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Afternoon Tea at a North Ireland Canteen



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A member of the AEF (left) and a British soldier team up to enjoy their afternoon tea at a British War Relief Society canteen in Northern Ireland. The canteen is operated by the Y.M.C.A.

Canal Zone Highway Complete

Army Trucks Use Route

Vital Defense Unit Added to Panama Canal Facilities; Road Started in 1940.

Balboa, Canal Zone, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A new Panama Canal safeguard has been established in a 48-mile trans-isthmian highway, over which Army machines can travel ocean to ocean in two hours.

At places the route is only a one-way graded trail hacked through dense tropical jungles, but Army trucks traversed it for the first time this week, demonstrating its availability in any emergency involving the vital canal and closely paralleling the highway.

The highway adds a third and well-separated route to the canal and railway which hitherto were the only avenues of heavy transport across the Isthmus of Panama.

Began in December, 1940, as a joint Canal Zone and Republic of Panama enterprise, the highway assumed enormous military significance after the United States and Panama entered the war against the axis in December, 1941.

Canal defense authorities promptly obtained permission of the United States public road administration to clear a trail across seven miles of jungle-covered hogback hills and deep ravines—last portion of a right-of-way originally planned for commercial traffic.

Air Raids Predicted

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—With the warning that the home front could look for hostile aerial attacks, the House appropriations committee today recommended that \$100,000,000 be voted for the civilian defense program.

The amount was the biggest single item in a \$160,590,611 omnibus appropriations bill which the committee sent to the House floor for action.

"Enemy air raids upon continental United States are to be expected," the committee said, in approving the civilian defense allotment, "but the general military opinion is that they cannot be conducted on a scale approaching in any degree the intensity or frequency of the raids on England or the continent of Europe."

Leaf Markets Closed Early

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The current tobacco market season has been characterized so far by comparatively high prices and rapid selling of the crop, the Agriculture department reported today.

Flue-cured markets, for the first time on record, were closed by the end of the 1941 calendar year. Most of the burley markets have already closed.

The department said better prices this year resulted principally from a high rate of domestic consumption of tobacco products, particularly cigarettes and cigars.

Axis Press Speculates On Invasion

Bern, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The axis press for the first time speculated today that the United States and Britain might attempt invasion of Europe in the spring. The Italian Admiral Duce, writing in the Review Oggi, predicted that the British and Americans would remain on the defensive in the Pacific, devoting their first offensive effort to preventing the axis from launching a new drive against Russia.

The invasion, he said, most likely will be directed against the Balkans or northern Scandinavia.

Nazis List Sub Sinkings Off America

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Feb. 6.—(AP)—A communiqué from "authoritative military quarters" today named six "enemy" ships which the German high command said yesterday had been sunk by U-boats off the east coast of North America. The names and tonnages, as given by the communiqué, follow:

The freighter Anconaland, 13,350; the steamer Empire Wildboote, 5,631; the steamer Rocketer, 6,335; the steamer Traveler, 3,963; the steamer Tacoma Star, 1,927; and the tanker Trobriote, 3,173.

(These ships are all listed in Lloyd's Register, which, however, gives slightly different tonnages in some cases.)

(The only one of the six whose loss has been officially announced by the United States is the Rocketer, the only American ship in the list. The Navy department announced January 31 that she had gone down the day before. The Anconaland, one of the world's largest ore freighters, is Swedish. The other four are of British registry.)

Tar Heels In Rebellion Against Daylight Saving

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—There is an undercurrent of rebellion running deep in the hearts of North Carolinians—especially about sun-up. No telling what may happen when the alarm clocks sound the zero hour next Monday morning. Already the rebels are humming their hymn to the tune of the Marine Corps song: "I got something like this."

From the mountains around Murphy to the shores at Kitty Hawk, "We'll fight our country's battles. We'll pay the tax and never squawk. We're very patriotic."

And we'll shell out our last dime. To win we'll do most anything.

To wit: to hell with daylight time. It's a fact that insofar as Governor Broughton has been able to discover not even the most pro-Rooseveltian, anti-axis, ill-out-to-win-the-war Tar Heels are enthusiastic about the business of moving the clocks ahead next Sunday midnight. And many of them feel that this time the President and Congress jointly

laid an egg. News reaches Raleigh that in many counties, especially in the west where the sun rises later, the schools will counteract the clock moving by starting classes an hour later, which will be the same—if you understand what they mean. Cherokee county has gone back to central standard time and asked Clay, Graham and Swain to come with them. Operators of one-shift industries have written the governor that they will save electricity rather than waste it by starting at eight o'clock rather than at the new seven. Plants on war or defense work, or any others with enough orders and materials to fill them, are running on two or three shifts and the change in time won't save any current in their plants. One shift doesn't require any more light than the other when it's dark and the sun won't rise any earlier, regardless of whom it shines on.

