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WAR—

In all its intensity and horrors, is now the highlight of daily news, and will be for time indefinite. Your home-city daily, the NEWS-REVIEW, will be first, as always, with the news in the local field.

BLOODY BATTLE FOR SINGAPORE CONTINUES

U. S. Urged To Rush Help To Pacific Area

Singapore's Fate Must Be Offset, Nation Told; Dutch Given Army Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Grim congressional leaders told the nation today it must do its utmost to offset the impending loss of Singapore by redoubling efforts to get quantities of planes, tanks and guns to the East Indies, Australia and Burma.

This earnest admonition followed a fresh demand on the country's existing military resources by the dispatch of U. S. army contingents to the Dutch island of Curacao off the northern coast of Venezuela.

The troops reinforced the Dutch units which have been guarding the highly important oil refinery centers on the main island of Curacao and on Aruba, another island in the colony.

This move was another tacit reminder of the unpredictable, worldwide character of the war, for the Curacao colony lies well behind the anglo-American shield of bases commanding the southern approaches to the Caribbean and thus would seem protected adequately enough already.

Past Mistakes Heeded

However, American and Dutch military authorities evidently decided that this was not sufficient because of the possibility of a destructive sneak raid, and the garrisons were reinforced.

The decision bespoke a determination not to repeat in this hemisphere the costly mistakes of the Philippines, Singapore and other key Pacific points where inadequate garrisons have helped make possible spectacular enemy successes.

Envoy Warns America

United States citizens were warned by Admiral William H. Standley, new U. S. ambassador to Moscow, that "America can be licked" by the axis. In an interview at San Diego, Calif., Standley pleaded for "absolute unity in our war effort."

"We've been too damned successful in previous wars," Standley said, "other countries thought

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ADD San Diego to your list of boom towns. Its population on January 1 was estimated to be 276,000. The 1940 census gave it 203,341.

An increase of approximately a third in a little less than two years is something.

SOME idea of the character of the new population may be gained from the fact that the city now has 44 trailer camps.

These mushrooming institutions are causing considerable worry to residential property owners, and the city council is considering an ordinance to require permission before a new trailer camp can be established.

IF the sight sought is in a residential district, the permit would be granted only after an open hearing at which property owners could present their objections.

THE burgeoning growth of trailer camps, of course, is a reflection of the fact that San Diego's new population is made up extensively of defense workers.

Add to these a steady increase in army, navy and marine corp personnel and you will get a picture of what has been happening here since the war clouds began to roll up on the horizon.

IN 1940, bank debits, generally accepted as a fair measurement of the money passing over counters in trade, amounted to \$688.

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Change Leaders Whenever Bungling Endangers War Victory, Landon Urges In Keynote Address to Republican Party

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Lincoln day rallies open the republican party's congressional election campaign today with a keynote set by Alf M. Landon—a call for "new leaders" whenever victory is endangered by official bungling.

The 1936 republican presidential nominee charged the administration with treating the war as "just another political alphabetical project." He spoke to a Lincoln day dinner here last night which was the forerunner of dozens of similar gatherings over the nation tonight.

Wendell L. Willkie speaks at Boston tonight, Thomas E. Dewey at New York, Senator Taft at Knoxville, Tenn., and other high party members in other cities. Additional Lincoln dinners will be held tomorrow and Saturday nights.

Landon demanded a 25 per cent cut in non-military appropriations and a ban on war profiteering. He declared that "every citizen owes it to his country to give the president wholehearted support in his prosecution of the war," but added that President Roosevelt had failed to make clear "the staggering sacrifices" ahead.

"In the end," he said, "our great and comparatively unspent resources of materials and men must triumph. But that triumph must not be delayed or even threatened by incompetent and unskillful leadership, at home or on the battlefield.

"In this great national effort we might take a leaf from the book of our English cousins. Their determination to win ultimate victory never changes. But they do change leaders, in the field or at home, whenever bungling management of their wars endangers military success."

NATION HONORS MEMORY OF GREAT LIBERATOR

(By the Associated Press)

President Roosevelt drove to the Lincoln memorial beside the Potomac today to honor, on the anniversary of his birth, another president who was the leader of his people in time of war.

Mr. Roosevelt stood bareheaded while a military aide placed a wreath at the base of a statue of

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Cut in Use of Tin As Food Container Will Begin March 1

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A sharp reduction in the supply of tin cans posed a fresh war-time problem today for America's housewives, already facing sugar rationing, doing without silk hose and walking to the store to save tires.

