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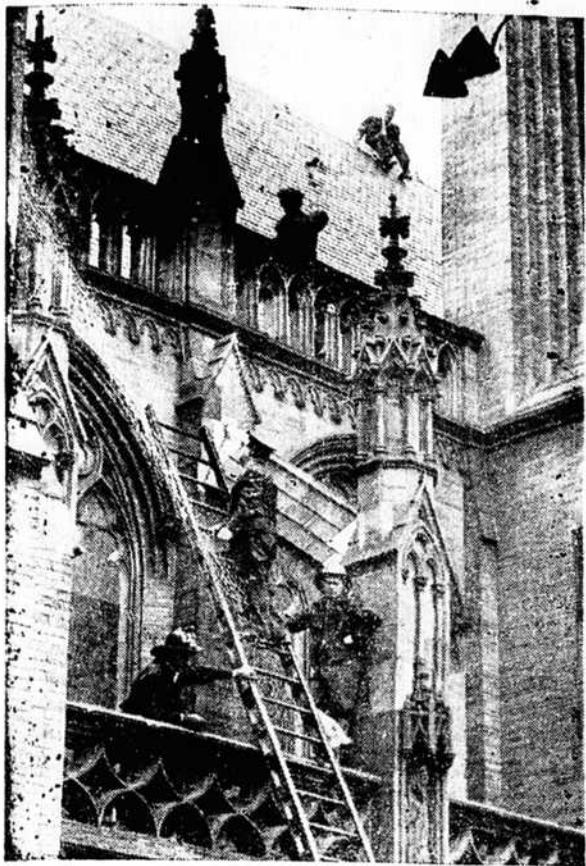
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DRAMA ATOP A NEW YORK CHURCH



FIREMEN AND POLICE raise ladders from the ground to rescue Harold Heintzelman (arrow) who clings to the slippery roof of Holy Trinity Church in New York. While en route to a doctor for a nerve treatment, he broke away from his wife, dived through a stained glass window, and climbed the church wall to the roof. (International)

Flood Disaster In Middle West Grows

(By The Associated Press.)
The flood in the Mississippi and the Ohio river valleys, continuing their devastating course, today threatened further disaster to an already flooded section of Illinois and Missouri. Heavy streams poured down the banks of water over the protective walls and there was immediate indication they had lost their fury. A concentration in the six-mile flood zone was along a 125-mile front of the Mississippi river from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, Mo., and along a 100-mile stretch of the Illinois from below Peoria to the junction with the Father of Waters. Damage to crops, property and to life, already in the millions of dollars, mounted hourly as the waters from the two rivers laid waste new areas of rich farm land, seriously interfered with industry and transportation and drove hundreds from their homes. The number of persons homeless in the flood zone was estimated by the Red Cross at about 160,000, while the death toll stood at 17. As an army of soldiers, engineers, and civilian defense workers proceeded with their rescue, relief, and other duties, a call was issued in Washington by War Food Administrator Chester Davis for a conference of governors and commissioners of agriculture in the flood states to formulate a program for state and federal action to provide for food production in the harassed areas. The meeting will be held in St. Louis tomorrow.

49,000 Rubber Workers Are On Strike In Akron

(Akron, Ohio, May 25.—AP)—The rubber industry today halted all production except that of the number of CIO employees in a protest against the War Relocation Authority's decision to require a War Relocation Authority permit for the employment of 49,000 workers employed on the...

Government Would Bar AP Evidence

(New York, May 25.—AP)—In a procedure without precedent, the government asked the Federal court today for summary judgment against The Associated Press without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court. The motion was made in a civil suit pending before a special three-judge court. It seeks an injunction which would require The Associated Press to furnish its news and information to the government without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court. The motion was made in a civil suit pending before a special three-judge court. It seeks an injunction which would require The Associated Press to furnish its news and information to the government without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court.

One Missing From Blaze On Schooner

(Worcester, May 25.—AP)—Fire swept the 140-foot schooner Maine at the dock of Goddard's Lumber Mill, a half mile from here, early Sunday morning and one man is missing. Chief of Police W. T. Farin said today. The missing man was identified as Thurston H. Brown, 33, of Baltimore, who was first made of the Maine. Farin said he understood H. Brown was the only person aboard the craft at the time of the fire. A Coast Guard crew was dragging the river today in an attempt to recover the body. The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The cause has not been determined.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Occasional showers this afternoon and tonight. Little change in temperature except slightly cooler in the mountains.

