

HINT THOUSANDS OF JAPS DROWNED

Many Transports May Have Been Sunk in Great Battle.

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ently announced toll of Japanese ships would prove to have been conservative.

It had been noted that, though the Japanese fleet was massing for an invasion thrust, little mention had been made of transports.

Reports were circulated today that the enemy fleet included a number of transports and that a final list of Japanese losses might include a number of transports, each crowded with hundreds to thousands of troops.

In addition to their week-end offensive operations which resulted in the smashing of two enemy submarines and an unestimated number of seaplanes, American warplanes threw back a weak enemy attempt to bomb the allied base of Port Moresby, in New Guinea, and shot down two of the small attacking formations.

It was now indicated that the American and allied fleets and air force had broken up a Japanese attempt to assemble an enormous invasion force, including a battle fleet which had operated in the Bay of Bengal, most probably for a direct attack on Australia.

Thumping U. S. Victory

The danger of such an assembly, and a resultant attack on this American-protected continent, had not ended.

But nevertheless, the ferocious engagement in which 500 or more dive bombing, torpedo, bombing and fighting planes battled in a chaos of destruction over opposing naval forces, had resulted in a thumping American-allied victory.

Over nearly 200,000 square miles of island-dotted ocean off north-eastern Australia, American and Australian planes patrolled today, bombing as opportunity offered, to discover whether the Japanese forces, driven in defeat to hiding in

lairs at a dozen invasion bases, were trying to reform for another try. Gen. MacArthur conferred both yesterday and today with Prime Minister John Curtin on the implications of the Coral sea battle and the possibility of a new enemy attack.

Today's communiqué made the first mention of the presence of enemy submarines in Australian waters, working in co-operation with the Coral sea invasion force.

Mention of the bombing of enemy seaplanes in the Louisiades was understood to mean that planes from two damaged enemy seaplane tenders might be stranded there.

Eye witness reports of the Coral sea battle told of the desperate attempt of the Japanese ships to escape the merciless attack of United States navy dive bombing and torpedo planes and long range bombers based in Gen. MacArthur's Australian zone.

A Japanese aircraft carrier, believed to be one of the two sunk or damaged—one certainly and both probably sunk—steered in circles, churning up a tremendous wave of foam, in its attempt to save itself.

Fighter planes clashed while dive bombers and torpedo bombers dived down through them on the Japanese fleet, and high overhead great United States flying fortresses and Catalina-Consolidated bombers picked their targets.

Japan announced yesterday that it had occupied Lorengau, on Manus Island in the Admiralty group 180 miles off the north coast of New Guinea and about the same distance off the west end of the Bismarcks. This occupation had the effect of strengthening the enemy's position off northern New Guinea by extending westward the string of invasion bases in the Bismarcks.

NEED 8 MILLION WORKERS

WASHINGTON, May 11 (U.P.)—Addition of approximately 8,000,000 workers, chiefly women, to the present total of 55,000,000 will be necessary to make the proportion of employment reach the level of world war I, the census bureau estimated today.

Guest of WIRE



Niles Trammell
RADIO STATION
DINNER JUNE 1

Niles Trammel, NBC Head,
Among 500 Invited to
Annual Event.

More than 500 leading business and professional men in Indiana have been invited to the annual appreciation dinner to be given by Radio Station WIRE June 1 in the Claypool hotel.

Arranged annually by Eugene C. Pulliam, delegations of outstanding radio, newspaper and advertising agency executives from New York, Chicago and Washington will attend.

Two of the most prominent leaders in the fields of radio broadcasting and newspaper publishing, along with Governor Schricker, will be special guests. They are Niles Trammell, president of the National Broadcasting Co. and Kenneth Hoge, publisher of the Wall Street Journal.

Wynkoop Toastmaster

Mr. Trammell will accompany Mr. Hoge to DePauw university the day preceding the dinner to speak at the commencement there.

