

### 23 Found Guilty of Millwork Racket

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Twenty-three defendants convicted of conspiring to create and continue a monopoly of the millwork industry in four San Francisco bay area counties are scheduled to appear before Federal District Judge St. Sure December 22 for sentencing.

The 23, including several wood-working companies and various units of the A.F.L., United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, were convicted by a federal court jury yesterday.

In addition to those defendants convicted of the anti-trust law violations, 25 other defendants who pleaded *nolo contendere* on the same charges are also to be sentenced, Dec. 22.

Each defendant person may be sentenced under the law to one year in the county jail or a \$5000 fine imposed, or both. The defendant organizations are subject to fine.

Government witnesses testified that the unions and bay area woodworkers firms prohibited millwork and patterned lumber from being brought into the bay area from other states and sections of California.

### I Saw

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ter, was toastmaster. Truitt's choice for this exacting office was a peculiarly happy one, inasmuch as Oakland is his home town. Two brothers, Wendell and Roy, reside there, while the show queen, Bea Truitt, and her sister, Ruth Ella, one of the attending princesses, are his nieces.

The show, as usual, was a good one. Let us most earnestly hope that prosecution of the war, in which we so unexpectedly found ourselves on its opening day, does not interfere with its annual recurrence.

By the way, Barbara Orr was just in the office, with the information (startling to me, but to no one else, I guess) that the gown of turkey feathers she had modeled Thursday afternoon at the turkey show, was one she had made herself, and not one of the exhibit from Ramona to which I had credited it.

"After all," she told me, "I worked hard on that dress for over two months; besides, I have told so many people that I had made it, I don't want them to think I was lying about it!"

Well, at any rate, Barbara, I picked it for the winner before the judges did.

The dress, incidentally, will be on display in the windows of Fisher's store during Sunday and Monday.

### Nazi Army of 750,000 Smashed by Russians

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port difficulties." In the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow, Pravda said German counter-attacks were repulsed and the nazis were driven back behind their starting points, sometimes in such rout they could not take their wounded, arms or equipment.

Hitler May Attack Fleet A British source said today that the bulk of the German air force, which is reported being withdrawn from the Russian front, might be concentrated for a terrific assault on Britain's Mediterranean fleet.

Axis attempts to defend north Africa are doomed unless a supply route across the Mediterranean is opened, this informant said. "Certainly Hitler, after seeing the initial successes of Japanese air attacks on the British and United States fleets, won't hesitate to throw in hundreds of planes if he thinks they would mean the difference between victory and defeat in north Africa," he declared.

The prospect that the nazi fuhrer, horribly sick of bloody losses and bitter hardship suffered on the frozen steppes of Russia, may have decided to lash out in another direction found these supporting opinions:

1. Britain announced that she was sending immediate aerial reinforcements to the middle east—evidently to meet a new threat, since British armies already had the Germans and Italians on the run in north Africa.

2. German dominated Bulgaria, which had remained neutral and hence legally not entitled to serve as a base for German operations, declared war on Britain and the United States.

Nazis Admit Retreat 3. Germany has officially announced that her armies in Russia were withdrawing to "new defense positions" for the winter—possibly a subterfuge to mask the shifting of these forces to the middle east.

4. Russian reports of new German "peace feelers" to Moscow, which the soviets have bluntly rejected, indicated that Hitler wanted to free his hands for another military venture.

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### OUR BOARDING HOUSE



### With Major Hoopie

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trations have been reported from time to time on southern Bulgaria, including her Black sea ports, in position for an attack on Turkey if that country refused to permit transit of nazi legions across the Turkish "land-bridge" between Europe and the middle east.

6. In this connection, observers recalled with new meaning President Roosevelt's declaration that the defense of Turkey was essential to the defense of the democracies—a statement made by the president last week in disclosing that U. S. lease-lend supplies have been flowing into Turkey.

Mopping Up In Libya The fuhrer's most urgent need was in the middle east theatre, where latest dispatches from north Africa reported that British mobile columns sweeping 50 miles or more beyond Tobruk were inflicting havoc among scattered German-Italian forces attempting to escape toward Derna or Benghazi.

