

JAPANESE FEEL ATOMIC BOMB BLAST

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 Stream year to date 13.28
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 Forecast: Cooler with clouds.

Truman Tells United States Secret Weapon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—An atomic bomb which looses pent-up forces of the universe equivalent to more than 20,000 tons of TNT and represents one of the greatest scientific advances of history has been dropped on Japan.

President Truman told today of the terrific destructive power packed into the missile which was dropped 18 hours ago on Hiroshima, an important Japanese army base. His statement, released by the White House at 8 a. m. PWT, said the bomb "added a new and revolutionary increase in destruction" on the Japanese homeland.

This awful bomb is the answer, President Truman's statement said, to Japan's failure to heed the Potsdam demand that she surrender unconditionally at once or face utter destruction.

The product of \$2,000,000,000 spent in research and production—"the greatest scientific gamble in history," Mr. Truman said—the atomic bomb has been one of the most closely guarded secrets of the war.

Senator Dies



Hiram W. Johnson, above, League of Nations and charter opponent, succumbs.

SEN. JOHNSON DIES AT NAVAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, militant opponent of the League of Nations and the San Francisco charter for a United Nations organization, died today at 79 years.

The veteran republican senator succumbed at Naval hospital, where he had been confined for two and one-half weeks. His physician, Capt. Robert E. Duncan, USN, said he died from a thrombosis of a cerebral artery.

His political activities extended over a third of a century covering some of the most stirring events in the nation's history.

A striking figure in the senate since first elected to congress in 1916, he played a leading part in defeating President Wilson's League of Nations covenant and later in opposing United States adherence to the world court.

His wife, whom he referred to as "the boss," was with him at the time of his death. His son (Continued on Page Two)

Canadian Troops Sent To Pacific

GUAM, Aug. 6 (AP)—Canadian troops, the vanguard of 30,000 men of the Canadian army Pacific force, have arrived in advanced Pacific areas.

They will be followed by Royal Canadian air force squadrons and 60 ships of the Canadian navy, including two aircraft carriers, two cruisers, destroyers and frigates.

'Hornet' Limps Home After Strike By June Typhoon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—A mountainous wave lifted up and smacked down the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Hornet so hard last June 5 that the forward corners of the flight deck folded down along the sides.

Thus nature, in the form of a 120-knot gale (138 miles an hour), achieved what the Japanese never were able to do in 14 months of hard-fought action—it damaged the big ship.

The navy told the Hornet's story today. It let the Japanese know exactly where the Hornet is—Hunter's point in San Francisco bay. She steamed through the Golden Gate July 7 and went to drydocks for repair.

Behind her lay 1,270,000 tons of enemy shipping sunk or damaged and 1410 ruined enemy planes.

Some of the figures:
 Six hundred and sixty-eight shot down, 742 planes destroyed on the ground; one cruiser sunk, one carrier sunk; 10 destroyers sunk; 42 cargo ships sunk.

The Hornet, named for the ship which launched the first bombing raid on Tokyo, was 150 miles off Okinawa when the typhoon struck at 2 a. m. June 5.

Her bow rose atop a great wave and then dropped with an impact which folded down the flight deck. The engines were stopped and the ship drifted before the raging wind. She had to back into the wind next morning to get search planes off the deck. They helped reassemble the task force. After their return the Hornet retired from the area.

The Hornet spent 52 days under Japanese air attack without being hit by even a machine gun bullet.

Her crew claims a record in the shooting down of 255 Japanese planes in a 30-day period.

In one day she accounted for 67.

The Hornet was launched at (Continued on Page Two)

West-Bound Moths Sweep Across Klamath Country

A great wave of destructive moths is sweeping across the Klamath country.

These orange and brown butterflies are the Great Basin tent caterpillars in moth stage. Westward bound, they have been observed over a wide area of this region and are especially noticeable along highway No. 97 north from Modoc Point and on into the Deschutes country. They have been reported in vast numbers in Crater lake park, and along Greensprings highway west of here.

The butterflies have just recently hatched from the caterpillar stage, in which they do their greatest damage. These moths lay eggs in the summer and these hatch in the fall into forms. The eggs are laid in vast numbers in the host plants and in the spring feed ravenously on the foliage. They do especially serious damage to bitter brush, but they also eat heavily of choke cherries, wild plums, wild currant, jackpine, and even orchard trees. The tawny caterpillars grow to be about two inches long.

