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Japanese Evacuating Attu Island

BIG SWEEPS OVER ITALY

One Hundred and Thirteen Enemy Planes Downed in Single Day

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 21 (CP)—Allied fighters and bombers destroyed 113 enemy planes in widespread and devastating air raids yesterday against Italy and Sardinia during what was officially called "one of the greatest victory days in the history of strategic air force." One Allied plane was lost.

Aircraft of half a dozen types participated in the sweeping whirlwind aerial-action in which 91 Axis planes were shattered on the ground and 22 engaged in air combat were sent crashing in flames. Seven enemy transports were among the planes destroyed.

Allied headquarters also said that in a run over northwestern Sardinia fighter bombers dropped three bombs on a dam ten miles east of Sassari near the Gulf of Assinaria. No results were announced.

Father of Local Woman is Dead

Mrs. James Lee's Father Prominent in Westminster Affairs

Mrs. James L. Lee left last night to attend the funeral of her father, Thomas H. Gray, who died yesterday in New Westminster.

At the time of his death Mr. Gray was 97. He had lived in New Westminster for many years and was well known throughout the south. He held the post of secretary of the school board for a long time.

Mr. Gray was active up to March 1 when there began the decline which preceded his death. Beside Mrs. Lee he is survived by two other daughters and two sons.

Date of the funeral has not been announced.

WAR PLANS COMING UP

Chiefs of Staff Making Recommendations Today to Churchill and Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21 (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed today that Anglo-American chiefs of staff would submit some preliminary recommendations tonight to himself and Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The President said that final decisions on them would probably be made next week.

Council Favors Return of His Driver's Licence

The city council sat briefly last night to consider the appeal for release of a chauffeur's license by Ole Kildal, local taxi driver. Kildal's license was revoked when he was convicted of charges laid under the Government Liquor Act some time ago. The council agreed to recommend the regranting of his license to drive commercially.

Baseball Scores

National League
Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 3-2, Chicago 0-0.
American League
Boston 2-7, Cleveland 1-3.

HALIBUT SALES

Canadian
Donna Marie 5,500, 19.1c and 17c storage.

Nazis Murdering Many Frenchmen

LONDON, May 21 (CP)—Louis Jacquot, former French deputy, said yesterday that German firing squads have killed fifty thousand Frenchmen since the armistice of 1940 and the rate is rising swiftly as underground groups become more active in anticipation of an Allied invasion.

WAR JOB FOR ALL MEN NOW

Head of Navy League of Canada Emphasizes This in Speech to Rotary Club

Circumstances of war have come to emphasize the important position of Prince Rupert as one of the strategic centres in the British Empire, declared David H. Gibson of Toronto, Dominion president of the Navy League of Canada, in speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at luncheon yesterday. This involved new responsibilities and tasks of a community nature and fresh problems to be solved. This was not the only community in Canada that had been virtually overwhelmed by the sudden advent of men of the fighting forces in great numbers but at no place was the situation more acute than at Prince Rupert. There was a duty to place conditions for the fighting men on the highest plane.

A great need in this war was to set complacent men doing their share and assuming their responsibility, said Mr. Gibson, who recalled the words of Somerset Maugham who at the time of the Fall liberty, they might well lose their valued comfort and money before of France, had said that, if men liberty and their comfort and money as well. It had happened in many other countries and "it could happen here" if Canadians failed to accept responsibilities.

Mr. Gibson referred to some striking instances of where prominent Canadians were giving great measure of time, money and effort in connection with the war. He had come across these instances in connection with support which was being received by the Navy League of Canada in its activities of ministering to the men of the sea. Men of talent and enthusiasm were needed. But, no matter how much citizens could or would do, it paled into insignificance when compared with the hardships and the difficulties experienced by the job which was being carried out by the noble merchant seamen of whom 50,000 had already been lost in this war.

The backbone of this war had been the merchant navy, the men who had weighed anchor and put to sea in the dark days when Britain had stood alone in the battle for civilization and liberty. Mr. Gibson described as a "great first front" the sea lanes which had been left open to Great Britain and the seven seas. He recounted some epic tales of heroism and hardship of men of the merchant navy which had come to his notice.

Mr. Gibson made reference to accomplishments which he had found carried out at Prince Rupert in the face of great difficulties. He devoted some attention to the work of the Navy League of Canada the Sea Cadets of which had done much to solve the naval recruiting problem. Prince Rupert had fitted into this picture.

