

AMERICAN TROOPS AID JAVA DEFENSE

Jap Offensive Rolling Forward in Battle for Burma Road.

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"amazed" to learn they would be permitted to telephone home. "As soon as they got over their surprise, overseas telephoning became the great rage among these men."

British soldiers are fighting with the Dutch and the natives in southern Sumatra, it was learned when wounded from that sector were taken to Batavia. This was the first intimation that the British were aiding in the fight against the Japanese and indicated that some of the Singapore garrison may have escaped to Sumatra.

British counter-attacks officially were reported at Rangoon to be stemming Japan's all out offensive toward the Burma road supply line to China in a climactic battle still raging on the Bilin river front.

Chinese Rout Enemy

Fighting continued furiously in the battle after 36 hours of ceaseless attack and counter-attack. It was reported, with the Japanese attempting to mass large forces at bridgeheads they established by crossing the Bilin.

Enemy losses were reported unusually high as the Japanese poured reinforcements into the front, including troops moved northward from Malaya.

Chinese troops, Chungking reported, went into action on the northern Burma sector by defeating

Thailand detachments aiding the Japanese. The Thai forces were reported to be retreating toward Chiang-mai, 80 miles inside Thailand.

An official Chungking announcement described Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's conversations with Indian leaders as "very satisfactory" and said an agreement had been reached whereby Indian routes would if necessary supplement the threatened Burma road as China's lifeline.

Chinese military authorities said the problem of shipping goods from Indian ports directly to China had been solved satisfactorily as a result of Chiang's visit to India.

"Concrete steps have been agreed to whereby a much larger quantity of goods will be transported to China through India than over the Burma road," they said.

Mine Rangoon Harbor

The Chungking announcement said military authorities in Burma had decided to mine the sea approaches to Rangoon, abandoning the Burma capital as an important center for military supplies to China.

On the Dutch East Indies front the Japanese air force was increasing its pressure steadily. Another Dutch air raid, this time in west Java, was attacked today.

In south Sumatra small Dutch forces carried on a desperate fight to base the Japanese access to Sunda Straits between Sumatra and Java.

The Dutch revealed that in addition to five bombers shot down out of 24 in an attack on Soerabaja yesterday four more Japanese planes were hit in an attack on an east Java airfield.

British planes laid mines in German coastal waters during the night, possibly in an attempt to trap the German naval fleet in event of an attempted sortie. London revealed that two new George V class battleships of 35,000 tons are about ready to reinforce the British fleet.

Russian forces advanced on the Leningrad front, destroying three enemy battalions and widened the breach in Germany's second defense line, Moscow dispatches said. Other Red army successes were reported in heavy fighting on the Kalinin and Kharkov fronts.

ASSAULTS VICHY REPLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (U.P.).—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles said today that answers from the Vichy government to this country's representations regarding the French aid to axis forces in North Africa were considered unsatisfactory.

Mr. Welles said at his press conference that fresh instructions had been sent to American Ambassador William Leahy in Vichy.

DEBATE PENSION REPEAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (U.P.).—The senate began debate on the proposed repeal of congressional pensions today when Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.) offered his bill as an amendment to a pending naval measure.

109 JAP SHIPS SUNK

BATAVIA, Feb. 19 (U.P.).—Allied forces have sunk or damaged a total of 109 Japanese ships including 109 known sunk, up to Feb. 14, Netherlands Indies summary showed today.

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Mrs. Parry, Friend of Riley And Host of Notables, Dies

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been one of the exhibits at the world's fair in St. Louis. When the estate surrounding Golden Hill was subdivided into lots, Mrs. Parry gave the totem pole to the children's museum.

Mrs. Parry lived at the Riley home in Greenfield for several years before the Hoosier poet became famous. Later she was one of the first persons to arrange for his appearance as a public reader of his poems. She informed him of a \$25 engagement which she had obtained for him at the First Baptist Church and the letter telling him about it was found among the poet's treasured possessions after his death in 1916.

Other celebrities who had been entertained at Golden Hill were Odie Skinner, Maude Adams, C. W. Post, William Lyon Phelps, William Jennings Bryan, and William J. Burns.

Born Near Rushville

Mrs. Parry was born near Rushville in 1855—two years after the birth of James Whitcomb Riley. She was a descendant of George Read, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and of Dr. David Hervey Maxwell, founder of Indiana University and one of the framers of the Indiana constitution. Dr. Maxwell wrote the original manuscript of the constitution in long hand.

Her father, John Maxwell, was an Indianapolis businessman in the period following the Civil War. She lived in this city since the age of 5. She and Mr. Parry were married in the old Maxwell home, which stood on N. Meridian St. where the Scottish Rite cathedral now stands.

Mrs. Parry was a gold star mother of the first World War. Her son, Lieut. Maxwell Parry, was killed in action with the A. E. F. Mrs. Parry visited his grave in France.