The "tent caterpillar" (malacosoma fragilis) derives its name from the tent-like webs in which the caterpillars are found.

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press
 Robert E. Carnini, T/5, Savage River. Arrived on SS General Bliss, due at Boston on August 3.
 George P. Andrieu, T/4, Midland. Arrived on SS Hermitage, due in New York on August 2.
 Wallace Lee, PFC, Klamath Falls. Arrives on SS John Erickson, due in New York August 6.
 Frank E. Marlow, T/4, box 445, Yreka. Arrived on SS Hermitage, due in New York August 2.

FAMOUS 1ST HOLDS REUNION TUESDAY

The historic landings on Guadalcanal by the famous first marine division on August 7, 1942, will be commemorated in Portland Tuesday when 70 enlisted men and four officers from the Klamath Marine Barracks will join other members of the division for a reunion.

The occasion will include a reunion dinner and other activities to be held on Tuesday, August 7. The local marines left Monday for Portland, and (Continued on Page Two)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 LIVING at a hotel in London is quite different from living in a hotel in the States, and an American coming here for the first time has a lot to learn before beginning to feel even approximately sure of himself in the simplest transactions.

The difference begins when your cab pulls up at the curb—on the left side, of course. You are met by a doorman who is NOT bored with life, but feels that he has an important job, fairly well up the ladder, and a position in the world. He opens the door for you (you haven't been able to find the catch for yourself, as that is a trick that takes time). He sees that the cabman doesn't overcharge you and he also sees that you pay the cabman.

He commands the presence of a porter, who handles your baggage in—and, incidentally, keeps track of it for you, even in these days when you will probably have to wait around for some time before being assigned a room, and ultimately delivers it there with no further bother on your part.

WITH your baggage (pardon, please; your LUGGAGE) off your mind, you approach the registration desk, where you are met not by a harried room clerk but by a receptionist, who is a personage, and knows it, but the knowledge hasn't gone to his head. The transaction of registration, confirmation of your reservation and assignment to a room is carried on in the atmosphere of the foreign office when an important treaty is being negotiated.

You are finally conducted to your room not by a sweating bellhop loaded down like a pack mule but by a special courier in impeccable attire (you are frightfully fussed as to whether or not to offer this magnificent person a tip, but when you finally do he accepts it and says: "I thank you, sir"). He waits until your luggage arrives, and directs its disposal in the proper places.

HAVING crossed the Atlantic in the restricted space of a plane, you are travel-stained and your clothes look like they had been slept in for a week. You want them pressed. So you approach the phone, having it in mind to call up the valet and tell him there's a suit in room so and so and can you get it back by morning and if not why not.

Your clutching hand is stopped in midair by the instrument's appearance. Its base is several times larger than the normal American hotel room phone. Below the receiver's cradle is an electric clock and below the clock is a row of colored buttons, somewhat like an intercommunicating phone in an office back home. Below the buttons is a chart illustrating their use.

Beneath the red button is a brave figure of a man in a swallowtail coat carrying a sult on a hanger, obviously a gentleman's gentleman. The chart directs you to press the buttons to summon the staff. So you put your finger on the red button (Continued on Page Four)

Escaped Convict Eludes Capture
 SALEM, Aug. 6 (AP)—Charles Kimzey, 60, who escaped from the prison annex Saturday, is still at large today.

Sent here from Deschutes county late in April, 1933, Kimzey was serving a life term for armed robbery. Warden George Alexander said today that prison records show that he forced his victim to take poison, twisted a wire around his throat and tossed him into a cistern. All this happened in the country east of Bend.

Kimzey is described as 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall, weighing 153 pounds.

Trial Reveals French Plots

PARIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Gen. Pico Andart testified at the treason trial of Marshal Petain today that French troops were ordered by Gen. Maxime Weygand at the time of the armistice to hide all military equipment. They concealed 18,000,000,000 francs of war material from the Germans and an equal amount of food and raw materials by the end of 1942, he asserted.

Andart said underground factories, at the order of Petain, started building machinegun carriers as early as 1941 and produced 270 of them in one year. The general said Petain congratulated him for his part in the activity and ordered him to continue his work.

Ernie Pyle's Presence Lives On In His Boyhood Home Near Dana, Indiana

here where the war columnist spent his boyhood. He also regarded it as his true home.

