

RIOTS RUMORED AFTER BRITISH AIR BATTERING

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formation of Focke-Wulfs was sighted at long range but they dodged the heavy U. S. fighters which were unable to close with them, a U. S. communiqué said.

Raid French Port
Boston bombers of the RAF raided the French airport at Abbeville and escorting Spitfires destroyed a Focke-Wulf, the air ministry said. Earlier, Typhoons bombed a plane dispersal area at Poix, losing five craft to heavy anti-aircraft fire.

British bombers, returning again last night to the air offensive on Europe, attacked targets in southern Germany, fighters swept northern France and Belgium, and coastal aircraft damaged five ships in an enemy convoy, it was announced officially today.

Convoy Hit
The coastal command planes attacked a convoy off the Dutch coast which was initially attacked by Beaufighters yesterday. Two of the supply ships in a convoy of eight merchantmen and three escort vessels were left sinking and were seen to be abandoned by their crews, it was stated.

Axis radios on the continent began going on the air this morning, indicating that allied air raiders were continuing to blast European strongholds by daylight.

Targets Not Named
The targets in Germany were not immediately named. The new attacks were a continuation of the smashing allied aerial offensive of the night before in which two of Germany's largest dams were breached and devastating floods loosed, and the daylight attack of U. S. bombers yesterday against Lorient, Bordeaux and the U-boat base of Keroman.

An allied headquarters communiqué announcing that Alghero in Sardinia was bombed again last night indicated that the air offensive was also being carried on relentlessly against the south of Europe.

Aircraft of the fighter command on intruder patrols during the night attacked rail and rail communications and enemy air bases in northern France and Belgium, it was announced.

Allies Rain Fire On Sardinian Port, Airfield

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A large fire in the center of the town appeared to be spreading beyond control, pilots said.

The Wellingtons topped off their raid by machinegunning the targets from low altitude.

Bright moonlight which made it possible for the Wellingtons to conduct a raid under conditions almost as good as daylight on the outskirts of Rome the night before, again aided the bombers and they did some of their strafing from as low as 200 feet. One pilot had to veer sharply to avoid a church steeple, he said.

OBITUARY
GUST LEASA
Gust Leasa, for the last seven years a resident of Tulelake, Calif., passed away in that city on Sunday, May 16, 1945. He was a native of Michigan and at the time of his death was aged 65 years, 7 months and 18 days. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced at a later date.

Win Class Honors



—Kennell-Ellis.
Eunice Gray, valedictorian, and Margaret Murphy, salutatorian, won honors at Henley high school where commencement exercises were held May 13. Both girls have gone through the entire four-year course at Henley. Miss Gray will work in the office of the Klamath county school district and Miss Murphy plans to attend the University of Oregon to prepare for high school teaching.

'BEAT JAPS FIRST' PLEA ENCOURAGED

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pressed belief that a decision may be forthcoming soon from the Roosevelt-Churchill war conferences pointing to a powerful American offensive against Japan.

The president was disclosed last night to have told Premier Stalin of Russia that it is "reasonable to expect further successes on both the eastern and western fronts," and to have expressed a hope to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that allied forces will take the initiative against Japan in Asia "in the near future."

President Roosevelt's messages to Stalin and Chiang Kai-Shek were in response to congratulations sent by them on the victory in North Africa. The navy told of the destruction of six Japanese ships, including a destroyer, by American subs in the Pacific, and while the only official comment on the Attu battle was that it is "continuing," it was said authoritatively that "one day of clear weather is all we need."

Appeals for Assault
In the senate, Chandler said his previous appeal for a full assault in the Pacific has been made "on my own hook," and added:

"I wouldn't have done it again but I was encouraged to make the speech and I know our boys want it that way."

Senatorial reaction noted particularly the timing with some observers speculating on the possibility that the requests to knock Japan out of the war first was inspired by United States military leaders.