The rout of Gen. Rommel's German north African corps appeared almost complete as British imperial headquarters reported: "Our main forces continue their advance west and northwest from the area south of Gazala."

Both the German and Italian high commands spoke of "increasing enemy pressure" in the Libyan desert struggle.

### Guam Regarded Lost; Manila Defense Holding

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waves of Japanese bombers in spectacular dogfights over the Philippine capital.

The war department in Washington said in a later communique that the one issued at Manila that Japanese aircraft had bombed Cebu, south of the concentrated defenses on the island of Luzon. The Japanese plan was described as one to establish "improvised air bases" outside ground defense areas.

In Manila, U. S. high commissioner Francis B. Sayre broadcast an urgent appeal to the United States for "help before it is too late."

However, he made it clear that "we are in the fight to stay," despite the heavy pressure of Japanese air and sea-borne invasion forces.

A bulletin from the Manila headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Mac Arthur, U. S. army commander in chief of the Far East, indicated that Japanese forces attacking the Philippines had failed to gain any new bridgeheads on Luzon island.

"The situation on the ground has not changed," the communique said, adding that "mopping up in the Lingayen area has been concluded."

5th Columnists Battled Manila itself experienced a wild gun-blazing night in which sentries and police battled fifth columnists who fired red signal rockets over the city.

Rifle fire crackled in the sections where the rockets were sent up, and sentries shot into several houses showing lights in violation of the city's rigid blackout.

In one district, a large clock atop a sign flashed on and was immediately shot out. The authorities have arrested more than 500 Europeans in a roundup of Italians and Germans. The axis nationals were ready with trucks packed and containers of food at hand.

ly bombed Nichols air field and native residential sections. American defense pilots attacked from above the planes and then swung up from below to get a second crack at them, the dispatches said.

First reports said several Japanese planes were shot down. Claim 3rd Warship Sunk Meanwhile, Tokyo naval headquarters, silent on official U. S. reports that Japanese warships had fled to avoid battle with units of the American Asiatic fleet, claimed the sinking of a third United States battleship—the 32,600-ton Arizona—in action off Hawaii.

The Arizona, launched in 1915, has a normal complement of 1,358 officers and men.

Previously, Tokyo had listed the battleships Oklahoma and West Virginia sunk in the surprise air attack on Pearl harbor, Honolulu, last Sunday.

There was no confirmation elsewhere on the Japanese claim of the Arizona sinking. In Washington, the navy withheld comment, evidently in line with the policy that either denial or confirmation would give information to the enemy.

Reuters, the British news agency, quoted a Domei dispatch from Shanghai as saying Honolulu had undergone six Japanese air raids within nine hours after Secretary of the Navy Knox arrived there. There was no confirmation of the report.

### 14 German Spies Convicted After Long Trial in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The conviction of 14 tight-lipped defendants accused of supplying military information to Germany today capped the government's drive against one of the most fantastically operated spy rings in recent history.

Against a backdrop of the day-old war between the two countries, the 14-week-long trial ended today with a comparatively speedy verdict. A jury of nine men and three women deliberated only eight hours before finding the 14 guilty on both counts of an indictment charging conspiracy to avoid registering as German government agents and conspiracy to deliver to the nazi government vital American defense secrets.

The verdict carried a maximum sentence of 22 years. Federal Judge Byers said in his 23-hour charge to the jury that it was "unfortunate" that war started during the trial, declaring it was "probably no exaggeration" to say the defendants had "manifested deep sympathy for Germany."

Those convicted were Herman Land, 40, a Norden company employee; Conradin Dold, 35; Heinrich Eilers, 42; Paul Scholz, 41; Franz Josef Stigler, 34; Erich Strunch, 32; Adolf Walischewski, 50, all employees of American Steamship Lines; Frederick L. Duquesne, 63; Rudolph Ebeling, 43; Edmund Heine, 50; Josef Klein, 38; Carl Reuper, 37; Leo Waalen, 34; and Axel Wheeler-Hill, who admitted he was paid to report ship movements in the U. S.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Dr. Clarence W. Greene, president of Albany College of Portland since 1938 has resigned.

