

LOS ANGELES RAIDER REMAINS A MYSTERY

Three Jap Transports Sunk In East Indies Battle City's Guns Fire Shells Into Skies

Japs Adm Loss Of 26 Ships So Far

Big-Scale Japanese Raid On Harbor and Airdrome Acknowledged; Evacuation Of British Subjects From Indies To Australia Hinted in London; U. S. Planes Score Victory In Java

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor Allied warplanes blasting at Japan's sea-borne invaders were credited officially today with sinking three big enemy transports in the critical battle for the Dutch East Indies, while a Tokyo spokesman acknowledged that 26 Japanese transports had been sunk or damaged to date in the Far Pacific.

The spokesman, Commander Itaru Tashiro of the naval press section, said Japan expected even heavier losses because the United States had more than 1,000 planes in the war zone and 40 to 50 submarines.

A U. S. War Department bulletin said seven American P-40 pursuit planes intercepted a formation of 14 Japanese bombers escorted by 14 fighter planes over Java and forced the raiders to flee.

The bulletin said one Japanese bomber and one fighter plane were shot down. Four other enemy bombers and two fighters were damaged, without loss to the Americans.

As the day wore on, other United States triumphs in the air were reported, and it was becoming apparent that for the first time in the 11-week-old conflict Japan was facing a major challenge in the skies.

A Royal Australian air force communiqué said Australian bombers, slashing at Japanese bases 400 to 500 miles north of Australia, attacked both Rabaul, New Britain island, and Timor island, and set big fires.

Simultaneously, dispatches from Rangoon said 30 Japanese fighter planes were destroyed in the Burma battle area today.

Word of the allies' new aerial counter-punch came as Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted in an English-language propaganda broadcast that Japanese planes had delivered a "mortal blow to the British and Dutch air forces" with the destruction of 68 allied planes based at Java yesterday.

Dutch headquarters acknowledged big-scale Japanese raids on the harbor and an airdrome near Batavia, against naval objectives near Sorobaja and upon an airdrome near Bandoeng, but said the damage was slight.

Tokyo headquarters said Japanese bombers also scored direct hits on an allied light cruiser and two 3,000-ton merchant ships.

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that American and Filipino troops were "uniformly successful in aggressive local actions all along the line" against Japanese invasion forces on Bataan peninsula.

Delayed dispatches said the grim struggle appeared to have entered a definite stalemate, with the Japanese temporarily abandoning their costly attempts to crack Gen. MacArthur's line across the peninsula.

Heavy casualties suffered by Gen. (Continued on page two)

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From Pearl Harbor To The Altar



Miss Dorothy Clay Ramspeck, daughter of Congressman Robert Ramspeck of Georgia, and Ensign J. R. Dunson, Jr., of the United States navy were all smiles at her home in Washington as they discussed plans for their wedding March 1. They first met in Honolulu and were there during the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor December 7. Miss Ramspeck's family home is in Decatur, Ga., and Ensign Dunson lives in Atlanta.

Japanese Troops Storm British Line In Burma

Troops Thrown Into Battle Despite Heavy Losses

London, Feb. 25 (AP)—Japanese troops threw themselves against the British line along the Sittang river in Burma without a let-up today despite increasingly heavy losses, military commentators here said.

The Sittang, which is the last natural obstacle of any size between the Japanese and Rangoon, is 400 yards wide at this season.

Some observers predicted that if the Japanese crossed the river in force Rangoon would fall in less time than Singapore did.

The Sittang river front is about 60 miles from Rangoon.

The commentator discounted reports that the Japanese were employing 140,000 men in the attack on British lines.

He said the best estimate was two divisions attacking, with one in reserve or a total of 45,000 men.

There was no confirmation here of a Japanese claim of Sunday that they had taken Pegu, a junction of the Rangoon-Lashio railroad that has fed supplies to the Burma road.

The commentator said, however, his information was limited to the situation of Monday night.

It was said that if Japanese were not able to bring pontoons up to cross the Sittang as they did in Johore Strait in the assault on Singapore, they could obtain small boats, which abound in villages along the river.

Berlin (from German broadcasts) Feb. 25 (AP)—Japanese forces advancing into Burma are being strongly reinforced by troops freed for action in other areas by completion of the Malayan campaign, DNB declared today.

The news agency reported that a convoy of 60 ships had recently landed Japanese troops and equipment from Singapore at Martaban, and said additional reinforcements were moving into the area overland.

(Dispatches from Mandalay yesterday quoted American and British pilots in Burma as saying all roads in the Japanese rear were crowded with troops moving toward the front "as thick as ants.")

RUSSIAN BLOW MAY BE START OF NEW DRIVE

Advance Continues After Crushing Nazi Army HITLER MAPPING FINAL STRUGGLE Fuehrer Declares the Russians Failed in Hopes To Inflict Napoleonic Retreat On Germans

By The Associated Press Russia proclaimed a smashing victory over Adolf Hitler's battered invasion armies today even as the Fuehrer announced that the bitter snows of winter were melting and that he had completed preparations for the "final struggle" this spring.

"Snow and frost brought to a temporary standstill the series of victories of the German army, unique in history," Hitler declared in a message to Nazi party followers.

"Our enemy then hoped to inflict on the German army the fate of the Napoleonic retreat. This attempt has collapsed miserably."

Russian troops were credited officially with crushing Germany's 16th field army, shattering three divisions and killing 12,000 men in what was described as only the first stage of a smashing new offensive in the Staraya Russa sector 140 miles below Leningrad.

A Russian dispatch dated the Staraya Russa appeared to indicate that the town itself, hitherto believed to be in German hands, had been recaptured in the Soviet onslaught. However, a communiqué said only that "the defeat of the Germans took place in the region of Staraya Russa."

Reports from the battlefield said the Red army was advancing through territory littered with the bodies of Nazi dead and fields covered with abandoned big guns, automobiles and wagons.

Staraya Russa had been a key German base guarding the southern flank of the Nazi armies before Leningrad. A decisive breakthrough by the Russians would gravely endanger the whole northern arm of the German invasion and presumably force a hurried withdrawal of the Nazi siege forces around Leningrad.

Soviet front-line dispatches also reported important new Russian gains during the past 48 hours on the southwest front—presumably between Orel and Kharkov, in the Ukraine—with the slaughter of 2-250 Nazis.

Hitler asserted that the coming spring struggle would be "a settling up with that conspiracy which was hatched in the banking houses of the plutocrats and extended to the vaults of the Kremlin."

This was the Hitler who boasted last October "3 that the Russian army 'already is broken and will never rise again,' who blamed the weather for subsequent reverses and declared that 1942 'will again be a year of great victories.'"

Been dispatches said "Russia's scorching earth policy, labor shortage and the flight of thousands of potential workers before the German army had crippled attempts to beat the economy of occupied Soviet areas to that of the Reich."

Militarily and politically the Indian Empire suddenly has surged into the front ranks of the war.

British India, which for long generations has had perforce to view independence through the small end of the telescope, finally seems to have reversed the glass.

England's declaration yesterday "in favor of India's political freedom" must be taken to mean that John Bull at long last is prepared to grant some form of dominion status which would retain Hindustan as a subject of the crown.

The present hurried move comes at a moment when the Mikado's hordes are battering at the ramparts of Burma, with the avowed intention of conquering all India.

To put it bluntly, the Indian empire—one of the principal allied essentials—is in danger and the axis is bidding heavily for native cooperation in the war, the price of which had been set at absolute independence.

Whether Britain's offer comes in time is problematical, for Japan is hitting hard and fast. The great Burmese port of Rangoon may come under siege at any time now, and Nipponese submarines reportedly (Continued on Page Four)

Japanese Air Strength Over Burma Undergoes One Of Heaviest Blows

American Volunteer and Royal Air Force Pilots Destroy 30 Planes; British Land Forces, Pushed Back To West Bank of Sittang River, are Given A Breathing Spell After Intensive Pressure

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 25. (AP)—American volunteer group fliers and R. A. F. pilots struck one of their heaviest blows at Japanese air strength over Burma today, destroying 30 enemy planes and carrying out effective sweeps over enemy positions along the Sittang river front.

An Army communique indicated that the British Imperial forces, pushed back to the west bank of the Sittang river some 70 miles from Rangoon, had been given a breathing spell after facing intensive Japanese pressure and were making the most of this opportunity to reorganize their defenses.

The communique said: "On the southern front there has been no contact with the enemy. Our troops on the Sittang river are reorganizing after heavy fighting."

"On instructions from the Governor of Burma, a military commandant has been appointed in Rangoon to prevent looting and arson. Curfew has been ordered from tonight in Rangoon."

Mandalay, Burma, Feb. 25.—(AP) A new Japanese push into the Shan States of northeastern Burma was anticipated here today, as British troops to the south fought a delaying action from "good positions" along the west bank of the Sittang river, last natural barrier before the Rangoon railway which connects with the Burma road.

Rangoon, principal seaport of Burma and the capital, was semi-deserted following the completion of a compulsory evacuation of all but military elements.

A Rangoon communique broadcast by the All-India radio said a military commandant had been appointed for Rangoon and a curfew proclaimed in the capital area, effective tonight. These measures apparently tightened military control of the city.

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Planes On Board Japanese U-Boats

London, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Japanese are believed to be using at least one plane-carrying submarine and possibly more, informed sources declared today.

