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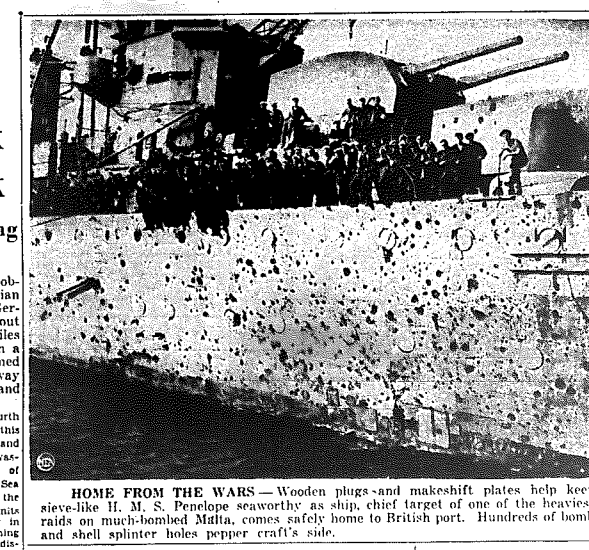
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THE GREAT BATTLE OF MOSCOW SEES FAIRLY RED LINE

Open New
Offensive
With Attack
From Kursk

Aimed at Cutting
Vital Railway



HOME FROM THE WARS—Wooden plugs and makeshift plates help keep aside H. M. S. Penelope seaworthy as ship, chief target of one of the heaviest raids on home-bombed Malta, comes safely home to British port. Hundreds of bomb and shell splinter holes pepper craft's side.

MOSCOW. (AP)—(AP)—Probing the long, resilient Russian line for a weakness, the Germans were smashing out of the Kursk salient, about 250 miles south of Moscow, today in a drive presumably aimed at cutting the vital railway connecting the southern and central fronts.

The new offensive—the fourth started by the Germans this spring—came as the battered and weary Soviet defenders of Sevastopol fought off a succession of aerial attacks at the Black Sea fortress, now under attack for the first time since the city was captured by the Russians in 1941.

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Rubber Collection Drive Extended

Roosevelt Orders Another Ten Days' Campaign

WASHINGTON. (AP)—President Roosevelt extended the rubber collection drive today for an additional ten days because collections through Saturday had brought in a disappointing total of 219,000 tons.

Originally scheduled to have ended at midnight tomorrow, the campaign now will continue through July 10.

The continuation was ordered upon the recommendation of Secretary Ickes in his capacity as petroleum coordinator, and William B. Boyd Jr., chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council.

Speaking for Mr. Roosevelt, Presidential Secretary Stephen Earle told reporters:

"In the face of the very serious need for rubber, the total collection as reported today are disappointing. Hence the continuation of the drive."

The total of 219,000 tons was less than the 250,000 tons needed for the drive, and also that in the hands of some 20,000 junk dealers in the country. Earle said that the collection drive was started last April 16 from a Canadian collection drive the first six days of the campaign, which began June 1.

Man Tried For Treason

Detroit Restaurateur Faces Court

DETROIT. (AP)—Charged with treason, Max Stephan, 62-year-old German-born Detroit restaurateur, went on trial today in Federal Court.

Selection of a jury was expected to be completed late this afternoon.

Stephan, a naturalized citizen, is accused of aiding Lieut. Peter Krug, German air force pilot, who was captured last April in from a Canadian concentration camp at Bowmanville, Ont.

One of a score of witnesses against Stephan will be Krug, who the Government charges was aided and abetted by the restaurateur when he came to Detroit.

U. S. District Attorney John C. Lehr said the Government would attempt to prove that Stephan's allegiance was with the enemy and that he gave them aid and comfort in assisting Krug.

Lehr pointed out that no person can be convicted of treason unless a confession is made in open court or two witnesses testify to the same overt act. Stephan is charged with thirteen overt acts of treason related to Krug's flight which ended in his capture by Federal troops in San Antonio, Tex.

Punishment for treason ranges from fine of \$10,000 to death, upon conviction. Lehr said the treason charge is the first brought against a German-born resident of the United States since the outbreak of World War II. There were three such indictments in World War I, but no convictions.

Boarding Blamed

Takes told reporters that he thought part of the lack of success in the capture of the ship was due to boarding, and he said there might even be people in it. He said the ship was being used as a hospital ship and that it was carrying a large number of wounded soldiers.

Crewmen of Torpedoed Ship Reach West Indies

BARRIADOS, British West Indies. (AP)—Forty-seven crewmen from the torpedoed Allied vessel arrived here today and reported two of their comrades were killed by the ship. The captain and chief of crew were seriously injured.

Japs Fail To Reach One Of Main Goals--The Kiangsi Tungsten Area

CHUNGKING. (AP)—The Japanese have failed to reach one of their major objectives in their present drive in east China, the Kiangsi Tungsten area, according to an official Chinese Government statement declared today.

The Chinese forces in Kiangsi, flying under the tutelage of veteran American volunteer aviators, have inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese in the Kiangsi Tungsten area, according to an official Chinese Government statement declared today.

