

Wake Island's Marines Still Holding Out

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that 700 of the workers, mostly taken from California to work on army and navy base construction, were captured at Midway and 400 at Guam.

Later an official spokesman at the navy department said the navy had no information that Midway and Guam had been captured by the Japanese.

It said that the navy estimated that another 10,000 building trades workers had been taken to Honolulu in the past year or so for defense work and that so far as was known all were safe.

Defensive Areas Designated. Mr. Roosevelt had a number of announcements today pertaining to the war, including the designation of eight defensive sea areas on both coasts.

The areas include the waters near Portland, Me., Portsmouth, N. H., Boston, Narragansett bay,

San Diego, San Francisco, the entrance to the Columbia river, and the strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget sound.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed also: That Prime Minister Churchill of England and Lord Beaverbrook had sent him a telegram offering to help the United States to meet material shortages in any way possible, and specifically offering the output of three shell plants in Canada. This offer is being studied.

The treasury reported that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday advance orders for 100,000 of \$5,592,000, up 126 per cent over the corresponding period of last week.

Blows at Japs Elate U. S. The nation, elated by three smashing blows at the power of the Japanese fleet, kept its eyes today on the savage fight of a "devil dog" garrison to hold Wake, and on the increasingly fierce battle for the Philippines.

The naval successes announced in the past 24 hours—three enemy warships sunk and a fourth badly damaged—were especially sweet to the man in the street. They represented the first thumping down payment on the Pearl harbor score, and they provided a fighting answer to the Berlin-Rome declarations of war.

On the immediate home front, the "remember Pearl harbor" drive to gear the entire nation to total war went forward with realistic recognition of the fact that yesterday had officially added Germany and Italy, Tokyo's two axis partners, to the country's foes.

Automobile Cut Ordered. The government ordered a sharp reduction in the production of passenger cars and began studying whether to halt entirely the production of automobiles for civilian use, thereby freeing skilled men and materials for the war effort.

Another \$10,000,000,000 arms appropriation was ready for a vote in the senate, which had tacked an extra \$2,000,000,000 on the amount approved earlier by the house. Of the additional sum, \$500,000,000 in contract authority was earmarked for more navy planes.

Pan American nations rallied beside the United States in the war against Germany and Italy just as they did against Japan. Five declared war upon the European axis leaders yesterday within a few hours of the formal actions in Berlin, Rome and Washington—Costa Rica, Cuba, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

Bowling Leagues Asked To Buy Defense Bonds

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Secretary E. H. Baumgarten of the American Bowling congress today asked the 18,000 bowling leagues in the national organization to put their league prizes in United States defense bonds and stamps. The A. B. C. has purchased \$15,000 in bonds and plans to convert most of its reserve fund into such securities.

African War Decision Sought in New Drive

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mand announced by Prime Minister Churchill yesterday.

The communique indicated that British and Indian advance forces are within 60 miles of the axis supply port of Derna, which the Italian high command said was under bombardment by British naval units while British bombers reached still farther west and

Italian Cruiser Sunk. The British admiralty announced today that a British submarine had torpedoed and "probably sank" an Italian cruiser in the central Mediterranean.

In an attack at dusk on three Italian cruisers heavily screened by destroyers the submarine made three hits, the communique said.

Falling visibility and a rough sea made accurate observation difficult," it added, "but it is considered that one of the enemy cruisers probably sank as a very violent explosion followed a few minutes after the attack."

Varied Reactions to West Blackouts Noted

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tial industries can operate." Radio Silencing Explained. Radio stations yesterday were ordered off the air except for officially designated stations—at 2:15 p. m. because of cloudy weather.

When the weather is clear enough to permit contact flights there is no need for radio silence, officers explained, because hostile planes would not need to use radio waves as beacons to guide them in. But in cloudy skies, the radio waves would be of great value.

British Columbia had announced discontinuance of blackouts until further notice. U. S. officials said the decision may have stemmed from two reasons: there are few vital defense industries in British Columbia, and the Canadians are better prepared to give air raid alarms than the new American civilian defense organizations.

Plane Plant Blackened. Meanwhile, painters completed blacking out the myriad windows of the 42-acre Boeing Aircraft plant, using 1,747 gallons of black paint. Company officials said the plant henceforth would work all shifts—"except for emergency instructions from the second interceptor command."

The coast guard in Seattle announced start of photographing and fingerprinting an estimated 20,000 persons whose work calls for boarding ships in the harbor, including business men, long shoremen, fishermen, etc.

American-born Japanese in Seattle formed an emergency defense committee to cooperate with federal and civic defense agencies. Mrs. Ethel Chepwig, 19, wife of an American sailor on duty in the Pacific, was fined \$25, which she elected to spend in jail, for disorderly conduct growing out of her part in Monday night's Seattle riot which resulted in window smashing by a mob of 1,000 persons.

SANTA CRUZ HAS SCARE IN LONG BLACKOUT

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Residents along a 40-mile stretch of shoreline breathed easier today after a three and one half hour blackout and a hurried evacuation of about 1,000 persons from the waterfront district. Soldiers went from door to door

and instructed householders to turn out their lights, lock the doors and move 1,000 yards or more inshore. The blackout was termed 100 percent effective.