Al Wynkoop, well-known newspaper columnist and humorist of Lebanon, Ind., will be the toastmaster at the dinner.

Chief among the entertainment features will be John Mulholland, the only man in America to be listed in "Who's Who" because of his prominence as a magician. He has performed magic feats in 42 countries and has been the subject as well as author of more feature articles in national magazines than any living magician.

Mr. Hoge, a native Hoosier and alumnus of DePauw, was a member of that school's board of trustees for nearly 20 years. He has been publisher of the Wall Street Journal since 1933, having joined the paper in 1921 as manager of the Detroit office.

Mr. Trammell, who became a member of the Chicago sales staff of the NBC radio network in 1928, was elected president of the broadcasting system in 1940.

FLORIDANS WATCH AXIS SUB STRIKE

PALM BEACH, Fla., May 11 (U.P.)—An axis submarine, lying in wait 300 yards off the lower Atlantic coast, torpedoed a medium-sized British merchantman in broad daylight in sight of several hundred spectators who witnessed the rescue of the 31 crew members from the beach.

Waterfront residents, bathers and fishermen, attracted by the explosion only a mile and a half off shore, told today how they saw the stricken ship—engulfed in a cloud of steam—limp to within 20 yards of land before she was abandoned.

The torpedoing was the ninth announced by the navy since May 4 from which survivors have been landed at Florida ports.

'MAD DOG' GAS WAR IS FEARED

Churchill Warns Britain
Nazis May Try New
Terror Attacks.

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filled with liquid gas of tremendous corrosive effect.

5. That preparations had been made to drop gas in large glass spheres, designed to break on contact and disperse widely.

6. That German officials in eastern Europe had been ordered to provide themselves with gas masks and keep them handy.

7. That gas shelters were under construction throughout Germany, even in villages.

8. That three factories in unoccupied France were manufacturing flame throwers, apparently to be carried on motorcycles, for the Germans.

Many military authorities still expressed doubt of the efficacy of gas, aside from the retaliatory brake, but they admitted that the Germans might always envisage its use in a last resort, or try it to reduce specific objectives.

Britains expressed approval of Churchill's warning that Britain would use gas against Germany if Germans used it against Russia.

They girded themselves for a new phase of the war which in sheer terror might pale earlier terrors, in the confident belief that as in aerial bombing warfare, they could take what Germany had to give and pay back on an inexorably increasing scale.

In one of the great speeches of his career, Mr. Churchill announced his portentous news yesterday that Russia had advised him that the Germans in their desperation, might resort to gas against the armies and people of Russia.

Choled Left to Hitler

In fact, Russia already had charged officially that the Germans had used gas, apparently as a try-out, in the Crimea.

On the subject of poisonous gas, Mr. Churchill said:

"We ourselves firmly resolve not to use this odious weapon unless it is first used by the Germans. Knowing our Hun, however, we have not neglected to make preparations on a formidable scale.

"I wish to make it plain that we shall treat the unprovoked use of poison gas against our Russian ally exactly as if it were used against ourselves."

"He we are satisfied that this new outrage will be committed by Hitler we will use our great and growing air superiority in the west to carry gas warfare on the largest possible scale far and wide against objectives in Germany."

"It is thus for Hitler to choose whether he wishes to add this additional horror to aerial warfare."

There were plain indications that Hitler might make the choice soon.

Telephonic communication between Sweden and Germany was cut off from Saturday night until early today by the Germans.

Such severance is a normal part of big troop movements inside Germany.

Soon after service was restored, Stockholm quoted authoritative Berlin quarters that "good news is to be expected soon."

Severance of communication led to fantastic rumors that King Gustav had died and that German had invaded Sweden. Actually the King was playing tennis at the time and the Swedish army was ending dramatic defense maneuvers.

Mussolini Taunted

Mr. Churchill's speech was notable for many things, above all for the vigorous confidence with which he looked forward to allied victory.

