Huns Send 112 of Own Men to Death in Scuttling of Blockade Runner

Panic Breaks Out Aboard Trapped Ship

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A NORTHERN BRITISH NAVAL BASE, May 18—(Delayed).—The panic-stricken crew of the German blockade runner Regensburg set off scuttling charges and caused the deaths of almost the entire ship's company when intercepted in Denmark Strait recently by the British cruiser Glasgow.

(The Regensburg was one of two Axis ships attempting to break the Allied blockade of the after interception by British warships, an Admiralty communique said last Monday. The other was the 4793-ton Silvaplane, which was sent to the bottom 200 miles off Cape Finisterre, Spain. The entire crew of the Silvaplane was rescued.)

Aboard the Glasgow today Capt. E. M. Evans-Lombe and other officers told the story of how they were able to rescue only six members of the Regensburg's 118 crewmen.

JUMP IN ICY SEA

"I am convinced that the captain, officers and crew of the Regensburg must have been completely panic-stricken," Capt. Evans-Lombe explained.

"Survivors told how confusion reigned aboard the Regensburg when we intercepted the ship. When we fired a warning shot at the beginning of the action they said they thought they were being attacked by an airplane.

"It was sheer madness to scuttle the ship in such a terrific gale in a temperature which was below zero.

The Glasgow signalled the Regensburg to follow her, but, instead of obeying, scuttling charges were seen to burst out and the crew started leaping overboard into the icy sea in the face of a biting blizzard.

TWO TORPEDOES

No further signal came from the Regensburg and after a while the Glasgow opened fire with her four-inch armament. The Regensburg, loaded with rubber, did not go down immediately and the Glasgow polished her off with two torpedoes.

In the mountainous seas it was impossible for the Glasgow to launch boats for rescue operations.

Some members of the Regensburg's crew drifted alongside the Glasgow on floats, but they were frozen stiff in the intense cold.

The Regensburg sailed from Rangoon, Burma, three months ago.

Too Many Troops; No Liquor Permits

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VICTORIA, May 21.—Two of Victoria's three liquor stores were without permits this week with business sweeping past them to Humboldt Street, the only centre supplied.

Neither the Johnson Street nor the Esquimalt store has issued permits this week. Both report declines in liquor sales and all have temporarily adequate supplies of most standard brands on hand.

Demands of new servicemen in the area were believed responsible for the exhaustion of permits in the two stores which are more accessible to those in the forces.

RAIDS ON DAMS PRAISED BY KING

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL HARRIS

LONDON, May 21 — (CP) — Air Marshal Sir Arthur T. Harris, acting air chief, was received at Buckingham Palace yesterday and personally congratulated by the King for the mine attacks by the Royal Air Force on the Mohne, Eder and Sorpe dams in the heart of the industrial Ruhr Valley.

Tenant Pleads; Wants His Suite Rent Boosted

The case of the leaky roof came up again in the weekly rentals committee (which Judge C. J. Lennox insists is not a court), held every Thursday to hear complaints from landlords and tenants.

In this particular case the tenant complained that some of his roof shingles had been blown off about five weeks ago.

"The rain is coming in," he declared petulantly. "The roof is nearly all holes. It is very annoying and I want to know if something is going to be done about it."

In promising that prompt attention would be given the matter, Judge Lennox commented on the incident of the leaky roof which could not be repaired during a rainy spell and did not require repair when the weather was dry.

If the roof isn't repaired promptly, he promised, the rental must be reduced.

Spectators were amazed when one case was called and two tenants came forward to support the landlady in her request for higher rentals.

It transpired that this woman had two suites which she had been renting with sawdust but since this fuel almost disappeared she decided to burn coal.

One of her tenants eloquently voiced the differences in the cost of a unit of sawdust, which he placed at $3, and the price of a ton of coal, set by him at $12.

"This woman," he said, "will have to spend $144 a year with the installation of coal and she is requesting $30 monthly each for two suites which are now being rented at $24."

In promising to consider the request, the Judge suddenly asked the champion of the landlady's cause if he were the landlord.

The gathering was electrified when the urbane gentleman answered:

"No, sir, I'm one of the tenants.

All wasn't sweetness and light in the following case, however. Here the landlord, an elderly gentleman with flowing white locks, told of renting a suite to four persons, and on moving day he discovered that eight had taken possession.

"They were relatives visiting," the young woman tenant explained.

"They lived there for four months," contradicted the landlord.

It developed during repartee between the landlord and the tenant that there was but one toilet in the suite, which was open to the public, and was used by "the milkman, the breadman and all the customers of a lunch counter across the street."

The landlord countered that his tenants used an excessive amount of water for laundry purposes and burned an excessive amount of electric light.

"I have appealed to almost every source but the army to get them out," he complained, "but they just won't budge."