Senator Holman (R-Ore.) said he was satisfied that Chandler had been in touch with the top strategists. Others voiced similar opinions.

Lions Club Holds Radio Bond Sale
The Lions club, which is in charge of the bond drive this month, is asking Klamath citizens to call in their bids on the Pelican bomber on the bond auction sale program over station KFJI tonight between 8:30 and 7 p. m.

Klamath Falls is still from \$125,000 to \$150,000 short of its May goal.
The Commandos will sing several numbers on the program and one of the marine guests of the Commandos is to speak.

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ARMY TROOPS SEIZE RIDGE AT HOLTZ BAY

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was destroyed. Bad weather prevented observation of bombing results.

In the South Pacific navy and marine corps dive bombers with army, navy and marine corps fighter planes attacked the enemy seaplane base at Rekata on Santa Isabel island Sunday morning. Results were not reported.

Shield Taken
Apparently the ridge which was captured on Attu shielded the principal enemy installations of the Aleutian island.

United States troops advancing north and south across the eastern neck of the island, Knox said, have been brought very close together by this victory if they have not actually joined.

Climax First Phase
The operation against the ridge apparently climaxed the first phase of the campaign for this island in the Aleutians and Knox reported to a press conference that despite stubborn resistance so far "our casualties are much lighter than had been expected."

The army troops on the island, the secretary added, have the full support of warships standing off to sea and planes operating from American bases to the eastward whenever the weather permits.

Mop Up Seen
Capture of the important height, while its significance awaited further military developments to be fully measurable, may have brought the Attu campaign to the point where little more remains to be done than mopping up.

Knox's report on the Attu fighting, which began a week ago with an American invasion of the U. S. island which the enemy had held since last June, was made only about an hour after the navy had issued its first detailed communiqué on this initial stroke to smash the Japanese hold on the western Aleutians.

Stubborn Resistance
One paragraph in the communiqué said that the American forces were advancing against "stubborn enemy resistance from numerous machine gun nests" and that the enemy troops had "entrenched themselves along a rocky ridge."

As soon as newsmen gathered in his office, Knox noted that the communiqué had been issued and said "We now have word that our troops have captured that ridge and have driven the enemy out—we are now in possession of the ridge."

The extent of enemy resistance from now on appears to depend on whether the Japanese troops which held the ridge had retreated to new and less favorable positions or whether they were killed or captured.

Pincer Movement
The ridge runs along the main axis of Attu island in an east and west direction. To the north of the ridge is Holtz bay and to the south is Massacre bay. One of the American landings was made at Holtz bay and the other at Massacre bay.

The pincers began to close in from the two initial beachheads and Knox said it was his understanding that the main defense force in the region south of Holtz bay was smashed by the Massacre bay landing expedition, which he described as the main American force.

Pocket Enemy
Once the American line is established it would definitely pocket the enemy in the relatively small area at the eastern end of Attu and the job would become one of wiping out his installations which are chiefly located in the vicinity of Holtz bay and Chichagof harbor a few miles to the east.

Knox said that so far as he knows the rest of the island—which is the bulk of it—is without military installations.

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conquered area. We've just made six heavy bombing sweeps in six consecutive days. The number of planes used hasn't been disclosed, but is large.

The air strategists claim that ten thousand-plane bombings per month for a period of only six months would bring Germany to her knees. It's just possible that we may be going to try out that plan before undertaking the bloody task of invading Europe by land.

Even if we are planning an immediate land invasion, heavy bombing will be the preliminary step. In any event, these bombing raids are significant.

MARKED HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

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fire," Sister Savage said. "I am a good swimmer and got to the raft. One of the men gave me his overcoat which I shared with, a sixteen-year-old cabin boy."

Prays
"The first thing I did when I heard and felt the explosion and knew we were torpedoes was to pray and we said many prayers while waiting for rescue."

Frank Davidson, ship's butcher from Sydney, said he saw a great mass of men struggling futilely to force their way up from a lower deck which was the debris-blocked hatchway. He could hear them screaming for help as he jumped from the ship.