He taunted Benito Mussolini as "The Italian miscalibrator" who had looked for an easy victory by knifing France in the back, and Italy as a nation which, when it went to war, "was still ranked as a first-class power."

He taunted Hitler with his ignorance in failing to take account of the Russian winter.

"Hitler forgot about this Russian winter," he said. "He must have been very loosely educated. We all heard about it at school, but he forgot it. I have never made such a bad blunder as that."

He said Germany had certainly had more men killed in Russia than in the whole last war—that is, 2,050,466. Germany had 4,202,028 men wounded in the last war, incidentally.

By his speech, Mr. Churchill consolidated his personal position at a time when politicians were discussing the possibility that his government, and possibly he himself, might fall.

The speech was made on the second anniversary of his assumption of office, the day Germany attacked Holland and Belgium.

Political quarters said today that he had re-established himself as the man who would lead the country to victory, and there was no British political leader even shoulder high to him.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Tyndall Is Victor in Republican Contest for Mayor; Myers Leads Democratic Vote as Count Is Completed

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Pritchard was second, rolling up 21,860 votes for judge of superior court four.

In most cases, the rival parties were fairly even in county vote total, with the Democrats holding a slight edge in most cases.

Officially, the top total votes were in the Democratic sheriff races, 39,269, and the Democratic superior court one race, 38,889.

Prosecutor Vote Heavy

The heaviest Republican vote, apparently, was in the prosecutor race, where a total of 36,431 votes was tabulated.

These figures compare with an average of 34,000 votes for leading Republican offices in the 1938 primary, and 57,000 for the Democrats.

In that primary, the G. O. P. mayor total was 34,256, the Democratic, 63,268.

In 1940, the Republican average was about 50,000, the Democratic about 51,000.

With the vote counting out of the way, local attention now shifted to the muddled state-of-the county Republican organization, where a county chairman who lost not only his mayor candidate, but his choice for congressman, county clerk, sheriff and probate court judge as well, still occupied his post with little chance of removal.

James Bradford was re-elected G.

O. P. chief unanimously by precinct committeemen last Saturday afternoon when Mr. Ostrom was 500 votes out in front of Gen. Tyndall. Under a state committee rule he can not be ousted.

Meanwhile the politicians were wondering what would happen in these races, for which final totals are shown:

Republican

GONGRESS—Howard M. Meyer, 15,073; John Coulter, 14,831.

Criminal Court

William D. Bain, 13,622; Clyde C. Carter, 12,522.

County Clerk

Arnold Tilson, 15,440; Walter Hemphill, 15,198.

Sheriff

Otto Pettit, 10,618; Jesse Hutsell, 10,252.

Democratic

SUPERIOR ONE—Joseph Markey, 15,891; Jacob Weiss, 13,519.

State Senator

John Kelley, 12,888; E. O. Snethen, 11,993.

Auditor

Glenn B. Ralston, 12,258; Toney Flack, 17,390.

In all the other races, the victory margins were decisive.

Municipal Judge Dan V. White pulled away from Edwin McClure in the final stages to register a 17,652 to 15,862 victory in the Republican probate court race and was believed to be little chance of a recount.

Judge White, however, was the

only member of Gen. Tyndall's Democratic ward chairman, besides Judge Markey and Auditor Ralston, were Judge Herbert Wilson of Superior five, who defeated Charles Schlosser by 7,400 votes, and Robert Allison, who upset Ray Herner by 6,000 in the county treasurer vote.

Ludlow Wins Again

In all other places, the state came through handily. Rep. Ludlow again proved his vote-getting power by rolling up a total of 30,495 votes in the 365 precincts while his nearest opponent, Earl J. Cox, got 7,770.

Oscar Hagemer was more than 10,000 ahead of his nearest rival in the five-man prosecutor race and David M. Lewis ousted Judge Smiley N. Chambers for probate court by 8,500. Robert Kirby beat John Bright Webb by 10,000 for joint state senator and Miss Hannah Noone finished 7,200 ahead of Guy O. Ross for county recorder.

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