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Speculation On Southern Front

Australian Hospital Ship Ruthlessly Sunk By Jap Torpedoes

Two Hundred and Ninety-nine Medical and Nursing Personnel Victims of Fire and Sharks

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 18—Two hundred and ninety-one Australian and British medical personnel, including eleven nurses, perished when a Japanese submarine torpedoed the Australian hospital ship Centaur a few miles off the Queensland coast in the darkness of last Friday morning. Only 64 of the ship's complement of 363 were saved. The rest are missing and believed lost.

Announcement of the sinking of the Centaur was made by General Douglas MacArthur who expressed revulsion at such an unnecessary act of cruelty.

The Centaur was on the way from Sydney to New Guinea and was brightly lighted up when the torpedoing occurred. She was plainly designable as a Red Cross vessel.

Survivors were taken from the shark-infested waters after drifting for 36 hours on life rafts. Some of them were suffering severely from the effects of the beating of intense sunlight.

Some of the victims were burned to death for the ship was hit in her fuel tanks and burst into flames, sinking within three minutes.

Some, while struggling on the water in burning oil, were attacked by sharks.

Only one woman survived.

STREETS TO BE KEPT UP

United States Authorities Disposed To Give Assistance—Already Doing Some Work

Local officers of the United States Engineering Department have agreed that the United States government should participate in the repair and maintenance of streets in Prince Rupert which have been put to hard usage by their traffic and are making recommendations along that line. It was disclosed in correspondence which was read at the meeting of the city council last night. It is proposed to use asphalt in the work. Already the United States authorities have been doing some work along that line and more is planned. The city has been pressing for some time for assistance along this line, particularly from the Canadian government.

At the suggestion of Ald. Robert McKay, chairman of the board of works, the council agreed last night that the co-operation of the city public works department in carrying out the street repair and maintenance work should be offered the United States authorities.

NORWEGIAN DAY HERE

Independence Anniversary Honored—Songs and Speeches Feature Program

With a full house of about 250 in attendance the Norwegian Independence commemoration observance was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Sunday under the sponsorship of the local Help Norway Committee. Chairman of the program was Gunner Selvig.

The program was begun with "O Canada," following which a Norwegian song "Ja Vi Elsker" was sung by the audience. Chairman Selvig then made a few introductory remarks and this was followed by a group of songs by the Varden Singers.

The first speaker after the introduction by the chairman was Mayor W. M. Watts, who brought greetings from the people of Prince Rupert, and expressed the hope that by the time the next Independence Day came around, Norway would be free.

Robert Nedrud then played a violin solo which was enjoyed greatly. The second speaker was Harald Norman who, in his remarks, touched a spot tender to Norwegian hearts. He said that it was natural and easy for them to hate the Germans who had made wreckage of their homeland and its people. But, Mr. Norman said, this hatred must be mastered and not allowed to govern the policy of Norway toward Germany after the war. Such hatred would surely bring about another war and could not be the foundation for a lasting peace for which everyone hopes.

Following another interval of song of the Varden singers Rudolph Olsen spoke in Norwegian. He asked the people to support to the fullest the armed forces of Norway who are spread throughout the world. Much more to help these fighters could be done, Mr. Olsen said. He concluded with the hope that Norway would soon be free.

The audience then sang a song, "Gud Signe Vaart Dyre Pedraland," and the Varden Singers again performed. This was followed by closing remarks by the chairman.

GOOD SUMMER COMING
LONDON, May 18 (E.L.Hawke, secretary of the Royal Meteorological Society, has answered pessimists who say Britain's mild winter and early spring meant a bad weather summer with statistics showing that similar winters and springs for 180 years were followed by good summer weather.

Allowance For Meat Announced

OTTAWA, May 18 (E.—Each Canadian will be entitled to a weekly meat ration of between one pound and 2½ pounds weekly depending on whether the meat is purchased with or without bones under a new nation scheme announced today.

Bulletins

OPPOSES JAP DEPORTATION
VANCOUVER—The British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada is opposed to Japanese deportation after the war as being action contrary to Christian conscience.

CONCENTRATE ON JAPS
WASHINGTON—Senator A. B. Chandler, who visited the Pacific area last year, believes the United States should concentrate in an attack on Japan and content itself with merely holding Germany.

WESTERN AIR WAR
LONDON—The Royal Air Force was out over Germany, Northern France and the Low Countries again last night. German planes again raided suburban London and the south coast.

MORE JAP SHIPS SUNK
WASHINGTON—United States States submarines have sunk six more Japanese ships, including a destroyer, in the Pacific.

KING TO WASHINGTON
OTTAWA—Prime Minister Mackenzie King left yesterday afternoon for Washington to meet Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt.

TO WORK PRISONERS
OTTAWA—Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell said yesterday that German prisoners of war in Canada might be put to work cutting wood and in the coal mines.