Before leaving the Centaur Davidson helped one nurse don her life-jacket. He never saw her again.

Oily Waters
Davidson swam through the oil-covered water to one of the rafts. From there he watched the Centaur go down.

"We thought we heard airplane motors in the darkness but the pilot of the ship who was on the same raft said it was Diesel engines. Then we saw a couple of lights close by and knew it must be the submarine.

"During daylight Friday we saw seven airplanes, one big ship at a distance and sent up rockets but they went unnoticed.

Rescue Told
"The next afternoon we heard an airplane and sent up rockets. It flew over us and within ten minutes an allied ship picked all up."

All the survivors were crowded on four rafts and a wall of the ship's wheelhouse, which had been blown out by the explosion. A half dozen of them stood on this wall throughout the 38 hours they awaited rescue.

The make-shift raft was more than two feet under water most of the time and was about to sink entirely when they were rescued.

Some of the rafts had plenty of food and water. Others had virtually none but the ocean swells prevented transfer of supplies.

Sharks cruised about the rafts all the time and the men repeatedly drove them away with their oars. One 12-foot shark snapped hungrily at an empty, brightly-colored tin tossed into the ocean and its sharp teeth sheared off the bottom of the can.

Two Fined for Pulling Feathers From Peacocks

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to the charge and said he "didn't know why" he committed the act. His 20-year-old companion was charged with being an accessory after the fact. Both young men were given a stiff lecture by the police judge.

In the court room was caretaker Spencer who has made a strong effort to protect the animals and birds in Moore park.

Upon payment of fine, Francy suspended the five-day jail sentences given the young men. Francy said Galloway climbed atop the peacock roost roof, pulled the beautiful feathers from the tail of one bird, the feathers found later in Hamblin's car.

HOUSE HEEDS RUMORED FOR TAX BILL VETO

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lin Roosevelt is president of the United States it will stay dead."

Republican Leader Martin, of Massachusetts said, "There's little for us to say. Our bill has been turned down. It's up to the democrats now to present a bill."

Doughton expressed confidence a measure can be written in time for a 20 per cent withholding levy against wages and salaries to become effective by July 1.

Senator George (D-Ga.), chairman of the senate finance committee, expressed confidence that the house-senate conferees "can work out a pay-as-you-go tax bill that will meet with the approval of the president."

ELKS LODGE TO HOLD INITIATION

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The Elks lodge will hold the year's first regular initiation at the Thursday night meeting. A second initiation has been scheduled for June 17.

Roy Rakestraw, Elks entertainment chairman, announced Tuesday that the Commandos will present an entertainment program after the business meeting and the visiting wounded marines will be special guests.

Light refreshments will follow the evening's program, with Les Wright in charge.

UNUSUAL ANIMALS PROVIDE MEATS

Chet Barton's unusual farm animals, elk and buffalo, continue to provide unrated meats for Klamath diners.

Louis Serrus of Klamath Billiards has obtained a supply of elk meat which is served twice weekly at the Billiards counter, and the meat is proving popular among diners, many of whom had never tasted elk before.

Carter's market, which has sold buffalo and elk, will have another supply of buffalo soon from the Barton ranch.

Parade to Mark Celebration of 'Victory Day'

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the state will be at Portland, where Governor Snell will lead a parade and a two-hour program will be staged at the civic stadium. There will be no shutdown of war plants in Portland, but lunch-time programs will be held in the shipyards and at other war industries.

Lion officers said today they are not asking merchants to close their stores Wednesday afternoon, as had been suggested. Employees who plan to participate in the parade will be excused from their regular jobs while the parade is underway.

CHAIRMAN NAMED
HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 18 (AP)—Judge Marvin Jones, head of the United States delegation, was nominated by unanimous vote of the steering committee today to be permanent chairman of the United Nations food conference opening tonight.

