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### U. S. Flyers Striking At Japs in Aleutians

Washington, June 13. — (A. P.) — American army and navy aviation, striking whenever the dirty weather of the far north permitted, were at work Saturday to break the Japanese from their fingertip hold on the outermost end of the Aleutian island chain stretching westward from Alaska.

The progress of operations, however, was obscure.

The Japanese landing at lonely Attu was the only achievement salvaged from Nippon's grand scale offensive attempt in the north Pacific. The southern wing of that offensive was broken and sent limping away in the action at Midway.

Most naval men apparently inclined to the view that no real threat to Alaska was involved. Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, told reporters at Baltimore that the Japanese action was of "no real importance" and might even become an enemy liability.