

Accused Of 'Negligence'



Capt. Charles B. McVay, III, who is charged with responsibility of loss of 800 men in sinking of Cruiser Indianapolis, through "negligence" and "inefficiency" at court-martial held in Washington, D. C. (NEA Telephoto).

In The Day's News

Four Persons Left Dead In Wake Of Gale

SEATTLE, Dec. 5 (AP) — A wild gale raged on into the north today after leaving at least four dead in the Pacific northwest last night, toppling trees and power poles and unroofing buildings in Oregon and Washington and menacing the ships crowding down Puget Sound with returning servicemen and freight.

Two men were killed by falling trees in somewhat similar accidents, at Eugene, Ore., a tree crushed Clifford Mather in the cab of a logging truck and Theodore Dukes, 40, was killed at Vancouver, Wash., barracks when a tree fell on the cab of a bulldozer, John Muzzy, 89, was killed in Seattle when he touched fallen wires which had set fire to his house.

At Shelton, George L. Cunningham, a public power district lineman working atop a pole on a bank, was killed when the pole gave way and the pole fell. Another workman on the pole was uninjured.

In California an army training plane piloted by Flight Officer John Lanzette was reported missing, Lanzette had stopped at Red Bluff, Calif., for fuel on a flight from McChord field, Wash., to Hamilton field, Wash., was lost for a time in the seaplane, but returned to report he had brought the craft down on the Columbia river and ridden out the storm.

The 13th naval district said a number of ships in Puget Sound were damaged in collisions with each other and the shore, but damage was not extensive and there were no reports of casualties.

Hitler Aimed Mass Conquest

NUERNBERG, Dec. 5 (AP) — German air force records placed before the international military tribunal today disclosed that Hitler had made definite plans by 1938 to conquer at least seven neighboring countries, including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

British prosecutors at the trial of 20 top Nazi leaders accused of war crimes introduced a German air force document on plans for establishment of air bases in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Austria. The document was dated May 2, 1938—more than a year before World War II actually began.

The threat that brought unwilling Czechoslovakia into the Reich in 1939 was Hermann Goering's ultimatum that "half of Prague would lie in ruins from aerial bombardment within two hours if there was resistance according to other evidence laid before the four-power tribunal. (See also page 12).

Hammer Murder

The hammer-slaying of Violet Sumire Fudetani, 3 1/2-year-old child of Japanese descent, was discovered at the Tulalake WRA center this afternoon. The child was killed by hammer blows as she lay in her bed, and her 11 months old sister, Kazuyo, suffered a skull fracture, evidently by blows from the same hammer.

WRA authorities said the father, Yoshio Fudetani, 35, was eating at a mess hall at the time of the slaying. The mother, Shagono Fudetani, was evidently at home, but was found in a state of collapse and has been unable to give a coherent story. Authorities said they did not know whether she was there when the children were attacked, or came in and found them.

District Attorney Charles Lederer of Modoc county was on his way to Tulalake this afternoon to investigate.

PLANE HUNT CONTINUES

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SHIP'S LAST HOURS TOLD

Submarine Lay In Wait For Cruiser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The night watch aboard the cruiser Indianapolis in the hours before she was sunk between Guam and Leyte last July was described before a naval court martial today.

The witness, Lt. Cmdr. Richard B. Redmayne of Norwood, Mass., engineering officer, told the court that officers standing the 8 p. m. to midnight watch had been notified that a search was in progress for a reported submarine in an area the Indianapolis was due to pass about 8 a. m.

The court is trying Capt. Charles B. McVay 3rd, skipper of the cruiser, on charges of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the vessel.

Redmayne, who was supervising the watch, said that at about 9:30 p. m. the ship's navigator came on the bridge and informed watch officers that a patrol bomber and a destroyer escort were conducting the search for a submarine in waters ahead of the Indianapolis.

He said he himself was not worried by the report and no other officer present appeared to show concern.

Straight Course Throughout his watch the Indianapolis was steering a straight course, he said. He added that he did not discuss with the officer of the deck the advisability of returning to a zig-zag course because it did not appear to him that such a step was necessary.

Redmayne testified he left the bridge around midnight and was preparing for bed when the fatal explosions shook the ship. Commanded Lewis L. Haynes of Manistee, Mich., chief medical officer aboard the Indianapolis, testified that he was awakened by the first explosion and was on deck when the second explosion shook the ship.

"My room was filled with fire," Haynes said. "There was fire every way I turned."

He said that at no time did he hear a call to abandon ship. Asked by the judge advocate if he had any reason to believe that the ship was passing through waters through which enemy submarines were likely to be encountered, Haynes said that at the evening meal the navigator "jokingly" remarked that the ship would pass an enemy submarine during the night.

Many Hurt In Istanbul Riot

ISTANBUL, Dec. 5 (AP)—More than 20,000 persons surged through Istanbul in a wild demonstration yesterday, smashing newspaper plants and book stores, and crying "Kill the communists!"

