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U. S. Scores Great Sea Victory

President Asks \$39,417,827,337 For War Chest

Big Amount Requested For Aviation

Request, if granted, would boost to more than \$200,000,000 the amount approved for three years ending June 30, 1943.

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for a new appropriation of \$39,417,827,337 for the War department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

If granted, his request, made in a memorandum to Speaker Rains, would boost to more than \$200,000,000 the war chest approved by Congress for the three years ending June 30, 1943.

Previous appropriations and authorizations for the armed services are estimated by appropriations committee attaches at approximately \$165,000,000,000.

In January the President asked for \$6,388,091,747 for the War department's regular activities for the next fiscal year, with the understanding the amount would be increased.

The largest single item in the total was \$11,043,000,000 for the Army, but there was no detailed explanation of the manner in which the total would be spent.

Other larger items included: Ordnance, \$9,943,920,000; Army pay, \$4,127,000,000; Army travel, \$97,400,000; quartermaster and transportation service, \$6,954,382,000; medical, \$1,736,902,000 for clothing and equipment; signal corps, \$2,505,700,000; medical service, \$645,120,000; corps of engineers, \$2,923,548,000; general warfare service, \$617,510,000.

Without explanation, the total also included \$28,313,000 for maintenance of the Army of the Philippines, although those Pacific islands now are in enemy hands.

Freight Cars Derailed

Raleigh, June 8.—(AP)—Norfolk Southern railroad officials said today that nine lumber cars attached to an extra northbound freight train were derailed near Spots, 13 miles west of Wilson, yesterday afternoon.

The cause of the accident was being investigated today, authorities said. Four of the nine cars were reported overturned, but no one was injured.

The accident occurred about 2:20 P. M. yesterday, and traffic over the railroad's main line was not resumed until the night was repaired. A passenger train from Norfolk to Raleigh was held up yesterday and passengers brought on to Raleigh by bus.

Three Hurt In Railroad Accident

Hamlet, June 8.—(AP)—A railroad accident involving two Seaboard freight trains sent three men to a hospital here today, none of them seriously injured.

Those hurt, all of Hamlet, were Engineer R. H. Keaton, Conductor J. R. Pitts, and Fireman Oscar Cole. Physicians at the Sanford hospital said they would be kept abed for a day or so.

Trainmen said that train 72, carrying perishables, rumbled the rear of No. 363, which was motionless, here yesterday.

Survive Two Sinkings



Youngest punter in the British merchant marine, Victor Haggith (left), fifteen years old, smiles at his pal Frank McMillan, seventeen, after they land at an east coast port. Both youngsters had two ships blasted from under them within six days. They say they are looking forward to going to sea again. (Central Press)

Referendum Is Carried

Tobacco Producers Favor Inspection Service on 49 Flue-Cured Leaf Markets.

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—The free and mandatory tobacco inspection service of the agriculture marketing administration was approved by 70 per cent of the eligible voters cast in the referendum on the instituting of free and mandatory inspection service.

The tobacco inspection act provides that at least two-thirds of the eligible producers voting in the referendum must vote in the affirmative. All the Henderson tobacco market is one of the 49 flue-cured leaf markets included in the referendum on the instituting of free and mandatory inspection service.

growers who sold tobacco at auction on the market last year were eligible to vote. The department said, however, that extension of the inspection to all of the 49 flue-cured markets in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida this year was doubtful, "as there is a scarcity of qualified tobacco inspectors because of the war."

Total number of eligible ballots cast in the referendum was 26,320. Of this total, 18,406 favored designation of the flue-cured markets for the inspection service.

Neuse Bridge Work To Start

Raleigh, June 8.—(AP)—Highway Chairman Ben Prince said today work would start immediately on the Neuse river bridge project seven miles from Durham.

The total cost of \$142,470.05 will be shared by the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the federal public roads association.

The project was designed to eliminate a dangerous curve on an arterial highway leading to Camp Butler.

Chinese Quit Burma

Chungking, June 8.—(AP)—Contact has been established between the main Chinese army in Yunnan province and Chinese forces which have successfully completed their withdrawal from Burma, General Ling Yun, governor of Yunnan, announced today.

While General Ling Yun said the Chinese expeditionary force to Burma had been withdrawn, army authorities said only part of the Chinese forces needing reorganization and rearmament had returned mostly from the northern area.

Base Ration Of Gasoline Four Gallons

Increased Allowance for Non-Essential Motorists Made Possible Through Tighter Controls on Supplemental Rations.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—East coast motorists will get an average basic ration of nearly four gallons of gasoline a week under the regular coupon book system starting next month, J. J. Dean, OPA fuel rationing administrator, said today.

Under the present temporary program, non-essential drivers are allowed about three gallons weekly.

Dean told reporters the additional ration would be permitted because of tighter controls made possible under the new plan. Considerably fewer "B" coupons will be issued, Dean explained, since motorists will be required to prove need for supplemental allowances.

