

NICARAGUAN AND U. S. SHIPS SUNK

Loss Of Life Heavy As Submarines Continue Attacks Against Shipping

AN EAST COAST PORT, June 20.—(P)—Two more merchant vessels, one a small United States ship in the Caribbean and the other a small Nicaraguan vessel, have been sunk by enemy torpedoes with loss of life in each sinking, the Navy announced today.

Only five of the 25-man crew escaped the swift destruction of the Nicaraguan ship on the night of June 15.

A torpedo from a German submarine sent the little vessel to the bottom in a minute and a half, some 60 miles off shore.

The five who escaped did so by cutting a lifeboat free and jumping in as the sea swirled up to it, according to the naval announcement.

They escaped a second time a few minutes later when the attacking submarine, apparently accidentally, damaged the lifeboat. One man was taken aboard the raider for questioning.

In the other sinking, the heroic captain of the small United States freighter shepherded his crew off the ship as the submarine maneuvered to launch a torpedo, put his own lifebelt around a sailor, and then died when the explosion came.

He was identified as Capt. William H. Lane of Philadelphia, and described by Jacob L. Gregory, second assistant engineer, as "the bravest man who ever looked death in the face."

Despite his efforts, a lifeboat containing four men disappeared when the torpedo struck and the 25 surviving crewmen expressed belief that it was blown to bits. The ship sank in 30 seconds after the attack on June 1.

Chief Officer Walter Ruge of 444 E. 92nd St., New York city, saw the submarine on the surface, some minutes before the torpedo was launched. He gave the alarm.

Captain Lane ordered boats to pull away and told Ruge to jump over the side and swim for a lifeboat. The captain took off his lifebelt and tossed it to a seaman who dived over the side and swam for safety.

One boat was slow in getting away. Captain Lane stood on the deck, encouraging the four men in it to pull away from the doomed craft. At that moment the torpedo exploded. The boat, its men and the captain disappeared.

LEON HENDERSON OFFERS TO QUIT

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Discussing the \$161,000,000 appropriation request—which he had said might be pared in a move to discipline him—he described it as modest in view of the huge economic job undertaken by OPA. If the agency is not allowed sufficient funds, he declared, consumers and merchants would be the ones to suffer.

WEATHER

(Continued from Page One) WASHINGTON, June 20.—(P)—Weather Bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m.:

Table with columns for city, high, low, and precipitation. Cities listed include Asheville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Evansville, Memphis, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Richmond, St. Louis, Savannah, Washington, and Wilmington.

SOAP BUBBLES—\$40,000 WORTH That was quite a soap bubble party put on in Long Beach, Calif., by ten-year-old Jack and seven-year-old John. The boys admitted to police they turned a fire hose—and a total loss.

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WILL LOVE TAKE LOY OFF SCREEN?



Honeymooning at Miami Beach, Film Actress Myrna Loy is non-committal about possible retirement from screen. New husband, John D. Hertz, Jr., indicated wife's plans didn't include film work.

Obituaries

WILLIAM N. BETTS

William N. Betts, 58, died in a local hospital yesterday morning at 7 o'clock after a two weeks illness.

Mr. Betts was the son of the late William C. and Mary Haynes Betts, of Wake county. He had resided in Wilmington for the past 51 years and had been manager of the Blue Top lodge, where he resided, for five years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Kirkman Betts, of Wilmington; a son, W. W. Betts, of Dallas, Texas, and a brother, Dr. E. M. Betts, of Charlottesville, Va.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Yopp Funeral home with the Rev. J. Roy Clifford in charge. The body will be sent to Greensboro for interment in Greenhill cemetery Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Clyde Turner will have charge of the services there.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. W. A. Kamer, Dr. W. C. Mebane, McLean Glenn, W. D. Hewett, E. M. Farabow, Tom Croom, O. O. Whitlock, Matthew Guthrie, N. L. Foy, Ira Ferrell and W. F. Cox.

MRS. MARY D. BARNHILL

ROCKY MOUNT, June 20.—(P)—Mrs. Mary Daws Barnhill, 81, mother of Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill of the State Supreme court, died at a hospital here last night.

NATHAN MURRAY

Nathan Murray, 93-year old farmer, died at his Maple Hill home at 7:15 o'clock Saturday night after an illness of seven weeks.

Burial will be at the Cedars cemetery near Wallace at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Murray was a life-long member of the Trinity Baptist church.

CHINESE INTERCEPT JAPS NEAR HSIAYI

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ing in the suburbs of Kwangtung which is 20 miles inside Kiangsi from neighboring Chekiang province.

