

Captain Tells Of Ship Bombing At Tsingtao

(Editors Note: The following eye-witness account is the first direct word from Tsingtao on the bombing and strafing attack on two American ships there. The dispatch was filed by the captain of a U. S. ship which was in Tsingtao).

(By Captain D. E. Noble)
Master of the Pacific Far East Lines ship New World Victory. (Distributed by Associated Press)

Aboard the New World Victory in Tsingtao, China, (AP)—At noon Feb. 27 three Nationalist planes appeared over Tsingtao and after circling the city dropped a stock of bombs over the industrial area and near the local power plant.

Then heading out over the docks and harbor, they dove on two American ships at anchor and dropped bombs and strafed same—the Pioneer Dale and the Flying Clipper.

These ships immediately put to sea although the planes did not bomb the dock area where my vessel was loading. The planes disappeared about 1 p.m.

Two planes seemed to be of the P 51 type and a third a two-engine aircraft of unidentified type. The bombs dropped were small.

Business was resumed as usual after the raid.

Agriculture Dept. Sells Potatoes At One Cent Per Cwt.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Potato growers may have to cut down on production next year or do without government price supports.

Before passing a House-approved farm bill Monday, the Senate tacked on several amendments, one of which cut off all price supports for spuds in 1951 unless rigid marketing quotas are set up. Less restrictive production

"Big Mo" Captain Takes All Blame For Grounding

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Capt. William D. Brown, commanding officer of the battleship Missouri, said yesterday "I and I alone bear the sole responsibility" for her grounding last month.

"As captain of the ship, it was my duty to keep her safe and secure. I didn't do it," the 47-year-old officer told a naval court of inquiry.

This dramatic reversal of Brown's previous defense tactics came as the court opened its 18th day of sessions designed to fix responsibility for the grounding which occurred in Chesapeake Bay, January 17.

When Brown took the stand in his own defense February 18 and February 20 he testified his "team of officers" fell down when he "needed it most" January 17, and he felt "utterly alone as far as assistance from my team of officers was concerned."

Yesterday, he stood tall and straight before the court and reading from a prepared statement said:

"I feel, and I feel it strongly, that despite all of the numerous shortcomings of others which have been revealed in this courtroom, I could have and should have, kept the ship in deep water."

The decision to place the ship on the course that took her aground, Brown said, "was made by me, without the positive concurrence of anyone in the ship."

controls are in order for 1950.

The Senate also directed the department of agriculture to sell at cost the whopping big pile of surplus potatoes it has collected in the current price support program. The department already has started selling potatoes back to farmers at one cent a hundred pounds provided they are used as stock feed or fertilizer.

Heintzleman Seeks Seattle To Alaska Auto Ferry

SEATTLE, (AP)—It should be possible to drive your automobile onto a seagoing ferry in Seattle and drive it off in Southeastern Alaska, B. Frank Heintzleman said here this week.

The chambers of commerce of Juneau and other Alaska cities want to see that become a reality and Heintzleman has promised to survey the possibilities while "Outside."

Another thing he has to do is try to raise \$10,000 here from merchants, wholesale houses and industrialists having commercial relations with the Territory, to help Juneau build a library. The town itself has raised \$60,000, and \$70,000 is anticipated in matching funds from the federal public works program authorized by the last Congress.

Both undertakings were accepted by Heintzleman because he had to come Outside anyway on his annual mission to Washington, D. C., to be on hand when interior department appropriations are taken up by Congress. He is regional forester for the Territory.

"Alaska now has 2,600 miles of highway into the interior, and a lot of it is being blacktopped by the Alaska road commission," Heintzleman said.

"Alaskans feel that many more tourists would come up if they could drive their cars right onto a ferry, and have them there to use when they got off. We understand such ferries are operating between the Hawaiian Islands, between Miami and Cuba, and between Boston and New Brunswick.

"Many might like to make a circle tour, coming back by way of the Alaska Highway. The Hart highway, Prince George to Dawson, is expected to be opened this summer, cutting off 500 miles, and making it unnecessary to go

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TRIPOD ERECTED AT NENANA

The tripod on the Tanana was finished yesterday, according to advises from F. W. Avery.

It was erected by Slim Avery, Butch Grundidge and Boots Anderson. The tripod is all ready for its coat of red and white paint. The ice where the tripod is setting is forty inches thick and the water is very low in the Tanana, but there is lots of snow in the surrounding area which should make lots of water at the breakup.

through Edmonton."

Heintzleman said he doubted that flat-bottomed ferries of low freeboard, like the old Golden Gate fleet, would do, even if converted to staterooms. He pointed out they would have to cross open water to Queen Charlotte Sound. Something like the Puget Sound Navigation Company's motor vessel Chinook would be necessary. Heintzleman will confer with steamship lines here on the possibilities.

Regarding Juneau's library, Heintzleman said it is now housed in two inadequate rooms in the City Hall. He will ask the Carnegie Foundation in New York to

FINE PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR BOOSTER BANQUET

Joe Hunt, of the Service Barber Shop, who has been making the arrangements for the Stag Dinner honoring the Basketball Team has announced that the dinner has met with splendid response and will be well attended tomorrow evening at the Pioneer Hall.

John McNees of the Nome Beverage Co., toastmaster, is reported to have a fine program lined up for the banquet.

Piping an officer or notable aboard a ship is believed to have originated in sailing days when visitors often had to be hoisted aboard in a boatswain's chair in heavy weather and the pipe was used to signal the men handling the ropes.

help stock the proposed new library. The Sears Roebuck Foundation has agreed to supply books for a circulating library, he said. They would be carried to small fishing and Indian villages by the small boats operated along the Alaska coast by public agencies. Rotary clubs of Juneau and Ketchikan are co-sponsoring this.

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