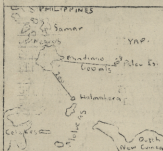


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McARTHUR LANDS ON HALMAHERA; NIMITZ ON PALAU



JAPS LOSE 501 PLANES, 173 SHIPS IN PHILIPPINES

Yesterday came news that the battle for the Philippines had begun under two commands. Gen. MacArthur's forces have landed on Halmahera, Island of the Moluccas 300 miles south of the Philippines; Admiral Nimitz's have made landings on an Island of the Palau group, 600 miles east of the southern Island of the Philippines.

HALMAHERA. In his latest communique from Halmahera, Gen. MacArthur says, "The landing is going well. Our position is now secure. The operation has achieved its purpose. We will dominate the Moluccas."

Earlier the Commander of the south-west Pacific forces, who himself landed a few hours after the Japs, said that the Japs were taken by complete surprise. Landings were made on the northern, not as the enemy anticipated, on the southern portion of the island. Losses up till yesterday were light; naval and air losses nil. The taking of this Island group would isolate 200,000 men in the Netherlands East Indies and cut off all supplies, including oil, to the Jap mainland.

But, says Gen. MacArthur in a summation to correspondents, the Japs still fight with ferocity. However, the Officer Corps is deteriorating. The subjection by cast-in-stead of merit is bringing its own reward. When the Japanese people realize they have been let down by their leaders, they may turn on the military régime. Therein lies the hope of the ordinary Japanese becoming a rational citizen.

PALAU. Admiral Nimitz announces that there is violent fighting on Palau. The landings were made after heavy Naval and Air bombardments. "There is hard fighting ahead."

PHILIPPINE LOSSES. It is officially announced that from Monday to Wednesday the Japanese lost 501 aircraft and 173 ships, sunk or damaged, as a result of Allied attacks on the Philippines.

△ Allies Pierce Siegfried Line Defences △

SUCCESS OF SECRET WEAPON

THIRD US ARMY CAPTURES NANCY

Aachen is surrounded by American forces from the north, west and south, and is expected to fall soon. An armoured spearhead has bypassed it and is six miles beyond. It can be safely assumed that the Siegfried Line has been pierced. Correspondents unanimously assert that the defenders are not as strong as the Atlantic wall, certainly not as formidable as was expected, and, surprisingly, obsolete in many features.

SECRET WEAPON. Both from this and the British sector to the west, there are reports of a formidable Allied Secret Weapon. Clearly it is being used with great effect.

BRITISH FORCES, fighting their way into Holland, have cleared almost all of Belgium between the Albert Canal and the Dutch border. Canadians who were compelled to fall back over the Leopold Canal in the face of a strong German counter-attack, have regained their bridgeheads. The channel guns still in German hands continue to fire at British targets on the Dover Straits.

TO THE SOUTH Gen. Patton's forces have captured Nancy and another town on the Moselle, 40 miles to the south.

— WORLD ITEMS —

RUSSIA. Soviet troops driving into Warsaw have crossed the Vistula.... Russian bombers attacked Budapest last night for the second time running.... Yesterday was the deadline for Germans to leave Finland. An unconfirmed report says that the Finns have set fire to German shipping and that this is the preliminary to an open declaration of war.

QUEBEC. President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill are expected to conclude their talks to-day. Plans for the final assault on Japan are complete.

ITALY. Eighth Army troops are closing in on the Adriatic port of Rimini.

NEWS from HOME

NEW CLASS OF SHIP FOR AUSTRALIA

Navy Minister Makin said that Australian shipyards will shortly be in construction of freighters of 550 tons deadweight for the coastal trade. The War Cabinet has approved a revision of the shipbuilding programme to provide for additional small ships. Australia is now building freighters of 9,000 tons 4,000 tons and a number of D class freighters of 2,000 tons. The latter are to be increased fivefold. Demand for docking, repair and heavy maintenance of Naval and Merchant ships has limited building progress.

COMMONWEALTH AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION. Replying to criticism the Prime Minister said last night that there had been no misuse of Manpower in the aircraft industry. Lancaster bomber production had been undertaken in Australia because of Britain's desire that it should have resources to service operational machines and provide spare parts. The war might end before the Lancasters now being constructed could be put into operation, but that was not known and the programme was justifiable.