They said that when the New Zealand armed merchant Cruiser Monowai was engaged by an enemy submarine near New Zealand waters about a month ago she was attacked simultaneously by a plane believed to have come from a submarine. Neither attack caused any damage.

A submarine-carried aircraft probably would be a seaplane which could be stored in two sections in hangars on each side of the undersea ship and be assembled at sea, the informants explained.

The idea is not fundamentally new. Britain tried it in 1927.

CONSIDER BILL PROVIDING FOR WORK OR FIGHT

Such Legislation May Soon Be Sought in Congress WOULD PROHIBIT WORK STOPPAGE Measure Probably Would Provide For Drafting Of Any Striking Worker Subject To Service

By JACK BELL Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Drastic "work or fight" legislation may soon be sought by the administration to give the War Labor Board a strong hand in its task of eliminating all stoppages in arms production.

An informed source predicted today that this request to congress was likely, and indications were that it would command strong support especially since President Roosevelt called on Americans in his Monday night radio address not to stop work a single day.

Proposals for such legislation were said to have originated with officials charged with responsibility for all-out war production. President Roosevelt has repeatedly stressed the need for uninterrupted production in numerous speeches during the past year, but the arms program nevertheless has lost hundreds of thousands of man-hours because of labor-management, jurisdictional and other controversies.

As outlined by one influential Democratic senator, the legislation probably would include provisions for the immediate drafting into the armed forces of any striking worker who was subject to military service but who had received deferment because of employment in an essential war job.

Under tentative plans, workers not subject to the selective service who went on strike would be blacklisted and their employment banned for a period of time by any plant working on a government contract.

The President's call for uninterrupted war production brought predictions in congress, meanwhile, that if the War Labor Board failed to find a formula to keep all of the industrial wheels turning without stop, congress would act to see that the job was done.

Senator Hill of Alabama, the Democratic whip, said he felt that some legislation might be necessary to prevent strikes.

"It just isn't in keeping with any all-out effort to win a war to have anybody stop work, even for an hour," Hill told reporters.

Agreeing with this viewpoint Senator Ellender (D-La.), a member of the Labor Committee, forecast speedy congressional action if the War Labor Board failed to guarantee the uninterrupted production the President wanted.

This action might come, suggested Senator Taft (R-Ohio), in the form of legislation to freeze the open and closed shop status of war industries and to link wages to the cost of living. Under the latter provision, he said, wages would advance only as the cost of living rose.

He said he believed members of the WLB would welcome establishment of such general policies.

Like Taft, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) felt that the President's pronouncement called for congressional action to fix policies, although he said he would be glad if the no-strike agreement reached by industry and labor last year could be carried out voluntarily. There was some doubt, he added, whether that agreement was being followed to the letter.

A number of residents of this town of slightly more than 1,000 persons reported having taken a number of the hotel guests into their homes during the early morning hours and police were making a hurried check in an effort to find out how many actually were trapped in the building.

Aberdeen, although located in the heart of the sandhills resort area, is not a resort town and the hotel catered primarily to commercial travelers.

The hotel, owned by Falk Carter of Reidsville, was a complete loss. The blaze did not spread to nearby structures through the efforts of the combined Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst fire departments.

Former Resident Dead Word has been received here of the recent death of Mrs. Charles J. Barr of Hopkinsville, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Barr formerly lived in Greenville.

New Archbishop



The Archbishop of York, Dr. William Temple (above), has been nominated by King George VI to succeed Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury, the highest clerical position in the Church of England.

TWO PERISH IN ABERDEEN FIRE

Manager And Guest Of Sandhill Hotel Lose Lives

Aberdeen, N. C., Feb. 25 (AP)—A roaring fire that destroyed the three-story sandhill hotel in less than four hours early today brought death to the manager and at least one guest. Several other persons believed registered at the hotel were missing.

Jack Meadors, the manager, lost his life while fighting the blaze, which was discovered in a second floor linen room around 3 a. m.

Deputy Sheriff C. R. Dunlap of Moore county said that the other dead person was believed to be Mrs. Ben Eby of Harrisburg, Pa., wife of a part owner of a chemical plant there.

In a jump from the third floor Eby, husband of the dead woman, suffered a broken back and other injuries. His condition was critical at a hospital here.

Police officers said the hotel books were destroyed but it was believed that around 30 persons were registered last night. A search for any persons who did not escape continued in the still smoking ruins of the structure.

At least two other persons were seen jumping from the flaming structure and one of these, a Negro bellhop, landed safely in an awning.

Anti-Aircraft Guns Go Into Action For First Time As Unidentified Object Is Observed Moving Slowly Down Coast; Invader Identified Vaguely As Balloon Or Airplane

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Anti-aircraft guns thundered over the metropolitan area early today for the first time in the war, but hours later what they were shooting at remained a military secret.

An unidentified object moving slowly down the coast from Santa Monica was variously reported as a balloon and an airplane.

Some observers claimed to have seen two planes over Long Beach.

Army intelligence, although uncommunicative, scoffed at reports of civilian observers that as many as 200 planes were over the area.

There were no reports of bombing, but several instances of damaged property from anti-aircraft shells.

A garage door was ripped off in a Los Angeles residential district and fragments shattered windows and tore into a bed where a few moments before Miss Blanche Sedwick and her niece, Josie Duffin, had been sleeping.

A Santa Monica bomb squad was dispatched to remove an unexploded anti-aircraft shell in a driveway there.

Wailing air raid sirens at 2:25 a. m. (PWT) awakened most of the metropolitan area's three million citizens. A few minutes later, they were treated to a gigantic Fourth-of-July-like display as huge searchlights flashed along a 10-mile front to the south, converging on a single spot high in the sky.

Moments later the anti-aircraft guns opened up, throwing a sheet of steel skyward.

Tracer bullets and exploding shells lit the heavens.

Three Japanese, two men and a woman, were seized by police at the beach city of Venice on suspicion of signaling with flares on rooftops near the pier. They were removed to FBI headquarters, where Richard B. Hood, local chief, said "at the request of Army authorities, we have nothing to say."

A Long Beach police sergeant, E. Larson, 59, was killed in a traffic accident while en route to an air raid post.

Henry B. Ayers, 63-year-old State Guardsman, died at the wheel of an ammunition truck during the blackout. Physicians said a heart attack apparently was responsible.

An official source which declined to be quoted directly told the Associated Press that U. S. Army planes quickly went into action. However, just before dawn, another official said no U. S. craft had gone in pursuit because of danger from their own anti-aircraft fire. He said anti-aircraft gunners reported seeing unidentified planes.

No bombs were dropped. The all-clear sounded at 7:19 a. m. (10:19 a. m. EDT).

Mrs. H. G. Landis telephoned police that fragments of metal fell about her home and "a chunk of something" dug a hole in her backyard. A arms expert said the fragments were from an anti-aircraft (Continued on Page Six)

Shipping Losses

London, Feb. 25 (AP)—Merchant shipping losses of all nations from the start of the war to Jan. 1, 1942, were estimated by the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom today at approximately 14,000,000 tons.

Britain, her allies and neutral nations have lost 8,300,000 tons, said the chamber's annual report, while Germany and Axis allies have lost "less than five or six million tons."

During the last six months of 1941, the chamber added, axis air raiders, mines, submarines and surface vessels sank about 180,000 tons of shipping a month—or a total of more than 1,800,000 tons for that period.

The report concluded that the United Nations hold a great advantage over the Axis because of the tremendous shipbuilding program of the United States, which produced some 1,900,000 gross tons of deadweight in 1941, and is expected to provide approximately 18,000,000 tons of new shipping during the next two years.

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To Zone Highway For Speed Limits

Raleigh, Feb. 25 (AP)—Complying with Governor Broughton's request that action be taken to reduce highway fatality toll, the Highway Commission will consider Friday the zoning of 257 miles of dangerous and congested highways.

Chairman Ben C. Prince said that curves on the highway system were being clocked and that signs would be erected giving the speed at which they could be traveled safely.

The commission will study a recommendation that 140 miles of highway be zoned for a maximum speed of 35 miles an hour and that 117 miles be zoned for a maximum of 45 miles an hour.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

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No Retreads For Passenger Autos

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—(AP)—State Retiring Administrator T. S. Johnson, in announcing new state rationing quotas, said today there would be no rubber tire passenger car retreads for the rest of February and during March.

Certificates for retreading 2,374 tires for trucks only may be issued by local rationing boards for the last week of February. March's retreading quota will be 3,037 truck tires.

Social and Personal

Social Calendar

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards will entertain at dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb.

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian Church.

8:00 p. m.—Meeting of all committee chairmen from Official Board and Church Planning Committee in the study of the Christian Church.

8:15 p. m.—Rehearsal of the Presbyterian choir.

THURSDAY

7:00 p. m.—Dinner meeting of the B. and P. Woman's Club at the Woman's Club.

7:30 p. m.—Mrs. W. O. Freeland presents Margaret Anne Johnson, Janice Owens and Anne Cox in recital at Sheppard Memorial Library.

7:45 p. m.—Methodist choir meets for rehearsal.

7:45 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 2 meets in the Molly Brown room of the Methodist Church.

8:00 p. m.—The Junior Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Cockrell.

FRIDAY

6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men will meet.

9:00-11:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Barrett will entertain at open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Matthews.

Protest Long Hours.