Nazi U-Boat Base Hard Hit in RAF Assault

St. Nazaire Is Attacked

LONDON. (AP)—The German submarine base at St. Nazaire on the occupied French coast was attacked sharply last night by RAF raiders in a follow-up to the devastating Saturday night assault on the port of Bremen, where many of the undersea raiders are constructed.

British fighter planes also blasted German airfields and railway objectives in northern France during the night, the Air Ministry said. Loss of one plane was acknowledged.

DAMAGE SHIP

A Hurricane bomber squadron which participated in the foray against the occupied port was reported to have damaged a heavily-escorted enemy merchant ship in a low-level attack, leaving the vessel stationary and heading over at a 45-degree angle.

The Saturday night assault on Bremen was the second raid on that city in three nights, and was reported to have left the port's railway station a mass of charred ruins.

"There can be much left of Bremen now," military quarters declared as they scanned reports filed yesterday by British airmen who set new fire records in the city in a mass attack Saturday night, against the city's railway station.

Eleven planes, nine bombers and two fighters, were lost by the RAF in the Saturday night raid, the 26th since the start of the war.

Official quarters indicated that the destroyed ship was comparable to that previously reported by the RAF in mid-June, when it was reported that a heavily-escorted enemy merchant ship was destroyed in the North Sea.

It was reported that the ship was heavily damaged and was heading over at a 45-degree angle.

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Mr. MacKenzie's Analysis:

Rommel Trying To Turn British Flank--And Is Making Progress

BY DE WITT MACKENZIE

There is little doubt that the British are making progress in the battle for Egypt. The British are making progress in the battle for Egypt. The British are making progress in the battle for Egypt.

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American Planes Attack Jap-Held Wake Island

Enemy's Air Field and Shore Installations Damaged

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The Navy announced today that United States bombers had attacked Japanese-occupied Wake Island in the Pacific last Saturday, damaging the enemy's air field and various shore installations.

The Navy's communiqué, based on reports received up to 2 P. M. Eastern War Time today, said:

"Central Pacific Area."

"The S. bombers attacked Japanese-occupied Wake Island on June 27."

"Under favorable conditions of weather and visibility our planes, attacking in formation, damaged the air field and various shore installations."

"Enemy anti-aircraft and fighter defenses were weak, although one bomber suffered minor damage during the attack, all our planes returned safely."

Tiny Wake Island, which is only 2.8 miles long, was wrested from an American Marine garrison Dec. 23, 1941, by a Japanese force of 2,500 men. It is 2,500 nautical miles west of Pearl Harbor and little more than 1,000 miles southwest of Midway, the American outpost nearest to Japanese territory.

The raid reported today was the second made by American aircraft on the atoll. Planes from a task force led by Vice-Admiral William F. Halsey wiped out shore installations and some minor surface units Feb. 24.

"It was considered probable by authorities here that American raiders on Saturday were looking for a break in the enemy's concentration of shipping of the sort which they found in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands raid Jan. 31 when they destroyed 16 ships as well as 41 planes and other valuable shore facilities. It was their hope, apparently they were disappointed since the communiqué mentioned no damage to shipping."

The blow also was interpreted as a "nuisance" raid coupled with reconnaissance activity with the objective of keeping Wake unusable for the Japanese even though no effort was made to recapture it.

Girl Pilot Faints While In The Air

Finally Revives To Land Plane And Is Not Injured

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—An airplane with an unconscious girl pilot inside circled the Ann Arbor city airport crazily for an hour last night while spectators below watched in frozen fright.

Miss Jean Tish, 19, of Ann Arbor, was flying a biplane when she fainted while in the air. She was finally revived by a doctor who landed the plane safely.

House Gets Supply Bill

Measure Carries Funds For Many Agencies

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee fired an annual financial salvo in the war program today, sending to the floor a \$1,810,467,615 supply bill which it estimated would boost to approximately \$200,000,000,000 the amount projected for national defense since June 1940.

The new bill carries funds for almost a score of agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1. It also has been operating in the past on emergency allocations.

While more than one-half the total, \$1,100,000,000, is for the war effort, the bill also carries funds for many other agencies.

Guide to Good Reading

THERE'S NO BLACKOUT OF TEMPTING CURVES

Although the war has imposed a blackout on beaches, there is no lack of good reading material. Many experts contend that the war is the best time to read. The war is the best time to read.

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Axis Claim Bastion of Matruh Has Been Taken

U. S. Planes Roar Into Battle

CAIRO, Egypt. (AP)—Continuous and heavy fighting raged on today in a wild melee of men and machines over an ever-broadening battlefield around and southeast of Matruh, main British base 175 miles west of Alexandria.

(Both Berlin and Rome announced the capture of Matruh together with 6,000 British troops and there was little doubt in London that their claims were true.)

Many newly arrived planes, including those of the United States Air Corps, were thrown into the battle to help stem the Axis tide.

The desert struggle has been in progress since a break in Saturday afternoon, when an Axis armored force from the west, taking advantage of the slow sun in the defenders' eyes, struck at positions southwest of Matruh.

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