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It is indicated in a dispatch from the far east today, with the prediction that it will turn the tide of battle in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. Watch for the big news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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PHILIPPINE ARMY WINS ARTILLERY BATTLE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS YOU'RE familiar, of course, with the old saying that runs something like this: "More haste, less speed."

There are interesting (even sensational) hints in late dispatches that both the Germans and the Japs have been making too much haste for their own good.

THE Japs are booming into the South Seas with irresistible force. Everywhere—from Manila, from Malaya, from Sarawak, from Davao—the reports have told of overwhelming numbers of Jap planes, Jap ships, Jap troops, Jap tanks.

Obviously, their purpose has been to get into the South Seas with the "mostest men fustest." It is undeniable that they have succeeded in that purpose.

BUT ominous rumors are coming from China. Something approaching calamity has happened to the Japs at Changsha. So precipitate has been their retreat before the Chinese there that they have left behind hundreds of their dead for the Chinese to dispose of.

Chinese troops are reported fighting in the outskirts of Canton (only a short distance back of Hongkong) and of Nanchang, from which both rail and water routes lead to Shanghai.

Jap prisoners say SHORTAGES of food and supplies were the main factors in the Japanese collapse at Changsha.

THE implication back of these Chinese reports is that the Japs have put EVERYTHING THEY HAVE into their gamble in the South Seas, hoping to knock us out before we can get started.

If they fail—Well, that's part of the gamble.

THERE are rumors of internal troubles in Germany. Some of these rumors have told of placing of machine guns in anticipation of possible attempts at revolution.

The Nazi foreign office is said (Continued on page 2)

REDS SEIZE OREL, KEY CITY; BRITISH TAKE SALUM, LIBYA

Hitler Forced To Quit Base At Smolensk German Troops Pouring Into Italy in Plan to Hit at Malta, Report

By the Associated Press Russia's armies were unofficially reported today to have recaptured the key rail city of Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow, where a force of 200,000 Germans was believed virtually encircled by the southern claw of a giant soviet pincers aimed at Smolensk.

The British Exchange Telegraph agency quoted Berlin sources as saying Adolf Hitler already had moved his field headquarters from Smolensk, 210 miles west of Moscow, to a city in southern Russia.

Hitler's high command admitted that the battered German armies had been thrown back to the Valdai hills, the upper starting-point of last October's German drive against Moscow which the fuhrer boasted would be the "last great, decisive victory" of 1941.

The Nazi high command also reported quickening action on the southern (Ukraine) front, where the red armies of Marshal Timoshenko are driving to recapture Kharkov, the Russian "Pittsburgh."

A five-day offensive of red army troops to recapture Povechno, north of Lake Onega on the eastern front, was crushed and two soviet infantry regiments and a ski brigade were virtually exterminated, a Finnish war bulletin said today.

British Capture Salum The capture of Salum, tightening Britain's encirclement of holdout axis troops in the Hal-faya sector, was announced by British middle east headquarters today as imperial vanguards more than 300 miles to the west pressed on the retreating enemy's heels.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 axis troops were believed to be isolated in the area near the Egyptian-Libyan border.

Salum had been used by the axis only as an outpost because its harbor is dominated by British artillery and the British also have long held the nearby Salum barracks. Capture of the village, therefore, was important chiefly as strengthening the siege of the axis forces.

A British military commentator said the loss of Salum had (Continued on page 6)

Eager for Revenge on Japs



George Ryan, second-class seaman and one of the heroes of Pearl Harbor, lets a sign do his talking as he recuperates at a Mare island, Calif., hospital.

Auto Dealers Air Plea to House In "Death Sentence"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Organized automobile dealers told a house committee today government orders curtailing the production of automobiles and freezing sales of cars and trucks constituted a death sentence for their business, unless relief is provided.

Their case was presented by Ray Chamberlain, of Washington, executive vice president of the National Automobile Dealers association, as the special house committee created to study problems of small business opened its hearings.

Several hundred dealers from throughout the nation, and close to 100 members of congress were present as chairman Patman started the hearing.