San Pedro, Calif., Feb. 24.—(AP) Spokesmen for the CIO Shipyard Workers of America, Local No. 9 said today that two shifts of workers had quit work at the end of 8 hours of a 10-hour day at the Bethlehem Steel Co. yards where \$81,000,000 worth of Navy destroyers are under construction.

Birth Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Everette of Hamilton, announce the birth of a son, William Herman, Jr., on Tuesday, February 24, 1942. Mrs. Everette was formerly Miss Edna Barnhill of Stokes.

Three Jap ...

(Continued from page one) Homma's 14th army—estimated as high as 30,000 killed and wounded—were cited as contributing to the lag in the Japanese offensive.

American - Filipino defenders alone have buried 2,000 Japanese, killed in attempting landings on the west coast in thrusts against the west central section of the front, where the invaders were annihilated by American artillery gunners. An entire Japanese infantry regiment was believed to have been killed in the west coast landing attempts.

In London, an official spokesman hinted that evacuation of British subjects from the embattled Indies to Australia may already have started, "particularly women and children who are not required locally for the war effort."

A bulletin from N. E. I. headquarters said United Nations planes sank two Japanese transports near Macassar, southern Celebes island and a third elsewhere, and further attacked an airdrome near Japanese-occupied Palembang in lower Sumatra.

Australian bombers, striking at an encroaching rim of Japanese lodgements in islands 400 to 500 miles north and northwest of Australia, attacked both Rabaul and Timor last night, a Royal Australian air force communique announced today.

The attack on Timor followed the observation of large Japanese naval forces in the vicinity of Dili, capital of the northern, or Portuguese, portion of Timor, and the report that Japanese transports in Dili harbor were burning.

Today's communique said the attack was carried out under good conditions of visibility and that good results were obtained on anti-aircraft sites and searchlight positions, but did not mention any ships being bombed.

Dili, about 450 miles northwest of severely bombed Darwin, had been occupied by allied forces until Japanese launched an invasion.

The RAP operations last night extended from Timor to New Britain, the communique said, and

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Above are two members of the cast playing in Isben's, "The Doll's House," to be given at the College Thursday and Friday nights. They are M. N. Posey of the ECTC English faculty and Mrs. Agnes W. Barrett, secretary to President Meadows, who take the parts of Dr. Rank, a friend of the family presented in the play, and Mrs. Lin-



MRS. AGNES BARRETT

den a friend of the wife. The play is being directed by Clifton Britton, who was responsible for the delightful children's play, "Little Back Sambo," given earlier this month.

The Chi Pi Players are producing the "Doll's House." The curtain will go up at 8:30.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
Wednesday, February 25, 1902

February nearly gone and no shade.

The moderate weather has brought a few loads of tobacco to market this week.

Wet weather, soggy wood and an antiquated engine breaks up the schedule of the passenger train. But the officials cannot see the wisdom of putting on a coal burning engine.

This afternoon Governor Aycock appointed Prof. J. Y. Joyner of the Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The appointment is an excellent one and will give entire satisfaction throughout the state.

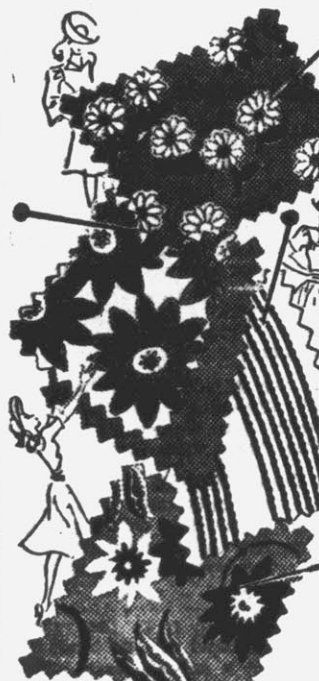
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SUBS GET TWO MORE TANKERS

Total Loss Since January 14 Now Stands at 24

West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Enemy submarines, apparently striking at United States oil supply lines, have added two more American-owned tankers to their toll of shipping attacks in Atlantic Coastal waters.

The Navy revealed yesterday that torpedoes ripped into the 8,103-ton Cities Service Empire, of New York, and the 5,367-ton Republic, of Houston, Tex., leaving 16 seamen dead or missing. Fifty-seven were rescued.

These latest attacks brought to 24 the officially-announced number of ships torpedoed off the United States coast since Axis U-boats began activity Jan. 14. Fourteen were tankers.

Eight tankers were sunk, damaged or beached and large oil installations were shelled in the Dutch East Indies, where important producing areas are located.

The American west coast waters had a number of submarine attacks about Christmas. Monday night a submarine ineffectually shelled an oil field near Santa Barbara, California.



GAS MASK CONFAB—A conference at American Women's Voluntary Services class, Washington, brought together (left to right, take our word for it) Sonia Converse, instructor; Alice Fowler; and Mrs. Donald Church, assistant director.

Landing of 28 survivors from the Republic and 29 from the Cities Service Empire followed closely the arrival at Jacksonville, Fla., last week of 18 survivors of the torpedoed tanker Pan Massachusetts, in which 20 seamen probably lost their lives.

The Cities Service Empire's captain, William J. Jernan, 28, of Upper Darby, Pa., was among the dead. The Republic's captain Albert H. Anderson, 52, of Houston, was rescued.

Insurance Honor Won By Fletcher Thomas

The current issue of "Tar Heel Spirit," official publication of the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, pays high tribute to Fletcher Thomas, local agent with headquarters in the Shelburn building on East Third street.

The local agent was awarded the title "Man of the Month" and will be presented the pearl pin as a token of the company's appreciation for his contribution toward reaching a goal of \$500,000, which was exceeded with a total of \$569,439. The publication said of Mr. Thomas: "We extend all courtesies of the office to our old Greenville plugger, Fletcher Thomas, who is again 'man of the month.' He wrote 64 auto coverages and \$22,000 life. Nice work, cousin."

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Roosevelt Personally Steps Into Fight Over Farm Bill

President Follows Map in Fireside Chat on the War

SENDS LETTER OF OPPOSITION

Against Restricting Sale of Govt.-Owned Surplus

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stepped directly into the Senate dispute over farm prices today with a letter protesting that a pending bill represented "selfish interests" at a time the very existence of the country was at stake.

The chief executive, in a letter read at the opening of the Senate session, said that a proposal to restrict sales of government-held stocks of farm commodities would do "irreparable damage to the war effort and farmers of the country."

Protesting that the original bill to restrict such sales might add \$1,000,000,000 to living costs, Senator Brown (D-Mich) urged farm state senators to accept his amendment intended to keep market prices of cotton, corn and wheat near present levels.

Majority Leader Barkley planned a floor speech in support of the Brown proposal before the vote expected this afternoon.

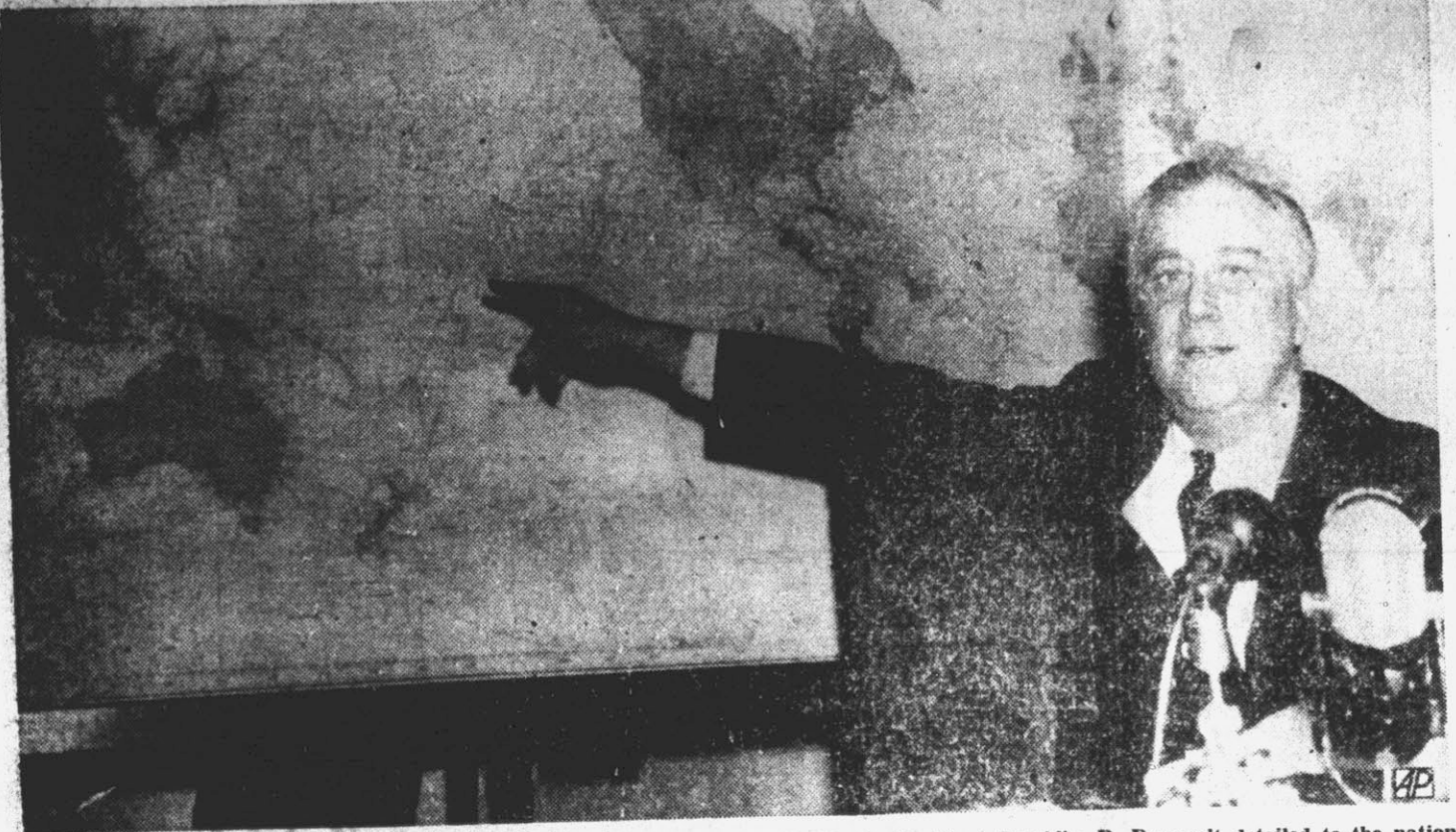
"My amendment puts the farm bloc in a bad position if they do not accept it," Brown said. "All they have been asking for is a parity price and they will get it under my amendment."

