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THE WAR · WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Ships of United States Fleet Ride At Anchor In Japanese Harbor

The war in the Pacific last week entered a new phase. Gathering enormous forces, including the largest fleet the world has ever seen, the Americans struck at and won Japanese territory for the first time. Ships of the United States Pacific Fleet rode at anchor in a Japanese harbor, says the New York Times.

The victory was gained at Kwajalein Atoll in the heart of the Marshall Islands. This direct assault, cracking Japan's main outer shield of defenses, brought to full scale the offensive which has been so long in preparation and which in its preliminary stages has meant long, hard battles on the outer fringes of Japan's conquests.

Strike For High Stake

Invading the Marshalls, the Navy was striking for the highest stake yet in Pacific strategy. Japan holding the islands under mandate since World War I, had made them into air and sea bases and knit them into her great scheme for war. About 2,150 miles from Tokyo, they flank the sea road to Hawaii and may have been the rendezvous for the fleet which attacked Pearl Harbour. They also flank the route to the Solomons. In American hands they will flank the Japanese positions in the Carolines, due west, where the great bases of Truk and Ponape are major bastions.

"Softening Up"

That the attack on the Marshalls was coming could hardly have been in doubt to the Japanese. Long-range Army and Navy planes had been bombarding the islands steadily since mid-November, a campaign stepped up through January. It was "softening up" on a scale greater than the Pacific had ever seen before. Shipping, shore defenses, docks, runaways, seaplane ramps, hangars, fuel and ammunition dumps and gun positions were blasted day after day.

For two days before H-hour came, carrier planes, long-range bombers and heavy units of the fleet subjected the islands to a staggering bombardment.

The Fleet Moves In

The invasion came in the form of a great two-pronged attack from north and south. Carriers, the largest and newest battleships, transports, cargo ships, tankers, landing craft for tanks and infantry—a total estimated as at least 2,000,000 tons—had been drawn from the mainland of the United States and from every large Pacific base.

When the landing forces swept ashore they encountered stiff resistance at some points, but it was limited to small-arms fire. Artillery had apparently been blasted out of existence. Not one enemy plane was sighted during the approach to the islands or during the invasion. Continuous bombardment of airfields throughout the Marshalls kept down the threat of aerial counter-attack.

What was gained was of first importance. Kwajalein Atoll is the largest in the Marshalls, in fact the largest in the world. At its northeast corner are Roi and Namur islands, linked by a tidal strip and a causeway. On Roi was the largest Japanese airfield in this area. It was captured in four hours. Winning Kwajalein knocked out the keystone of the Japanese structure in the Marshalls.

Battle for Japan

Up to the present the Japanese Navy has been the principal inhibition on the full development of our amphibious strength. But with the taking of Kwajalein, we are reaching the point at which it can be effectively neutralized; either Japan will have to risk it in battle or it will sink, like the German Fleet after Jutland, into strategic impotence. In the Pacific, the battle of the remote outposts is beginning at last to give way to the battle for Japan. And the Pacific is still only one side of the equation; for all this says nothing as to what may be preparing in India and the Bay of Bengal.

Japan Itself Attacked

Last week United States naval forces, for the first time, steamed within shelling range of Japan itself and bombarded Paramushiro, at the extreme northeastern end of the Kurile Island chain.

Paramushiro is not a part of Japanese conquest. It always has been Japanese soil. It is Japan itself. It has been reached and hit now—not only by long-range bombers, but also by American surface vessels. It is nearly a thousand miles north of the main, thickly inhabited parts of the Japanese Archipelago. But it is Japan. The Japanese Fleet is no longer able to defend its own home islands from our naval forays.

What does it mean, this unexpected and only twenty-minute-long attack on Kurabu Point? Was it just an isolated hit-and-run affair designed to befuddle an enemy at a time when he has reason to be looking for blows from the South and East; or was it the prelude to an all-out drive, even possibly landings on this farthest North of the Japanese bases?

The War Lords of Tokyo will ponder this one carefully, for it might be either. It is no secret that the United States has been building up Northern bases, including, no doubt, substantial improvements to the Aleutians.

The memory is said to be at its best between the ages of 11 and 14.

"OLD BILL"

New-fangled field telephone device but the same "Old Bill." It has been a great growi g season in Italy as Capt. Perry Cadegan of Glace Bay, N.S. (the man behind the moustache) can testify.

OTTAWA REPORTS

That Present Coupon Value of Maple Syrup Is At Rate of One Coupon Per Quart

Watching the weather signs, maple syrup producers are beginning to wonder about prospects for the coming season. Ottawa has nothing definite to report on that score, but with this commodity now rationed, Wartime Prices and Trade Board requires that producers collect coupons from their customers.

The rate, now in force, is one coupon a quart, (40 ounces), or four coupons a gallon. Come the first of June, when the main marketing period is over, the value will revert to 24 ounces per coupon. The coupon value of maple sugar, now two pounds per coupon, will remain in effect throughout the year. Gummed sheets for pasting up coupons are available at local ration board offices.

This season's prices per gallon for maple syrup set by Wartime Prices and Trade Board (producer to consumer, including container) are: Canada fancy $3.40, Canada light $3.15, Canada medium $2.90, Canada dark $2.65, Canada ungraded $2.40.