Rites on Saturday

Survivors are two other sons, Addison J. Parry of Indianapolis and David M. Parry of Evanston, Ill.; five daughters, Mrs. Helen P. Fitzgerald and Miss Isabel Parry of Indianapolis; Mrs. William C. Teasdale, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Victor C. Gorton, Chicago, and Mrs. Emmert Daniel, Cincinnati. Mrs. Parry also leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services at 11 a. m. Saturday at the Plummer & Buchanan mortuary will be private. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Doubt Local Marine Among Hoosiers Feared Captured

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of communications at the time of the attack.

"From available lists and information up to or near the time of attack," the navy bulletin read—"those persons not otherwise accounted for are presumed to be prisoners of the Japanese."

Another Indianapolis man, Mortland Cochran, a chief machinist's mate with the navy, was reported as a probable prisoner.

Mr. Cochran's wife, who lives at 2137 N. New Jersey St., received word from him last week, when a message from him to her was picked up by the United Press listening post in San Francisco.

In Best of Health

The message said that Mr. Cochran was a prisoner, somewhere in Japan proper. He and others from Guam were reported by him to be in the best of spirits and health. In fact, the whole tone of the message was so cheerful that it was received in America with some skepticism, the thought being that it might be propaganda.

Mrs. Cochran has not heard from her husband since.

Other Hoosiers listed by the navy and presumed to be prisoners, because of the difficulty of maintaining communications at such troublous times, were:

Navy—Lowren Augustus Arnett of Sullivan, seaman 1st class; Anthony Nicholas Iannarelli of Elkhart, pharmacist's mate 2d class; Francis Marion Raymer of Rochester, consular, and Clinton Jerald Craner, Greensburg, and Markle Tobia Smith, Dublin, both radiomen 1st class.

Marine Corps—Sergt. Walter A. Bowsher Jr. of Leesburg; Corporals Robert Lawrence Brown of Hammond and Floyd Henry Davis of Coatesville, Walter John Kruczek of East Chicago and Max S. Gaff of Albion.

Privates First Class Gus Jim Cominus of Gary, Jack Edward Davis of La Porte, Dick Leon Reed of South Whitley, Norman Maxwell Reeg, La Porte, and Neil Orlando Rider, Larwill.

Civilians—Warren G. Anderson, Martinsville; Earl R. Bow, Greensburg; Henry R. Sanders and Raymond J. White, both of Terre Haute; Lawton E. Shank, Angola; William

WOMEN SOUGHT ON PAYNE JURY

Court Waits as Accused in Mattingly Slaying Ponders Her Fate.

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dering a one-time roomer at her home who later became her fiancé and political protégé. He is Charles O. Mattingly, who entered Indiana university in 1923 and was graduated in 1926.

After Mattingly's graduation, he remained at Mrs. Payne's home. She, meanwhile, had received a divorce from Earl Payne, a state senator. She devoted most of her time to helping Mattingly in his political career. Ultimately he was appointed secretary to the Indiana public service commission and later became its chief attorney-examiner.

The Payne-Mattingly romance cooled in 1939. In May of the following year, Mattingly married his secretary, Lurayne Oberholzer. On July 5, 1941, the Mattinglys paid a visit to the home of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nickas, at Bloomington. As he sat with his back to a window in the kitchen of the Nickas home, Mattingly was fatally wounded by five shots fired through the window.

The prosecution accuses Mrs. Payne of firing these shots.

The State's Case

In support of that contention, Mr. Tackitt will tell the jury that:

(1) Mrs. Payne's right shoe perfectly matches the plaster cast of a footprint under the window through which the bullets were fired.

(2) Ballistics tests prove that the five bullets fired through the window were fired from a 38-caliber Colt automatic seized shortly after the shooting at Mrs. Payne's home.

(3) Three witnesses will place Mrs. Payne at or near the Nickas home on the night of the killing.

In answer to this material evidence, the defense will claim that Mrs. Payne was of unsound mind on the night of July 5 and therefore is not "criminally responsible" for "the alleged offense."

May Call Colleagues

A multisyllabic tug-of-war between allies has been assured as a third-act feature of the trial.

Both prosecution and defense psychiatrists have tested Mrs. Payne's sanity and they are expected to be called to the stand after all other evidence has been presented.

Neither side has indicated the order in which witnesses will be called, but the prosecution expects to place on the stand several members of the public service commission staff in Indianapolis. They are expected to testify that Mrs. Payne "harassed

and threatened" Mattingly on several occasions.

Defense counsel, through their own witnesses, will seek to trace the gradual impairment of Mrs. Payne's will power after her romantic break with Mattingly.

So complete was this "impairment

of will power," Mrs. Payne's attorneys contend, that her mind eventually became diseased.

Q. Austin East and J. Frank Regester are handling Mrs. Payne's defense.

Deputy Prosecutor Robert F. McCrea is assisting Mr. Tackitt.

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