A large attendance of Rotary Club members heard Mr. Gibson's address. There were also a number of guests including Lieut. Commander C. S. Glasco, Lieut.

Bulletins

FALL OF ATTU ISLAND
WASHINGTON — Japanese defenders of Attu Island in the Aleutians have been pushed by the American landing forces into a narrow strip near Chicagoff Bay where they are under United States naval fire. The fall of Attu is expected hourly and Kiska will then be threatened from both sides.

EUROPEAN AIR WAR
LONDON—For the ninth consecutive night the Royal Air Force had its bombers out over Germany and the occupied countries of western Europe, striking at enemy objectives. Targets included industries at Bremen and Essen and Berlin was again under fire by mosquito bombers. One British plane failed to return. London had a brief air raid alert last night but no bombs were dropped.

NAZIS THROWN BACK
MOSCOW — Twelve thousand Nazi troops made a fierce assault on Russian lines outside of the naval base of Novorossisk on the Black Sea but the Russians, with heavy fire of a counter-attack, threw them back with large casualties. Six Nazi barges, laden with enemy troops, were sunk by the Russians in the Black Sea in the vicinity of Kierch Peninsula.

AXIS PROPAGANDA
ROME—Rumors of a new government in Italy are discounted here by an official of the Italian office of War Information as Axis propaganda. Any new government headed by Crown Prince Umberto or Count Dino Grandi would be "phony" was created by Benito Mussolini to save himself.

ROOSEVELT ASKS BILLIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress yesterday to make available nearly \$72,000,000,000 for the United States Army in the fiscal year starting July 1, boosting his January budget figures by more than \$6,000,000,000.

RALSTON TO WASHINGTON
OTTAWA—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, and the chiefs of staff of three armed services left Ottawa yesterday for Washington to take part in Anglo-American war conferences led by Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain and President D. Roosevelt of the United States.

MESSAGE TO STALIN
MOSCOW—Joseph E. Davies, personal envoy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States, last night delivered a secret message of President Roosevelt to Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia. There has been no disclosure yet of the contents. Davies was received personally by Stalin at the Kremlin.

CRASH AT CHICAGO
CHICAGO — Twelve persons were killed when a bomber crashed into an 18,000-million gallon oil tank at the civic airport here.

George Darters, Lieut. Commander Alex Mitchell, Frank Finerty, Thomas Kuntz, R. G. Gibson, W. L. Armstrong, C. C. Mills, William Cruickshank, J. H. MacLeod, Private T. J. Williams, H. A. Breen and Geoffrey Wootton.

President G. C. Mitchell was in the chair. He welcomed W. L. Coates back after an absence from the city owing to illness and congratulated J. H. Thompson on the occasion of his birthday.

William Cruickshank was winner of the weekly raffle of a war savings certificate for the Queen's Fund.

FOUNDING AT BURMA
NEW DELHI — Allied planes dropped 125 tons of bombs on the Araka district of Burma yesterday.

FLOODS IN STATES
NEW YORK—More than eighty thousand are homeless and enormous crop damage has been done by widespread floods of the Mississippi valley in Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri. At least eight persons are dead.

TALKED ABOUT JAPS
OTTAWA—Premier John Hart leaves Monday on his return to British Columbia. Yesterday Mr. Hart discussed the Japanese situation with Minister of Labor Mitchell and also took up the matter of the Alaska highway.

"CADDIE" IS DEAD
VICTORIA—Ernest Lee, fisherman of Brentwood, believes the last has been seen of "Caddie," the sea serpent. Lee says he rammed a 35-foot serpent in Mackenzie Bay, Saanich Inlet, and it sank. It had a head like a seal, a 15 foot neck, a fin on the back and a tail like a salmon. He believes it was a shark.

STRIKE IN DETROIT
DETROIT — A serious strike has been started here by the United Automobile Workers of America, 23,000 men being already out, most of them in the plant of the Chrysler Corporation. The National War Labor Board has appealed to the strikers that it is in the national interest that they should return to work.

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR
OTTAWA — P. A. Woodward, president of Woodward's Limited, Vancouver, has been appointed food administrator with headquarters in Montreal.

