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Showdown Battle Near Matruh

American War Production Soars

President Discloses Figures

Chief Executive Says Official Announcement Will Give Just the Opposite of 'Aid and Comfort' to the Enemy.

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that America's mighty war effort, in the single month of May, had turned out nearly 4,000 planes and more than 1,500 tanks.

Releasing official war production figures for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the Chief Executive asserted in a statement that this country also turned out nearly 2,000 anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank guns in May, and these were exclusive of anti-aircraft guns and those to be mounted in tanks.

The May output of machine guns exceeded 50,000 weapons of all types, including infantry, aircraft and anti-aircraft. If submarine guns are added to the total, passes 100,000.

Mr. Roosevelt released these figures because, he said, they are going to give the axis just the opposite of "aid and comfort."

"We are well on our way," he declared, "towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals."

The last announced objectives of the war production program, told in the President's annual message to Congress last January, were 135,000 planes in 1942 and 1943, 55,000 anti-aircraft guns.

The distribution of the production figures coincided with continuing Anglo-American war strategy conference in London, in which the War Department said Russian officials and experts had been playing a significant part.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the Russians had figured out the war effort from the beginning and will do so in the future.

The Russian ambassador, Maxim Litvinov, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain and Secretary of State Hull held extended and most important conferences, Early said.

TYLER HEADS STATE VETERINARY GROUP

Chelby, June 26.—(AP)—Dr. N. R. Tyler of Raleigh was elevated today from vice president to president of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, succeeding C. E. Stanton of Rocky Mount.

Other officers elected were Dr. C. D. Grinnels of Raleigh, first vice president; Dr. C. J. Land of Greensboro, second vice president; and Dr. J. H. Brown of Tarboro, secretary and treasurer.

Demand Made To Conscript French Labor

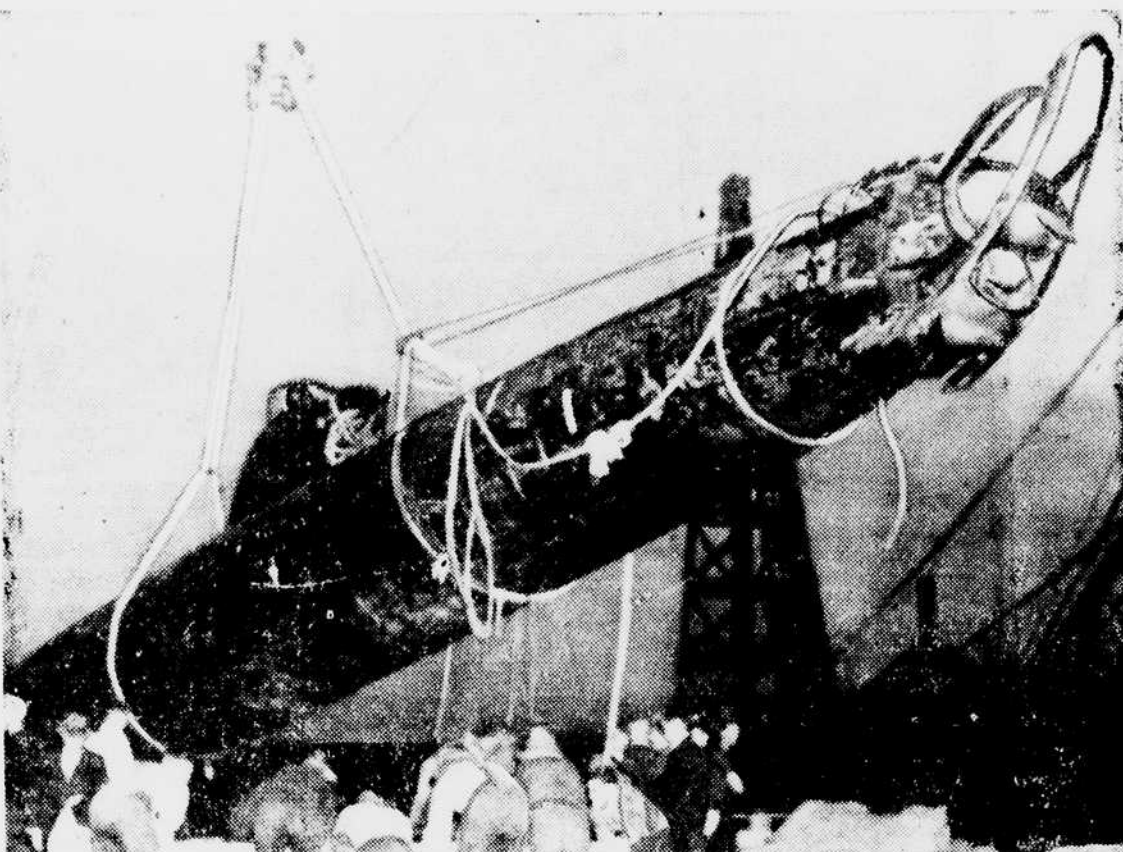
Paris, June 26.—(AP)—The first public proposal that French workers be conscripted for labor in Germany had been made today by Frances des Preux, leader of the French labor front.

