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Bismarck Sunk By British In Big Sea Battle

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE sinking of the Bismarck, which fills the news today almost to the exclusion of everything else, is for the British a psychological victory of the utmost importance.

It AVENGES the sinking of the Hood, and thus bolsters the age-old tradition (a part of the fiber of every Englishman's being) that the British fleet can't be monkeyed with.

THE story of the whole action involving the Hood and the Bismarck is emerging slowly today from the mists of censorship.

HEAVY British naval forces were at once dispatched to intercept them, and in the first skirmish after contact was established a lucky salvo from the Bismarck found a weak spot in the Hood's armor and blew up her magazines, sinking her.

IN the ensuing confusion, the Bismarck escaped into the fog and was lost for several hours. Then an American-made scouting plane from the British fleet located her.

Quoting the language of the official British communique, "planes from the carrier Ark Royal struck the first telling blows and later other (torpedo-carrying) planes from the ARK ROYAL and UNITS OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET gave her the coup de grace."

A FURTHER dispatch asserts that "The cruiser Dorsetshire rammed home torpedoes that finished off the Bismarck after she had been shelled into helplessness by British navy ships and destroyers."

AS yet the important question as to whether the Bismarck was destroyed by planes or warships is not fully clear—probably won't be for some time.

THE issue of airplane vs. warship remains indecisive in the eastern Mediterranean on the basis of today's dispatches.

THE British admit the loss of two cruisers and four destroyers in the battle of Crete and DAMAGE to two battleships and "several other cruisers."

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Churchill Announces Victory in Commons; Listeners Jubilant

LONDON, May 27 (UP)—The royal navy struck in vengeful anger today at Germany's challenge in the north Atlantic, sending the powerful Nazi flagship Bismarck to the bottom of the sea by shellfire and aerial torpedo, then fanning out in relentless search for the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, the Bismarck's escort.

Largely responsible for the swift death of the Bismarck, and taking a leading part in the hunt for the Prinz Eugen, were numbers of American-made Consolidated flying boats, great fortresses of the air capable of 4000 non-stop miles.

The swift, heavily-armed 35,000-ton Bismarck—conqueror of the HMS Hood by an "unlucky hit" Saturday off Greenland—and possibly Germany's best sea commander, Fleet Admiral Guenther Luetjens, were sent to death 400 miles west of Brest, France, at 11:01 a. m. Control of the vital Atlantic shipping lanes—jeopardized for about 72 hours of the Bismarck's brief but bloody career—thus was reaffirmed by the proud British "senior service" which has ruled the oceans for a century.

Mad With Joy Prime Minister Churchill proudly announced the sinking to a house of commons and British public which almost went mad with joy.

Churchill gave prompt and full credit for the exploit to the American plane which found the fleeing Bismarck. He said "yesterday shortly before midday a Cataline aircraft, one of a considerable number of those very far-reaching scouting planes sent us by the United States, picked up the Bismarck and it was seen she was heading for a French port, Brest or St. Nazaire. On this, further rapid dispositions were made by the admiralty."

Naval torpedos planes from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal—often "stuck" in German communique but still fighting—raced to the location given by the American plane and launched their deadly "fish."

Four torpedoes found their mark in the Bismarck, already damaged by shells of the Hood and two previous torpedo hits, further reducing her speed and damaging her steering gear.

Then Britain's new 35,000-ton Prince of Wales raced up and poured broadsides into the stricken Nazi vessel. Torpedo planes came on again, and administered the coup de grace.

It was a crippling loss to the small German fleet. It leaves the Germans only three battleships—two of these of only 26,000 tons—against Britain's (Continued on Page Two)

Germans Say Big Warship Fought to End

BERLIN, May 27 (AP)—Germany's most powerful battleship, the 35,000-ton Bismarck, was destroyed in the north Atlantic today by a formidable squadron of British warships and planes which had pursued the Nazi vessel since Saturday, when she sank the 42,100-ton battle-cruiser Hood.