The farmers, perhaps, have

Aliens Held In Vallejo

West Coast Raids by FBI Agents Net Nearly Two Score of Axis Aliens.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Raids by federal agents in areas adjacent to two big west coast naval yards have led to the arrests of nearly two score axis aliens, most Japanese, and seizure of navy signal flags, maps, weapons, cameras and radios.

The latest raid of 25 FBI agents, personally led by Nat Pieper, head of the San Francisco office of the federal bureau of investigation, fell with surprising suddenness last night on alien establishments in Vallejo, which is near the Mare Island navy yard.

Wednesday other FBI agents seized 15 Japanese in Richmond, which lies strategically near the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash.

Among the Vallejo places raided last night was a Japanese laundry, which, police said, had been laundering clothes for Mare Island workers. The FBI agents, in cooperation with local officers, arrested more than a score of aliens, and a woman. Those seized included three Germans and one Italian. The rest were Japanese.

Nine of the group were ordered held for immigration authorities. The rest were released.

Vallejo police said that the laundry raided had sent its agents for many years into the navy yard to pick up laundry.

ROOSEVELT TO NAME NEW SOVIET ENVOY

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Without disclosing whom he had in mind for the post, President Roosevelt told a press conference today he soon would appoint a new ambassador to Russia.

Scott Urges More Cotton

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Nazis Ask Italy To Send Planes

Japs Claim Naval Victory

Tokyo Says Dutch Fleet Annihilated

Propaganda Effort Overlooks Known Dutch Strength; In Philippines, Jap Artillery Batteries Are Destroyed.

(By The Associated Press.) Tokyo headquarters issued a high sounding claim today that Japanese naval planes had "virtually annihilated" the entire Dutch Indies fleet—two N.I. cruisers sunk, a third heavily damaged—in an attack in the Java sea, south of Macassar Strait.

In addition, a United States cruiser of the 7,650-ton Marblehead type was listed as badly damaged and another 5,000-ton ship sunk.

Obviously a propaganda effort, the Tokyo communiqué made no attempt to reconcile its claim that three cruisers made up the "entire" Dutch Indies fleet with the known fact that a large part of the Netherlands European fleet—considerably greater in strength—escaped to far Pacific waters before Germany invaded Holland.

Domei reported that Japanese planes also sank a 10,000-ton ship, set a 6,000-ton vessel afire and scored bomb hits on three cruisers and destroyers, in the Strait of Malacca just west of Singapore.

In the Philippines, a War department bulletin reported that American gunners had destroyed Japanese artillery emplacements on the south shore of Manila Bay.

The Japanese batteries had apparently been brought up for an attack on the island fortress of Corregidor, which guards the entrance to Manila Bay.

Japan's invasion forces, already numbering more than 200,000, were being newly reinforced by troops departing from nine transports in Lingayen Gulf, 110 miles north of Manila, the War department said.

In the seven-day old siege of Singapore, British guns thundered defiance to Japanese troops massed across the mile-wide Strait of Johore, while RAF Hurricane fighters battled rising sun planes in the skies overhead.

Other Japanese planes swept over British troops on the north shore of the island, subjecting them to low level bombing and machine gunning attacks.

On other fronts, in the two-months old conflict:

Dutch East Indies.—N.I. headquarters acknowledged that Japanese troops had captured the town of Samarinda, 60 miles north of Japanese-occupied Balikpapan on the east coast of Borneo.

Japanese planes renewed attacks on towns in east Java; others were sighted over southeast Borneo and the east coast of Dutch Sumatra.

Burma.—Japanese bobbers in seven waves blasted at Rangoon, the Burmese capital, setting fires in suburban residential districts.

London military quarters said British defenders of Burma were standing firm on the Salween river line, 100 miles east of Rangoon, and that there have been no general changes in the past 24 hours.

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Americans Down Seven Jap Planes

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 6.—(AP)—American volunteer and British fighter pilots shattered a big Japanese daylight air raid today on Rangoon, shooting down ten planes and probably destroying ten more, a communiqué announced.

Since the Japanese planes numbered 37, this was a certain score of one downed out of three but only two out of three—one of the greatest aerial combat details thus far suffered by the enemy.

The Americans alone shot down seven of the total for sure and were credited with five of those probably destroyed in the fierce blow dealt the raiders, who had come back by daylight after bombarding Rangoon for the third straight night.

Pension Law Stirs Talk

Congressmen Debate Repeal of Two-Weeks Old Measure Providing Retirement.

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Congressmen already are disputing among themselves over whether they want the two-weeks old law providing pensions for retired senators and representatives.

Several members of the Senate say the law is a blunder and ought to be repealed. In the house they are both supporters and critics of the measure, which has become the bait of bundles for Congress riders.

Chairman Ransacker, Democrat, Georgia, of the House civil service committee, said he wrote the provision into the civil service bill which the President signed January 26 "at the request of numerous members" and had no apologies to make.

The law opened federal retirement benefits to members of Congress. It provided that there was no reason legislators should not be allowed pensions the same as other government employees.

Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas, who is 46 years old and has been a congressman for 26 years, said he would never ask nor accept a government pension. Capper would be among those eligible to retire next January 1, under terms of the bill.