They must show to the satisfaction of local rationing boards that use of their cars is required in their businesses, that they have formed transportation "pools" of not less than four persons, or that no other means of transportation is available to get them to and from work.

Basic "A" books will be issued to every passenger car driver who registers. These will contain 48 coupons, each good for four gallons of gasoline.

The "B" books, containing 16 coupons, will be issued on evidence of need and will be used in addition to the basic "A" book. Each "B" book, however, will be dated, depending upon the local ration board's estimate of the applicant's gasoline requirements.

A third "C" book, containing 96 coupons likewise will be tailored to fit absolute requirements. On the basis of the motorist's proved mileage requirements, the local board will tear out coupons if necessary to cut the "C" books down to the driver's needs.

All commercial vehicles, including trucks, taxicabs, buses and government-operated automobiles, will receive "S" books—likewise tailored to fit.

All "C" books will be reviewed and renewed every three months; "S" books will be reviewed and renewed every four months.

AP Bureau Chief Is Dead

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—Brian Bell, chief of the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, and known by newspaper men from coast to coast, died at his Arlington, Va., home this morning at 5:30.

The 52-year-old native of South Carolina had headed the Washington office of the Associated Press since January 1, 1939, after serving in Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. He was a member of the staff of the State, Columbia, S. C., for 15 years before joining the Associated Press.

Widely known a few years ago as a sports writer, Bell was stricken yesterday as he watched the Washington-Detroit baseball game. His physician said he suffered an acute coronary thrombosis at the ball park. A second this morning at 5:40 proved fatal.

Funeral plans will be announced later.

ROCKWELL BANK ROBBED OF \$750

Salisbury, June 8.—(AP)—A young man wearing dark glasses walked into the Rockwell Bank at Rockwell, Rowan county, at 10 a. m. today, flashed a gun and made off with \$750, Cashier R. W. Brown reported to Rowan sheriff J. H. Kridler.

Russian Children Left Homeless by Nazis



These children were found by the Red Army in the Kharlov area amid the ruins of a Russian village after it had been recaptured from the Germans. The Nazis had destroyed every habitation in the village and had taken the parents of the children with them, probably as slave laborers. Thousands of such orphaned children are being adopted by Soviet families if it is known definitely that their parents are dead. (C. P. Redtophoto)

Eleven Killed In Accidents

Charlotte, June 8.—(AP)—Violent deaths during the week-end in North Carolina dropped to a low level as automobile tire and gasoline shortages took a toll on highway traffic.

The eleven deaths included three drownings.

Eighteen persons, 12 of them Belknap, drowned in Fork river and Private Blue in Roanoke, 24 of the military police at Camp Victory, S. C., a police officer in New Ken, N. C., drowned in Lake Lanier.

Bobbie Gene Smith, 12, of Charlotte died of injuries received when he ran over a public park bench.

Jesse Evelyn Avery, 13, of Durham, was injured today in a fall from a wagonload of hay when a wheel became unbalanced and jumped suddenly.

Mrs. Sara Griffin Calloway, 50, of Winston-Salem, was killed when her automobile in which she was riding overturned near Elkin.

Ednie Sawyer, 36, a Negro, was killed in Raleigh when struck by a train.

Two-year-old Henry Ford Crumford of East Brunswick, died strangulation when an evening night plug which he had put into his mouth lodged in his throat.

Mrs. May Bell Carpenter, 25, and Boyce Lee Allison, 24, both of Birmingham, were killed instantly when they were struck by a freight train.

Joseph Lammert, 41, Ellerbe, was drowned while working in a boat near Ellerbe.

W. J. Ballins, 36, of Walnut Cove, died of injuries suffered in a truck accident.

Jesse Hicks, 32, of Hillsboro, was killed by a freight train.

Fireside Chat On Rationing

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today to a House committee that he might make a fireside chat to the people on the rubber and gasoline problems as soon as he completed a study of the situation and assembled the facts.

The committee, headed by Representative Edward D. Bennett, Texas, was created by an informal meeting of legislators, pressed to national gasoline rationing and the reasons for it were fully developed and the "facts" presented to Congress.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued rather warm, except slightly cooler in north-east portion tonight, possibly a few scattered showers, showers.

25 SUB VICTIMS ADDED IN WEEK

Nazis Report U. S. Troops At Basra

New York, June 8.—(AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast today a report that United States troops had landed at Basra, the Persian Gulf port of Iraq. The report was attributed to the Istanbul correspondent of Trans-ocean agency, who said the contingent totaled 20,000 men carried by four transports.

There was no confirmation of this report from any other source.

Court Rules 'Witnesses' Can Be Taxed

Washington, June 8.—(AP)—The Supreme Court ruled today that a national ordinance requiring a license fee for witnesses may constitutionally be applied by a member of "Jesuit's Witnesses" engaged in distributing literature for which contributions were solicited.