The pending bill, approved unanimously by the Senate Agriculture Committee, would prohibit sales of any government stocks of farm products below a parity price, which is one computed to give a farm product the same relative buying power it had in a past period, usually the years 1909-14.

Pointing to the recent average annual farm benefit payments of about \$700,000,000, Brown asked that these be deducted from the parity level to fix floors for sales of the government stocks.

"This would permit government sales at about present levels," the senator said, noting that wheat now was at 82 per cent of parity, cotton at 94 per cent, corn at 78 per cent and that benefit payments already voted by Congress raised each crop to about a parity level.

Farm bloc leaders, including Senators Gillette (D-Tn) Bankhead (D-Ala) Russell (D-Ga) and Thomas (D-Okla), said they would oppose the Brown amendment and ask support of the original full parity floor under government sales.



Seated before a large map of the world in the Oval Room of the White House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt detailed to the nation in a fireside radio chat the progress of the war, emphasizing the effect of war-away battles upon American life. The President had suggested that his audience have maps available for ready consultation.

Dangerous Baggage

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 24
On The Level?

Across the street and down half a block, the lights of an all-night hamburger stand winked faintly through the fog. He had said it would be 15 minutes, anyway, before they could start. Plenty of time to get a cup of coffee. And she glanced up and down the empty street as she crossed, she could see could see any "loiterers" coming in plenty of time to warn Goodwin.

A sleepy proprietor drew her a steaming cup of fragrant, hot coffee, slapped her nickel into the cash register, and went back to his magazine without a word. Sharon perched on the stool at the end of the counter so she could watch the door and the street beyond, sipped the hot coffee gratefully, felt warmth flow back into her chilled body. And with it, renewed courage.

She was just finishing her second cup when the two men walked in. Startled because they seemed to have appeared out of the cobblestones, she was instantly aware of their scrutiny. If these were the "loiterers" Mr. Goodwin was expecting she could understand perfectly why he had been insistent she stand watch! Two harder, grimmer looking faces she'd never seen.

She drained her cup, set it down slowly. If she left now, they might be suspicious. It would look as if she were running away. Calmly she pushed her cup across the counter.

"More coffee, please?" The two men ordered coffee, each took a part of the dog-eared newspaper stacked in the empty paper napkin rack, seemed absorbed in the news.

Seemed, Sharon thought watching them covertly, because even her slightest gesture did not go unobserved. She was sure of that.

Finally, when she could stall no longer, she slipped down off the stool, made herself walk slowly to the door close it deliberately behind her. Then, careful not to hurry until she was out of sight, she slipped into shadows, raced down the block to where she stood opposite the big warehouse. Then she stopped a moment to look back.

She saw the two men leave the stand, start down the street towards her. They walked slowly, almost as if aimlessly. Probably she was just imagining their surveillance. After all any lone woman in a waterfront hamburger stand

would arouse suspicious interest. Particularly one dressed in a man's cap and raincoat!

She suppressed a little laugh as she realized what a grotesque appearance she must make now. Then, boldly, she stepped out into the street, hurried across, walked directly past the narrow office door into the shadow of the next building. There again, she turned to watch the two strangers. They were crossing the street toward her.

Turning back, she walked more quickly toward the warehouse. The men behind her quickened their pace too. Sharon began to run. Behind her, the sound of running steps drawing nearer.

A scream leapt to her lips, burst just as she gained the office door, closed it behind her, locked it. "Mr. Goodwin!"

"No Danger—Yet!" Instantly he appeared, a black scowl on his face distorting it so she clapped her hand over her lips as if to call back the scream.

"They followed me," she explained. "Two men. They ran—outside now. I think."

Turning, Goodwin snapped off the light. "Keep quiet," he said savagely.

Moving to the one window, he watched, motionless. In the silence Sharon could hear the thunder of her heart. Behind her, from the warehouse, someone appeared, stood waiting.

Goodwin, as if he'd sensed rather than heard the man appear, turned, muttered a terse, "No danger—yet. Probably they'll be back. Give out the big guns—and plenty of ammunition."

The man nodded, turned without speaking.

Outside the lights of a solitary passing car flooded into the room for a moment. Long enough for Sharon to see plainly, the tall man who stood beside her.

"Dennis!" she gasped, clutched his arm. "You here?" "Don't talk!" Goodwin commanded.

Dennis hesitated, then turned back toward the warehouse, disappeared.

After that, Sharon heard the deep growl of men's voices lowered, heard the metallic click as guns were loaded. "A young arsenal" Dennis had described it, Sharon remembered now as many facts came out into the clear to be fitted into a logical picture. Of course,

This was the warehouse Dennis had been working all this time. Why hadn't she thought of that? And this the precious Montana wheat. But what had all this to do with the shipment of Sierra steel valves and why—who—

If there were guns—there would be shooting! And Dennis in the thick of it! But Dennis didn't know much more about firing a gun than she did. Much less a machine gun! Besides—what if he should get excited and really shoot someone!

This was no place for a hot-headed boy like Dennis. Mr. Goodwin should have had more judgment than to—

Spurred by her anxiety, she ran back into the office where Goodwin still watched at the weather-stained window.

"What were you thinking of to let Dennis work in a place like this where—"

"Keep still!" The command came like a physical blow. Stunned, Sharon waited for him to explain. When he didn't she tried again. "Did you realize how dangerous—?"

"Certainly, you're in it too, now don't forget!" "But—what is it—why shouldn't you call the police if there are dangerous enemies?"

Goodwin turned on her. Even in the dimly lit room, she felt the ferocity of his scowl. "Keep your questions to yourself. Understand? Do what you are told and keep your mouth shut."

He disappeared, then, into the shadows of the huge, cavernous warehouse.

All the growing distrust that had been fraying loose from the edges of her thinking for the past several days began to tangle now in a knot of determination.

Fumbling her way through the dusky darkness, she tried to locate Dennis. Ears straining for the sound of his voice, she stumbled along, feeling a treacherous path through the piles of sacks, coming up smartly against the sharp corner of a packing case every now and then.

She had pushed her way nearly to the end of the warehouse before she discovered him. Posted like a sentry not ten yards from the foot of the gangplank, Dennis stood—holding a machine gun! No one moved up the gangplank now. No one moved on the darkened boat behind. She wasn't even sure it really was Dennis standing there so tense, so still. Until he challenged her in a harsh whisper.

"Who is it?" "Mr. Dennis," she answered, moving toward him. "You better get out of here." "What about you?" He glanced around, bent close to her ear. "I can't. But you beat it quick."

"But why, Dennis? What is it all about?"

"We've been suckers, sis," he whispered so low she could scarcely understand him. "But you beat it now before there's any shooting."

She shook her head. "And leave you here? I can take it if you can."

"Listen. Don't be a fool!" he hissed. "I don't know what's going on out here. But it's not on the level. I know that."

"What do you mean?" "I mean we've been herded in this barn like cattle for two days now. They been afraid we might tip somebody off!"

Sharon heard him swear softly. Then—"Talk about your concentration camps. I'm warning you, Sis. Get out of here."

Her terror mounting, Sharon nodded. Of course she wouldn't leave him now! But no use to worry him. She drew back out of his sight.

As she did, she heard Goodwin's voice almost at her shoulder. He had, she realized, instantly, stood there all the time. Probably he had heard their conversation. Panicked, she listened to his curt command.

"Be careful how you talk. Doyle," came the sharp warning. "We're not taking chances with squealers. Make a complete check of the building outside. Report back here."

Outside! When they might open fire any minute! Sharon was horrified to see Dennis step out onto the ledge of the wharf along the warehouse, disappear. Barely wide enough for a man to walk on, it was made of open pilings through which you could see the black water of the bay sloshing against the timbers supporting it. Sharon peered after him, was frantic lest, in the dark, he take a misstep, fall head-long against those pilings bristling with sharp scale.

"I didn't intend that you should be subjected to this experience," Sharon. Mr. Goodwin's smooth courtesy now was grimly ironic. Sharon instantly preferred his tone in hand. If you do as you are told, you will be in no immediate danger. Go back to the office up front now. I will meet you there in a few moments."

"Yes, Mr. Goodwin," almost automatically.