Planes Blast Sardinia

Jap Aid To Attu Frustrated

Remnants Of Japs Bottled Up

Six U. S. Fighters Get Five of 16 Jap Planes; Bombings Continue in South Pacific

(By The Associated Press)
American troops were reported tightening the pressure on trapped remnants of the Japanese garrison on Attu Island today, while United States fighter planes kept vigil to beat off any new attacks by Japanese planes attempting to aid their beleaguered ground forces. Fighting from rock hewn caves and ridges, composing the toughest barriers of natural defense, the Japanese were putting up a suicide stand rather than surrender despite the hopelessness of their position, but the navy announced that United States troops were closing in and that several enemy strong points had been liquidated. Five of 16 Japanese twin-engine bombers were shot out of the sky over Attu by six American fighter planes Sunday. Two United States planes were downed, but the pilot of one was rescued.

At the southern end of the Pacific battle theatre, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that ransacking United States Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped more than six tons of bombs in an attack on the key Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, setting fires visible for 100 miles. The raiders struck in two waves, pounding Rabaul's three airbases and seaplane base for 45 and 20 minutes. Other United Nations planes bombed the enemy base at Gasmata, New Britain, for the thirteenth day in a row, and also attacked Koroheke and Japanese occupied Tongo Island, and the Buraia Islets. F-7F was planes made three bombing attacks on Japanese troops south of Managadon, on the Bay of Bougainville, and strafed the enemy near Bathudama. No land fighting was reported.

Flood Crest Is Falling In Illinois

(By The Associated Press)
Leveling off of the flood-choked Illinois river at two danger points today cheered thousands of weary levee workers and residents of river towns who were compelled to surrender their homes to the rising crest in the last week. The Mississippi continued, however, to threaten further disaster to an already flood-stricken section of Illinois and Missouri. The Red Cross at St. Louis reported that in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, 2,756,000 acres of land have been flooded. The homeless were estimated at 160,000. The critical area in the six-state midwest flood zone was along a 125-mile front of the Mississippi from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, Mo., and along a 100-mile stretch of the Illinois from below Peoria, Ill., to the junction with the Mississippi.

Huge Sums Are to Be Spent at Once On State Railroad

(Raleigh, May 25.—AP)—Commander W. S. Houser of the Fifth Naval District, his staff, and officials of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad conferred with Governor Brantley today on details of a large scale program for the line, which runs from Goldsboro to Morehead City. The Navy has proposed to spend \$100,000 and the State, under legislative act, authorized the expenditure of \$299,000 for that purpose.

JAPS WRECK CHINESE CITY IN REPRISAL



THESE ARE THE REMAINS of the city of Ying-Tan, China, after a Japanese army of revenge had razed the city. The Nipponese rescued Chinese civilians and American missionaries of aiding U. S. fliers who participated in the bombing of Tokyo and other cities. More than a score of towns and villages were given the same treatment. This photo was brought from China to the U. S. by missionaries. (International)

Subsidies Ban Removed From \$6 Billion Lend-Lease Bill

McDonald Tells Merchants Of State Financial Plan

(Raleigh, May 21.—AP)—Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for governor, told the North Carolina Merchants Association today that "the time to pay off the state debt is when money is cheap and we have the funds available." He advocated a three-point fiscal program of debt retirement, tax reduction and increased wages to lower cost of living. Speaking on the morning program with him were Joseph H. Easton, chief of WPA speakers bureau, and Donald R. Longman, chief of the distribution branch of the office of civilian supply. (Continued on Page Three)

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Senate Committee Hold That Subsidy Is Matter of Policy; House Cut Item Out

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Seven of 16 Huge Japanese Bombers Destroyed at Attu

(Washington, May 25.—AP)—The Navy reported today that seven out of 16 Japanese twin-engine bombers which had ventured into the Attu battle area Sunday were "probably destroyed" in addition to five originally reported as "definitely destroyed." Amplifying yesterday's report on the air fight which occurred over the eastern Aleutian islands when Army Lightning fighters later reached the bomber formation, a Navy spokesman declared that the remaining four enemy bombers which were apparently unharmed fled to the west without doing any damage to American ships or positions.

Knox States Japs Hemmed in on Attu As Battle Rages

(Washington, May 25.—AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today the battle for Attu Island is continuing with Japanese troops pressed back on the north east extremity of the island. The secretary told a press conference he had no fresh information to add to yesterday's communique, which said the pressure of American soldiers against the pockets of Japanese resistance on Attu was continuing and that a number of enemy points of resistance had been liquidated. "The fighting is continuing," Knox said. "We have those men corralled out there on the peninsula."