The war production board announced that after March 1 such common products as pork and beans, coffee, dog food, beer, tobacco and oil must not be packed in tinned containers. Use of tin cans for certain "secondary" and "special" products will be restricted to the 1940 output, and the manufacture of small-size cans will be eliminated.

No limit was set, however, on the use of tin for preserving such perishable products as important fruits and vegetables, tomato juice, milk and fish.

Tin is on the list of critical metals as a result of the war in the Pacific. America customarily has obtained most of its tin from Malaya. WPA experts estimated that the new order would cut the use of tin by can manufacturers as much as 40 per cent, saving at least 15,500 tons a year.

Assurance that "the public need have no fear that there will be any shortage of the essential food products" came from Paul S. Willis, president of the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America. He said that warehouse stocks of canned goods were so large that the public could not notice the effect of the order for some time. Meanwhile, research experts are working on substitute packaging methods, Willis said.

The secondary food products, cans for which will be limited to last year's number, include apples, peaches, pineapples, prunes and other fruits and vegetables not regarded as of primary importance. Special products covered by the order take in medicinal, chemical, dental and industrial supplies.

Nazis Again On Offensive Against Reds

Foe Repulsed in Ukraine, Berlin Says; RAF Raids Mannheim, French Ports

(By the Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler's high command asserted today that German, Rumanian and Croatian troops had driven back the Russians on the Donets river front where the red armies have been storming at the gates of Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine, and other key cities.

The nazi high command said mixed air forces, "continuing their attacks, threw the enemy further back in spite of stubborn resistance."

It was one of the first times in many weeks that the Germans claimed they had again taken the initiative, although soviet front-line dispatches this week have noted a gradual stiffening of nazi resistance after two months of steady retreat.

Russia, however, claimed further gains by the red army against Hitler's divisions in the winter offensive and said guerrillas had wiped out 1,462 German soldiers during January in the Leningrad district alone.

The Berlin foreign office, seeking to justify measures taken to control irregulars behind the lines, declared resistance of the Russian population in German-occupied territory was such that it could not be overlooked by "any army in the world without endangering its own security."

RAF Hits At Nazis

The German city of Mannheim and the nazi-held French ports of Brest and Le Havre were RAF targets last night, the air ministry at London announced today.

The attacks were, respectively, the 52nd the RAF has made on the industrial center of Mannheim; the 112th on Brest, where the German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst and the cruiser Prinz Eugen have been reported taking shelter, and the 66th on Le Havre, a port where the nazis have large oil storage tanks, and which they may be using as a base for submarines.

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45 Hostages Face Nazi Death Decree

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The nazi authorities in occupied France have ordered execution of 45 Frenchmen as hostages if the instigators of two recent attacks against Germans in the occupied zone are not discovered within the next few days, it was learned here today.

Large numbers of other Frenchmen face the threat of deportation to nazi work camps in Poland.

The first reprisals, at Rouen, were announced last Saturday, when 200 persons were arrested for what was described as a thwarted attempt to blow up a nazi-occupied army building.

(The Vichy dispatch made no mention of German reprisals for the four latest anti-nazi demonstrations which were reported yesterday—the bombing of a German officers' mess and of three headquarters of the extreme rightist "social revolutionary movement," which favors collaboration with Germany, all in the Paris area.)

Youth Draws Ten Months For Theft of Tires

The fact that magistrates in Douglas county do not plan to deal lightly with tire thieves was evidenced today when Justice of the Peace T. L. Weaver imposed a sentence of 10 months in the county jail upon Donald Lawrence Costello, 21, Sutherlin, who pleaded guilty to a charge of petit larceny. State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported that Costello admitted theft of a pair of used automobile tires at the Alpine lodge near Canyonville. He was apprehended by the state police and taken before Judge Weaver at Canyonville for sentence.

Publisher Gets State Budget Job



Oregon's new budget director, named by Governor Sprague, is George K. Aiken, above, newspaper publisher and former mayor of Ontario. Aiken, whose salary will be \$5,000 a year, also served for several years as a member of the state game commission. He is a republican.

Bad Eggs in Cake Lead To Govt. Prosecution

SPOKANE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Russell C. White didn't like the cake his wife baked in their Portland home, and the Commercial Creamery company of Spokane is defending itself in federal court because of it.

White, inspector for the U. S. food and drug administration, said he took a sniff of the cake and immediately asked where the eggs for it had been obtained. He testified in court yesterday that the retailer said they had come from Spokane. Several cans of processed eggs were "putrid," White said.

