death of James Bowman last December 24.

A question of second degree murder, the charge on which Wallan was indicted, was withdrawn from consideration of the jury by a ruling of Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg yesterday. Judge Vandenberg instructed the jury Saturday afternoon, following a morning session in which final summations were given by District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore and his assistant, Clarence Humble, and by Defense Attorneys J. C. O'Neill and George Roberts.

Wallan on Stand
That he acted entirely in self defense was claimed Friday afternoon in court by Kenneth Wallan when he was called to the witness stand by the defense to testify in his own behalf.

Wallan said that as he was assisting Mrs. James Bowman into the house, after taking the couple home from the Christmas party at the Willard, someone, presumably Bowman, hit him on the back of the head knocking him into the mud on his face.

Then, Wallan said, Bowman jumped on his back and began choking the defendant and trying to hold his face down in the mud and water. Also, Bowman struck Wallan several times with some object.

"Animal-like Noise"
All this had happened without any provocation on his part, Wallan said.

Continuing his story the defendant explained that somehow or other, he cannot remember just how, he finally got hold of Bowman and got him off his back.

The two were sitting on the Bowman steps when Bowman began choking Wallan again. He said that Bowman made a noise that sounded more like an animal than a human. After that everything was rather vague, Wallan did not remember using a board, nor did he remember any cursing. When he heard a girl scream, he began to walk away.

When he had gone a block or so, he met Mrs. Bowman and told her that he was "sorry the way the party broke up." He said Mrs. Bowman answered, "I don't blame anyone but Jim."

Wallan testified then that he continued walking towards Sixth street to get a doctor for (Continued on Page Four)

HIGH WATER HALTS CHILOQUIN SAWMILL

Biggest Klamath Lake Runoff Since 1922 Seen

High water conditions in this area, which forced closure of the Chiloquin Lumber company operations on Wednesday, were reported declining Saturday by reclamation officials. No serious trouble is expected from flooding.

Clear lake on Saturday was at a record stage of 4437.0 feet above sea level, and reclamation officials said the runoff into Upper Klamath lake will be the biggest this year since 1922. From 3000 to 4000 second feet have been flowing over Copco dam in Link river. Water is washing over Gerber dam.

CHILOQUIN—The Chiloquin mill was forced to shut down (Continued on Page Four)

IWA Pinches Win From Election At Ewauna Box

The CIO International Woodworkers of America won by a squeak in a bargaining election conducted by the national labor relations board at the Ewauna Box company plant Friday afternoon.

Final vote was: CIO—204. No union—202.

The AFL was not on the ballot in the election conducted by Kenneth McClaskey, labor board official. One blank ballot was cast. This is the first bargaining election held at Ewauna, one of the major lumbering operations here.

Nine Found Dead In Washington Bomber Wreck

EPHRATA, Wash., April 3 (AP)—Discovery of the wreckage of a four-motored bomber which carried nine airmen to their deaths was announced last night at the Ephrata army air base by Warrent Officer Harry Verner, base public relations officer.

The wrecked plane was discovered about 35 miles west of the air base near Ellensburg. Identification of the ship was confirmed by Major Ellis E. Eno, commander of the Ephrata base, who flew over the scene a short time after a report of the discovery reached his office.

The identification ended a five-day aerial search in central Washington. The bomber failed to return to its Ephrata base from a routine training mission last Monday morning.

Seven Jap Zeros Shot Down in Raid
CHUNGKING, April 2 (AP)—(Delayed)—Seven Japanese Zeros definitely were shot down Thursday while attempting to raid an advanced American air base in Kiangsi province.

AXIS RETREAT CONTINUES IN AFRICAN WAR

Eisenhower Confers With English Generals

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 3 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, returning from conferences with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, said today "continuing to make satisfactory progress" in the task of smashing the axis out of Africa.

The allied commander in chief inspected the Mareth front. He said that every American had a right to feel proud of the progress made and that Americans in this theater shared the pride of the British in the achievements of the eighth army in driving Field Marshal Erwin Rommel from the fortified Mareth positions.

Further Progress
The day's allied communique, reporting patrol activity all along the Tunisian front, said the British first army of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson was making further progress in the north and inflicting casualties on the enemy. British and American aerial sorties against Rommel's retreating forces on the coastal road above Gabes were reported.

(A French communique recorded in London from an Algiers broadcast said "our forces have left Sedjenane far behind" in the northern sector, and that operations were going ahead successfully in the central sector. An armored attack was reported north of the Chott djerid, the communique said.)

One American patrol attacking in the El Guetara area was reported to have captured 41 prisoners and destroyed a German Mark IV tank and an anti-aircraft gun.

High Morale
General Eisenhower said the air forces had produced a fighting machine of "the highest morale, great efficiency and complete determination to finish the job."

He said that, on visiting one American air group, he had found the fliers "in the highest spirits and delighted to work with the RAF to get their knowledge and experience."

Dorothy Lamour to Wed Army Captain
HOLLYWOOD, April 3 (AP)—Dorothy Lamour, who quit a Chicago elevator operator's job, became a movie actress and revealed to the public what a little bit of tropical island sarong can do for an American girl's figure, plans to wed shortly for a second time.