SIR OWEN DIXON RESIGNS. The resignation of Australia's Minister to the United States, Sir Owen Dixon, was announced yesterday. He will return to Australia to resume a place on the High Court Bench. A Canberra press report suggests that this vacancy may precipitate a reshuffle in the Australian Cabinet which has been pending for some time. It is being freely suggested that if Supply Minister Beasley is willing to take a Washington post he will be appointed.

MELBOURNE'S TRAM STRIKE OFF. Re-arranging rosters for a general curtailment of Melbourne's tram services to restore the six-day working week is a big job as one million three hundred thousand passengers are carried daily. Little inconvenience will be caused because the cuts will apply at slack periods and will scarcely be noticed by regular travellers. Following this decision the executives of the Tramways Union last night decided to call off a threatened stoppage of trams and buses for 24 hours.

JAP TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN PLANES. A surprising tribute to American fighter planes and pilots comes from Tokio. In a broadcast in Japanese intercepted by the Department of Information listening post at Melbourne a Jap war correspondent in China was quoted, "the enemy's air offensive is based not only on quantity but also on quality". In the past the Japanese contention has always been that Japan relied on superior quality in men and machines to defeat 'superior enemy numbers'.

SYDNEY'S OBSOLETE LATS. Sydney hotels can be compelled to provide stables and hitching racks, sly groggers can be put in the stocks and the only buildings permitted higher than 150 ft are churches and other places used for worship. The building height limit has not been revised since 1912. Actually there is nothing in the building Act to prevent the erection of skyscrapers but people would not be allowed to live above 150 ft.

LAW VS FAMILY. When she failed to appear in the Campbelltown Court for the hearing of an appeal against a successful action brought by her for insulting language, Mrs. Marjory Byers of Cawley Vale, NSW, mother of 11 children, is being sent to goal in default. Mrs. Byers said "I am being sent to goal not for wrongdoing, but because I was ignorant of the law. We mothers cannot study law and populate the country as well."

SELECTIONS for "GLOAMING"

1st race	BLUE GLIDE	1	STAR BODER	2	MISS INCHQUIRE	3
2nd race	SAN MARTIN	1	SILVER ROCKS	2	NEW YORKER	3
3rd race	HATINELL	1	IRISH MYTH	2	CHIEF PILOT	3
4th race	MILLAIS	1	REGENCY	2	ACTION	3
5th race	AMANA	1	LAWRENCE	2	TRANQUIL STAR	3
6th race	LIBERAL KNIGHT	1	TEMPLE CHIEF	2	CLAYTON	3
7th race	VALENTINO	1	ERRAND BOY	2	SUNROCKS	3

The following should run well in Adelaide:- LIVE WIRE, FONDNESS, FRYARS HOPE, NAUTICAL, BLUENOR, FRODOBY, FIRST AID.

AROUND THE AREA

PICTURES Camp: "Rhythm on the River" Bing Crosby and Mary Martin, also "Round Up". Capitol: "Gentleman from Dixie" and "Fingernail Smith" with Leslie Howard. Pioneer: Barbara Stanwyck in "Ball of Fire" and "The Avenging Rider".

STRELLA WILSON. Hear this noted celebrity artist at the Camp Theatre on Sunday and Monday nights, commencing 20.00 hrs. Servicemen are permitted to bring a civilian lady on Monday night only.

PLAY PARADE. At the Catholic Hall on Monday night, presented by the Alice Springs Theatre Group.

TELLTALE HEARTS

When a man is healthy, the sound of his heart beat is a solid, relatively high-pitched "boom;" when he is ill it is a dullish, soggy "boom." The highest heart sound is somewhere at the bottom of the range of a bass viol; the lowest is inaudible to human ears, even with a stethoscope. A delicate device to record these sounds on photographic film has been developed at an American laboratory by Dr. John Henry Foulger and Physiologist Paul E. Smith, Junior. The device consists of a microphone strapped to the chest, and a foot-long box with dials like table radio.

Recently Dr. Foulger has tried the machine on about 100 workers, found it a very sensitive indicator of such borderline illnesses as an incipient cold, a run down condition, a morning after. The machine's chief use in industry is to detect poor working conditions. When all the hearts in a department give out low booms, something is wrong - e.g., slow escape of gas, poisonous chemicals, or overwork.