One Japanese column broke through a Chinese cordon at Sanchi, five miles southeast of Kwangtung early Friday and retreated north, a communique said. Another force forced a crossing on the Sin river and captured Wutu, but the Chinese retook the town in the afternoon.

In the southeast province of Kwangtung—of which Canton is near the center—counterattacking Chinese forced a crossing of the Pa river from the north and attacked Yungtam, a town on the Canton-Hankow railway about 40 miles north of Canton. Japanese communications were said to have been disrupted when the Chinese cut the railway south of Yungtam.

Twenty million flowering plants and shrubs were planted along boulevards and in squares of Moscow, Russia.

NAVY SAYS MINES CAUSED SINKING

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number of long-range submarines equipped for mine laying. Available records show several ocean-going U-boats of more than 1,000 tons displacement are fitted for minelaying and naval experts believe Germany has been busy building more. These are in addition to many coastal type U-boats used for laying mines in the waters around England and in shipping lanes leading from that country.

Moreover, the Germans recently announced what they called an intensive submarine campaign against all shipping along the coast of North America and extending east to the shores of Europe.

While the announcement set June 26 as the deadline for action in that area, it was possible the enemy had started off his campaign early with minelayers supplementing the already extensive operations of the torpedo-firing submarines.

After the United States entered the first World war, German mines were laid along the American coast.

INCREASE DEFENSES

NEW YORK, June 20.—(P)—The Germans acknowledged tonight that the Allies have "strongly increased" their defenses against Axis submarine attack, particularly along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the United States.

"The fight against enemy supply shipping and patrol and escort vessels of the enemy assumed particular fierceness in the past week," said the Berlin radio in a German-language broadcast for European consumption, recorded here by CBS. It continued:

"The enemy has strongly increased his submarine defense and convoy protection, and is using for the battle against the ever-greater submarine danger all available craft.

"It could be observed that along the east coast of the United States small and very small coastal vessels were used for coastal patrol and also for convoy service. "Blimps of the American Navy and all types of land and sea planes are patrolling the 3,000-kilometer long south and southeast coast of the United States in order to discover the positions of the Axis underwater raiders."

DEFENSE WORKERS ELIGIBLE FOR TIRES

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the worker applying for the tire rationing certificate is a permanent employee, has no other means of transportation, lives two miles or more from his place of employment, and regularly carries at least three other workers with him.

The new regulation will become effective July 15.

BASES AT RABAU AND LAE BOMBED

Allied Bombing Planes Fight Their Way Through Jap Fighter Defenses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, June 21.—(P)—Allied bombing plans have fought their way through Japanese fighter defenses and bombed the enemy-held air bases at Rabaul and Lae, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

At Rabaul, New Britain, the Allied bombers hit wharf installations on what was termed a successful night attack.

At Lae, an important base in New Guinea, the raiders directed their fire on the airfield, destroying two enemy bombers on the ground.

The Japanese defense, in which Zero fighter planes took to the air, was described in the daily headquarters communique as ineffective.

NAZI ARMY PRESSES DRIVE ON SEVASTOPOL

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the Black sea fleet stayed aloft to challenge them. In 10 days Russian fighters and ground batteries were reported to have killed 2,000 German infantrymen and destroyed 34 tanks.

Situation Grave But the situation there was one of increasing gravity for the stout Russian defenders.

Soviet dispatches said the Germans made eight successive assaults on the south side June 18 only to be repulsed each time by the Red army defenders. One repulse was carried out at bayonet point, the Russians destroying a regiment of Nazi infantry and destroying about 20 tanks.

Even fiercer fighting was reported around the northern fortifications where the Germans exerted their greatest effort, with several infantry divisions and many heavy tanks massed in single sectors.

The Red army, both at Sevastopol and on the other fronts, was considered far stronger, better organized, armed and trained after almost a year of war in which millions have fought, bled and died. Across Hitler's path they stood, from the Arctic to the Black sea, determined to make 1942 the year of his debacle.

The Germans at Sevastopol, no longer the cream of Nazi manpower, hurled themselves against the flaming trenches and concrete blocks in the hope of presenting their Fuehrer with the naval base as a present on the first anniversary of the Russian-German struggle, next Monday.

Punish Nazis But the sailors and gunners, "defending with their breasts every inch of Soviet land," were punishing the Nazis mercilessly.

The Black sea fleet continued to shell the enemy lines and to bring supplies, arms, munitions and food to the besieged garrison.

Warships and long range guns wiped out numerous enemy troops in positions well behind the front, military advisers said. The cruiser Red Crimea escaped repeated attempts of the Luftwaffe to sink her near the city. There were more than 200 raids on the ship, the dispatches said, but she was a not hit.