Justice Brandeis, who delivered the majority opinion, asserted that the religious and doctrinal group may be subjected to a reasonable fee for their money-raising activities if that money is derived by the sale of literature.

A book agent, he added, "cannot escape a tax on his knowledge. It would hardly be contended that the printing of newspapers is not one of the ordinary governmental fiscal activities."

BRIDGES WELCOMED BY AUSTRALIANS

Sydney, Australia, June 8.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, United States west coast labor leader, reportedly ordered 500,000 shares of a company, was assured full citizenship rights in Australia in a recent cable, acting Attorney General John A. Bessley announced today. Bridges is an Australian.

Navy Announcements Raise to 252 the Number of Allied and Neutral Ships on Bottom of Western Atlantic.

(By The Associated Press) On the bottom of the western Atlantic, vessels of allied and neutral registry downed by submarines totaled 252 today by official Navy announcement as 25 new victims were reported last week and yesterday to have been sunk by undersea wolf packs on the prowl from Canada to South America.

The casualty list for the attacks announced last week was 195 persons dead and 14 missing. Some 860 seamen and passengers survived the sinkings.

Losses reported last week included ten U. S. ships, seven British, three Norwegian, one Brazilian, one Panamanian, one Dutch, and one unidentified allied vessel. Another U. S. ship was reported yesterday as a recent victim.

The enemy submarines picked off ten newly announced victims off the U. S. east coast to swell to 120 the total of that area since Pearl Harbor.

One sinking in Canadian waters brought the war total there to 24. While in warmer climes nine more boats to 66 the number of Caribbean sinkings, three more in the Gulf of Mexico made that total 16 and two more off South Africa raised that to 14.

At least one submarine got a taste of its own medicine during the week's sea warfare when the American merchant vessel Almas sank in the Gulf of Mexico and outraced a second undersea raider to reach port only slightly damaged.

BROUGHTON PAROLES TWELVE PRISONERS

Raleigh, June 8.—(AP)—Governor Broughton paroled twelve prisoners today.

They included: Many Bridges, sentenced in Edgecombe county last January to twelve months for violating the prohibition laws; and John (Jack) Cason, convicted in March 1941 in Beaufort of felonious breaking and entering with intent to commit robbery, and sentenced to three and one-half to seven years.

Pursuit Of Japanese Continues

Admiral Nimitz Announces Contact Lost With Battered, Fleeing Enemy Fleet; News From Other Fronts of Worldwide War.

(By The Associated Press)

The United States, toughened and tried by six months of largely defensive warfare since Pearl Harbor, now seems to have wrested the initiative from Japan in the battle of the Pacific, at the same time ready for active entry into the battle of Europe.

The hard face of Admiral Yamamoto, commander of the Japanese combined fleet, must indeed be red today for having sent the bulk of his naval power into the destructive trap at Midway island—a stumble that may have recast the balance of naval power in the Pacific.

The powerful Japanese task force evidently was under orders to occupy Midway island as a stepping stone in eastward offensive strategy when combined sea and air forces of the United States struck it last week and starting running up a score which, at latest tabulation, added up to the most humiliating defeat in Japanese naval history.

At least three Japanese ships sunk and 14 or more damaged as against six on an American aircraft carrier and loss of one American destroyer was the tally last night when Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, announced that contact with the battered, fleeing enemy had been lost. This, however, did not mean that pursuit had been abandoned. The rolling horizons of the Pacific veiled the course of the chase. It was likely that besides the Japanese ships already on the bottom, still others would never make port.

All this no doubt made a bitter tea for the 58-year-old Yamamoto, who once christened the dream of steaming triumphantly into San Francisco harbor and dictating peace terms at Washington.

As surely as official Washington signaled on the Japanese to strike out to recover face for the stinging blows they took in the Coral sea battle of the second week of May, it seemed equally sure that they would try a new Japanese effort to break America's growing tight and regain the whip hand.

As it under orders to create all the diversions possible, Japanese submarines slipping close to the southeastern Australian shore last night shelled Sydney and New Castle, the first sea-borne attacks on the Australian mainland. The results were one casualty and no military damage. The shells later were identified as of German origin.

In the European theatre, as the RAF continued its campaign to offer German positions, the British also encouraged residents of the German-occupied French coastal belt to withdraw to the interior, saying the coastal area would become more and more a theatre of operations.

A French language program of BBC said that operations of "capital importance" in the struggle for the liberation of France would start a day later when they would be at the greatest advantage to the allied cause.

The RAF's offensive, curbed only by the weather, carried the fighter command in sweeps over France last night and today. The bomber command, however, was grounded by bad weather over the continent after blasting Emden, German submarine base, Saturday night.

The Russian conflict centered today on Sevastopol, Crimean naval base, which has fought off German siege for seven months. With the Germans controlling the Kevch peninsula and other Crimean territory, Sevastopol is the Russians' last stronghold there.

The Russians reported yesterday a

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