"We made the proposal in favor of transferring certain classes of special assignments should that become necessary," the labor leader stated in an interview published in the Paris press.

Special assignments are workmen who were sent to industrial work instead of the army during the war.

Paris newspapers headlined a demand made over the Paris radio by a German representative who said: "Germany sacrifices the lower of her youth every day, and what is France doing?"

Jap Sub, with Torpedoes Intact, Raised in Sydney



Raising a submarine is a fiendish job at most times, but when the torpedoes in its tubes haven't been discharged, the work becomes doubly dangerous. That's why this salvage crew, bringing up this small Jap sub from Sydney harbor, Australia, is taking more than the usual amount of precaution. Numerous strong hawsers were wrapped about it to make certain that it wouldn't sway or slip away. The sub was sunk by port defenses during a recent attack on the harbor. (Central Press)

War Plant Men Strike

Dispute Over Time Lost During Blackout Causes Walkout in Truck Factory.

Pontiac, Mich., June 26.—(AP)—Approximately 11,000 employees of the war-vital Yellow Truck and Coach Co. went on strike today in a dispute over wages for time lost during a 20-minute blackout and Army officers and international union officials said they were "making every effort" to send them back to work immediately.

Colonel Ray M. Hare, commanding officer of Fort Wayne, Army quartermaster depot at Detroit, said the War Department had been informed of the situation here and was "very much concerned about the stoppage of work."

"This comes at a time when every ounce of productive effort is most precious to the men on our fighting front," Colonel Hare said.

"We are counting on the men who are in these plants to give us the very utmost of their support at this critical time, and we are relying on both management and labor to get together and get the wheels rolling again."

R. J. Thomas, international president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, appealed directly to the strikers to end their walkout, described it as unauthorized and as a "direct violation of our constitution" and of our pledge to President Roosevelt that there will be no strikes for the duration of the war.

Canadian Ship Reaches Port After Attack

Ottawa, June 26.—(AP)—The Canadian navy announced today that a Canadian-built merchant ship had been brought safely to a west coast Canadian port after a determined attack by a Jap submarine.

There was no loss of life.

The Navy's brief statement gave no details of the attack because of security reasons. Similarly, there was no announcement of the place of the attack except that it occurred "off Canada's west coast."

Some damage was done to the ship.

The attack on the Canadian-built merchant ship was the first reported submarine operation against shipping off the Canadian west coast, although several attacks on shipping have occurred in the Atlantic.

U. S. Bombers Raid Harbor At Tobruk

FRENCHMEN TO DIE FOR FOOD RIOTING

Vichy, June 26.—(AP)—Five persons, one of whom is at large, was sentenced today by a Paris tribunal to death on the gallows, six to life imprisonment of hard labor and four to prison terms of from five to 20 years on charges of participating in food riots.

They were said to have incited in disorder at a canteen on the left bank of the Seine on May 31.

Cotton Penalty Eight Cents

Washington, June 25.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has signed an order setting a penalty of eight cents a pound for the short 1942 grown cotton in excess of farm marketing quotas.

The penalty next year will be seven cent a pound.

This action indicated that the government's basic loan rate for 1942 cotton would be around 16 cents a pound, compared with 14.02 cents last year.

Farm legislation specifies that the penalty for excess marketing shall be half the basic loan rate.

Officials said the 1942 loan rate had not been decided, but under existing law it must be at least 85 percent of the parity price of cotton, or about 16 cents.

More Potatoes Sell Higher

Raleigh, June 26.—(AP)—Supplies of eastern Carolina commercial early Irish potatoes this year exceed those of the entire 1941 season. The price range also is much higher.

Harry T. Westcott, marketing specialist of the State agriculture department, said today that shipments, which started about June 1, totaled 5,945 carloads through yesterday.

Last season's total was 4,760. A carload is 40 tons.