ALASKA ROAD CONNECTION
VANCOUVER — President McKee of the Vancouver Board of Trade, speaking here, said all west coast cities should be linked to the Alaska Highway by road or railway.

NORTH IS OVER TOP

All Units Reached Their Quotas in Recent Victory Loan Campaign

All units in the Northern British Columbia division of the Fourth Victory Loan campaign filled their quotas, it became known late yesterday afternoon. Fort St. James was among the places to go over the top.

Further subscriptions to be acknowledged are as follows:
Dr. Stanley G. Mills (Terrace) \$1,000
Mrs. Edith J. Mills (Terrace) 500
Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes (Port Simpson) 200
Mrs. Joan DeGrandis 200
Gerald P. McKenna 100
Mrs. Evelyn Moorehouse 50
J. Boisvert (Woodcock) 300
Robinson M. Porter (Pinchi Lake) 700
Bulkley Valley Branch No. 63 Canadian Legion 1,500
Shirley G. Preston (Smithers) 50
Phillip L. Kenney (Smithers) 250
John M. MacCormick (Smithers) 100
Harry A. Smedley (Vanderhoof) 200
James Hutchison (Vanderhoof) 100
Corporation of the Village of Vanderhoof 200
A. Sylvester 100

Dugout canoes, lashed together and bearing a single platform, are used to ferry freight and supplies across West African rivers.

CADETS TO BE ACTIVE

Plans for a more extensive and broader field of activities of an enlarged Sea Cadet Corps in Prince Rupert under a much more generous aegis of support from both the Navy League of Canada and the Naval Department were discussed last night at a meeting of the local Navy League executive with Lieut. Commander C. S. Glasco, commanding officer of Sea Cadets for the British Columbia area. The meeting took place in the wardroom of local naval headquarters with R. M. Winslow, president of the Prince Rupert Navy League branch, in the chair.

The strength of the local Sea Cadets Corps is to be increased to 150 and arrangements have been completed for the use of the new naval drill hall here for weekly parades instead of the St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral hall which has been the venue for the past year or so.

Another activity which may be undertaken by the Navy League here is the training of High School cadets as required under the School Act. This has yet to be finally decided upon consultation with the inspector of schools. Commencement of cadet training of all boys from the Ninth Grade up is planned to start next September. One proposal is that officers of the Sea Cadets Corps would conduct the training in the schools.

Every One to Camp
Last night's meeting also discussed the matter of the sending of local Cadets to the camp to be held at Comox, Vancouver Island, July 25 to August 7. It was decided that all boys of the Corps who desire to go to this camp will be permitted to do so. They must indicate their intention immediately so that the number of boys going may be forwarded. As already announced, the camp, to be conducted along straight naval lines, is to be entirely free with transportation paid.

Reporting to the meeting on the inspection of the local Corps he had carried out the night before, Lieut. Commander Glasco informed the executive that he had noted a definite improvement, since he was last here. He made certain suggestions in connection with the uniforms of the corps including one that slickers might be obtained. The interest that Commander Wallace, Lieut. Commander Harrison and Lieut. Leigh were taking in the Cadet Corps was encouraging, said Lieut. Commander Glasco, who also spoke of the Comox camp and equipment of the Corps. Lieut. Hooper, Lieut. Commander Glasco's assistant, spoke of highly successful tests in signaling which he had conducted. Much credit was due to Chief Petty Officer Norman and Chief Yeoman Brampton of the navy for their assistance and interest in instructing the Cadets.

President Winslow reported that steps were being taken to appoint Rev. E. W. Scott as padre of the Corps. Mr. Scott had already been actively interested in the Corps through conducting of first aid instruction. At the close of the meeting, President Winslow expressed appreciation to Lieut. Commander Glasco and Lieut. Hooper for their great helpfulness to the Corps during their visit here. Lieut. Commander Glasco stated that anything he had done was merely in the line of duty. He felt their great credit was due to those who had been instrumental in keeping the Corps so active and enthusiastic here during difficult times. This had been due to Lieut. Commander Alex Mitchell's work, Mr. Winslow said.

The annual meeting of the local branch of the Navy League of Canada is to be held in the near future when officers will be elected and policy for the next year settled upon.