The keepers of his spirit still live there—his "Aunt Mary," Mrs. Mary Bales, and his dad, Will C. Pyle.

Aunt Mary is a vigorous blue-eyed woman of 79 who still drives her car to town at a 40-mile-an-hour clip to do her shopping. Ernie's dad is 77. He uses a cane and complains mildly that his eyes "aren't what they used to be." He is small and has the puckish humor of his famous son. Aunt Mary has Ernie's great gift of humanity.

The 77-acre Pyle farm is now tilled by the neighboring Howard Goforth family, friends of long standing about whom Ernie often wrote.

"Will hasn't been able to do heavy work now for ten years, but he helps out at sowing time," Aunt Mary told me.

"We kept a cow until two years ago. Then it got to be too much for us in winter time. We still have some chickens. The last time Ernest was home I told him that Will and I were thinking of giving up the place and moving into town, and he just looked at me in that quiet way of his and said, 'If you do, I will never come back again.'"

Aunt Mary looked around the neat parlor hung with pictures of Ernie, tracing his career from childhood to the last days before he left to meet a doughboy's death on faraway Ie Shima Island in the Pacific. She said:

"I guess we will stay on now long standing about whom Ernie often wrote."

Aunt Mary keeps as busy as (Continued on Page Four)

B-29S MAKE 4 JAP CITIES MASS OF FLAMES

Nip Opposition Light As Incendiaries Hit Island

GUAM, Aug. 6 (AP)—Four more Japanese cities were left in a mass of flames by 580 Superfortresses today and their destruction appeared certain, returning crewmen reported.

Waves of B-29s dropped approximately 3550 tons of incendiaries on the industrial cities of Nishinomiya, Maebashi, Imabari and Saga, and demolition bombs on the Coal Liquefaction company at Ube.

One Superfort failed to return.

Pilots reported Japanese opposition was light, although Capt. Lawrence Bird, Mapleton, Utah, reported seeing a Japanese jet fighter plane over Maebashi.

"At first I thought it was a flare or ball of fire. It came to within 500 feet of our B-29," he said.

Reporting on the results of the heavy raid on Saga, on Kyushu, 2nd Lt. Gordon P. Marchal, of Sacramento, Calif., said, "I could see lines of fire on the ground and believe me, the whole thing was definitely saturated."

Staff Sgt. Alex Krawshook, of Aberdeen, Wash., not only dropped bombs on Saga but flew over four more cities, dropping propaganda leaflets.

Over Nishinomiya, however, one pilot reported seeing more flak, more fighters and more searchlights than in recent forays over Japan. Fires could be seen 150 miles at sea.

Once again an all but helpless (Continued on Page Two)

COAST FIRE BLAZES INTO NEW STRENGTH
 PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—Fires spawned by lightning over forests baked dry by 100-degree temperatures dotted western Oregon today.

While many new blazes were being set, the huge, uncontrolled Tillamook fire in northwestern Oregon roared into new timber, defying efforts of thousands of fighters to check it.

In Douglas county, where much of the state's merchantable timber stands, 15 fires have been charted and others are known to have been set during the night. They generally were small and control was expected soon.

Elsewhere in the heavily-timbered coast area new but small blazes were reported.

Except to the north, all fronts on the Tillamook blaze were beyond any control but prolonged rain, fighters said. Forest Grove residents fought Sunday to check the flames moving on the watershed which supplies the city. The city council called an emergency meeting this afternoon to provide other fighting means.

An army of 175 specially-trained "Firefly" troops from the Portland army airbase were dispatched to the watershed. Another group of 75 ready to go, were held up until the newly set lightning fire situation could be assessed.

The full extent of the Tillamook (Continued on Page Two)

Boxcar Shortage Threatens Crops
 VALE, Aug. 6 (AP)—A shortage of boxcars for shipping early potatoes is still felt here, County Agent R. E. Brooke said today, but late potatoes which can be stored will not be affected.

Danger of losing part of the highly perishable crop still exists, said Brooke, although there has been no actual loss so far.

He said about 50 per cent of all Malheur county grain now being harvested is going into storage, with farmers utilizing CCC loans to wait for spring sales.

Affidavits Filed Against Combs

Affidavits of prejudice were filed in the county clerk's office Monday afternoon by Herbert Welch, attorney for former Police Chief Earl Heuvel, against Judge Charles Combs of Lakeview.