ST. LAWRENCE DIMOUT
OTTAWA—Dimout regulations are being imposed for a distance of 600 miles along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River from the Saguenay River to Labrador tip and for 250 miles along the south shore. For a distance of five miles inland no lights except those on railway lines and aids to navigation are permitted.

Baseball Scores

National League
Cincinnati 3, New York 1.
Philadelphia 8, Chicago 4.
Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 0.
All American League games postponed.

New Health Officer Is Appointed

The city council last night approved the appointment of Dr. Roger G. Knipe as medical health officer and director of the local public health unit in succession to Dr. R. J. MacDonald who has resigned in order to enlist in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. The change will be made at the end of this month.

The council, on recommendation of the health committee, expressed satisfaction at the operation of the local health unit and appreciation of the services of Mr. MacDonald who opened the unit a year ago and has since been in charge.

BATTLE OF ALEUTIANS CONTINUES

Attack of American Forces Meeting With Stubborn Japanese Resistance

AMERICANS TAKE RIDGE
WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18 (CP)—United States troops have wrested a vitally strategic ridge from the Japanese on Attu Island and are now closing in on main Japanese positions from two directions. The Americans are aided by naval bombardment and air protection and are stated to be making good progress. The Japanese were caught by surprise when the Americans landed at two points eight miles apart. The ridge was taken yesterday and it is said that only mopping up now.

WASHINGTON D.C., May 18—The Department of the Navy announces that operations against the Japanese on Attu Island are continuing.

There was a two-pronged landing on the east end of the island, it is announced, and the Americans are continuing the attack in spite of stubborn Japanese resistance. Bad weather has been delaying operations.

It is suggested that the battle may be reaching a crisis.

GRATIFIED AT WATER

City Council Hears and Approves Of Satisfactory Operation of New Booster Pumps

The new booster pumps installed by the military authorities to augment the city water supply are now operating with a very satisfactory degree of effectiveness and efficiency, the city council was advised last night in a detailed report from Major N. K. Robertson. In spite of the fact that the pumps have not yet been placed in full operation and that there have been some exceptionally heavy demands for water, the level of Acropolis Hill reservoir, which had been dry for months, has been up to as high as 13 feet one inch. Indications are now that there will be no difficulty in maintaining the normal water supply with a reasonable reserve for fire protection emergency.

After hearing Major Robertson's report, which was quite lengthy and detailed, the council endorsed the efficiency and performance of the new equipment and approved commencement of its steady operation.

Ald. Thomas Elliott asked if there was a report from the city engineer on the water situation following the installation of the booster pumps and was told there was not although it was the intention to take the matter up from that angle in committee of the whole.

Ald. George Hills moved that the council approve steady operation of the booster pumps which had shown themselves to be efficient. Ald. Robert McKay seconded the motion. Both felt that the greatly improved water situation spoke for itself.

Ald. Elliott, however, was not completely satisfied yet as to the efficiency of the pumps although he had no objection to their steady operation being authorized.

After some further discussion, in which the consensus of the opinion appeared to be one of satisfaction, the motion was passed with Ald. Elliott dissenting.

A request of the city engineer for additional remuneration to compensate him for time required in checking the installation and test run of the new booster pumps was considered by the council in committee of the whole.

London Still Feels Italy Will Be Easy Mark For Invasion

Germany, According to Swiss Dispatches, Seems to be in More Reassuring Mood Now

LONDON, May 18—According to dispatches from Switzerland, Germany has assured Italy that the southern front of Europe will be defended jointly against invasion. British observers are, however, inclined to the opinion that Italy may be knocked quickly out of the war now with a minimum of force and a maximum of physics.

Continued heavy bombings of Italy, some in close proximity to Rome, are expected to have their effect on Italian morale. Ask in the House of Commons yesterday if Rome would be bombed, Secretary of State for Air said an answer could be expected this week.

The secret Italian radio was last night broadcasting an appeal that the Italian people rid themselves of Mussolini. The Allies were not the real enemy of Italy but Mussolini and his gangsters.

Flood Waters Damage Houses

Redress Sought by Property Owner Appearing Before City Council Last Night

A. O. Morse appeared before the city council last night to seek advice as to how he should go about obtaining redress for damage done to his residential property on Summit Avenue by the overflow of a water course which had been obstructed in the course of contracting work being carried out on Acropolis Hill.

Mayor W. M. Watts stated that the matter had been already gone into and the city took the stand that, as contractors had interfered with a natural water course and thus caused the trouble, those contractors were responsible. It was suggested that Mr. Morse pursue the matter along these lines.

Ald. Robert McKay thought the city solicitor should assist Mr. Morse in obtaining a settlement.

Mr. Morse said that a part of Judge W. E. Fisher's garden had been carried away and already the contractors had offered to repair that. Flood water had entered his house, doing damage, and he felt he was entitled to redress.