Meanwhile the Russian high command masked its intentions west of Moscow.

Soviet military authorities were silent on German reports that a new Russian offensive had been opened against Smolensk, with waves of infantry attacking behind tank and air support.

(An important town in the direction of Smolensk was recaptured, said a British broadcast of Moscow dispatches.)

But observers recalled that it was several days after the beginning of the Russian's Kharkov offensive on May 12 before an announcement was made. That of fensive was launched to upset German plans for a German offensive against Rostov, designed as a companion to the Kerch peninsula drive in the Crimea.

Soviet reports told of two battles on the Kalinin front, north of Smolensk, in which 1,500 Germans were killed in a 48-hour fight, and more than 700 wiped out in another two-day combat.

Since the ending of the Russians' winter offensive they have held two salients pointed at Smolensk, which is 220 miles west of Moscow. One reaches to Dorogobuzh, 50 miles southeast of Smolensk, and the other runs through Toropez, 120 miles north of Smolensk and extends on into White Russia between Smolensk and Velikie Luki.

Caught in the bulge are Gzhatsk, 95 miles west of Moscow, Vyazma and Rzhev.

General MacArthur Is Named 'Official Father' For 1942

SPOKANE, June 20.—(P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been named "official father" for the observance of Father's Day.

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, founder, said the International Father's Day Association had selected him in recognition of his inspirational leadership in the Philippines and Australia. Actor Lionel Barrymore was given the designation last year.

PASTOR'S CLAIM TO WILL CONTESTED



The Rev. Henry Darlington, rector of an Episcopal church in New York, and his wife stand in the corridor of the court building at White Plains, N. Y., during a recess of the hearing in which relatives of the late Mrs. Anna H. Paton contested her \$1,000,000 will which named Dr. Darlington as principal beneficiary. The court heard the reading of letters in which the rector expressed love for the wealthy widow who was 78 years of age. Dr. Darlington is 51.

BRITISH REPULSE TWO AXIS COLUMNS

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stretches, and were harassing the enemy with repeated raids. Their attacks were exploiting the main problem confronting Marshal Erwin Rommel—his lengthened supply lines.

The Germans surround Tobruk but have not yet moved up to lay siege or assault that stronghold which hurled back every Axis attempt to take it last year in the eight months it was isolated. The strong defense works at the port continued to threaten the Axis rear.

The British also were consolidating their new positions, much nearer their supply bases, after withdrawing and getting into the strongest possible positions for both defensive and offensive action.

Military experts said the situation is similar to that of last year just before Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck started his offensive which drove the Axis half way to Tripoli before stalling at El Agheila.

(The German high command said "German and Italian troops are carrying on the attack and pursuit of the enemy. Several hundred prisoners were taken and important supplies captured." The Italians said Tobruk was bombed.)

While critics in London clamored for a parliamentary debate on the latest British defeat, it was disclosed that the turning point in the fight came one week ago when a large British tank force ran into an ambush of the effective German 88-millimeter guns.

COMMITTEE KILLS SALES TAX PLAN

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up again for many months, if at all. The vote against a sales tax was not announced but was reported to have been 13 to 8 with two proxies cast.

Representatives McKenough (D-Ill) and Healey (D-Mass), who led the fight against such a levy, contended that it would fall disproportionately heavy on those with low incomes.

By a 10 to 9 vote, the committee agreed tentatively to the pay-as-you-go system of collecting individual income taxes. It is designed to complete in two years a shift from the current system of paying one year's taxes the next year to a program of paying at least part of current taxes out of current income.

Generally speaking, the new plan would work like this: An individual's annual personal exemptions would be determined and divided by 52 to ascertain the weekly exemptions. A 10 per cent "withholding tax" would be levied on that part of the weekly pay check not covered by the exemption.

Half of the pay deduction could be used as a credit against 1942 taxes due beginning next March 15, and the other half would accumulate as a credit against 1943 taxes due March 15, 1944. Beginning in 1944, the full 10 per cent deduction would be applied against 1944 taxes.

In order to reach those whose income is not in the form of regular checks, the Treasury proposed a separate treatment for such persons as business men and recipients of rents.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(P)—

Following is a table of basic exemptions under the proposed plan for deducting income taxes from the tax-payer's regular paychecks. All income above the amount listed in each category would be subject to a 10 per cent withholding tax:

Table with columns: Payroll Period, Single Person (Not Head of Family), Married Person or Head of Family, Each Dependent. Rows include Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annually, and Annually.