Excitement was heightened during last night's blackout and evacuation when a large eucalyptus tree burst into flames for an unknown reason. The blaze was extinguished quickly.

Authorities said the tree had not been set afire as a signal. The tree was about a mile and a half northeast of Santa Cruz in an area inhabited by Japanese berry pickers and other equipment were destroyed.

LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO HEAR RAID ALARMS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—(AP)—San Diego had its third blackout of the war and Los Angeles its second alert early this morning but the all clear signals were given an hour later.

San Diego was ordered blacked out at 2:35 a. m. and 12 minutes later Los Angeles was put on the alert.

"There's something out there (off San Diego) and we thought we'd better put on an alert," a spokesman for the army information service said. He did not identify the something.

Los Angeles' first alert last night, intended only for the police and sheriff's deputies but misdirected into a blackout warning, confused Angelenos far more last night than the city's blackout the previous evening.

Col. H. S. Fuller of the army's information service said the alert was intended only for civil officers, to prepare them for possible blackout or air raid warnings. However, "signals were mixed up," he added, and sirens screamed and radios were ordered silenced. The all clear signal was given an hour later.

ALASKAN DIES OF HEART ATTACK DURING ALARM

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 11.—(delayed)—(AP)—(passed by censor)—A well-known Alaska hotel operator died of a heart attack during an air raid alarm today as the city rushed wartime defense preparations.

John D. Dehany, 58, who ran an Iliamna resort, a stopping place for Bristol bay airplane travelers, before building a hotel at Naknek two years ago, died at a hospital where he was convalescing from an operation two weeks ago. His physician blamed the air raid alarm for a heart attack.

Port Richardson officials announced no more evening blackouts would be held but that before-dawn blackouts would continue. Most store, shop and home windows were blackened and many had plywood and chickenwire protection over them.

A group to extinguish incendiaries was being formed.

Heroism of American Fliers Hit Jap Navy

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ner, of the army air corps, who "distinguished himself by his daring attack on a Japanese air detachment at Aparri yesterday morning."

"When attacked by five pursuit planes," he said, "he shot two planes out of the air and machine-gunned 12 on the ground, leaving five burning. Wagner ended his terse report by saying 'my gas was running low so I returned home'."

Other Heroism Recounted. Admiral Hart's announcement said that Lieut. C. A. Keller, piloting a big plane, sighted the Konggo or a ship just like her off northwest Luzon and held contact a long time despite frequent anti-aircraft fire.

Other planes arrived and Lieut. Commander J. V. Petersen and other pilots in the attack group pressed home the assault under heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The announcement said they made "at least one hit and we think two. The ship was definitely out of control and we are sure she was seriously crippled."

"There was no fire when she was last seen so she may have been able to return to port."

"Hitler Gang" Ouster Still Russia's Goal

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hicles and other equipment were destroyed.

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Ousting of "the Hitler gang" and a joint Moscow-London-Washington agreement are listed here as prerequisites of any peace between the soviet union and Germany, for which feelers have been reported from Berlin.

David Zaslavsky of Pravda, the official communist party newspaper, cited these conditions in an editorial, saying: "The Hitler gang is ready any day to sign a peace with Russia if only our government would talk with them."

New army gains on both the southwestern front and at the center before Moscow, where Germany's high command is declared to have substituted Field Marshal List for General Von Bock, were announced by the soviet information bureau in a Moscow broadcast today.

(A Pravda report also broadcast today from Moscow said soviet cavalrymen had "recaptured" an area containing about 300 villages" in the Olets area south of Moscow.

"Germans are hiding in attics, cellars and even in chimneys," the newspaper declared, "in the hope that they will be able to rejoin their units under the cover of darkness."

London commentators expressed belief that local Russian drives were developing into a full scale counterattack along the whole line against the frost-bitten German legions maneuvering now, by Berlin accounts, to dig in for the winter.

If there was a ruse in the German announcement that large-scale warfare would be discontinued until spring, they said, the red army's seizure of the initiative apparently doomed it.)

Hitler "Lie" Nailed

Soviet Russia will fight Germany to the end and is fully confident that the United States can defeat "the Japanese aggressor," official statements wireless abroad from Moscow declared today.

The soviet information bureau meanwhile issued a statement which declared Hitler's alibi that an early winter forced cessation of the German offensive was "a lie from beginning to end."

"On the contrary," it said, "the weather has favored the Germans as the advent of winter this year has been late and slow. It is not the terrible frost but our valiant red army that now inflicts defeats on the German fascist invader while frosts, real Russian frosts, are still ahead."

The Berliner Tageblatt article containing the peace feeler asserted that Moscow was ready for peace if Germany guaranteed not to occupy Russia and abandoned the policy of attempting to annihilate communism.

Pravda lauded the United States for firmly taking "its place in the anti-Hitler front" long before formally being at war with Germany. It is said of the Japanese war that "the Japanese aggressor has plunged into a very hazardous adventure which bodes him nothing but defeat."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—There was a definite optimism here over the attitude taken by Russia in rejecting German peace feelers and announcing that no peace would be concluded without the acquiescence of the United States and Britain.