The German navy's fighting admiral, Guenther Luetjens, fleet commander, and the Bismarck's commander, Captain Lindemann, as well as an undetermined number of the crew were lost, the high command said.

It was not disclosed what had happened to the rest of Luetjens' fleet or whether he even had additional warships accompanying the Bismarck.

The Bismarck's last message, the high command said, indicated she was surrounded by overwhelming enemy forces and so badly crippled she could not maneuver. It read: "Ship unable to maneuver. We are fighting to the last shell. Long live the fuhrer."

ELEVEN BILLION WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Federal expenditures for the current fiscal year crossed \$11,000,000,000 today to exceed almost any previous complete peace-time year.

Victim of Car-Truck Crash



Wallace Uerlings, 36, was lifted onto the ambulance stretcher following an accident at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at Elm and Market street.

SHIP WORKERS REFUSE PEACE

Ultee Dispute Near In California; OPM Leader Is Accused

By The Associated Press An American Federation of Labor official charged before a senate defense investigating committee Tuesday that Sidney Hillman, associate director of the office of production management, had a part in "stimulating" a strike in the Ultee Aircraft Manufacturing plant in California.

Harvey M. Rice, president of the International Machinists union, testifying in Washington on the San Francisco shipyards strike, commented that a government representative, who he said was sent by Hillman, had interfered with the union's attempt to iron out difficulties at the Ultee plant.

Hillman is a former national vice president of the CIO but has been in the office of production management since it was established.

Earlier Senator Truman, (D-Mo.) chairman of the committee, had proposed to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, that the federation expel the International Machinists association from its ranks for approving the machinists' strike which tied up \$500,000,000 worth of shipbuilding in the San Francisco area.

The CIO's United Auto Workers union served notice at Detroit it would seek a wage raise of 10 cents-an-hour at Chrysler and other Detroit automobile plants, such as was won from General Motors recently.

Meanwhile, labor difficulties persisted at the Packard Motor Car company at Detroit, and at the North American Aviation, Inc., plant at Inglewood, Calif., accompanied in each case by threats to strike.

Judge Assigned In Klamath Case

SALEM, Ore., May 27 (UP)—Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton of Bend today was assigned to Klamath county to try the case of the Klamath Irrigation company vs. Carlson.

The assignment was made after Judge James T. Brand of Marshfield, originally scheduled to hear the case, was appointed to the state supreme court.

POTATO VOTE

PORTLAND, May 27 (UP)—A proposed federal marketing agreement to handle Irish potatoes in interstate commerce will be voted on by Malheur county and several Idaho counties, the United States department of agriculture revealed today.

Man Injured When Auto Hits Truck

Wallace Uerlings, 36, owner of the Klamath Auto Body company, was seriously injured at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a car on which he was riding crashed into an OK Transfer company truck at Market and Elm streets.

Young Uerlings was sitting on the fender and radiator of Jerry Tresner's car, attempting to locate a "rattle," when Tresner struck the truck operated by Cameron Wilson, 54, 1510 Carlyle street. Wilson was driving toward the city on Elm street when the car crashed into the rear of the truck body. Uerlings suffered back injuries and cuts on the hands. He was rushed by Ward's ambulance to Klamath Valley hospital.

Slight Earthquake Felt in S. F. Area; No Damage Reported

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27 (UP)—A slight earthquake of six to eight seconds' duration jolted San Francisco, the San Francisco peninsula area and several towns as far south as Santa Cruz at 10:24 o'clock tonight but no damage was reported.

Dr. Albert Newlin of the University of Santa Clara said his seismograph showed a "light series of shocks" beginning at 10:24 p. m. He said the quake apparently centered within a radius of 60 miles of Santa Clara, probably along the old San Andreas fault line west of Santa Clara.

Santa Cruz, 80 miles south of San Francisco, was the southernmost point reporting the quake. There were no reports of the shock north of San Francisco or in the Sacramento or San Joaquin valley. The University of Santa Clara infirmary reported it felt the jolt.

Telephone company, police and newspaper office switchboards received numerous calls from residents reporting the quake. The shock was felt distinctly in the United Press office on the fourth floor of a downtown office building.