The 1941 price was \$1.15 to \$1.20 for a sack of number 1 cobbles, compared with a 1942 range of \$1.35 to \$2.25.

Shipments mostly to large northern markets will continue two weeks.

American Fliers Operate With British and South African Airmen in Defense of Egypt Against Advancing Nazis.

Cairo, June 26.—(AP)—United States Army bombers, four motorized Liberators, attacked Tobruk harbor last night, the RAF Middle East command announced today.

The American Consolidated Liberators, such as mashed at Bengasi on Monday and Wednesday nights, turned out with a strong combat force of British Wellingtons to lash at Tobruk harbors while the Wellingtons concentrated on land targets.

British and South African bombers and fighter-bombers, operating between desert dusk and darkness yesterday, reportedly assaulted, accurately advancing toward Matruh from the Bay Abu Mithafa, area 30 miles to Matruh's southwest, and along the coastal route to the west of Matruh, Allied troops' anchor of British's present positions.

The BNP, comprising, covering the American and South African positions, contained the first and 11 British reconnaissance units, which were west of Sidi Barrani, Egypt, 30 miles west of Matruh.

The night raid made numerous sweeps over toward battle areas, and enemy aircraft on airbases at Sidi Barrani," the communiqué said, indicating that Sidi Barrani had been "lost" once forward air base of the enemy.

Train Crash Kills Two Men

Los Angeles, June 26.—(AP)—A passenger train reported to be bearing 42 Army air corps coeds, plunged through a bridge on the Santa Fe railroad near Parker, Ariz., on the California state line late last night.

Preliminary reports said the engine and two men were killed, and an undetermined number of passengers injured.

The Santa Fe office here said the locomotive and the first two cars of the three-car train went through the low bridge and into a wash. The bridge is on the desert 330 miles southeast of here and communications were difficult, but the Santa Fe spokesman said preliminary reports of the bridge had been checked by fire.

Gas Ration Basic Unit 4 Gallons

Instructions for Registration Issued by CPA; Non-Essential Motorists Allowed 2,000 Miles of Driving Annually.

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—Instructions for the new gasoline rationing program in eastern states, disclosing officially that the basic units would be four gallons, were issued by the office of price administration today.

The unit is subject to change "in accordance with any change in the east's petroleum supply situation," OPA said in releasing a 13-page booklet on the coupon plan which starts July 22 in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

To eliminate delays and confusion, such as marked registration for the emergency ration plan in some cities, OPA laid down detailed instructions to expedite registration at public schools July 9-11 inclusive.

Teachers were advised: "Do not arrive or carry on long conversations with the applicant."

Only the basic minimum value "A" card will be issued at first. Each will contain 48 coupons, designed to provide 2,880 miles of driving for a year, on the basis of 15 miles to the gallon.

To get "B" or "C" books providing for supplemental rationing motorists will have to apply to local ration boards, and there show that the "A" book will not meet their occupational driving needs.

Applicants for "B" and "C" cards will be classified by the rationing boards. They may be limited or restricted in use to local boards.

The "A" book is intended to allow 1,440 miles for "primary purposes," and the remaining 1,440 for driving to and from work or for business use. Thus any "A" card holder, in order to get a "B" or "C" card in addition, must prove his occupational driving exceeds 1,440 miles a year.

The other rationing requirements, and one which OPA has indicated it will consider for the rationing plan, are:

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Extension Of Rationing Is Proposed

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—Emergency rationing of gasoline and fuel oil in western New York State, western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and such other mid-west states as may be necessary, to provide absolutely necessary petroleum for the east was proposed in the government today at a conference of a committee of eastern mayors.

The committee was headed by Mayor F. H. Laguardia of New York, with Petroleum Coordinator Harold Jones, and Transportation Chief Joseph B. Eastman attending.

A program intended to prevent a starvation of chilled homes in the east was outlined because of the fuel shortage in this area was presented by Velpeo P. Holden, chief, bureau of commerce, part of New York authority.

Local and other federal officials listened to the suggestions but gave no indication of what measures might be undertaken beyond those already ordered by the petroleum office, the office of price administration and the ODP.

Holden estimated that 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 persons in the east depended on oil for heating and he said they are going to be in trouble here this winter unless we can get out to them.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Little change in temperature tonight.