Chamberlain suggested that the government permit the delivery of all bona fide orders dated prior to January 1, 1942, and that if new car prices are frozen, a formula providing for a handling charge and a freight mark up be used; that prices be fixed to enable dealers to "retrieve a fair return" for handling, and that all cars and trucks produced except those for military service be handled through dealers regardless of their ultimate destination.

Government price officials are working on a plan to fix maximum prices for used tires after laying down a ceiling on charges for tire retreading to halt "exploitation" of the public.

Leon Henderson, the price administrator, announced the retread price schedule in a statement saying that profiteering in the used and retread tire business had become so flagrant it "cannot and will not be allowed to continue."

The schedule goes into effect next Monday and Henderson said it would be followed shortly by an order limiting the resale price of used tires.

Persons retreading or top capping the tires commonly used on low priced passenger cars may charge no more than \$7.50 if best grade camblock is used, or \$6.45 if they work with second grade camblock. Retreaders apply new rubber on tire tread surfaces and side walls, recappers to only the tread surface. Both use a material called camblock.

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Corvallis Power Service Hard Hit By Storms, Thaw

CORVALLIS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Telephone company work crews from throughout the northwest and from California were resetting poles and restringing wires today in the Corvallis area to repair the damage of last week's storms and sleet.

The first Western Union line to Portland in six days was opened yesterday.

Telephone company officials said the line from here to Albany would need to be virtually rebuilt and that a similar situation existed between Albany and Eugene.

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South Douglas Mills Get Army Lumber Contracts

The Tiller Mill and Lumber company and the Ingham Lumber company, located at Tiller and Glendale, are among a group of southern Oregon sawmills which obtained contracts at the lumber auction in Seattle last week, it was reported today.

The federal government is buying approximately 100 million board feet of lumber for army cantonments at Medford and Colorado Springs, Colo., and southern Oregon mills have contracted to supply about 20 million feet. The orders principally are for green fir, and shipments are scheduled to begin about Feb. 5.

No Draft Evasion for Men Wedded After Dec. 8

Jap Units Smashed, Routed; Dutch Lash at Foe on Tarkan

Oil Wells On Borneo Island Left in Ruins

Hint Given of Coming Counter-Blows to Repel Invasion of Malaya

(By the Associated Press) Dutch bombers were reported slashing today at a Japanese invasion armada off the Japanese-conquered island of Tarkan, Dutch north Borneo, as cheering word spread that Anglo-American reinforcements were en route to the new Far East battle zone.

Simultaneously, British dispatches declared cryptically that an important announcement could be expected at any moment "which may change the Malayan situation considerably in Britain's favor."

Taken together, these seemed to indicate that powerful allied counter-blows may soon be struck.

Washington military observers further pointed out that the Mikado's invasion hordes, striking in Malaya, China, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies, had now spread out dangerously thin and become vulnerable to a concerted allied counter-stroke.

Dutch East Indies headquarters at Batavia acknowledged that its garrison at Tarkan had been compelled to surrender in the face of overwhelming odds, but said Japanese conquest of the tiny, oil-rich island off the northeast coast of Borneo was "very costly to the invader."

A small part of the garrison escaped, it was announced.

Authoritative quarters said the small Dutch garrison "fought bravely for two days" until Japanese sea-borne and parachute troops "literally overran the place."

As many as 20,000 Japanese were said unofficially to have been thrown into the assault.

The garrison's chief function, these quarters said, was to hold (Continued on page 6)

Heads Annapolis In Navy Changes



President Roosevelt's naval aide, Rear Admiral John R. Beardall, above, is the new head of the United States Naval academy. He was appointed to succeed Rear Admiral Russell Willson, who became chief of staff to Admiral E. J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet.

Ship Torpedoed Off Nova Scotia; Loss of Life 94

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A large steamship has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine 160 miles off the Nova Scotia coast within the last 36 hours and survivors reaching here estimated 94 lives had been lost. Eighty-nine were saved.