9,106 REGISTER FOR BOND VOTE

Supplement To Federal Funds Needed For King's Bluff Water Project

Registration of voters for the \$600,000 city bond election on July 1 ended last night with a total of 9,106 persons listed on the voting books at the city's ten precincts.

Approval of the bond sale as a supplement to federal funds for the King's Bluff water supply is sought in the election.

Results of the poll will be based on a majority of votes cast. Registration by precincts: First ward, 655; Second ward, first precinct, 795, second precinct, 733; Third ward, first precinct, 978, second precinct, 1050.

Fourth ward, 1194; Fifth ward, first precinct, 906, second precinct, 790; Sixth ward, first precinct, 720, second precinct, 1285.

Three Japanese Ships Sank By British Subs

LONDON, June 20.—(P)—Three large Japanese ships have been torpedoed and sunk by British submarines in the narrow straits of Malacca, the waterway separating Malaya and Sumatra, the admiralty announced today.

One of the submarines, attacking a convoy of three ships, picked out the largest and sank it, the communique said. Two other vessels were listed as destroyed by another submarine, but it was not made clear whether the second submarine attacked the same convoy.

The date of the sinkings was not disclosed.

25 New Automobiles Lost In Harlan Fire

HARLAN, Ky., June 20.—(P)—Twenty-five new automobiles and 25 used cars and trucks were lost in a fire here today which destroyed the building and contents of the Harlan Motos company.

A. T. Billips, company manager, estimated the damage at \$100,000. He said none of the loss was covered by insurance. The blaze started on a grease rack.

Prohibition Proposal Denounced By Veterans

CHICAGO, June 20.—(P)—The 33rd Division War Veterans' Association today denounced proposals for establishment of prohibition areas around military camps a "stab in the back" to service men.

The association, in its annual reunion, also voted to return to the state treasury "for the duration" \$150,000 appropriated by the legislature in 1939 for erection of a monument in honor of the division.

Names Are Selected For New Convoy Ships

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(P)—Ten new convoy escort vessels of the United States Navy will bear the names of ships lost since the outbreak of the war December 7.

Secretary of the Navy Knox selected the names today. They are the Edsall, Jacob Jones, Robert E. Peary, Pillsbury, Pope, Reuben James, Sims, Stewart, and Sturtevant, all destroyers, and the Langley, a seaplane tender.

The escort vessels are a type of ship built especially for convoy duty.

Sixteen Crippled British Tanks Force Nazis Back During Clash

By STEPHEN BARBER CAIRO, Egypt, June 20.—(P)—How 16 crippled British tanks, some without ammunition and others with jammed turrets, rumbled out of repair shops and forced an attacking unit of 25 German tanks to withdraw was told today by a middle-aged British major.

The major learned the German tanks were shelling the British five miles south of his workshops. He rounded up 16 tanks and from lancers and Hussars and tank corps men waiting for machines to be repaired recruited a force to drive them.

"When I had assembled them behind a slight rise, I gave orders that they were to fire at anything they could see when they went over the ridge," the major related.

The major stood up in his staff car and fired his revolver as a sign for the first wave of jalopies to advance.

"The enemy saw our three waves of tanks coming into action over the ridge," he went on, "and for a moment I thought he had called our bluff as he began throwing over a lot of stuff, supported by artillery.

"But this was before he had seen our heavies. When he saw them—wrecks though they actually were—he turned and withdrew."

As "reinforcements" the major sent forward a young lieutenant in one tank.

The young officer had no radio. He did not hear the order to withdraw when the action ended and chased the German squadron until he himself was knocked out.

The lieutenant managed to escape with his crew and hid until nightfall.

When he returned, the major said, he asked for another tank and apologized for losing his own.

"Then he handed over two enemy vehicles he and his crew had captured on the way back." 4

Advertisement for Chenille Bedspreads and Upholstery Material. Features a large image of a bed with a patterned bedspread. Text includes 'JUNE VALUES FOR THE HOME', 'Chenille Bedspreads', 'Beautiful new selection of neat patterns and designs in pastel colors. Large variety to select from. One of these spreads on your bed will give your room a cool atmosphere.', '\$1.94 to \$6.95', 'Chenille Bath Room Sets', 'Again we offer you this special. Washable, tufted bath mat and seat cover in a beautiful assortment of pastel colors combinations including pink, blue, green, peach, lavender and rose. \$1.29', and 'UPHOLSTERY MATERIAL Save your furniture by reupholstering it with some of this quality material that we have in stock. Floral designs and solid colors. 36 and 54 inches wide. \$1.48 to \$2.95 yd.' The ad also includes the name 'E. Fird's DEPARTMENT STORE' and 'WILMINGTON, N. C.' with a phone number 'Dial 9661'.