At request of the board of trustees he had remained on the job two months after expiration of his contract.

The board is discussing a successor.

### 7 Killed, 40 Hurt In Explosion at Ordnance Plant

BRUNELINGTON, Ia., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A terrific T. N. T. explosion, which destroyed a melting unit of the Iowa ordnance plant and killed at least seven men, left officials today with even greater confidence in the construction soundness of the \$60,000,000 defense project than before the tragedy.

More than 40 other men were injured, a score seriously, in the blast yesterday, which rocked this southeastern Iowa area for miles and left a heap of dead and dying in the debris.

Declaring "I don't know," a fiddler's charge, Lieutenants Adamson, cited the strategy of the sign.

Stock and Averages

STOCKS				
Compiled by Associated Press				
Dec. 13.				
	30	15	15	60
Saturday	54.1	13.6	26.5	39.6
Prev. day	54.1	13.6	26.5	36.9
Month ago	57.2	15.5	29.4	39.7
Year ago	63.3	16.2	34.7	44.2
1941 high	63.9	19.0	35.5	45.0
1941 low	53.6	13.4	26.2	36.6
BONDS				
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Saturday	59.5	103.6	99.5	41.8
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MARKETS PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—

Open High Low Close				
May	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.03
Dec.	1.00	1.00	.97	.97

GASCO BRIQUETS, ALL HEAT, NO ASH at PAGES. (adv.)

Japanese Troop Ships, Italian Cruisers Sunk (Continued from page 1)

mand 75 miles off Cape Patani, in peninsular Thailand.) A communique said a Dutch naval unit annihilated a Japanese post on the east coast of Borneo.

A flying boat of the royal Netherlands navy drove off three enemy aircraft, damaging one, in an air fight in the South China sea.

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The navy has issued no six-day figures.

Another official announcement was that the combined British and Chinese forces had been driven northward across the Thailand frontier into Burma.

The British and Chinese first crossed the Thailand frontier toward Chiengrai, about 30 miles from the border, the dispatch said.

The road through Chiengrai is one of the most feasible routes for an advance upon the Burma road.

Tragedy Attends 4th San Francisco Blackout (Continued from page 1)

day and all radio stations were ordered off the air from 5:30 a. m. to 7:15 a. m. after naval intelligence commander R. M. Fortson reported "unidentified planes off the southeastern coast."

Capt. C. P. Mason, commanding officer at the naval air base, said he could not reveal the sources of his information, but added "this is not a test blackout. This is serious so far as we are concerned."

The big naval air station on the St. John river was blacked out immediately as was the headquarters of the army's fourth observation group at the municipal airport.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The city council yesterday passed blackout regulations providing a \$150 fine and a six-month jail sentence for violation. The council said it planned to buy additional warning sirens.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Three bonfires at a Willamette river terminal pierced Portland's blackout yesterday.

Police found soldiers, on guard duty, around the bonfires, and reminded them of blackout regulations. "But we have to eat, don't we?" replied the soldiers.

PENDLETON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—

Violators of a blackout ordinance adopted yesterday by the city council will be subject to fines up to \$500, six months in the city jail, or both.

The ordinance also sets up rules of conduct for observance of blackouts.

### Oregon's Cantonment Projects Lack Funds

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The war department at Washington said today it announced whether to finance future plans regarding cantonments, three of which remain to be constructed on the west coast. Contracts for others also have been let, but funds are not yet available pending a new war appropriation.

Lieut. Col. Harold D. Stetson, assistant zone constructing quartermaster, told the northern California council of the Associated General Contractors of America that the three major construction jobs yet to be completed in this area are three cantonments, each designed to house 33,000 men, at Marysville, Calif., and Medford and Corvallis, Ore.

In Australia there is an earthworm that attains a length of nearly 12 feet.

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