

U. S. Navy Launches New Raids on Manila After Great Victory

(By the Associated Press) U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor—The victorious American navy has launched new aerial attacks against Manila, Tokyo reported today, after sinking or damaging 58 Japanese warships in one of history's greatest naval triumphs.

The Third and Seventh U. S. fleets definitely sank 24 Japanese warcraft, including four aircraft carriers and two battleships, in last week's naval action off the Philippines, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced last night.

Thirteen more Japanese craft, including a battleship, were damaged so badly they may have sunk, and 21 other warcraft, including six battleships, were damaged.

The total—at least 500,000 tons—is more warcraft than Japan lost in all the four preceding great Pacific war sea battles combined.

U. S. Lost Six Warships American forces spent six warships for a victory by which, Nimitz said, "the Japanese fleet has been decisively defeated and routed."

(Tokyo radio today reported, without allied confirmation, that 200 U. S. carrier planes staged three raids on Manila and Clark airfield Saturday—just three days after heavy fighting in the naval battle ended.

The three related actions, thus classified as the second battle of the Philippine sea, were fought south of Formosa, off the east coast of Samar and in Surigao strait off southeastern Leyte, Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Possibly only two Japanese ships escaped undamaged from the debacle. No modern nation has had its fleet so nearly destroyed in one engagement.

Number of Ships Involved The Philippines battle involved more than the 248 ships engaged in the World War I battle at Jutland although exact figures cannot be given.

Among them, Nimitz proudly announced, were five battleships "seriously damaged at Pearl Harbor"—the West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, California and Pennsylvania, and three new carriers named for See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 7

Fire Destroys Shed Behind Tomsyck Tavern A garage and woodshed behind the Nick Tomsyck tavern, West Grand avenue, was destroyed by fire Saturday evening, while another small woodshed, the back wall of the tavern and the roof of the building housing a dry cleaning establishment were damaged as local firemen quelled a blaze which threatened for a time to destroy all wooden structures in the half block area.

The small structure behind the tavern building was full of rubbish, authorities stated, and it was not yet known exactly how the blaze started. Several windows and a pane of glass in the door of the building west of the tavern were reported broken sometime during the fire.

Delay in Buying Oil May Cause Shortage Chicago—(P)—Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator reported today delay in consumer purchases of heating oil was creating a bottleneck that might develop into serious shortages this winter.

Mrs. Jay Smith Dies Mrs. Jay Smith, a resident here until about a year ago, died Sunday night, shortly before midnight, at the Masonic home at Dousman, Wis.

MEMBERS ELKS GUESTS Wisconsin Rapids Elks will be hosts to members of the army show at their regular Tuesday evening supper meeting. Several of the cast of the WACaravan will present previews at the Elks club before the regular curtain time at eight o'clock.

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NAZIS COLLAPSING IN HOLLAND

LAST RAIL EXIT FROM NORTHEAST HUNGARY TAKEN

London—(P)—The last rail escape route for Germans in northeastern Hungary was blocked by the Russians today with capture of Csap on the upper Tisza river, while to the north Berlin reported further Russian gains in the liquidation of an estimated 100,000 Nazis pinned against the Baltic sea.

Wild Fighting for Town A midnight bulletin said the Russians seized the town after a day of wild street fighting during which hundreds of Germans were killed.

Recall of Gen. Stilwell Plunges China Into New Military, Political Crisis BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Washington—(P)—China has been plunged headlong into a new military and political crisis by the recall of General Joseph W. Stilwell to Washington.

RUSSIA WILL NOT ATTEND AIR MEET

Washington—(P)—Russia hung a question mark over her western European diplomacy today just as affairs in the Balkans slid into a groove of collaboration oiled by Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

Former Rapids Youth Dies in Air Tragedy

The body of Lieut. Donald J. Wiederhoeft, missing since last Tuesday, was recovered near Cherry Point, N. C., the public relations office at the Norfolk, Va., naval base has announced.