Held by Japs



Pretty Kay Walter, 20, is a prisoner of the Japs somewhere in Manila. She is the bride of Henry "Buddy" Walter, a marine sergeant, who is reported missing by the navy in the battle of Corregidor. The couple were married in Shanghai a month before Pearl Harbor. (Central Press)

Scott Leads China Pilots

New Delhi, June 26.—(AP)—A lone, dare devil fighter pilot from Macon, Ga., Colonel Robert Scott, was assigned today to command the American Army's first pursuit planes in China, the 33rd pursuit group of the U. S. Army air corps.

The pursuit group will replace the American Volunteer Group on July 4. A small number of the AVG's assets was expected to be inducted into the group when their Chinese contracts expire next month.

Scott's appointment was announced by Major General Lewis H. Brereton, commander in chief of the United States air forces in this theater.

All aircraft and equipment now in the hands of the AVG will be turned over to Scott's group when that unit is formally organized. These planes include new Kittyhawks which were supplied to the "Flying Tigers" after it was decided their organization would be absorbed by the Army.

Of the 12 battle-tested AVG pilots flying over China, Vietnam, and Burma, only four are reported to have chosen to stay to be inducted into the Army on Independence Day.

It was considered possible, however, that Scott's brilliant record and personal qualities may induce others to make the transfer rather than to remain in the United States and do work into the Navy and Marine air forces or commercial airlines who women the majority volunteered for service last year.

Survivors Of Sub Attack Praise Rafts

A Caribbean Port, June 26.—(AP)—Twenty survivors of a United States merchantman, torpedoed in the Gulf of Mexico May 4, have arrived here full of praise for the life rafts that saved their lives when their ship settled beneath the waves only twelve minutes after being struck.

Five men, dressing and belted head, as a result of the encounter with a large German submarine, two men arrived here and not only safe but unharmed. The missing men were never seen after a torpedo ripped into the vessel's starboard side at 10:40 a. m. The sinking was announced today by the Navy at Washington.

For those who managed to dive from the floating merchantman, including eight who listed Mobile, Ala., as their home, the new type rafts, specified by the bureau of navigation, were a godsend.

The ship's heavy list to starboard and fast settling movement prevented any use of lifeboats, but the rafts were easily cut loose from their deck slides and sent plunging into the water where the swimming and floating chamber showed them.

Armies Meet 130 Miles Inside Egypt

British Headquarters Bulletin Says Nazis Within 30 Miles of Matruh; 1,000 Bombers Raid Bremen; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press) A great showdown battle for western Egypt was believed raging on the Mediterranean coastal planes near Matruh today as Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's mechanized armies, climaxing a 100-mile advance in two days, rolled up to assault main British forces.

Matruh, 130 miles inside Egypt, is a key British railroad 160 miles west of Alexandria. A bulletin from British imperial headquarters said the vanguard of the axis invaders, advancing in three columns, had reached within 30 miles of Matruh last night.

Axis heavy fighting pace of advance, the invaders presumably now were making the main British army, which was said to be down up about 20 miles west of Matruh.

Other major developments saw the British hurl another huge scale aerial assault of more than 1,000 bombers against Bremen in the reich, while Russia's Red armies lost ground in the new Kharkov battle but held fast in the siege of Sevastopol.

London military experts said the Axis drive into Egypt, coupled with the German thrust toward Russia's Caucasus, was likely to make the next week one of the most critical periods of the war.

These quarters said Rommel could throw approximately 100,000 troops into the attack on the main British defense line, before Matruh, with the outcome perhaps involving the fate of Egypt and the entire allied position in the Middle East.

FORMER ENVOY DIES AT BALTIMORE HOME

Baltimore, June 26.—(AP)—John W. Garrett, United States ambassador to Italy from 1929 to 1933, died early today at his home in suburban Baltimore.

Garrett was 71 last month, and spent a falling month for a year. His condition became critical several weeks ago.

State Highway Workers Get More Money

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—The 3,000 maintenance employees of the State Highway and Public Works department were assured today they would receive regular raises if their work was satisfactorily performed.

The assurance was given in a resolution adopted by the highway commission. Chairman Ben Price said the raises would be continued until the employees received the maximum of the work classification and not paid at the same rate as other State employees.

The commission created six speed zones in congested areas, varying from 20 to 35 miles an hour.

The maintenance budget on the 10,385 miles of primary roads was set at \$3,430,250, and on the 60,000 miles of county roads, \$6,493,500.

The group postponed until June 30, 1943, the deadline for removal of advertising signs on leased property to 50 feet from highway centers.

The deadline was to have been November 1, but advertisers complained that a shortage of labor, tires and gas would make removal difficult. They also said that a shortage of materials would make it almost impossible to move them farther.