Big Crowd Sees Polack Brothers Circus Tuesday

A capacity crowd braved chill breezes blowing across the Klamath fairgrounds Tuesday night to attend the opening night of the thrill-splashed Polack Brothers 20-30 club circus.

Three attractions of the big three and one-half hour program stood out for the throng ofurchins and oldsters.

First for most of them was the "Peak of Aerial Wizardry"—four aerial apolloes in a netless acrobatic exhibit 125 feet above the ground. Three brawny lads and a slim girl performed seemingly impossible balancing feats as an estimated 20-mile breeze whipped the high rigging.

Second by only a slim margin was Reuben Castang and his trained comedy chimpanzees—three adult chimps with a bicycle-riding specialty.

FRENCH ASSURE U. S. OF PEACE

Colonies, Fleet Not To Fall Into Nazi Hands, Assertion

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—The French government gave renewed assurances in writing today to the United States that the French fleet and colonies would not be surrendered to Germany or any other power.

A note containing specific guarantees was delivered by the French ambassador, Gaston Henry-Haye, to Sumner Welles, under-secretary of state.

The note, the ambassador told reporters, was drafted by him on instructions from the Vichy government. It was intended to remove misgivings here on the scope of French-German collaboration.

The French acted apparently in conformity with a request last week by Secretary of State Hull that the Vichy government should define its position clearly in writing if it wished to convince the world that pro-Nazi elements were not in supreme control at Vichy.

Henry-Haye declined to disclose full details of the note but he told reporters: "We hope that it will be a disappointment to those people who are trying to disturb Franco-American relations."

Detectives Kill Los Angeles Butler After Robbery

LOS ANGELES, May 27 (AP)—Detectives killed a butler today after, they reported, he bound a wholesale merchant and a maid, threatened the merchant's son with a gun and stole \$200.

Detective Lieuts. Wallace Greetan and William Molle trapped Ben Smith, 28, in the William Klatscher home and shot him after, they said, he threatened to kill them. They told this story:

Smith, employed at Klatscher's palatial home in the Wilshire district, entered the house shortly after midnight, bound the maid, Smiles Love, 48, and forced William Klatscher Jr., 16, to bind his father.

Father of Klamath People Killed in Ontario Accident

William Homer Uley, 61, Malheur county road crew foreman and former resident of Klamath Falls, was fatally crushed by a concrete bridge pier five miles west of Ontario, Ore., late Monday.

The complaint against Shoulders was signed by city police, who had him brought here from Grants Pass for questioning.

HISTORICAL STAMP

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Representative Smith (D-Wash.) introduced yesterday a resolution (H. Res. 190) to direct issuance of a special postage stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Columbia river by Capt. Robert Gray on May 11, 1792.

F. R. PROCLAIMS NEW EMERGENCY

BRITISH NAVY SUFFERS LOSS AROUND CRETE

Landing of Germans Balked; Land Battle "Hangs in Balance"

LONDON, May 27 (UP)—British defenders in western Crete gave ground foot by foot in vicious combat today. Hordes of German reinforcements arriving by air were widening a break-through in the sector between Malemi and Canea, official sources said.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons "the issue of magnificent resistance hangs in the balance."

Imperial reinforcements are pouring into Crete to bolster the resistance against the eight-day-old Nazi invasion. All axis sea-borne landings were reported smashed by the royal navy with tremendous losses.

It was believed probably Germany already had thrown three divisions numbering 45,000 men into the struggle, in addition to hundreds of specialists landed by plane.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 27 (AP)—Britain's Mediterranean fleet has lost two cruisers and four destroyers in the raging week-old battle of Crete but has weaked German efforts to land sea-borne troops, and the epic struggle on land now "hangs in the balance," the British announced today.

(In London the admiralty announced that it had accounted for 60 officers and 956 men from the ships lost. It said there was good reason to believe that others will be reported later.)