Rockingham Women Both Are Indicted for First Degree Murder

(Rockingham, May 25.—AP)—Mrs. Belle Harris Norton and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Harris Brown, a bride of three days, were charged with murder in the first degree in the death of T. J. Blake, elderly barber operator, in indictments returned today by the Richmond county grand jury in superior court here. Mrs. Norton, 33, husband of Mrs. Norton, had been indicted on a similar charge yesterday by the grand jury.

People Not Aroused Yet On Politics

(Raleigh, May 25.—AP)—Morse Bennett, State Democratic chairman, said today that the state's leading labor leader, Dr. J. B. Hunt, was expected to be governor in 1944. He was being too busy speaking to visiting merchants. That suggests two questions: First, what official connection exists between the extension education department of the State University (McDonald is still on the payroll there) or vice presidency of the teachers' association and the merchant group, second, assuming he is a candidate and an educator, does his presence mean that he will make his campaign in 1944 on the sales tax issue, as he did in 1937?

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Dozen More Planes Of Foe Downed

300 U. S. Craft Join Strafing; Full Striking Power Held, Losses Are Few

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 25.—(AP)—The Allies bludgeoned the Italian island of Sardinia with their big stick—their air power—yesterday, sending more than 300 American planes to attack nine important defense targets on that stepping stone to Italy. Bomb-pitted Pantelleria, the little fortified island 15 miles off Cap Bon which was under almost continuous attack much of Sunday and Sunday night, was raided again Monday by American fighter bombers in the steady air offensive against the Axis southern front. Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat during these operations of the past 24 hours, and it was officially stated that an unestimated number of others were wrecked on the ground. (This brought the number of destroyed Axis aircraft in the last 63 days to at least 329 as the result of operations by the north west African, Cairo and Malta air forces.)

Waves of Flying Fortresses, Marauders, Mitchells, Lightnings and Warhawks roared over Sardinia where German troops were announced yesterday to have landed. The planes unleashed a merciless storm of bombs and dealt their heaviest blows to this vital Axis base west of the Italian mainland. Docks, shipping and airfields suffered heavily. One supply ship exploded, four small vessels were sunk, and seven others damaged by the cascade of bomb hits. The Americans lost only three planes during the Sardinian attack. The present Allied air strategy, unlike the German air force's attempt to neutralize the British fortress island of Malta last year, when Erwin Rommel was pressing toward the Nile, maintained its full striking power with negligible cost, taking full advantage of the Fortress's ability to carry out high level precision bombing while defending themselves. Fires visible for fifty miles blazed from Terranova Harbor on the northeast coast of Sardinia when the four-engine bombers hit dock installations, warehouses and an ammunition dump. One supply ship was blown up there, another burst into flames, and a third was badly smashed.

ALLIED PLANES CONTINUE DAY RAIDS UPON EUROPE

(London, May 25.—AP)—A strong force of Allied bombers headed eastward across the channel this morning to resume by daylight the Allied offensive which peaked its peak Sunday night in a record-breaking RAF assault on Dortmund. The cruise followed by the daylight raiders indicated they would hit the French coast somewhere between Dieppe and Boulogne. RAF fighters were over northern France on a small scale offensive patrol during the night, but the British heavy bombers were given a rest after their 2,000-ton attack on Dortmund. (Berlin claimed today in a broadcast.) (Continued on Page Three)

Russian Front Quiet But For Air Activity

(Moscow, May 25.—AP)—Although sporadic artillery fire and scouting was reported along some sectors of the Russian front today, the significant fact which has prevailed generally remained unbroken and the air war continued to be the battle of the moment. Both the German and Soviet ground and air forces were backing away from transports and communication facilities, but it was obvious that the opposing armies were getting large quantities of supplies through strategic sectors in preparation for the summer campaign. The Red army held stubbornly to newly won lines west of Ice Donets river near Lisichansk and northeast of Novorossisk in the Kuban, but there have been no major changes along the long front in days. Renewed reconnaissance indicated that the commanders on both sides had ordered constant scouting against the possibility of a surprise major assault, but the chance of catching either off guard was considered remote in view of the short nights and long spring days. (Sharp artillery action occurred during the night along the south central front from Sevsk, northeast of Karkov, down the Donets, east to the lower front northeast of Novorossisk, said the midday communique as broadcast from Moscow and recorded by the Soviet Monitor in London.) Air battles south of Rostov and on the far Arctic front were described in the midnight communique. Thirteen Nazi bombers were downed on the Rostov front against a force of three Russian planes, while artillery fire downed ten and drove off 26 German craft in a raid on the Rybach peninsula area in the far north near Petsamo, it said.