SGT. BUEHLER IS KILLED IN ACTION

S/Sgt. Bernard V. Buehler of Nekosca was killed in action on October 13 in Italy, according to a telegram received from the war department today by Sergeant Buehler's wife, Catherine.

Pvt. John Enfield Wounded in Italy

Pvt. John Enfield of this city was wounded in action in Italy on October 10, according to the war department. He was serving in the Sixth armored infantry.

Mrs. Stassen Urges Support of Dewey

St. Paul, Minn.—(P)—Mrs. Harold E. Stassen, wife of Com. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota Republican governor, today called upon the women of America to support Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his running mate, Gov. John W. Bricker.

REFRIGERATOR MOTOR BURNS

A fire was reported in the refrigerator motor in the home of Mrs. H. S. Wagner, 1121 Sixteenth street north at 11:45 Saturday evening, necessitating a call to the city fire department.

OFFICIALS FIGURE TOTAL VOTE OF OVER 44 MILLION

Washington—On the basis of incomplete registrations and qualified estimates of voters, state officials figure roughly that more than 44,000,000 persons will vote in next week's presidential election, including 3,392,000 service men and women.

This compares with the 49,315,312 who actually cast ballots in the 1940 election, but takes into account wartime displacements in estimating the overall decrease, despite heavy registrations in big cities.

There have been lower and higher estimates of the 1944 total vote. Henry J. Kaser, shipbuilding industrialist and chairman of the non-partisan association for franchise education, figures 50,000,000 will vote for an all-time record.

Vice President Wallace has predicted a vote of 45,000,000 and Calvin B. Baldwin, assistant chairman of the CIO political action committee, estimates a minimum of 47,000,000.

Higher Figure Possible The state officials' minimum estimate compiled by the Associated Press today was 44,102,000. This was raised to 44,637,000 when higher figures were taken into account in eight states where officials gave varying estimates.

The vote forecasts were based on a combined estimate by these state officers of 69,766,625 registrants and other eligibles, compared with 60,576,979 estimated to have qualified for the 1940 election.

Some state officers said the total service vote may never be known as many states do not separate them from civilian ballots in the counting.

States With Records California and Illinois were two of the big electoral vote states which set registration records this year. Final official registrations for California totaled 4,141,331 an increase of 88,936 over the record See—ELECTION—Page 7

Two Slightly Hurt In Crash Sunday

Two persons were injured slightly late Sunday afternoon when cars driven by Miss Mary Willoughby of Madison, traveling west on Chestnut street, and Donald Lehty of Port Edwards driving north on Lincoln street, collided.

Charles, three and one half year old son of the Lichtys, received a badly bumped head as he was thrown against the front window, breaking the glass. Mrs. John Brachney of Madison, a passenger in the Willoughby car suffered a bruised right arm.

The Willoughby car was damaged on the grille and radiator, the front bumper broken off, left front fender and headlight smashed. Mr. Lichty's car was damaged on the right front fender, door, and running board.

Warn Youngsters to Keep Hallowe'en Pranks Mild

Hallowe'en pranks resulting in destruction or defacing of property might be excusable in peacetime, but this year such pranks are "absolutely banned as unpatriotic and harmful to the war effort."

Asks Parent Cooperation Violations of the warning will be treated as misdemeanors injurious to public safety and will be treated accordingly, the acting police chief warns. He also asks that parents cooperate with law enforcement agencies by keeping children away from anti-social vandals.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 61; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 18; temperature at 7 a. m., 24.

Allies Enter Last Link in Defense Line Below Maas

London—(T)—Allied columns paced by tanks and planes raced for the German escape bridges and ferries across the broad Maas and Hollandsch Diep in Holland only five miles away today, and Berlin radio asserted that a major withdrawal across that barrier to Rotterdam was in full swing.

Allied troops, breaking into the last of the chain of strong-points before the Maas, entered Rosendaal, a city of 25,000, 12 miles south of Willemstad ferry across the Diep, the sea arm of the river.