Although the Russian attitude toward Japan remained indefinite, the fact was considered not without its strategic advantages. As long as Russia's final stand is in doubt, Japan is compelled to immobilize considerable strength to equalize the threat of the red forces in Siberia. And with Russian bases only 600 miles away, Japan had no lasting assurance that her own cities might not get a return dose of Pearl harbor tactics.

Turkeydom Aristocracy Struts at Oakland

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impossible, it was decided last night at the meeting of the Northwestern Turkey Breeders association, which sponsors the show. Officers were reelected as follows: E. F. Strong, Oakland, president; Henry W. Domes, Ricksreal, vice-president; Mrs. O. C. Brown, Dixonville, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Willard Herman, Harrisburg; Ward Cockeram, Oakland; A. D. Hudson, Tangent; Ervin Rice, Oakland; directors: E. G. Young, Oakland,

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general manager. An exhibit of dresses made from turkey feathers was an entertainment feature Thursday afternoon, with Barbara Ott Orr of Roseburg winning first place.

The display of turkey dresses excited much interest, particularly among women visitors at the show. The judges were Mrs. Charles Lamb, Portland; Mrs. John Sayer, Halsey, and Mrs. H. A. Watzig, Roseburg.

More Winners Listed. Nearing the completion of their work, the judges today announced the winners of the turkey dress contest as follows:

- Bronze: Old tom light, K. L. Crossland, Grandview, Wash.; old tom heavy, M. M. Lyons, Portland, Oregon; young tom light, Leslie Schneider, Newberg, Ore.; young tom medium, M. M. Lyons; young tom heavy, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arnett, Shedd, Ore.; old hen light, Bill and Bernice Chase, Aurora, Ore.; old hen heavy, M. M. Lyons; young hen light, Vivian Lyons, Portland, Oregon; young hen medium, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arnett, Shedd, Ore.; young hen heavy, Henry Mikeke, Yoncalla, Oregon.

White Holland: Old tom, young tom, old hen, young hen, all to Henry W. Domes, Ricksreal, Ore. Narragansett: Old tom, young tom, old hen, young hen, all to Strong's, Oakland, Ore.

Bourbon Red: Old tom, Roy Trull, Oakland, Oregon; young tom, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crawford, Roseburg, Ore.; old hen, Ward Cockeram, Oakland, Ore.; young hen, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crawford.

Black: Old tom, no placing; young tom, old hen, young hen, all to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arnett, Shedd, Ore.

4-H club: Bronze young hen, bronze young tom, both to Donald Brumbach, Roseburg.

Battle in Philippines Becoming Hotter (Continued from page 1)

med their objectives." Japs Issue Counter Claims. Imperial headquarters of Japan announced in a communique broadcast by the Tokyo radio that a minesweeper of the empire's navy had been sunk and another minesweeper and a light cruiser damaged in operations around the Philippines, while "nine Japanese naval planes have been lost," some in human-torpedo attacks, and one other aircraft was missing.

Domei said Japanese authorities denied the battleship Haruna had been sunk off northern Luzon, saying American bomber crews apparently mistook the damaged cruiser for the battleship.

Against the Japanese losses, the Tokyo high command asserted that 202 U. S. warplanes had been destroyed in the Philippines, including 77 shot down.

Jap Efficiency Noted. The Japanese attack on the Manila-Cavite area was made by a large number of planes flying high above the anti-aircraft gun range.

Admiral Hart said the technique and efficiency of the Japanese were of a very high order and that "all in all it must be consid-

ered that the Japanese raid was successful from the Japanese standpoint."

He told newspapermen the Japanese were using two types of bombs, incendiaries—and they work!—and fragmentation bombs.

Admiral Hart said he had received no word of the activities of United States submarines, but added: "When the news comes it should be big news."

The admiral said that the raiders did "very great damage" at Cavite and damaged some small ships tied up at the pier. Other small ships were pulled away and escaped damage, he said.

"There was considerable loss of life, more among the civilians in the city of Cavite than among the naval personnel."

The afternoon announcement at the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. Far Eastern army, said 113 Japanese bombers were counted in the morning raids on the Philippines and that 11 were reported shot down.

In Malaya and Hongkong. In the Far East, where Japanese troops are striking into northern Malaya for a drive against Britain's great citadel of Singapore, a British communique reported: "There has been no change in Malaya or Hongkong in the last 12 hours."

Advices reaching London, however, said Japanese troops were moving into the Kedih frontier area of northwest Malaya and that British forces had withdrawn into prearranged positions.

At Hongkong, where British forces were reported under heavy Japanese pressure, some British advanced forces were acknowledged to have withdrawn toward Kowloon, in the mainland section of the Crown colony, the capital city, Victoria, is on Hongkong island of Kowloon.

Chinese forces were reported to have launched a powerful offensive along the Kwangtung front to relieve Japanese pressure on Hongkong. A China radio broadcast said the attack started two days ago, with 15,000 Japanese already killed and wounded.

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