But she moved only far enough to convince him she was really going back. Then, slipping back to the door, she waited, her eyes fixed on the narrow walk down which Dennis had disappeared, her heart throbbing convulsively.

But the darkness gave up no Dennis. As if he'd been swallowed up completely, no sound came save the endless sucking of the black waters below.

To Be Continued

LEE REPORTS ALL IS QUIET

Stalemate Apparent In Fighting On Bataan

By CLARK LEE

With General MacArthur on the Bataan Peninsula, Feb. 23.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The battle of Bataan appears to have entered a definite stalemate, with the Japanese abandoning at least temporarily their hitherto costly efforts to crack General Douglas MacArthur's line across the peninsula.

There are at present no indications whether the Japanese are awaiting reinforcements, planning attacks against Bataan and the island fortress of Corregidor from new directions, or whether they are content to tighten their encirclement in an attempt to starve the American-Filipino defense forces into eventual capitulation when supplies and provisions are exhausted.

In the past week infantry activity on the Bataan front has been desultory, while artillery duels between Japanese batteries on the south shore of Manila Bay and the guns of Corregidor and other fortified islands have been intensified. The Japanese have fired hundreds of shells against Corregidor.

In the Manila Bay sector of the Bataan front, which is dominated by American-Filipino artillery, the Japanese have abandoned medical and other supplies which the defenders either captured or destroyed. Hitherto there has been no explanation of these evidences of hasty departure, but the theory has been advanced that the Japanese may have withdrawn some troops from Bataan to prepare defense positions along the Lingayen Gulf and Eastern Luzon, fearing American forces will land behind them.

All fronts have been relatively quiet, with artillery action limited generally to counter-battery firing. Japanese aerial activity also has decreased, although the Japanese still control the air and periodically receive additional planes, especially 97 dive bombers which have probably been brought by ship from Formosa and landed somewhere in northern Luzon.

In various areas of Luzon American-Filipino forces are carrying on guerrilla warfare, raiding Japanese held towns and picking off Japanese in small groups.

It is generally believed that the Japanese high command is preparing for further assaults against General MacArthur's Bataan positions, but may delay a major drive pending the arrival of reinforcements released from action in the Masaya and Dutch East Indies areas where their main strength is at present occupied.

Heavy casualties suffered by General Homma's fourteenth army have undoubtedly contributed to the halting of the Japanese drive. Exact Japanese losses have not been estimated, but it is certain that thousands—perhaps as high as 30,000—have been killed or wounded.

Some 2,000 Japanese have been buried by the American-Filipino defenders alone. These were wiped out in attempted landings on the west coast, and in thrusts against the west-central section of the front, where Japanese were annihilated by artillery fire. An entire Japanese infantry regiment is believed to have been killed in the west coast landing attempts.

The artillery took a terrific toll of the Japanese, who in the early days of the Bataan fighting used to march in close order down the roads commanded by American guns. Several times artillery of the defenders fired into concentrations of between 500 and 1,000 Japanese, destroying nearly all of them. Their fanatical charges into American-Filipino machine gun nests also cost the Japanese heavily.

In the current phase of limited patrol activities, the Japanese show little inclination to fight, usually withdrawing when they encounter American-Filipino patrols even inferior in numbers.

There are some indications that Japanese morale is not as high as formerly. This is admitted by many prisoners, who say they are sick of fighting. Recent prisoners stripped themselves of all means of identification and attempted to deny they were soldiers, claiming they were residents of Manila who were pressed into service as bus drivers by the Japanese army. However, these men are unable to speak English or Filipino and their stories were quickly broken down.

On the other hand, the morale of General MacArthur's men is excellent. They want to keep on fighting and are counting on the United States to give them the tools with which to do so.

Chamber Board Meet Set Tomorrow Night

The Board of Directors of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow night in the board room of the Municipal building at 7:45 o'clock in the first meeting since the close of the organization's 52nd year on January 31. It also will be the first session since the election of five new directors.

Election of officers for the new year is the principal business to be disposed of although other important matters are to be considered. Every member is urged to be present to give the new year a good start.

MacArthur Never Saw Their Equal



Looking like truly primitive warriors, the head-hunting Igorots of the Philippines are being seen with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops. They ride the tanks, MacArthur reports, and direct the movement of armored troops through the jungles. "I have never known the equal of those Igorots," the general said. One report said the Igorot warriors don't mind wearing uniforms if they can leave off the pants.

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GREENVILLE HI-NEWS

Senior Class The senior class will meet at 8:40 tomorrow morning in the high school auditorium. The complete Annual staff will be announced by Thomas Williams, editor of the Annual.

Victory Game and Dance High school students are selling advance tickets for the Washington-Greenville basketball game. For the pupils selling the most tickets, two prizes are offered. The first prize is \$100 in cash, the second prize is the game, free admission to the dance, and 10 cents in trade with the junior class. Second prize is \$100 in cash.

Paper Campaign "If possible, please try to bring one newspaper or magazine to school each day," stated Mary Elizabeth Austin, chairman of the paper conservation committee. "This will help get the bus much quicker."

Student Tickets Student tickets for the Washington-Greenville games Friday night will be 25 cents instead of 15 cents. This night has been designated as "Bus Night" and all money raised will be applied to the bus fund.

Monogram Club Fourteen new members of the Monogram club were voted in yesterday afternoon at a club meeting. The boys are Charles Moye, Bill Turner, Bill Sugg, Ed Rawl, Larry Brown, Connor Merritt, Jack Scott, Henry Andrews, Sydney Dunn, Ben Harrison, C. Hugh Edwards, Milton Beland and Kirby Allen.

Bomb Victim May Be Nazi Official

London, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Ankara reported today that papers bearing the stamp of the German embassy had been found in the clothing of an unidentified man who was killed in the Turkish capital when a bomb he was carrying exploded near German Ambassador Franz von Papen.

Von Papen and his wife, who were taking a mid-morning stroll on boulevard Atatürk, were shaken by the bomb blast, but were not injured.

The official Turkish announcement of the incident said an unidentified man had been blown to pieces, and that he was believed to have been carrying the bomb.

The Rome radio quoted the Berlin correspondent of Il Popolo Di Roma as saying there was a general belief in Berlin today that British or Russian agents were responsible for the bombing.

TRYOUT FOR TITANIC TRANSPORT

A huge new transport plane built for the U.S. Army—the Douglas C-54—is wheeled out for its trial spin at Santa Monica, Calif., in a "restricted area." The ship, now in production, made a successful 24-minute test cruise, but its flying range, speed, passenger capacity and other details are guarded as military secrets.



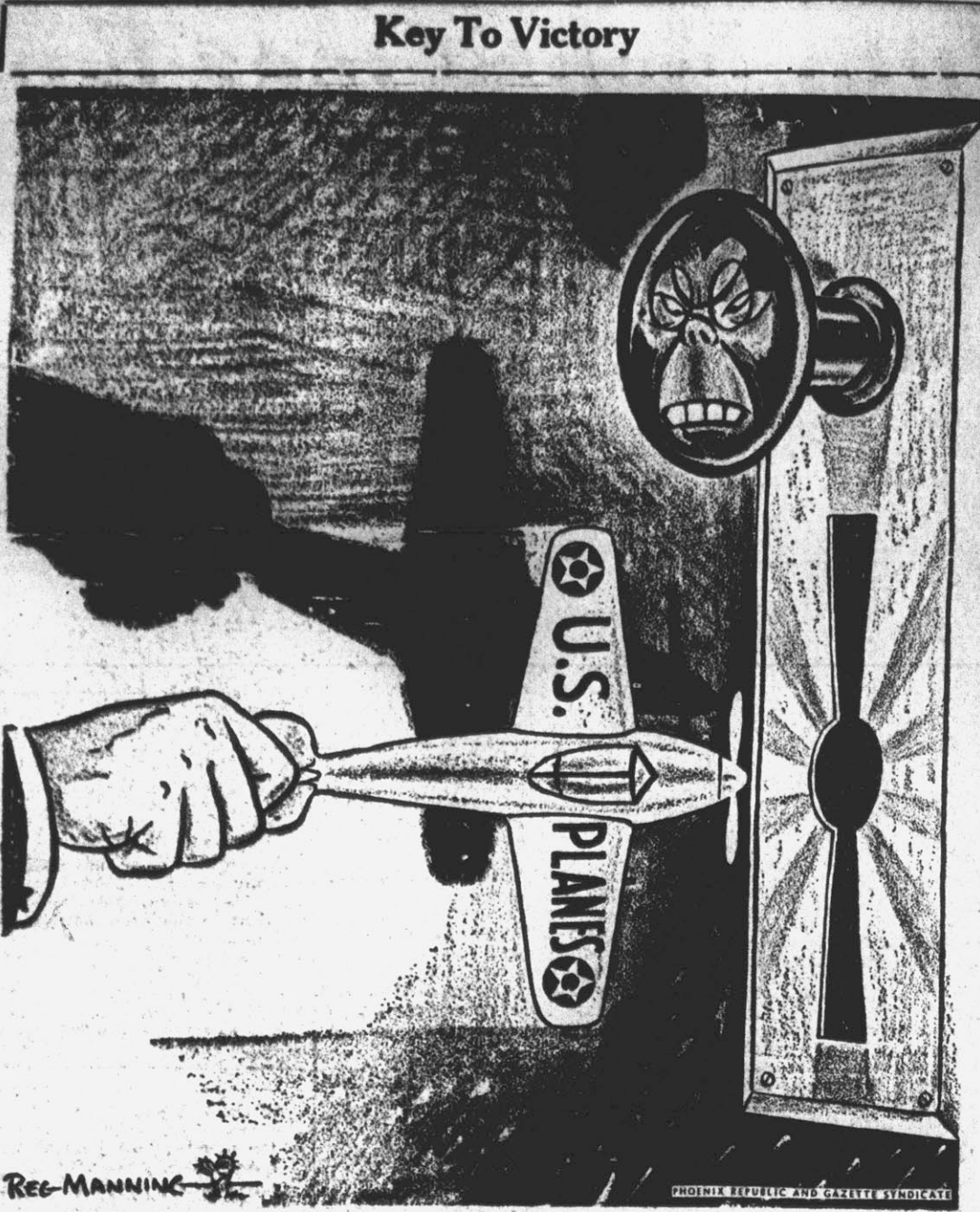
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Strength FOR THE DAY
By EARL L. DOUGLAS