Researchers Foulger and Smith explain that the heart, without being diseased itself, quickly reflects changes in circulation, caused by poisons, poor nutrition, anemia, fatigue, etc. Any one of these factors can start a vicious circle by lowering muscle tone throughout the body, thus impairing the return of blood to the heart. With less blood to pump, the muscles of the left side of the heart lose some of their kick and sour notes result. The poor heart action adds to that tired feeling, contributes to the slow return of blood.

The researchers recorded heart sounds both before and after mild exercise. After exercise, they found, a heart's pitch normally goes up (irrespective of its rhythm), then returns to normal in about five minutes. When, after exercise, the pitch (1) goes very high and takes a long time to come down, (2) does not change or (3) goes down, Dr. Foulger looks for trouble. He usually finds it.

BY THE WAY BRITAIN'S GREATEST HUMORIST
Beachcomber

GUIDE TO THE PREFACE

"English peers wear the same shirt for two days." - (American paper).

Only minor peers. Topnotchers seldom wear the same shirt for one entire day. And their shirts never go to the laundry. They are simply thrown to the poor by old family retainers. There are, however, one or two caddish peers who wear no shirt at all. They borrow the hall porters at the door of their Club, or fix butterfly collars and cuffs on to their vests. A Duke's shirt is of the finest silk from his own private mulberry ranch. An Earl's is of coarser silk. A minor peer may be of brown paper, unless he can get on to a few Boards of Directors.

THE MOCK-PUDDING CHALLENGE

Dear Sir, - Several of your correspondents seem to have the old Victorian idea of a full of Maharajahs on elephants covered with spilt curry and rare luncheon wines. For 48 years I lived at Buttaragong, and I can safely say I never saw a Maharajah having lunch on an elephant. I never even saw an elephant until I came home on leave and took my nephew to the Zoo. Wine I never saw, either. Curry, yes, but not what we mean by curry. No good is done by misrepresenting Mother India to an ignorant public.

Yours truly,
RONALD D. LASHFORTH.

FOOD NOTE

By an unfortunate error, it was recently stated that a certain brand of brass contained vitamins H, P and Q, as well as a quantity of vibrex D. The result was that people began to eat the nails. The firm in question, which remains anonymous owing to the invasion of Europe, asks me to state that the nails contain nothing nutritive.

GERMANS AERIAL THREAT

The Government's warning to London evinces that the Flying Bomb and "other dangers" had not yet been removed, coincided with new threats on the German radio of more V surprises. A commentator, referring to the "British error that German retaliation has now come to an end," continued. "They will have sufficient reason for repenting their mistake. The British will soon be very much surprised."

Unofficial discussion on the "V 2" has centred around a rocket shell with which the Germans have long been experimenting. These rockets are designed to carry a large charge of high explosive and unofficially are credited with big ranges. Except for isolated pockets of resistance German-held areas within a 200 mile range of London have been cleaned up. It is possible, even probable, that the enemy is able to launch something else at longer range and of a different type from the V1. Although the blackout, civil defence duties and fire watching are being relaxed, it is necessary to be on guard and not to relax.

TOMORROW'S ACCEPTANCES

Following are the acceptances for races to be run at Flemington tomorrow:-

PAISLEY HURDLE 2m1 1 pm.:- STAR BOARDER, Blue Glide, Miss Inchaquire, All Saints, Brewster's Millions, Ark Liss, Not Guilty, Boondale, Gorgeous Star, Macedonia, Marcias, Miss Silver, Scipio.

SPRING STAKES 1 div 1.35 pm.:- SAN MARTIN, Silver Rocks, Reperio, New Yorker, Bootle, Voltaire, Henty, Bold Scout, Metro Star, John Anton, Logical, Medicine, Prating, Carey, Various, Be-u Justo, Flash of Fire, Gay Papa, Scottish Law.

SPRING STAKES 2 div 1 -1. 2.10 pm.:- OAKLAN, Irish Myth, Fréontis, Promoke, Oxford Street, Fortune's Folly, Chief Pilot, Hartnell, Blue Horizon, Tolstoy, Count Defoe, Mount Joy, Bromius, Coin, Armilla, Forst Night, Full Race, Rulesmaker, Single Action.