He was refused his raise. He left muttering savagely.

Tunis Defeat Cost Axis 30 Warships

LONDON, May 21.—(AP)—An Admiralty communique today said that 30 to 40 enemy warships and auxiliary vessels were sunk or severely damaged by mines during the Tunisian campaign.

Vancouver's 'Ghost Town'

Clock Has Stopped For 'Little Tokyo'

Little Tokyo, Vancouver's thriving pre-Pearl Harbor Japanese community, which overflowed with shops, stores and cafes teeming with Japs before their movement into the interior, still resembles a western ghost town set within a big city, a year after the Jap's departure.

Last year Powell and Cordova were jammed at all times with Japanese, chattering, shopping, loafing and milling around.

DESERTED STORES

Now Little Tokyo is quiet. Its shops and cafes are boarded-up and padlocked. Everywhere there are hastily written signs, little notes, pasted on the doors, "See ——— for further information."

Some shops are completely empty, others are littered with refuse and some are being used as storehouses. A few stores still have their displays in the windows, dust-covered and topsy-turvey.

The streets are empty, except for children playing on the sidewalks and a few adults. The only time Little Tokyo sees the activity of former years is when the workers from North Vancouver shipyards stream off the ferry.

SLUMS OCCUPIED

The odor has changed. Before, a peculiar smell was always in the streets. Now the atmosphere is more like the rest of Vancouver.

A Vancouver Sun reporter counted 82 empty shops and 32 being lived in by new tenants. Forty rooming houses and 14 shops had been taken over by Chinese and whites.

Thirteen stores are padlocked and two are condemned as unsanitary for human habitation. One of these condemned stores with the health authorities' sign still on, was being used as a second-hand store.

Little Tokyo's "slums," long rows of two by four rooms extending from street to lane, are now occupied by white tenants.

CLOCK STOPPED

The modern T. Maikawa Stores Ltd., the largest department store in Little Tokyo, is being operated by a custodian. The top of the store has been closed down and the bottom altered by the new tenant. A large savings and trust bank is being used as a storehouse for beds.

The big clock of the Furuya Co. is still hanging over the street, stopped at five past five. Below, there is a large Japanese restaurant empty, unlocked and the electric lights still on.

A storekeeper, who took over a Japanese confectionery, said that business is good in the district. He believed that the city as a whole is better off without Little Tokyo. "The Japs have always been a source of trouble," he said. The only Japanese still in Little Tokyo that he knew of was the wife of a white man.

Tale in Reverse

Railway Train Misses Man

DOWNEY, Cal., May 21—(AP)—Forty cars of a freight train passed over him. Then Glen Robertson, 18, got up and shook his fist at the receding caboose. Robertson said a companion pushed him and he fell from the depot platform in the path of the train. He flattened himself between the rails, and suffered only a scratched leg.

Cash, Watch, Ring, Whisky Stolen

John W. Treuse, 1715 Dunbar, reported to police that a woman's wrist watch and a diamond ring valued at a total of $800 were stolen from his home.

Someone took $165 from Emil Dufloth of Woodfibre while he was drinking in city beer parlors, Thursday.

A gasoline ration book and $8 comprised the loot of a prowler in the suite of Miss M. Kelman, 1154 Gilford.

Two citizens lost bottles of Scotch whisky to thieves Thursday.

One bottle disappeared from the office of Dr. T. C. McAlpine, 18 West Hastings, and the other was missed by Seaman John Kirk, RCN, after he drank beer with a man who claimed to be a newspaper reporter. Kirk said he left the beer parlor table to get some cigarettes. And on his return the man and bottle were gone.

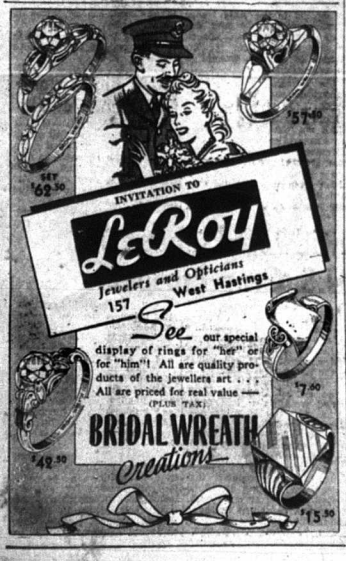
Lawyer-Soldiers To Get Parcels

Vancouver Bar Association is not forgetting the 35 of its 90 members in the armed forces who are on duty overseas.

For many months there has been a campaign, under the direction of A. G. D. Crux, to keep these 35 Vancouver barristers outside of Canada in close touch with what is going on at home by means of letters.

Now the Association is going a step further and is raising a fund to send parcels to their "learned brothers" abroad.

Stanley Connell, aged 19, has been appointed organist of two church parishes in Northern Ireland.



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