ONE THING NEEDFUL
The poet Browning once said, "There is just one thing I want—to be absolutely sure about God." He did not just say that this is one of the things he wants to be sure about. He declared that certainty on this point is the one thing he must possess if he is going to live a life day by day with any degree of confidence.
For we may be sure about many things, such as steady income, superior social standing, position in the world of achievement, and yet fail miserably to achieve happiness, because we feel that this may all wither and pass away in a universe which has neither permanency nor purpose. On the other hand, if we can be sure about God—about His goodness, His power, His loving providence—then even the most disturbing situations of life will not in the end break us down and dissipate our courage.
We know that behind all things is purpose because behind all things is a righteous and all-powerful God.
So the poet Browning was right—to be sure about God is the one thing which makes composure and confidence possible.
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WE MUST TAKE THE OFFENSIVE TO WIN
The great lesson of World War II is this: Victory belongs to the aggressor—to the nation which carries the battle to the enemy. Hitler and his Axis mates have consistently followed that principle. They have not hesitated to take the greatest risks if the possible gain was worth the gamble. Theirs is the most daring plan of warfare in the history of armed conflict.

The grave losses which the United Nations have taken may be laid, in part, to the once-commonly held belief that it would be possible to fight a defensive war and still win. France pinned her faith on the Maginot Line which her military leaders said was impregnable—and today she is a beaten, starving, slave nation. England at first thought she could bring Hitler to his knees through the use of that classic weapon, the blockade—and today Hitler is master of all Europe, and exploiter of all its resources. At the beginning, Russia too placed her hopes on defensive positions, such as the so-called "Stalin Line," and saw them destroyed by the invader, almost as if they were made with paper. Not until the fine Russian troops took the offensive was the legend of Nazi invincibility shattered. The last example—and one of the most tragic examples—of the fallacy of defensive warfare is found in the fall of Singapore, the greatest naval base ever built in the world. The English believed the Malayan jungles would make land attack on this bastion impossible. The Japs proved otherwise.
Here in our own country, most of us have been "demanded" instead of



"war minded." The great natural barrier provided by our oceans has been our solace. We took pride in our latent power, and thought that no nation, least of all Japan, would dare attack us. And so, at last, decades of defensive, wishful thinking—decades of inaction, decades of avoiding unpleasant truths—have resulted in the grim series of debacles to which we and our Allies have been subjected.

We are changing our views fast now. In military circles, and to a lesser extent in the public mind, the fact that defensive war is losing war is being fully accepted and realized. The blueprints are being made for taking the battle to the foe, once our potentially limitless power in men and weapons can be organized. It is significant that our airplane-building program calls for a relatively small proportion of pursuit planes, which are primarily instruments of defense, and for a high proportion of long-range bombers and dive bombers, which are entirely instruments of offense—and will become greater still. It is not only possible but probable that it will last five years or more. To recapitulate lost positions, especially when over-water operations are involved, is almost invariably a slow, costly and tortuous job.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Word search puzzle with words like GIP, ANISE, HEW, HOE, REBECC, URE, etc.

Washington Daybook
By Jack Stinson

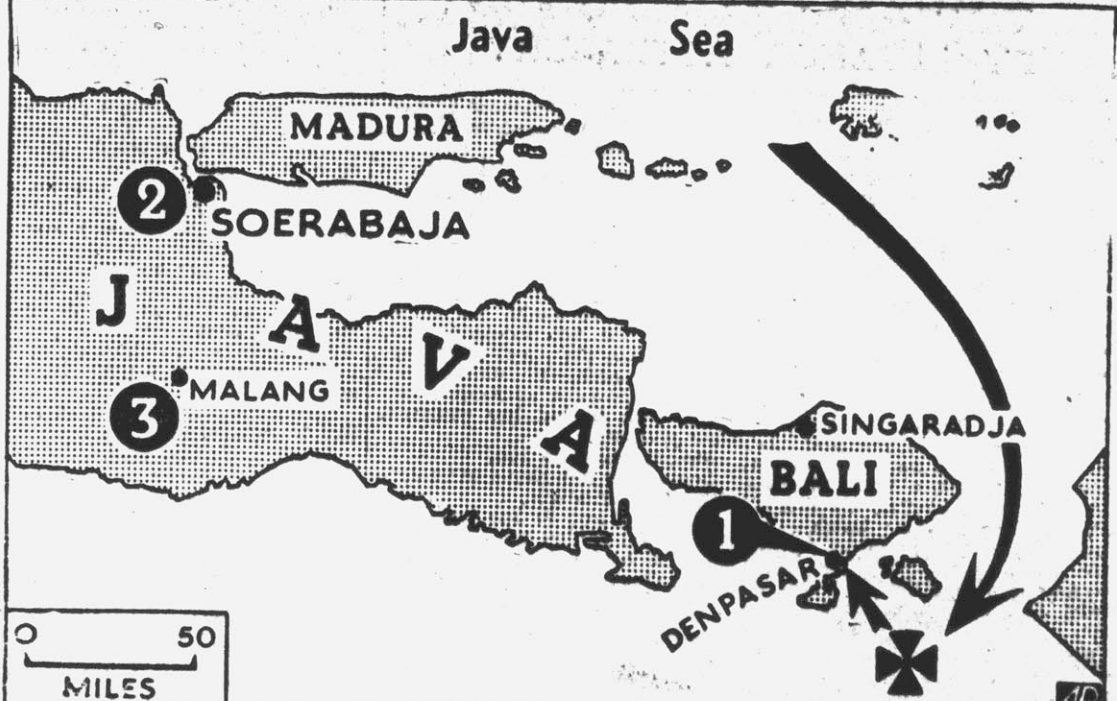
Washington — In spite of all the complaints and calumny heaped on the head of the American business man for our halting, jerky progress in military preparation, some pretty astute observers here are already beginning to say that he probably will emerge as one of the war's real heroes.
Putting the United States industrial machine into high gear is like trying to get an elephant away from the barrier in time to keep up with the field at the Kentucky Derby. The point is that the only jockey that could ride herd on the brute at all is that afore-mentioned American business man.
What brought all this on was that wandering around the marble halls of the War Production Board building recently, I got a look-see into Chairman Donald M. Nelson's system of breaking bottle necks. Just who is the real author of the system, nobody seems to know, but it's a beautiful example of how that A.B.M. is keeping the pachyderm on the track.
It's what is known as the Progress Reporting Division. It bottles up a list of more than 300 principal military items now in production. Almost every minute of the day, "progress" sheets on each one of those items drops on the desk of one of PRD's officials. It shows to the day, almost to the hour, exactly what the production status of that article is, and the minute a lag shows up, the Division reports to the proper W.P.B.

Tugboat Smashes Bridge Pier, Killing Sixteen



Sixteen members of the crew of the tugboat G. W. McBride perished when the vessel crashed into a stone bridge pier in the swollen Ohio river at Newport, Ky. The swift current holds the debris pinned against the pier while rescue workers in a small boat search for the bodies of 13 men and three women.

Invasion Fleet Destroyed But Japs Strike Bali



Dutch reports say American and Dutch attackers scattered and destroyed an entire Japanese invasion fleet which moved against Bali last week. Allied planes and ships blasted the Jap fleet as it moved (long arrow) around the east end of Bali into the region indicated by Maltese cross. However, Jap landing parties occupied part of the island and now hold the airport at Denpasar (1). Japanese planes in the Bali-East Java area attacked Soerabaja (2) and Malang (3). Several were shot down.



SHIPBOARD FIRE FIGHTER—During the U.S. Navy's attack on the Japanese-held Marshall and Gilbert Islands two sailors aboard a cruiser help a companion don a fire-resisting suit. A member of the crew put together this outfit.