The affidavits will be sent to the supreme court of the state of Oregon and action will probably be taken this week. This usually means that a new judge is to be assigned to the case.

Marines Fire Lookout



Surveying the Klamath basin area from a height of about 5500 feet is the new fire lookout built near the Marine Barracks and manned by men from the installation. In the upper picture, PFC George Goleash of Springfield, Ill., is on watch, and the lower photo shows a view of the complete tower. Three men are on watch at this fire tower for 24 hours a day and about 100 yards from the lookout there is a tent, outdoor grill, and cooking facilities for use of the men on duty there. The tower is connected by telephone to the fire house at the Barracks. —Official Marine Corps photo.

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C. Norman Dickson, first district commander of the American Legion, said he had mailed copies of the news articles carrying the governor's statement to the Legion's national headquarters.

Chinese Clear Landing Stretch

CHUNGKING, Aug. 6 (AP)—Chinese troops have broken into the highway junction center of Yeungkong close to the South China sea and are fighting in the streets of that town 125 miles southwest of Canton, the Chinese high command announced today.

Yeungkong is at the junction of the Kwangtung coastal highway and a road running north-east to Canton and by breaking into it the Chinese secured control of a 50-mile stretch of "invasion coast" eastward from Tinnak east of the Luichow peninsula.

This stretch is now open to a virtually unopposed landing if Americans should choose it for a staging point for supplies to the Chinese armies in south China. A stretch of the coast west of the Luichow peninsula as far as Indo-China has been under Chinese control for some time.

CLOSELY KEPT PASCO SECRET BARED AT LAST

Workers Themselves Were In Dark On Big Project

RICHLAND, Wash., Aug. 6 (AP)—Materials for the new atomic bomb are being assembled in a huge super-secret government plant near here, where workers who never knew what they were making produced the compound by operating complicated dials from behind thick concrete safety walls.

Some of the details of the secret project were revealed for the first time today after President Truman announced the first bomb was dropped on the Japanese.

Not until the official announcement, the government said, did any of the 17,000 workers have any idea of the nature of the startling new product.

The manufacturing area, a 400,000-acre, guarded section 30 miles from here, is sub-divided into three large areas. Each of the three is sub-divided into smaller areas, each covering miles of ground.

Three Units

One of the three main areas contains the enormous structures where the material is produced. The second contains three huge chemical plants where the material is purified and concentrated. The third contains the raw materials.

One of the most difficult problems, officials said, was designing manufacturing processes which would permit the fantastically powerful explosive to be (Continued on Page Two)

MOUNTAIN CACHE HOLDS STOLEN LOOT

ALTURAS, Aug. 6—Seven thousand dollars in bonds, stock certificates and treasury notes as well as marriage certificates, stolen from a county safe in the Harper store at Adin, has been recovered today and were on display in the office of Sheriff John Sharp here.

Sheriff Sharp announced arrest of Robert Hanna, 41, of Sacramento, and said that Hanna had confessed the robbery. Hanna told the sheriff that he had his accomplices hide the loot in a gunny sack in the high mountains between Adin and Susanville.

Hanna was taken into the area and finally indicated the mountainside where he said the spoils had been left. The officers spread out and began a search. George Harper, of Adin, whose loss was in stock certificates, was the first one to discover the gunny sack lying at the foot of a pine stump.

He let out a loud yell and others gathered around.

Federal officers left with Hanna on Sunday for Sacramento. Officers said Hanna admitted knowing the culprits who burglarized a tavern in Alturas of \$1200 on July 28 but claims he was not connected with that robbery.

KF Enjoys Cool Sunday While Oregon Swelters

Klamath Falls residents enjoyed cooler weather Sunday while the rest of Oregon sweltered in a heat wave which drove the mercury to over 100 degrees in some parts of the state.

Forecasts for Monday and Tuesday were for scattered cloudiness and showers for northern California and Oregon, and this is expected to bring relief to Portland, where 100 degrees were recorded; Medford, which chalked up 103 and North Dalles, where 105 was recorded.

In Klamath Falls Sunday the mercury reached 83 high and there were a few scattered rainstorms in the vicinity. A flash of lightning caused a tree fire at the Theodore Flackus home at Hildebrand, but there were no other reported lightning fires.

Two other small fires have been reported in the Klamath Indian reservation area, both caused and due to carelessness. One of the blazes occurred near Beatty and the other near Fort Klamath.

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