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Farm families who have not used their preserves coupons will be able to use these to obtain extra canning sugar when summer comes 'round (at the rate of one half pound for each coupon), in addition to the ten pounds canning sugar allotted as last year. The first of this latter amount will be available June 1, and is obtained through surrender of ten F coupons in the present ration book.

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Last month's mild weather sent egg production soaring in all parts of Canada according to a report of the Special Products Board which buys for British contract purposes. Up to January 22 the total number of cars offered to the Board was 284 compared with 121 for the same period last year. All provinces shared in the increase.

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On selecting hatching eggs, Dr. S. S. Munro, Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, advises, "Don't incubate eggs weighing less than 24 ounces or more than 26½ ounces a dozen. Pullets hatched from the smaller eggs will tend to lay small eggs while large eggs will not hatch well on the average. Eggs with sound strong shells should be chosen."

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Fight down that urge to start indoor seeding that comes with the arrival of the first seed catalogue. About six to eight weeks before plants are set out in the field is about right time for sowing indoor seeds, accordin to agricultural experts. Further advice is to choose only the best seed of recommended varieties.

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Since May 1 of last year, subsidies on dairy products paid to milk producers throughout Canada have totalled approximately $25,000,000, Dr. A. E. Richards, Secretary of the Agricultural Food Board announced recently at the annual meeting of th Dairy Farmers of Canada. He stated that distributors and manufacturers acting as agents for the government in making claim for the subsidy and distributing the subsidy payments to their producer patrons are not paid for this service except for indirect compensation insofar as the subsidy has maintained or increased their volume of business. The whole program has been carried out without adding to the prewar executive staff of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

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Asked in the House of Commons if he has received any request from Britain to increase Canadian exports of butter, Hon. J. G. Gardiner stated, "Last year we shipped from this country to Great Britain since the beginning of the war, (7,000,000 pounds). The shipment was not made as a result of any intention on our part, or any desire expressed previously by the British Government. Our present position is that Britain desires all the cheese she can get from Canada, and has expressed no desire that we should take any milk from cheese production in order to produce a supply of butter for her. Our present intention is to follow her wishes in that regard, and to produce as much cheese as possible."

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FIRST PORTRAIT OF THE KING by a Canadian photographer is this camera study by Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa, reflecting the quiet, graceful courage and resolute strength of His Majesty, a spirit which throughout the war has been a symbol of hope and encouragement to the peoples of the British Empire. It is one of a series of photos of war leaders of the United Nations made by Mr. Karsh during his recent visit to British Isles. The King is wearing for the first time, on his sleeve, the insignia of the Fleet Air Arm.

Gyros Help to Keep Planes on Course

Electrically-driven gyroscopic flight instruments help keep airplanes on their courses under conditions so confusing that pilots "might fly in circles and not realize it," the American Institute of Electrical Engineers was told Jan. 27.

Describing the working of the gyroscopes, Albert Hansen, Jr., of the General Electric Company, explained:

"Any pitch, roll or yaw—that is, lengthwise or crosswise tilt or turn—produces an electric signal in the automatic pilot. This signal is amplified and converted into mechanical power which moves elevators, ailerons and rudder to bring the airplane back to its correct attitude and course."

VOICE OF THE PRESS

OVERDOSE OF NICOTINE

Reporting the theft of a large quantity of tobacco at Simcoe, The St. Thomas Times-Journal says the thieves must have "puffed" quite a bit in carying it away. On the contrary, we understand they used a plug to pull it. When he lit out they just stood by and watched his smoke. Or are we pipe-dreaming?

—Ottawa Citizen.

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THEY WON'T CHANGE

Tokyo announces that the Japanese policy on the treatment of prisoners will not change. No one expected it would. After all, a polecat retains the smell through life, unless it is subjected to a surgical operation.—Windsor Star.

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BETTER NOT TO KNOW

"Animals do think," asserts The St. Thomas Times-Journal. In that case, one wonders rather apprehensively what they must think of some human beings.—Brantford Expositor.

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SILENCE OF IGNORANCE

If folks refrained from talking about things they do not understand, the oppressive silence of this world of ours would become insufferable. —Kitchener Record.

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WILL BE NO TERMS

Goebbels says peace terms will never be discussed in Berlin. No, they will be settled in some small town where there is still a good hotel. —Brandon Sun.

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CAN'T BE WRONG

A Canadian in Italy has learned to forecast their weather; it the tops of the mountains are visible it is going to rain, when they are invisible it is raining. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Don't Worry About That Little "If"

If your efforts are criticized you must have done something worthwhile.

If someone calls you a fool, go into silence and meditation. He might be right.

If the world laughs at you, laugh right back. It's as funny as you are.

If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried nothing and succeeded. — "The Hub," Boston.

'FOLDUP' BOAT

Photos above show half-size, rough model of new assault boat developed by Travelodge Corporation, Lynchburg, Va., makers of pre-fabricated housing. Folded as in top photo, six of the new boats would occupy space on another ship taken by one of assault boats now in use. Transformation from flattened package to navigable boat takes three minutes, with no bolting necessary.

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REG'LAR FELLERS—A Family Affair

By GENE BYRNES