The WAR TODAY

(Continued from Page One) are starting to rove the Indian ocean.
There are age-old religious differences to be bridged between the Moslems and the Hindus—a titanic task in itself. London says it's up to the Indian leaders to devise a scheme which will be satisfactory to all.
And so a problem which has evaded solution for generations must be solved overnight. Still, the Japanese hurricane is blowing the flames beneath the melting-pot to white heat, and it may be that this desperate emergency will melt and merge these factious which have been shedding each other's blood for so long.
No details having been announced, it isn't clear whether this new freedom applies only to British India (that is, the provinces with their population of 296,000,000) or also to native India (which comprises the states under the princes who rule a population of 93,000,000). There long has been talk that some day all India might be made to work together in political harmony, and possibly something of this sort might be tried now.
However, even if the warring factions of British India be brought together, the powerful princes will still be reluctant to engage in any program which may deprive them of their prerogatives. They are fiercely jealous of their "right," as I will know, having spent much time among them.
I never think of princely prerogatives without getting a mental picture of the mountains of priceless gems which these rulers sport. Now the mention of jewels in a political article may seem irrelevant. But not

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DOES AMERICA WANT GOD?
To The Editor:
Human society is at least human. Whenever it gets some ache or pain it calls the person that can likely put it right. Like unto this, American Democracy has decided that God is just about time to call upon God so that He, in His goodness, will save us. Rather than fall all over ourselves, we, the ministers of Christ should answer back that this utilitarian motivation toward religion is not sufficient for the day.
Yes, America has now called upon the Church of Christ to come out of hiding and proclaim that the Will of God can only be expressed by saving our skins. On the basis of past performances, can America expect God to protect us in our sins? Can a God of justice look upon the religious indifference of our country and condone and bless it? The answer is self-evident. God does not and will not bless us until we have given Him some assurance that we are ready and willing to leave behind our selfishness, complacency, pride, and arrogance.
Despite all the pleas which religious leaders have made, the spiritual apathy of the people even surpasses the apparent indifference about the war which has come upon us. Our President has warned the United States that we cannot win a war so long as we let petty differences block our total effort. This is true! In like manner, we cannot have a spiritual victory until the people are willing to lay aside their selfish interests and turn to God for strength and guidance. Nor will God answer our needs unless we purpose in our hearts to remain true to Christ and His Church after this dreadful slaughter has been consummated.

How long will we remain spiritually asleep? How long will we let the marks of materialism and selfishness be so evident as it is in the refusal of capital and labor to unite for the common good? The answer remains in a large measure with you. Don't throw these accusing stones until you are ready to leave aside sin and join in the quest for God's Will. Forget yourself and join in the sacrificial service for Christ, even as a certain general and his men have forgotten their own selves and have served in the forces of their country.
Oh, America, expect nothing but defeat until you are ready to confess your departure from God in self-seeking satisfaction. After confession, proclaim your faith in God and His righteousness. Pray that America may yet be spared of her sins by a renewal of His spirit.

You, who are reading and agreeing over your head without having been to some house of worship to praise God for the grace which He will yet spare if we but call upon Him. This is no joking matter; it demands action! And that right early! See to it that you find your place in the Church and His Kingdom.
A. HARTWELL CAMPBELL,
Minister of Immanuel Baptist Church, Greenville.

so. Those glittering baubles, which represent the wealth and regal splendor which most of the princes cherish so highly, are symbols of conditions which will help to make political unity in India very difficult to achieve. For those gems come from the grinding mill of the millions.

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Locals Defeat Wilson On Foul Shot In Final Seconds

PHANTOMS WIN BY 20-19 SCORE

Sydney Dunn Sinks Free Throw For Victory

With the score tied 19-19 and less than one minute playing time left in the game, Sydney Dunn, Green Phantom forward, sank a foul shot that cost the Wilson Cyclones one of the dogdest basketball games ever played in the Greenville high school auditorium here last night.

Troy Riddle, ace center on the Greenville five, led the Green Wave in scoring with eight points, followed by Ben Harrison, sophomore guard, with five markers.

Getting off to a slow start the Phantoms were unable to master the zone defense of the Cyclones in the first half and were trailing 14-10 as the half ended.

It was "lanky" Troy Riddle that evened up things in the last quarter by sinking his favorite left-handed hook shot, and making the score 15-15. Coming back to put Wilson ahead again was Lyles with a pot-shot. Evening things up again was Larry Brown with a long pot-shot from the middle of the court. With another last-minute spur came Lyles with another marker, putting the Cyclones ahead again; Gene Johnson, forward, didn't like the situation so well and reached up another field goal with a beautiful hook shot. And then came the final factor in the game when Barbee of Wilson fouled Dunn under the goal and Dunn made the shot putting the Greenies ahead 20-19.

Again Fulghum led the Cyclones with eight points, closely followed by Morton with six.

In the preliminary affair the Junior team of Wilson again overwhelmed the locals by the score of 30-15.

Dennis Fleming and Amos Leggett were the offensive leaders of the Phantoms with six and four points, respectively.

Pastor After 3rd Bout With Louis

Cleveland, Feb. 25 (AP) — Bob Pastor, who twice sampled Joe Louis' dynamite and lived, is itching for a third try at the heavyweight champion after proving that he, too, can knock them flat.

Tricky Robert surprised even himself by sending heavily-favored Len Franklin flat on his face, for keeps, last night in the eighth stanza of a scrap booked for ten. Many observers had reckoned Pastor might win by outboxing the Chicago slugger, but the manner of the triumph surprised all of the 12,778 customers who land down \$52,457 to give Promoter Bob Brickman a record Cleveland indoor gate.

As a result, there was little doubt today that the New Yorker would catch himself a 3rd chance against the man he respectfully calls "Mr. Joe." Nobody gives Pastor much chance against Uncle Sam's No. 1 fighting private, but the guessers already reckoned Mike Jacobs would line things up for this summer.

BOTH STOKES TEAMS COME THROUGH WITH VICTORIES

Automatic Pitching Machine To Spare Reds Arms



It's an automatic pitching machine that Manager Bill McKechnie (left) is feeding at the Cincinnati Reds' training camp at Tampa, Fla. The automatic pitcher is designed to help eliminate the sore arm problem and speed batting practice in early training. With McKechnie are Coaches Ray Blades (center) and Hank Gowdy.

Tournament Invitations May Be Sent Out Now

Washington And Lee Get In Despite Defeat

By NOEL YANCEY
Raleigh, Feb. 25 (AP) — The Southern Conference basketball committee can send out its invitations to the annual tournament any time now, for the eight teams which will battle for the conference crown have been decided.

The tourney will be held here on March 5, 6 and 7. The eight team to be invited was settled last night when George Washington licked Washington and Lee 49-36. Duke defeated Virginia Tech 67-50 and Wake Forest threw Furman 43-20. The Generals were in the number eight spot, and the Gobblers to win two games this week while the Generals lost to George Washington.

So the eight teams which will play in the tourney are: Duke, South Carolina, George Washington, Wake Forest, North Carolina, William and Mary, N. C. State and Washington and Lee.

The White Phantoms, incidentally, boosted their conference standing by winning 47-30 over Richmond at Chapel Hill last night. The Phantoms now have a record of 9 wins and 4 losses. The Spiders' zone defense had the home team baffled for a while and Carolina had only an 18-15 lead at intermission.

The Gobblers gave the Blue Devils a scare and ran up a 33-25 lead at half time. But the Blue Devils pulled another of their second half rallies and pulled into 40-all tie after six minutes of the second period. From then on, it was Duke's ball game.

Davidson's Wildcats had to pull a second half rally to triumph 49-38 over the College of Charleston in a game at Davidson last night. The Maroons had a 27-33 lead at intermission.

The Gobblers will continue their tobacco road invasion tonight when they tackle N. C. State. The other members of the Big Five will be idle.

Training Camp Briefs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TRAINING CAMP BRIEFS
Avalon, Calif., Feb. 25 (AP) — The Chicago Cubs, with little more to do than take an inventory of aches and pains occasioned by a program made up entirely of calisthenics to date, discovered today the squad had six 200 pounders; Pitchers Bill Lee, Paul Erickson, Hiram Bithorn; Outfielders Bill Nicholson and Frank Elnich, and catcher Salvador Hernandez.

St. Petersburg, Fla. — Catcher Ken O'Dea informed the St. Louis Cardinals today that he wasn't a holdout. Inability of the catcher who was acquired from the New York Giants to get transportation from his Avon, N. Y., home is the reason for his non-appearance in camp.

Havana — Cliff Dapper, the young catcher who appeared in 229 games for Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League last season, appears in line for the No. 2 Brooklyn Dodger backstopping job.

Lakeland, Fla. — While the car-

FIVE BATTLES CARDED TODAY

Two Extra Periods in Ayden-Pactolus Tilt

By CLIFFTON CRANDELL
Five top-notch games are scheduled for this afternoon and tonight in the second day's program of the Pitt county high school basketball tournament, following yesterday's offering of six contests.

Today's program follows: 4:30, Belvoir vs. Winterville (girls); 5:30, Grifton vs. Ayden (boys); 7:00, Chicod vs. Ayden (girls); 8:00, Bethel vs. Pactolus (boys); 9:00, Fountain vs. Stokes (girls).

In the boys' division yesterday Pactolus came through with a 30-19 win over Grimesland; Stokes defeated Farmville 24-14, and Belvoir lost to Arthur 26-10.

Ayden girls won over Pactolus 21-17; Stokes took a 26-14 victory from Grifton, and Bethel girls came through with a 19-7 win over Grimesland.

Both Grimesland teams were eliminated, while both Stokes teams remain in the running.

Results of the first day's play follow:
Girls—Ayden 21, Pactolus 17
The first half ended with Ayden leading 6-4, but Pactolus soon took a 10-6 lead which later developed into a 15-8 advantage. Ayden came

and adverse weather, the Cincinnati Reds are rounding into shape on schedule but what's really making the rookies hustle is the presence of Jewel Bona, manager of the Reds' farm club at Syracuse. Bona is looking for players and the freshmen would like to show up so well that Manager Bill McKechnie will tell the farm boss "hand off."