Further discussion of the matter was referred to committee of the whole.

SAWMILL IS DESTROYED

New Plant of J. L. Bethurem at Usk Wiped Out At End of Last Week

J. L. Bethurem's new sawmill at Usk, which had been built only about a year ago, was destroyed by a fire at the end of last week, according to word reaching the city from the interior. The fire also consumed lumber in the mill yard, some of which was being loaded out. There was no insurance.

Cause of the fire appears to be uncertain. The plant suddenly burst into flames and was soon a mass of fire with no chance of being extinguished.

Although he has suffered a severe loss in the destruction of the plant, Mr. Bethurem is hoping to rebuild.

HOSPITAL SHIP ARRIVES
HALIFAX—The hospital ship Lady Nelson arrived here yesterday with sick and wounded Canadians and Americans.

LOOKS LIKE BIG BATTLE

Germans and Russians Are Massing Huge Forces to West Moscow

MOSCOW, May 18—The Nazis are massing large infantry, artillery and tank formations in the Belgorod and Orsk sectors as if to initiate a mighty blow in the direction of Moscow. The Russians have thousands of tanks on hand and are drawing up reinforcements which it is believed will match the forces of the Germans.

The intensive air attack of Red planes on German communications continues.

NO SIGNS JUST NOW

City Council Feels Other Things Needed More—Deals With Chamber of Commerce Requests

The city council has decided that there are more important matters to be attended to before street signs be placed in the residential areas of the city as advocated by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the council last night.

As for the numbering of houses, also suggested by the Chamber of Commerce, it was decided to advertise in the press that householders can ascertain their numbers at the City Hall but will have to look after the putting up of the numbers themselves. Mayor W. M. Watts said there might be a few numbers still left at the City Hall but there might be difficulty in obtaining more owing to the shortage of metals.

A request from the Chamber of Commerce that heavy truck traffic of the military authorities and contractors be confined as far as possible to Second Avenue instead of Third Avenue was referred to the board of works as was also a request for a continuation of a sidewalk along the south side of Second Avenue from Eighth Street to the junctions of First, Second and Third Avenues.

ACTION IN ASIA SOON

Further Successes May Be Expected, Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18—President Franklin Roosevelt has told Premier Joseph Stalin that it is reasonable to expect further successes on both eastern and western fronts.

The President expressed the hope to Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek that Allied forces will take the initiative in Asia "in the near future." It was disclosed at the White House today.

IS FORCED TO RESIGN

D. V. Smith Quits as City Accountant Owing to Ill-health—Council Regrets It

D. V. Smith, who has been city accountant for the past several months, presented his resignation to the city council at its meeting last night. The resignation was accepted with regret on motion of Ald. J. S. Black, seconded by Ald. N. E. Arnold.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Smith stated that ill health made it absolutely necessary for him to resign and seek a change. He asked for his relief by June 15.

Applications will be called for a successor to Mr. Smith and the matter will be considered by a special committee.

American Work And Canadians

This Subject Again Under Discussion at Last Night's Council Meeting—Special Committee

The ban of the federal government on employment of Canadians on American war projects was again under discussion at last night's meeting of the city council and, in view of the fact that some uncertainty exists as to the whole matter, it was referred to a special committee consisting of Ald. J. S. Black, Ald. H. M. Daggett and Ald. George Hills with power to act.

The feeling of the council appears to be that there should be full opportunity of local Canadian labor to work on American projects in their neighborhood especially when they should otherwise have to leave home to obtain work.

Subscriptions To Victory Loan

Melvin Leroy Clark	\$200
Victor Roland Simmons	200
James Woodhouse	200
Miss Dorothy Jonssen	50
Russell Jonssen	50
Miss Mary Jonssen	50
Ross Kilbey	50
Mrs. Dagora Cordy	100
Mrs. Eva Andrew	50
(New Westminster)	50
Murray G. Elgie (Winnipeg)	500
Charles E. Hayes	150

HALIBUT SALES

American	
Seymour, 38,000, 17 and 16, Storage.	
Sea Bird, 33,000, 17.1 and 16, Booth.	
Prosperity, 20,000, 19.9 and 16, Royal.	
Delight, 15,500, 19.9 and 16, Wkiz.	
Middleton, 30,000, 19.9 and 16, Atlin.	
Canadian	
Takla O., 4,500, 19.51 and 17, Pacific.	
Hekla, 3,000, 18.... and 17, Storage.	
Gibson, 12,000, 20.2 and 17, Storage.	
Sea Ranger, 17,000, 20.1 and 17, Pacific.	
Success, 4,500, 19 and 17, Storage.	
Ruby L., 4,000, 18.6 and 17, Royal.	

MINERS TO CONTINUE

NEW YORK, May 18—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America said yesterday that he would comply with a government request that miners who are threatening to strike should continue to work after the deadline set at midnight tonight pending further negotiations.