TRUCANINI HCP. 6 fms 2.45 pm.:- MILLAIS, Rgency, Nagation, Action, Ducal, Valour, Brazen Jester, Great Britain, Audacity, Busybody, Register, Salom, Nermaner, Carruca, Taminick, Gold Mohar, Malong, Phillip, Attorney, Hosporian, Lucifer, Lunar Lynx, Valiant Spear, Arbitrator, Bushlaw, Ethrina, Grand Gift, Minuit, Tameless, Waterwings, Wynlois.

UNDERWOOD STAKES 1 ml. 3.20 pm.:- AMANA, Pandect, Council, David's Last, Lawrence, Peter, Phoenix, Precept, Sirid, Lillets, Tranquil Star, Simmerin, Three O Tree.

METROPOLITAN HCP. 1 ml. 5 fms. 3.55 pm.:- ELLIPSIS, Huntingdale, Temple Chief, St. Warden, Claudette, Contact, Grain Trader, Philander, Amazed, Liberal Knight, Moonderewa, Clayton, Hesitate, Queen Midas, Romeura.

MAJOR HIGHWRIGHT 1½ mls 4.30 pm.:- SUNROCKS, Spearman, Valentino, Illyrian, Pickway, Two Vals, Errend Boy, Cantenory, Wallace James, Dominate, Mor Veil, Codiail, Drum Net, El Marko, Manito, Gay Roi, Heliantho, Conserve, Parenva, Leading Man, Malaga, Tahitian.

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The whole side played well. Goal kickers, McInerny, 10; J. Taggell, 3; Linsgar, 3; Kelly, 2; Millar, 1; Graham, 1; Gibbons, 1 and Male, 1. Team will arrive back in Alice to-morrow night when the selectors will pick a combined Alice-Isa-Trace side to visit Norforce leaving 5 Oct.

Southern FOOTBALL and BOXING

Two grand finals will take place in Sydney on Saturday. Newtown will meet Belmaine in the Rugby League classic at the Sydney cricket ground while University (average age 21) and eastern suburbs will meet in the Rugby Union Grand Final.

MELBOURNE'S SEMI-FINAL is between Richmond and Fitzroy at St Kilda, with Richmond favoured slightly in the betting, particularly if fine weather prevails. The loser of this match then meets Essendon in the final the following Saturday.

PATRICK'S TITLE FIGHT. Out of hospital, fit again, Vic Patrick dual title holder will fight New Zealander, Vic Coltauz for the welterweight championship of Australasia in Sydney on 21 Oct. Final decision on the contest was announced by stadium manager, Harry Miller. Coltauz will arrive by flying boat a fortnight before the fight.

STRELLA WILSON and MABEL NELSON

CAMP THEATRE, SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 2000 HRS

Although this is Miss Stella Wilson's first visit to the Territory, this famous Australian soprano visited New Guinea recently to entertain troops with her beautiful voice. Interviewed in Adelaide en route to this area Miss Wilson is quoted as saying. "From my recent performances in New Guinea I am sure that the boys as a whole appreciate most the better type of music like 'Ave Maria', 'The Lord's Prayer', Schubert's 'Serenade' and the better Musical Comedy numbers."

She will be accompanied by Miss Mabel Nelson, pianist, who will not only accompany Miss Wilson but will perform as a soloist at the piano as well.

NEW SPITFIRE HAS 5 BLADED PROPELLER

The new Spitfire is the fastest of them all, has a ceiling of more than 40,000 ft, and an unequalled rate of climb, while an armament giving it a devastating fire consists of 4 20mm cannon, or 2 cannon and 2 .5-in machine guns, or 2 cannon and 4 .303 machine guns. A carrier for either a 250lbs or a 300 lbs bomb can be fixed beneath the fuselage in drop-tank fittings. The plane is powered with a Griffin engine developing more than 2,000 h.p. It drives a new five-bladed propeller, which, in large measure, is responsible for the rapid acceleration and high rate of climb. The test pilot said that the new Spitfire leapt off the ground. It was smooth, highly manoeuvrable, and had no vices. Its primary purpose was high altitude interception.

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