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Atlantic In Six Hours

Some idea of the development of aerial navigation comes from the announcement that Captain Ernest M. Gill, RAF pilot, recently crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a Canadian-built bomber in six hours and eight minutes.

The Captain traveled 2,500 miles in almost made four hundred miles an hour. If this thing keeps up, it will soon be possible for a man to eat breakfast in New York, lunch in London and supper in his own home the same night.

"Best . . . In The World"

The United States has "the best army, navy and marine corps in the world today," declares Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, who commanded a carrier task force in the Pacific for the past two years.

The Admiral believes that half of the Japanese Navy has been wiped out, that Japanese naval aviation has been practically eliminated and that the Jap fleet will come out again.

Probably the most argumentative phase of his discussion of the current war is an expressed preference for carrier-based, instead of land-based, planes. The Admiral points out that

"on an island it would all be over in an hour, with the base unless for a time, anyway, while the carriers can move around at will."

Undoubtedly, there is something to the point made by Admiral Mitscher. In establishing land bases on the islands of the Pacific, to help our push across the ocean, we had to leave them behind as the tide of war moved onward. In the carrier strikes against the Central Pacific bases of the enemy, however, the carriers, after performing one job, moved on to the next.

Clothing Prices

Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, says that price rises in clothing in the last eighteen months "have been the greatest threat to the program to hold the line on the cost of living."

Pointing out that food prices dropped four per cent while clothing rose eleven per cent, the OPA chief says that further increases will endanger the stabilization program and, for this reason, an effort will be made to prevent them.

Mr. Bowles says that the decrease in food prices has compensated for the increase in clothing prices and that "the cost of living has been practically stable for the past year and a half."

Already governmental agencies are taking steps to cut the price of clothing and to provide a larger supply of low-priced garments on dealers' shelves.

Test Before Cologne

It looks more and more as though the Germans have decided to stake at least the winter's decision on the great battle west of the Rhine, between Aachen and Cologne. They have the chance here to break the momentum of the Allied offensive and thus gain a breathing spell until spring, and at the same time to save the Ruhr industries.

The military events of the last few days point to such a conclusion. It is casting no reflection on the skill and drive of the American Third Army to say that their push across the Saar and impending occupation of the Saar Basin is possibly linked with a decision by the German high command that both the Saar and the Ruhr cannot be held, and that reserves must be rushed north toward Cologne. Nor is it detracting from the credit due the Eighth and Fifth Armies in Italy to deduce that their capture of Ravenna and substantial

gains to the west, and reports of impending withdrawal of German divisions from Italy, may stem from a similar decision forced upon the enemy. All of these indications reinforce and explain the reports from the Aachen-Cologne front that the Germans continue to throw in fresh troops.

The Allied command for some time has made plain its willingness to force a decisive battle for the Ruhr. The Ninth and First American Armies are consolidating take-off positions and regrouping units. The pattern of the intense air attacks, reveals a continual hammering at communication centers serving the Cologne sector.

The actual break-through may occur north or south of the great battlefield, but it is here that the test of reserves is being made, and the Germans are either willing or are forced to have it so.—Christian Science Monitor.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. R. E. Vickers was hostess to her bridge club on Wednesday evening at her home. The house was beautifully decorated with holly, evergreens and a Christmas tree.

Those enjoying the evening were Misses Joyce Harrell, Nettie Day, Helen Willoughby, Tuck Chapman, Alma Leggett, Mary Wood Koonce, and Chic Stephens, Mesdames H. R. Christensen, W. E. Drake, Vivian Mathews, J. L. Harris and Al Kention. The high score prize was presented to Miss Koonce, second high went to Mrs. Christensen.

Salted nuts and fruit juice were served while playing bridge, and after the game, the hostess served a sandwich course.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. C. M. Williford was hostess to her bridge club on Tuesday evening at her home on Dobb Street.

Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames H. C. Stokes, T. L. Jessup, C. R. Holmes, C. E. Johnson and M. R. Campbell, Misses Mary Sumner and Helen Morgan.

High score prize went to Miss Sumner, bingo prize was awarded to Mrs. Holmes and Miss Morgan received the low score award.

The hostess served a delicious salad course.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mrs. Moody Harrell underwent an operation at Stokes-McCoy Hospital at Norfolk on Wednesday.

Pvt. Will H. Hoffer, Jr., of Wisconsin spent several days here with his wife. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoffer, Sr., at Sufbury. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harrell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sumner at Hurdletown Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell and Miss Eunice Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. George Eure at White Hat Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright visited Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer Sunday near White Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews near Hertford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winslow visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright Sunday.

J. T. Britt of Hertford spent Tuesday with Elmer Wood.

Mrs. W. M. Mathews, Mrs. Ralph Harrell and Mrs. Melvin Overman went to Norfolk Wednesday.

MRS. LONG ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Seth Long was a charming hostess on Tuesday evening when she entertained the Snow Hill-White Hat Home Demonstration Club at her home at the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Ashley Jordan, president, presided over the business session. Then the program committee, Mrs. Freeman Umphlett and Mrs. Mattie Barclift, gave a Christmas program. Several Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Ashley Jordan gave a reading on Christmas, Mrs. Umphlett read a poem, Christmas Giving. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Maness, who had charge of the recreation. Several games were played with Mrs. Freeman Umphlett winning the prize, which was a "black baby."

Names were drawn and gifts were exchanged among all present.

The hostess served jello with whipped cream, cakes and candies.

Those present were Mesdames W. M. Mathews, Ralph Harrell, Ashley Jordan, George Jordan, J. W. Overton, Marvin Benton, Edward Benton, Floyd Mathews, E. D. Mathews, Geo. Sutton, J. B. Eure, Freeman Umphlett, Mattie Barclift, Raymond Eure, Elmer Wood and Seth Long and Miss Maness.

NEW USO AT PLYMOUTH

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