The demonstration appeared to develop suddenly in old Istanbul. It spread to the new city, across the Golden Horn before police and soldiers restored order and threw a heavy guard around the Russian embassy.

Many persons were injured chiefly from falling glass. The modern publishing plants of the newspapers Tan and La Tuque were destroyed as the demonstrators—led by Istanbul university and high school students—plunged through the shops, smashing all equipment.

Four Klamath Lovelies Seek Queen Title



Virginia Lee Benoit



Betty Steinman



Agness Winters

Midway Battle Wrecked Japs

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO, Dec. 5 (AP)—American pilots who turned back the powerful Japanese fleet in the "David and Goliath" victory at Midway in June, 1942, wrecked Tokyo's plans to win a compromise peace by holding the Pacific in a stranglehold of outlying bases.

This was disclosed today by Capt. Toshikazu Chmae, former chief of the naval operations section of the navy ministry, in revealing details of what Japan considers one of the two decisive naval battles of the war.

Japan sent 11 battleships and 76 other combat vessels against the tiny sandspit island, which was defended by a relative handful of American planes and 23 warships. The heaviest U. S. fleet elements were five cruisers under Admiral Raymond A. Spruance.

The objective was to occupy Midway with 3500 marine and army infantrymen, who were carried aboard 16 transports. The fleet, Chmae said, had no intention of attempting a Hawaiian landing. Midway was considered the key to a vast coordinated naval offensive designed to secure advanced aerial observation bases from the Aleutians to New Hebrides. It was timed to coincide with the capture of Kiska.

But divebombers and fighter planes smashed the Midway thrust in the first fiery day—June 4, 1942, they sank four carriers and destroyed the Japanese air strength. The late Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who directed the assault, abandoned the campaign without attempting to send his overwhelming superior surface forces against the defenders.

Theft Suspects Nabbed In Reno

TULELAKE—Allan S. Bailey, whom Chief of Police Frank Rhodes said entered the home of his father, Ed Bailey, and with two companions made off with a quantity of clothing and other articles, was apprehended late Tuesday night in Reno, Bailey and his two friends, a soldier and sailor, are held there as violators of the Dyer act, and also as AWOL from the armed forces. They are in the hands of the FBI, Rhodes was advised.

Chief Rhodes said that two diamond rings valued at \$700 and thought stolen by the three, were found pinned in the collar of an overcoat and hidden in the closet. The rings were said by the Baileys to have been moved from their original hiding place. Names of young Bailey's two companions were not learned today, Chief Rhodes said. A Buick car, which the three were using, was listed by Oregon authorities as stolen from Portland Sunday night. The alleged theft here occurred Monday afternoon.

Abolishment Of Car Pool Favored

Abolishment of the national refrigerator car pool, which is blamed in part for "reefer" shortages in the Klamath basin, was proposed in action taken today by directors of the chamber of commerce.

Lloyd Stitt, district agent of the Southern Pacific, stated at the meeting that the car pool, established by the ICC during the war is working to the disadvantage of western shippers, holding cars on eastern lines that ought to be moved west.

It was brought out that orders for cars for shipment of Klamath potatoes are more than double the available cars, and that competition for cars is so great among growers that it has caused ill feeling.

Cars are needed particularly for movement of seed potatoes from this area to California potato districts where planting is now starting. Unless these seed potatoes move in the next three weeks, it will be too late.

Grid Banquet Slated Friday

Bill Abbey, Klamath boy who called signals for the University of Oregon Webfoots during the football season just completed, and Jake Leicht, sparkling half-back of the Ducks, may be in town for the Lions club KUHS gridiron banquet Friday night, Paul Angstead, Pelican coach, announced today.

Tex Oliver, Oregon mentor, is to be the guest speaker of the evening and he has been asked to bring his two backfield stars along.

Abbey is an 18-year-old, playing first-string quarterback for the Webfoots as a freshman. He was graduated from KUHS last year but various injuries kept him off the Pelican squad most of his high school career.

Leicht, a returned war veteran, is a sophomore. His sensational running for the Ducks this season has brought him mention as a possible all-American.

Tickets for the grid banquet are now on sale at the Willard hotel, chamber of commerce office and the Klamath Military supply store on Main. Deadline for reservations is noon tomorrow.

The banquet will be held in the Willard dining hall starting at 6:30 p. m. Friday.

Hoodlums Riddle 12 Mail Boxes

A gang of youthful hoodlums, believed to have been returning from a hunting trip in the vicinity of the Spring lake sump, riddled a dozen mail boxes on the Spring lake road last Saturday night by firing point-blank at them with shotguns.

Some of the shots were fired almost directly toward houses along the road, Sheriff Lloyd L. Low reported.

Two farmers in the vicinity told the sheriff of hearing the shooter tell his companion to "drive a little faster" and the voice sounded like that of a young person, they said. The vandals were driving an old model Ford.