The 28-year-old former belle of New Orleans has announced she plans to marry Capt. William Ross Howard III of the army air force as soon as he can obtain leave from his military post at San Bernardino, possibly within a week.



The Algiers radio reported that American forces driving from Gabes in South Tunisia had joined with the British eighth army chasing Rommel north from Gabes. Violent fighting was reported near Fondouk in the central region. To the north, the British first army left Sedjenane "far behind." Airmen pounded the axis retreat corridor along the coast north of Gabes and bombed an airfield near Sfax. Rommel flew in fresh troops to reinforce his battered Afrika korps.

Russian War Maps Show Results of Winter Fight

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, April 3 (AP)—The red army, in a sweeping winter offensive now ended which is officially declared to have resulted in the killing of 850,000 Germans, has pushed its lines almost to Velizh, 70 miles northwest of Smolensk on the central front, and within about 15 miles of White Russia, war maps published in the official press indicated.

(Russian communique have not announced the capture of any specific localities which would advance soviet lines so far.)

Russians Advance
Hammering hard to drive the Germans from their Kuban bridgehead in the Caucasus, the Russians have advanced to the eastern gates of Novorossisk, the Black sea naval base, are practically at the front doors of Staraya Russa in the Lake Ilmen area and are but 12 miles east of Taganrog on the Sea of Azov west of Rostov, the maps disclosed.

The maps were the first full war maps ever printed in Moscow of the long Russian front.

War Maps Published
Publication of the maps came after a special communique last night announced the end of the winter offensive in which it was said the Germans lost 1,193,525 men including 850,000 killed and over 340,000 captured, and in which the Russians regained 185,328 square miles of their (Continued on Page Four)

Senate Committee Flays LaGuardia Army Commission
WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—Published reports that Mayor LaGuardia of New York may get a high army commission brought from Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the senate war investigating committee today the comment that "I don't think he has any more business being a brigadier general" than Movie-Maker Darryl Zanuck has being a colonel.

Shades of Black Dalton! Rustlers Ride in Oregon!
By FRED HAMPSON
PORTLAND, April 3 (AP)—Price ceilings and ration books spawned the black market and the black market, it appeared today, was giving rebirth to that vermin of the old west, the cattle rustler.

From many parts of Oregon, a big cattle state, came complaints that Black Dalton was riding again and making off with quite a few head of stock. Investigators blame the black market. In southern Oregon's Douglas county, small farmers have lost 50 head in 90 days. The county has called in the Douglas county mounted police reserves, a civilian defense unit. They patrol back-country roads at night in radio-equipped automobiles.

Klamath Complains
John Denny of the federal agricultural service's war board says Klamath, Harney, Baker and other big eastern Oregon

rangeland counties have complained of rustling. He hopes a new rule requiring certified slaughterers to stamp each carcass with their official numbers will tighten up the market and discourage rustling. From now on any butcher with unstamped meat will be presumed to be a black marketer.

Says J. D. Mickle, state agriculture director: "There's some increase in rustling all right. So far it's small scale. We're investigating several cases. The rustlers seem to be experienced, know their country. They're hard to catch. It's been frequent around Burns in central Oregon and along the Nevada border."

System Explained
The 1943 rustler takes a steer or two at a time, not a whole bunch like his ancestor. He knocks an animal in the head, butchers in a remote spot, hustles (Continued on Page Four)

ALLIED PLANES SCATTER HUGE NEW ASSEMBLY

Nippons Claim Zeros Hit American Aircraft

By The Associated Press
Allied warplanes have scattered another concentration of nearly 20 Japanese ships in the islands above Australia. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today, amid signs that other enemy warships may be thrusting anew toward American-held Guadalcanal in the Solomons.

Two actions suggested the new enemy threat to Guadalcanal: 1. A Japanese communique, broadcast by the Berlin radio, asserted that Japanese fleet planes had shot down 47 allied aircraft off the Russell Islands, 50 miles northwest of Guadalcanal. Nine Japanese planes were listed as lost.

2. Tokyo's claim followed issuance of a U. S. navy announcement yesterday that American bombers attacked a force of five Japanese destroyers on the night of March 31-April 1 near Kolombangara island, 190 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

Guadalcanal Air Battle
Concurrently, the navy said, American fighters shot down 16 out of 30 to 40 Japanese Zeros in a violent air battle northwest of Guadalcanal.

The Tokyo claim that Japanese fleet planes shot down 47 allied planes indicated a sizeable force of Japanese warships in the waters immediately north of Guadalcanal. There was no information, however, whether this force included the five Japanese destroyers attacked by (Continued on Page Four)

Anti-Sabotage Bill Seen as Freedom Curb

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—Opponents of a death penalty anti-sabotage bill which some congressmen claimed could be used to curb freedom of the press and speech looked to the senate today to kill the measure which the house passed late yesterday on a voice vote.

There was a probability, house opponents said privately, that the senate judiciary committee would rewrite the measure completely because of refusal of the house to accept amendments restricting its language.

House passage followed three days of intermittent debate that started last week and brought charges by opponents that the justice department, which requested the legislation, could use it to intimidate and persecute innocent citizens and muzzle newspapers and radio commentators unfriendly to the administration.