Calling pensions for elective officials "socially immoral," Capper told reporters he was convinced that the measure would not have passed Congress "if a majority of the members had been watching the provisions of the 1-page bill closely."

CIVIL AIR PATROL COMMANDER NAMED

Charlotte, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Arthur R. Newcombe, intelligence and public relations officer of the North Carolina wing of the civil air patrol, today announced this appointment.

Squadron commander, third group, third squadron, Hob Anderson, of Wilson.

FERRELL TO PILOT ROCKY MOUNT TEAM

Rocky Mount, Feb. 6.—(AP)—George Ferrell, veteran outfielder, was named manager of the Rocky Mount club in the Bi-State League today by Frank Walker, head of the local baseball club.

Ferrell was manager of Martinsville in the same league last season. His home is at Guilford College, near Greensboro. He is a brother of Wes Ferrell, former Yankee pitcher, and Rick Ferrell, catcher for the St. Louis Browns.

Egyptian Premier



Mustapha Nahas Pasha

Head of the Wafd, Egypt's largest political party, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, has been asked by King Farouk to form a National Union Government to replace the Cabinet of Hussein Sirry Pasha. The King's decision was satisfactory to the British Government.

(Central Press)

Election For Egypt

New Cabinet to be Chosen Through General Election, Premier Announces.

Cairo, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Egyptian parliament is to be dissolved to make way for a general election. Premier Mustapha Pasha confirmed today.

"We shall not govern dictatorially, but through a freely elected parliament," he said, adding assurance that he would abide faithfully by the British-Egyptian treaty, which makes Egypt an ally of Britain.

Head of Egypt's main political party, the Wafd, Mustapha Pasha was entrusted with forming a cabinet on his own terms. The Wafd had refused to participate in recent cabinets on the ground that the parliamentary elections had been unfair.

The cabinet of Hussein Pasha resigned last day and a 100 alternates to a student demonstration.

DEMOCRATIC DINNER CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Two additional division chairmen for Western North Carolina Democratic dinners to be held in North Carolina February 21 were announced today by Colonel W. T. Joyner, state chairman of the campaign to raise North Carolina's part of the deficit of the Democratic national committee.

One of the division chairmen was Mableton Seawell of Lumberton, for the southeastern division.

ARMY CAMP SERVICE FRANCHISE GRANTED

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The utility commission today granted a franchise to the Grand Old Transportation company to run trolley buses from Oxford via Stone to the new Army camp near Durham, and return.

The commission also granted a franchise to Camp Tridways, Inc., to operate buses between Durham and the Army camp and also between Creedmoor and the Army camp.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Moderate to occasionally heavy showers this afternoon and tonight, ending in west portion early tonight. Slight rain east portion.

Luftwaffe Admits Need In Russia

Goering Returns From Visit to Italy; Goebbels Acknowledges Dissatisfaction at Home; Red Forces Extend Advances.

(By The Associated Press.) Germany's famed airforce, the instrument which pulverized resistance in Belgium, Holland and France, have called on Italian warplanes for help in the battle with Russia. It was disclosed today by the Nazi high command.

The disclosure coincided with an announcement that Reichsmarshal Goering, chief of the German airforce, had just completed a visit to Italy.

It was the first time Italian planes had been mentioned in action on the Soviet front.

Today's Red army bulletin reported 36 planes destroyed Wednesday against ten Russian planes missing.

Coincidentally, Germany's Propaganda Minister Goebbels acknowledged that considerable dissatisfaction was stirring in the Reich over the campaign in Russia and food and fuel shortages at home and exhorted the Germans to maintain "determination and morale."

On the fighting front, Marshal Semenov Timoshenko's Ukrainian armies were reported to have re-captured Petropavlovka, and the Moscow radio said "violent fighting" was raging in the Kursk-Kharkov sector and also northwest of Moscow.

The Soviet broadcast said Russian troops were battling at the approaches to a town designated only as "A" on the northwest. Kalinin front—which might be Velikiye Luki, 90 miles from the Latvian frontier.

In north Africa, Premier Mussolini's high command reported axis troops had occupied the Libyan coastal town of Tripoli, 60 miles west of Tobruk and 40 miles east of the Jebel el Aider mountain range.

British headquarters said that there was "no change" in the land situation and that RAF there had a particularly successful day, blasting axis communication lines.

ALLIED SEA LOSSES ARE ABOVE AVERAGE

London, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Allied shipping losses, including those of the United States, increased during January over the average for recent months, official figures said today.

Pacific Council Functioning

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today that a Pacific council had been in operation here and in London for a month and that there was very close cooperation in the activities.

The Chief Executive, replying to press conference questions, said the council was handling questions of both a military and political nature and that it had offices here and in London.

Questions of a purely military nature, he said, are referred to army and navy chiefs of staff while those of a governmental or political character are laid before the appropriate governmental bodies in Washington and in the British capital.

He pointed out that the Dutch government in exile has its headquarters in London and that the British dominions also are represented there.