ORGANIZED SPORTS
WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today he had been considering seriously the creation of a small committee on the status of organized sports during the war.

Acting Mayor Proclaims City 'Victory Day'

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WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon has proclaimed Wednesday, May 18th, 1945, "African Victory Day"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has appealed to all cities in the State of Oregon to cooperate in making this day a memorial day in observance of a great victory for the Allies.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. J. Keller, acting mayor of the city of Klamath Falls, proclaim Wednesday, May 18th, 1945, "Victory Day" in the city of Klamath Falls, and ask the support and cooperation of all the citizens in the celebration thereof.

J. J. KELLER, Acting Mayor.

KUBAN ROW FLARES AS NAZIS ATTACK

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and several tanks were destroyed. Sharp fighting also was in progress at Lisichansk on the Donets river front where recent tank and infantry engagements gave way to hot artillery duels.

The big German guns were firing almost non-stop in an effort to prevent the Russians from consolidating newly-occupied positions on the west bank of the river below Kharkov.

Germans Killed
Three hundred Germans were reported killed or wounded when an infantry battalion and six tanks butted against the Russians on the front northwest of Moscow.

In air attacks, the nazis lost 27 planes during a two-day raid on the Schirgy district between Kurak and Voronezh, northeast of Kharkov, it was reported. Military observers consider the attacks may indicate a possible point where the Germans intend to lose an offensive.

(A German broadcast heard by Reuters in London said the Russians were moving large striking forces into position in the Kuban, near Leningrad and southwest of Moscow.)

Farm, Labor Men Urge Limitation Of Trade Powers

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Testifying on a house-approved bill to extend the reciprocal trade law two years, Matthew Wall, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, said his organization favors senate ratification of the individual agreements and added the pact should be negotiated so as to bar the importation of goods at less than their cost of production in the United States.

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Midnight Soft Coal Walkout Averted by Renewal of Truce

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—

The soft coal walkout scheduled for midnight has been averted by renewal of the truce until the end of the month.

As the deadline drew near for a work stoppage that threatened to cripple the nation's coal output, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, answered the appeal of Fuel Coordinator Ickes by requesting the miners to continue work under the existing retroactive extension agreement until midnight May 31.

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CITY COUNCIL MOVES TO ACQUIRE LAND

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on local business men. The council, on motion of A. H. Busman, voted to waive the fee.

Manpower Sought
Lack of manpower reared its head at the council meeting again last night, this time on a complaint of J. A. McRobert of the city street department. McRobert said he had a normal crew of five or six men working last year, this year he has but two. He reported that the street sweeper operator had quit over low wages paid and he couldn't replace the man. Truck drivers are not available at this time, he stated. McRobert suggested that some members of the police department could drive truck for half-day periods, but Chief of Police Heuvel said his force was under-manned and that his men were being worked long hours as it now stands. Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose said his force was short one man.

This brought on a discussion of the six per cent limitation, a law ignored by some cities in the state when it was found necessary to up wages in order to keep a sufficient force on hand. City Attorney Carnahan disapproved of this practice, and Councilman Busman observed that the city would be liable under the state law but that all cities were "in the same fix," concerning labor, according to his observations made at the League of Oregon cities session in Portland.

Report Meet
Those members of the council who attended the League meeting reported briefly on the statewide convalescence. It was brought out that few cities have made post-war plans and that all cities were urged to "hold on to airports" as the airports will be considered one of the biggest sources of revenue after the war is over.

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Proctor said today his office hours will be in the morning, only, from 8:15 to 12:30 o'clock. He will spend the afternoons on outside work, and any afternoon interviews must be made by appointment, he stated.

The office schedule will become effective May 19.

FUNERAL

ALICE A. LARKEY
Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services for the late Alice A. Larkey to be held Wednesday morning, May 19, 1945 at Sacred Heart church, High street at Eighth, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul commencing at 9:30 a. m. with the Rev. T. P. Casey officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

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