Battle of Aleutians In Victorious Stage For American Forces

Capture of Strategic Position Will Leave Kiska in Perilous Position for Japanese

LONDON, May 21 (CP)—Vichy radio, in a broadcast today, announced that "the Japanese have begun to evacuate Attu." There were no details and no explanation as to how the evacuation could be executed after Washington had announced that all Japanese on Attu were confined to Chicagoff Bay area and that United States ships were offshore. Allied sources failed to confirm the evacuation report.

It is evident, however, that the Battle of Attu is in its final victorious stage for the Americans. Fall of the island is expected hourly.

The capture of Attu by the Americans will leave the other Japanese base on Kiska in the Aleutians in a perilous position, flanked on both sides by the Americans who already have a base established on nearby Amchita.

New Residence For Ministers

200-Acre Property Near Burnham Beeches to Be Residence for British Official

LONDON, May 21 (CP)—"Dorneywood," picturesque 200-acre estate near Burnham Beeches, Buckinghamshire, has been given to the government as an official residence for one of the Secretaries of State or other minister of similar rank by Sir Courtauld Thomson.

The gift has been accepted on behalf of the government by Prime Minister Churchill who said that Sir Courtauld's "magnificent and far-sighted gift" would be applauded by posterity. The estate will fall to the government on the death of Sir Courtauld and his sister, Winifred Thomson, and will be maintained by an endowment fund which has been established.

One object of the gift is to provide an additional residence where ministers will be able to entertain, without expense to the nation, overseas and other visitors, or to hold semi-official or informal conferences.

Sir Courtauld, a barrister, devotes much of his time to charity organizations. He is chairman of the Red Cross Sales Committee and a director of Cable and Wireless Limited.

Nursing Women's No. 1 War Sphere

This is Greatest Job Women Can Perform

LONDON, May 21 (CP)—Nursing has become the No. 1 women's priority war job and more than 10,000 women between 18 and 30 are being asked to transfer from their present work for training in nursing. Several thousand others, already trained but no longer in the profession are being asked to return to nursing until the end of the war.

FISHING IN BELGIUM

LONDON, May 21 (CP)—German patrols lurk behind the banks of canals and rivers waiting to seize Belgian fishermen for deportation to Germany. Despite this, many workers are said to spend their leisure time fishing.

Local Tides

Saturday, May 22
High 2:30 22.3 feet
15:30 19.5 feet
Low 9:15 1.1 feet
21:21 6.5 feet

HEAD JAP IS KILLED

Admiral Yamamoto Loses His Life in Operations Aboard Aircraft Carrier

NEW YORK, March 21 (CP)—The United States Office of War Information reported today that the Tokyo radio had announced the death of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the combined Japanese fleet, during his direction of operations aboard an aircraft carrier in April.

Yamamoto was considered second only to Premier Tojo in prestige and influence in Japan. He was a leading jingo militarist and was said to have personally inspired the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor which started the war with United States. He also boasted that he would dictate peace terms on the steps of the White House.

Girl Shepherd Kills Cougars

VANCOUVER, May 21 (CP)—When Mrs. Joan Milward Yates pumped four shots into a cougar near her home at Becher Bay, Vancouver Island, she spoiled a record of single-shot kills which has brought her fame across Canada. In two years this young woman has faced eight cougar cats and killed each of seven with one well-placed shot.

In a lonely ranch high on the rugged side of Mount Matheson, Mrs. Yates maintains ceaseless vigil over her sheep protecting them from merciless mountain lions. Four times she has gone out at night with her dog and, holding a flashlight along the sights of the rifle, had killed the tawny beast lurking in the bushes.

"This last was the most difficult shot," said Mrs. Yates. "The hunt was through such dense underbrush it was hard to see. Finally I caught a glimpse of the cat. High in a Douglas fir, it was partially hidden by branches. With the first crack of the rifle I saw its hind legs swing off the limb and dangle into space. Then I fired three more times, but still it dangled. The animal was treed—stuck 40 feet above ground."

It turned out to be a young female—only one of the eight kills that hadn't been a full-grown tom. Perhaps feminine perversity made the cat climb so high, thus spoiling the perfect record of Canada's premier feminine cougar hunter.

WORST AND BIGGEST

BUFFALO, May 21 (CP)—"I'm the world's worst and biggest wrestler," said 640-pound Martin (Blimp) Levy of Brooklyn as he tied his shoes to demonstrate his agility, before appearing in a wrestling show here "I win a lot of matches," he adds, "because when I fall on 'em, they stay put."