Anyone with information as to the identity of the shooters is asked to contact the sheriff's office.

Veteran Of 2 War Theaters Hurt By Plummeting Goose

Edward M. Brown, 33-year-old Beverly Hills, Calif., hunter was seriously injured Monday when a honker goose shot by one of his companions, plunged from the sky and struck him in the chest. Brown is recovering at Hillside hospital.

Brown, with Scotty Williamson and Irvin Cooksey of Medford and Glenn A. Diem of Beverly Hills, left for the Upper Klamath lake marsh early Monday to spend the day hunting. They were on the firing line when a flight came over. Brown said he raised up to shoot and had a bead on a fine goose and the next thing he knew he was prone on the ground, lying on his back.

The hunter's companions realized the man's injury was serious and started immediately for Klamath Falls. Brown collapsed several times en route to the car. Today his physician said that Brown's condition was improved but that the force of the blow would keep him in bed for from 30 to 45 days. There was considerable damage to the heart, it was explained.

Brown is a veteran of service in both the Pacific and European theaters and as a member of the United States coast guard saw considerable action without injury of any kind. He said today that the hunting trip had long been anticipated during his years of service. He was recently discharged.

4 Hellcats Patrol Over Seven Mile

The navy, army and forest service teamed together today in the search for a missing Hellcat, unreported since Monday noon when it dropped out of a flight of seven navy planes flying over the Seven Mile area north of Klamath Falls.

Fog, low clouds and high winds forced 12 navy Hellcats to return to the Klamath naval air station at noon yesterday after they had flown over the northern section of the county for several hours in the morning. Until 2 o'clock this afternoon, weather conditions grounded all planes at the station. At 2 p. m., two Hellcats left the ground and were to radio weather information over the Seven Mile section where the navy is concentrating its search. A half hour later two more planes left the station, and others were standing by.

In the meantime, word came from Medford state police that a fire was seen burning on Mt. Baldy, 10 or 15 miles south of Medford. The army and forest service advised the navy here that all resources possible would be at their command.

At 8 o'clock this morning two Hellcats were warming up and their pilots stood by in flight gear, ready to take to the air in an effort to locate the missing plane and pilot. The plane was on of 52 en route from Pasco, Wash., naval air station to Red Bluff, Calif. Over the Seven Mile area the planes flew through the clouds as they hit storm conditions, but only six planes came out on top. No trace has been found since.

Despite bad weather conditions yesterday, a Cub piloted by Ray Royse, veteran fighter pilot of this war, attempted to fly to Ravenout field at Klamath Agency and to use that place as its base in order to assist in the search. The plane was forced to return to the airport almost immediately as it met with impossible flying conditions.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP) Ground and air patrols searched the storm battered Pacific northwest and Alaska today for survivors of six airplanes missing in the past 10 days.

Fate of 20 fliers, one civilian mail pilot and 19 servicemen, was still cloaked in the snow-bound Cascades and the rugged coastal ranges between northern California and Nome.

Two other planes that disappeared November 1 boosted the total air mishaps to eight. Forty-one men were involved in all of the plane accidents. Ten are known to have survived, six are known dead and authorities directing the search expressed doubts today many of the others still unaccounted for would be found alive.

Rescue crews were searching for wreckage of a navy Ventura plane that crashed a week ago near Mount St. Helens. Four navy airmen are missing. One (Continued on Page 2, Column 7)

Uncle Sam Loses Ears

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Uncle Sam loses his ears today. At noon the foreign broadcast intelligence service (FBIS) of the federal communications commission, ceases operation after having monitored foreign radio broadcasts 24 hours a day since 1941.

The commission said "the suspension of service was ordered after the house reduced the commission's national defense funds by \$65,000 Monday."

Commenting on this, FBIS Director Russell M. Shephard said in an interview that "every principal power in the world except the United States will have an extensive monitoring service. During the war they all had more elaborate services than we did."

"The German monitoring service had 2000 employees and the Russians about as many. The British now have 500 in London alone and the French a total of 1500. Argentina and New Zealand recently set up such services."

Canvass Set For Community Fund

Klamath Falls women will make a house-to-house canvass starting next Monday morning in an effort to complete the Community Chest fund. A representative group met Tuesday night at the chamber of commerce with W. E. Lamm, chairman of the drive, Elton Thompson and Robert Lamott, Rose M. Poole is chairman of the women's division. The town will be zoned and all residents contacted whether they have made their donations to the chest fund or not.

OVER THE TOP

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Oregon's war bond drive on sales to individuals went over the top today.

Sales climbed to \$41,630,000—105.4 per cent of the goal. E bond sales, however, were dragging just beyond the halfway mark, with \$12,700,000.

Who'll Be Queen?

Virginia Lee Benoit 3697
Marie Dorlaque 3320
Agness Winters 2455
Betty Steinman 1829

Only Four Days Left To Buy Your Victory E Bond---ACT NOW!