American armor plunged to within six miles of the Moerdijk bridge, one of the longest spans in Europe, and other forces fought to within three miles of the Maas and five miles from the Geertruidenberg crossing by capturing Oosterhout northeast of fallen Breda.

The German stand in all southwestern Holland and northern Belgium had been cut into four pockets, and military spokesmen said the German force was disintegrating under the concerted pounding.

The four pockets were below the Maas where the chief resistance center of Breda had been taken; on Beveland island; on flooded Walcheren island, virtually cut off by a Canadian drive to within 3,000 yards of the causeway connecting with Beveland; and a tiny six mile long, four mile wide corner of Belgium south of the Schelde.

North of Tilburg a British column lashed out from Loon op Zand and seized the village of Kaatsheuvel, only three miles south of the Maas, and drove to within two miles of Waspick to the northwest, only three miles from the Geertruidenberg span across the Maas.

The drive across flooded lowlands, laced by canals and dikes, in the campaign to clear the Schelde approaches to the allied harbor of Antwerp, was gaining momentum and approaching a conclusion after some of the most difficult fighting of the war.

On Walcheren the remnants of German forces were fighting from islands within the island—bits of land and raised dikes around the principal cities of Vlissingen (Flushing) and Middelburg which stood above the flood waters loosed by allied bombing of the seawalls. The Germans admitted many of their guns were under eight feet of water.

Enemy Offensive Counterthrust launched too late to save the garrison north of Antwerp grew into a determined attack, supported by tanks, artillery and planes, and gained ground against a stubborn American defense.

Striking on the east flank of the allies' Dutch salient in the Maas bulge, the Germans yesterday swept See—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

Mrs. Mathews of City Dies; Funeral To Be Wednesday

Mrs. Michael Mathews, 69, of 140 Twelfth street south, died at 6:30 a. m. today at Riverview hospital following a stroke. There will be a prayer service at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Krohn and Berard chapel and burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Mathews, nee Emma D. Jessen, was born in Chicago on May 19, 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jessen. She married Michael Mathews in Illinois in 1916 and had resided here since that time.

Besides her husband she leaves three brothers, Louis and Albert Jessen of Chicago and William Jessen of Buchanan, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Oswald and Mrs. Nels Cooley of Chicago.

THE WEATHER For Wisconsin: Partly cloudy to night, warmer to night. Mild temperatures Tuesday.

STORY RELATED BY YANK RESCUED IN PHILIPPINES

With the 7th Division, Leyte—(P)—A slender, blue-eyed American who escaped at Bataan's fall was rescued from Leyte mountains today, ending three years of secret missions in the Philippines with the Japanese constantly hounding him.

Second Lt. Joseph Francis Saint John, 24, of Philadelphia, related the story from the bamboo hut where he was given his second pair of shoes in three years. He was brought through American lines by 1st Lt. Claude Hornbacher, Sebewaing, Mich., whose patrol reached him by crossing the bay south of Abuyog.

Rescued also was red-haired Ensign Edwin J. Beattie, 21, Columbiaville, Mich., naval pilot who crashed in a dog fight during the invasion and took refuge with Saint John.

(The dispatch failed to reveal any details of the "secret missions.") A B-17 gunner of the 14th bombardment squadron when he was bombed out Dec. 7, 1941, Saint John reached Bataan Christmas eve and later with 900 other airmen went to Malabang airfield on Mindanao where "we waited for planes that never came."

When the surrender came, Saint John and 11 other Americans fled to the hills and finally reached Leyte May 8, 1942, in a frail native launch, passing through the straits in the darkness. There, Col. Cornell, the island commander told them they must leave before 5 p. m. May 10 to avoid surrender. They left 2 hours before the deadline in an outrigger boat for Australia but were shipwrecked off Cautit point, Mindanao, May 17, in a storm. It was Saint John's birthday.

Then began his guerrilla life. He subsisted on fried monkey meat and tropical fruit. He once wasted from 155 pounds to 100 before he was cured of malaria with "ditto" tree bark brew concocted for him by a native. His escapes were many. Once 200 Nips charged his hideout, shooting everything at him without success.