Orlando, Fla. — Relief righthander Arnold Anderson has received a 1A draft notice and may be lost to the Washington club before the season gets under way.

Sarasota, Fla. — Frank Shellenbaker, Red Sox coach, thinks the rubber shortage will be a blessing in disguise for pitchers. He believes that baseballs will stay in the game longer and that the moundmen "will be able to throw the long-banned emery ball without using any gimmicks."

Tampa, Fla. — Despite the wind

21st For Louis

New York, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Private Joe Louis will make the 21st defense of his heavyweight boxing title in a 15-round bout against Abe Simon at Madison Square Garden Friday, March 27.

The show will be for the benefit of the Army Emergency Fund. The announcement was made jointly today by Promoter Mike Jacobs and Major General Irving J. Phillips and Colonel H. Clay M. Sappell, representing the fund, which provides for both enlisted men and selectees.

Louis, as in his recent bout for the Navy Relief Fund, with Buddy Baer, will donate his entire purse. Jacobs again will donate his share of the profits. Simon will get 15 per cent, but will turn back 2 1/2 per cent to the fund.

The Garden will be sealed from \$2.50 to \$25 for the show. It will be the second fight between Louis and Simon. In the previous meeting last March 21 in Detroit, Simon lost in the 13th round after putting up a fine fight.

9-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. It continued on from there for a lead of 12-2 at the half. The third period score was 20-7 and the Arthur boys kept up this streak by finishing the contest on 26-10. Tyson led Arthur with 10 and Parker led Belvoir with 5 points.

Boys—Stokes 24, Farmville 14
This game was supposed to be one of the highlights of the tournament. Stokes led all the way for a 24-14 victory. The score, however, was tied at the end of the first quarter 6-6. The game then went to an 8-8 tie, after which Stokes gained a 14-10 lead at the half. The rest of the way was strictly Stokes. The third period ended 19-12 in favor of Stokes. The game finally ended with Stokes definitely out front, 24-14. Edward Bray led Farmville with 12 points, while Eugene Whitehurst was Stokes' high scorer with 8.

Girls—Bethel 19, Grimesland 7
Bethel opened up with an attack that carried them 3-0 for the first quarter and they widened this to a 5-1 lead at the half. The third period was brought to a close with Bethel ahead 14-5. As the fourth period drew to a close, Bethel had a 19-5 lead and the game was complete as Grimesland scored a field goal to make it 19-7. Andrews and Bunting led the winners. Andrews scored 10 and Bunting 8. For Grimesland, Gladson was the leader with 4 to her credit.

Boys—Belvoir 16, Arthur 26
Arthur was the first to draw blood and continued on to gain a

PHANTOMS END SEASON FRIDAY

Locals To Engage Washington in Final Contest

Basketball of the local high school will reach its climax and make its bow Friday night when the Washington hardwood forces charge with all-out effort against the determined Green Phantoms on the local court. This last tilt of the locals will decide who, between Greenville and Washington, plays Goldsboro in the Eastern conference championship classic; the conference standings now show a three-way tie among these three teams.

"Bus Night" will be held Friday night with all proceeds going toward the purchasing of a new bus which is much needed by the local high schoolers. Admission to the game will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

In their last encounter the Phantoms just out-fought the Pam Pack of Washington and brought home a 32-26 win. Expectations are that Friday night's game will be very close and filled with thrills by the seconds.

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ALL RIGHT, LIEUTENANT!

AH! THERE THEY ARE, DELIVERING THE PACKAGE-- BUT, NO! BEFORE I MOVE I MUST MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS SAFE.

AH, JUST AS I THOUGHT-- THEY HAVE DETECTIVES WAITING FOR ME. SHOULD I APPEAR-- I MUST LET THE MASTER KNOW!

THIMBLE THEATRE - STARRING POPEYE

DIDJA SEE THAT? SHE FAINTED!

DAMES ARE GOOFY AN'T THEY?

YEH, DAMES IS GOOFY

YEH, I SEZ THEY IS, TOO!

SAY, LISSEN-- GRAB 'ER LEGS AN' I'LL GRAB 'ER HEAD-- WE'LL DUMPER IN A CABIN

OKAY!

BLOW ME DOWN!!!

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ROOM TO RENT IN HEATED home. Twin beds. Small adjoining room with single bed. Suitable for three young men—or will rent to couple. Will permit use of kitchen. One block from college campus. Mrs. C. M. Warren, 502 East Ninth St. Dial 3198 or 3356. 23-1f

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WANTED—VACUUM CLEANERS to repair—Electrolux, Hoover, Eureka, or any make. Carry hoses, cards, bags, brushes and parts. Guaranteed rebuilt cleaners for sale. Fleming Vacuum Cleaner Repair Service, 305 Paris Ave., Dial 2287. Feb. 18-1 mo.

CORN WANTED — HIGHEST prices paid for corn and soy beans. Floyd McGowan and L. W. Edwards Dial 2741. Jan 20-1f

WE HAVE BOTH RED AND white seed potatoes, seed oats, lespedeza, pasture grass, lawn grass, and all kinds of garden seeds. Call us for seed. J. A. Watson, Seed & Hardware. 7-1f

ONE VICTORIAN HIGH BACK Chair—upholstered in tapestry. Regular price \$49.50. Your price for cash, \$29.50. Quinn-Miller & Stroud.

BUY YOUR RADIO NOW—WE have complete stock of home and auto radios. Easy terms. Cozart's Auto Supply, phone 3595. 21-6t

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL BUILDING lot, fronts college, close in on East Fifth street. Price \$3750. See F. J. Forbes, Day Phone 2935, Night Phone 4013. 23-3t

CALL US FOR KINDLING WOOD and nice lump Black Dan coal. Cash Coal & Wood Company, Dial 2931 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Jan 13-eod-1 mo

FOR TOP PRICES FOR YOUR chickens and eggs, corn and beans. See or call Collins Grocery Co., Dial 2724. Jan 16-eod-2 mo

FULL BLOODED POLAND-CHINA gilts, entitled to registration—on sale by Blount-Harvey Co. Feb. 18-Mon-Wed-Sat-2 wk

FOR RENT—6-ROOM HOUSE IN Simpson Water, lights, bath. B. F. Edwards, Greenville, R. 3. Box 68. Jan. 28-Wed-Sat-1f

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY Ice Box Cookies, Chess Pies, Danish Filled Buns, Vitamin B-1 Bread. People's Bakery.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED upstairs apartment. Mrs. S. B. Underwood, 515 East Eighth Street.

MR. FARMER—DO YOU WANT \$1.00 per bushel for your corn? If so, you can't afford to miss a hot meeting at the Public Library, Greenville, N. C., Friday night, Feb. 27th, at 8 p. m. (War Time). 25-3t

WANTED—BABY CRIB, MUST be in good condition and reasonable. Call 2076. 25-2t



WHITE SAILS DESPITE WAR CLOUDS—Trim craft from many parts of the Pacific coast tune up for the annual Southern California midwinter regatta off Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor. In left foreground is the Altamar, at right the Trade Wind.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The stock market had little stamina or purpose today and prices as a rule slipped a shade lower.

Although here and there the heaviness was relieved by bright individual performances, fractional declines were widely distributed at the close. Dealings continued small, totaling around 350,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Table listing various stocks and their prices. Columns include stock names (e.g., Adams Mills, Air Reduction, Al Chem and Dye) and their corresponding prices.

"Remember The Day" Rapturous Romance At Pitt



Here's Claudette Colbert, John Shepperd, Frieda Inescort in unforgettable moment from the unforgettable movie "Remember the Day" opening Thursday at the Pitt.

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HOUSE ERASES PENSIONS BILL

Congress Washes Hands of Disputed Measure

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Congress has washed its hands of the pensions for congressmen law, which has brought tons of angry mail from taxpayers since it was signed by the President January 7.

Arrested Aliens Freed Or Interned

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced today that among the first 1,084 enemy alien cases disposed of after being arrested by the FBI, he had ordered 448 aliens interned while releasing 215 outright and paroling 421.

Boy Friend Admits Theatre Shooting

Chicago, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A young boy friend confessed today, Coroner A. L. Brodie said, that he fatally shot brown-haired Dorothy Brox 17, in the balcony of the downtown Palace theater, a mystery that had been more baffling than the one being shown on the screen.

President Thanks Truxton Rescuers

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—In appreciation of their assistance to the survivors of the destroyer Truxton and supply ship Pollux, which ran aground and broke up on the coast of Newfoundland, President Roosevelt sent messages today to the people of St. Lawrence.

Roxobel Man Held By Japs At Guam

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The navy announced today a supplemental list of 44 naval enlisted men who were serving on the island of Guam and who are presumed to be prisoners of the Japanese.

Los Angeles

(Continued from Page One) A newspaperman at San Pedro said airplanes passed over the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor area. The craft were not identified.

Crawford Promoted To Rank Of Sergeant

Travis Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Crawford of Greenville, has been promoted from the rank of private first class to sergeant. It was announced today by his commanding officer at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala.

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New Boxes Added and Most Old Numbers Changed

For the first time since it was installed in 1913, the local fire alarm system has been completely overhauled and 25 new boxes added, making a total of 75. The system has been changed from two circuits to five and when one circuit goes out now only one-fifth of the city will be without protection.

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