The sinking was nearer the North American coast than any hitherto rescued.

Of those rescued 66 were Chinese and 23 were white. Four white crewmen and about 90 Chinese crewmen and passengers were lost. Most of those lost were victims of near zero weather while afloat on rafts and small boats.

Although Japanese submarines have operated within sight of the United States west coast and submarines have been reported within sight of Newfoundland, this is the closest sinking that has occurred in the battle of the Atlantic.

Dennis P. Carroll of Southampton, England, one of the survivors, said the ship went down 20 minutes after she was hit by a torpedo on the starboard side about 7-30 p. m. and by a second torpedo soon after from the port side.

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11 Japanese Batteries Put Out of Action

Luzon Invaders Suffer Heavy Losses; U. S. Boat Burned Off Alaska

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—American and Filipino artillery batteries have "proved definitely superior" to the Japanese, the war department said today in announcing that columns of enemy tanks, other armored units and infantry had been "shattered and dispersed" in a 24-hour battle.

Eleven Japanese batteries were silenced and others were forced to fall back under relentless shelling by the American-Filipino guns in defense positions on the Bataan peninsula west of Manila Bay, the department said.

(The usual artillery battery in the world's armies consists of four guns. On this basis the report from the Philippines would credit the defenders with wiping out 44 field guns, a considerable measure of fire power in the comparatively small fighting area.)

Japanese losses were called "heavy" while that of the defenders were labeled "relatively slight."

Japanese dive bombers supported the enemy artillery fire, the morning communique said, but there were no enemy bombing attacks on the fortifications at the southern tip of Bataan or Corregidor island, the guardian of Manila Bay.

Boat Burns Off Alaska Destruction by fire of the army transport Clevedon in Alaskan waters was reported by the war department.

The ship, a combination passenger and freight vessel of 7315 tons, was said to be a total loss, but all personnel were saved.

The cause of the fire is being investigated, the war department said, without indicating whether it was believed to have resulted from enemy action.

Arrest of 3 Boys Clears Burglaries

Arrest of three 17-year-old boys by city police officers last night cleared up two recent burglaries in dwellings from which owners are absent, Chief of Police William Moar reported today.

Owners of the residences, Moar said, are absent from the city while engaged in defense work, the burglaries being discovered by neighbors who had been requested to watch over the properties.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. ISABEL WEBB, who, with her daughter, Ethel Webb, lives at 1240 Harrison street in Roseburg. Mrs. Webb is celebrating her 98th birthday today.

Born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1844, she came to America when she was 9 years old, and has lived in Roseburg for the past 31. She has five children, two of whom, Ethel Webb and Mrs. Angie Fenton, live here. She also has two great-grandchildren, of whom she is justly proud.

The following poem in honor of Mrs. Webb's birthday is contributed by Mrs. Stella Spencer of Roseburg:

I know a little lady— She's ninety-eight today, And that's a lot of birthdays For one to tuck away.

Air Raid Wardens Will Meet for Re-Zoning Plan

All civilian defense air raid wardens assigned to duty in the city of Roseburg are urged by Harry Pinniger, defense coordinator, to attend a meeting to be held at the chamber of commerce office at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

The meeting, it is reported, is for the purpose of re-zoning the city and making definite assignments and to give further information on duties.

Due to the fact that assignments are to be prepared at this meeting, it is particularly important, Mr. Pinniger states, that all men on air raid warden service be present. Any wardens who are unable to attend should report in advance of the meeting and show willingness to accept assignment and thus establish their continued presence in the city and readiness for service, the coordinator states.

U. S., Uruguay Execute Lend-Lease Agreement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The United States and Uruguay today signed a lend-lease agreement, whereby this country will supply military and naval goods to the South American republic.

The Uruguayan ambassador said he could not reveal the amount of aid involved, but it was rumored to be between \$17,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

Signing of the lend lease agreement was the second major accord signed with a Latin American power within the past 24 hours as a pact for military collaboration was approved yesterday between Mexico and the United States.