SKY TROOPS Land Besides the sunken ships high official quarters said that two battleships and several other cruisers had been damaged, but (Continued on Page Two)

Police Arrest Shoulders As Safe - Robber

City police late Tuesday announced the arrest of Ralph Shoulders, 19, as the burglar who robbed the safe at the Home-way store, East Main and Home streets, on April 27.

Shoulders waived preliminary hearing and indictment on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling.

The police said Shoulders had been employed at the Safeway store and had been transferred to Grants Pass about 10 days before the robbery. He was familiar with the combination of the safe and had had a key made to fit the store door, they related.

The officers said Shoulders lifted the lid from the safe after working the combination, put burned paper and gunpowder in the strongbox to simulate an explosion. He allegedly threw the lid into Klamath river.

To further throw off suspicion of former employees, the officers asserted. Shoulders left a window open in the side of the building, although he walked in through the door after using a key on the lock.

He allegedly got several hundred dollars in cash and checks from the strongbox. Police said his purpose was to get money to buy a new car.

All-Out Aid for Britain Promised

WASHINGTON, May 27 (U)—President Roosevelt tonight proclaimed an unlimited national emergency and pledged full use of United States armed might, if necessary, to crush Hitlerism.

He announced the proclamation—placing the nation on a war footing—during a 45-minute fireside chat which was broadcast nationally and throughout the world.

Diplomats of the other 20 American republics, Vice President and Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, cabinet officers and other dignitaries were gathered about him in the historic east room of the white house as he made his momentous declaration.

Bluntly reasserting the "freedom of the seas" policy which this country abandoned temporarily under the neutrality act, the president stated emphatically that all-out aid will be delivered safely to Great Britain and other nations fighting on the side of democracy.

Delivery of this aid, he said, "can be done, it must be done; it will be done."

He left unanswered the question whether convoys would be used to safeguard war cargoes. He pointed out, however, that the extended operations of the neutrality patrol in the Atlantic are helping to insure safe transit of munitions.

Military and naval technicians, he asserted, are working out new and additional safeguards which will be put into effect as needed.

National Policy Clearly and unmistakably he stated this country's national policy to be: "First, we shall actively resist whenever necessary, and with all our resources, every attempt by Hitler to extend his Nazi domination to the western hemisphere, or to threaten it. We shall resist his every attempt to gain control of the seas. We insist upon the vital importance of keeping Hitlerism away from any point in the world which could be used and would be used as a base of attack upon the Americas."

"Second, from the point of view of strict naval and military necessity, we shall give every possible assistance to Britain, and to all who, with Britain, are resisting Hitlerism or its equivalent with force of arms. Our patrols are helping now to insure delivery of the needed supplies to Britain. All additional measures necessary to deliver the goods will be taken. Any and all further methods or combination of methods, which can or shall be utilized, are being devised by our military and naval technicians, who, with me, will work out and put into effect such new and additional safeguards as may be needed."

Shotgun Kills 12-Year-Old By Accident

The president did not give even a hint that a national emergency would be proclaimed until near the end of his remarks.

It was one of the most drastic short-of-war steps which he could take and it was disclosed immediately after he had warned that work stoppages would not be permitted to hamper the defense effort.

The proclamation stated that indifference on the part of the United States to the increasing menace of axis conquest would be perilous. Common prudence, it asserted, requires that "for the security of this nation and of this hemisphere we should pass from peacetime authorizations of military strength to such a basis as will enable us to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at hostile encirclement of this hemisphere, or of the establishment of any bases for aggression against us, as well as to repel the threat of predatory incursion by foreign agents into our territory and society."

Harmony Urged The president called upon workers and employers to (Continued on Page Two)

Axis Columns Force Egypt Guards Back

CAIRO, Egypt, May 27 (AP)—A number of small axis columns have crossed the Egyptian frontier in the region of Sulum and advanced several miles to the east, compelling British forces to give ground, the middle east command announced today.

British advance units are "successfully harassing and slowing down the advance of these columns," the communique said. In the lakes area of Ethiopia British forces are engaged "in clearing the battlefield and rounding up scatterer remnants of Italian forces," it added.

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