The Spokane company is charged with shipping adulterated processed eggs to Portland.

Two Destroyers, Cruiser Added to American Navy

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Three new fighting ships were added to Uncle Sam's rapidly expanding navy today with the launching of two destroyers at the Philadelphia navy yard and a cruiser at Camden, N. J.

At both scenes, the fanfare that usually accompanies the launching of ships was dispensed with because of war-time regulations. Officials, after congratulating the sponsors, hurried back to busy desks.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A RELIC, passed from generation to generation from the night of April 14, 1865, which had as its beginning that fatal time when Abraham Lincoln attended Ford's theatre to view the performance of one Edwin Booth, pre-eminent actor. The world knows, now, what he saw.

The relic (pictured in the little frame on the table above) is a portion of the drapes which decorated the box in which Mr. Lincoln sat, on that night. It has been preserved throughout these years by Mrs. Cynthia L. Knickerbocker of Avon, Illinois, whose husband, after having served

Scorning Surrender Demand, Defenders Take Heavy Toll

Japs Await Aid for New Bataan Blow

Attacks on MacArthur Halt Because of Series Of Costly Repulses

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A lull in the Philippine fighting was reported today by the war department which said the enemy evidently was reorganizing forces and awaiting reinforcements before resuming the offensive on the Bataan peninsula front.

The invaders meanwhile have occupied the island of Masbate, near the center of the Philippine archipelago, a communique said, indicating the first recent extension of the Japanese occupation of the islands.

The Japanese are appealing to the Filipino farmers as "dear brethren," the communique said, to return to their farms and resume work on sugar and other crops.

Jap "Friendship" Spurned

Reports reaching General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters indicated that the farmers evicted by the invaders had crowded into Manila or hidden in the mountains to escape harsh treatment. As a result of the consequent shortage of laborers, food supplies are becoming scarce, it was said.

Authoritative advices from Manila.

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Japanese Ambassador to France Killed in Fall

PARIS (From German Broadcasts), Feb. 12.—(AP)—Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese ambassador to France and former minister to Canada, was injured fatally last night when he fell from a window of the embassy building.

(Kato, 52, played a major role in the negotiations whereby France last summer permitted Japan to establish her armies and air force in French Indo-China.)

The ambassador was seized by a shortage of breath while opening a window. He fell into the embassy yard and died shortly after being moved to a hospital.

Kato formerly was counselor of the Japanese embassy in Washington.

U. S. Navy Gets Criticism From Canada Official

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario, noting he had been criticized at Ottawa for saying that the United States fleet "is in hiding," declared today that "the trouble is that we can't face the facts—the Japanese have a much better navy than the United States."

"The navy secretary (Col. Frank Knox) said the navy was seeking contact with the enemy. If they haven't been able to find them, I'll tell where they are," Hepburn told a Toronto gathering.

"They're right at Manila, surrounding a gallant force of American troops. They're at Singapore and at Shanghai, where the once-proud U. S. marines are now being humiliated by being forced to draw rickshaws through the streets."

"The fact is they're afraid to make contact because they haven't the supremacy they boasted of over the alleged tissue-paper navy of Japan."

Hepburn said that the United States was the only country Japan feared, and that therefore he believed it possible Japan would invade Canada within three months in order to block a direct attack by the United States on Japan itself.

"Any disillusion as to the Japs' strength and fighting capacity have now been dissipated," he added.

Soviet Aid Need Stressed

Turning to the European war, Hepburn said Germany's superior productive and mechanical ability would give her a considerable advantage over the Russians for a spring offensive unless the soviet receives aid from the united nations.

"If the shipping losses continue at the present rate, it is problematical whether we'll be able to get sufficient supplies to them," he declared.

Labeling the European situation as "not so bright" as newspapers led their readers to believe, Hepburn asserted:

"Our future is not so bright and it may become even worse. We may eventually become slaves of the axis. Don't say it can't happen here. France had the best army in Europe, and now there are 45,000,000 Frenchmen under subjugation."

Sinking of Another Tanker Disclosed

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The third naval district announced Wednesday the sinking by an axis submarine of the Standard Oil company tanker W. L. Steed off the coast of New Jersey on February 2.

The sinking was revealed when three survivors of a crew of 38 were landed here Wednesday. Three lifeboats containing an ungiven number of men still are missing.

The 6182-ton tanker was built at Quincy, Mass., in 1915. She was 416 feet long and her home port was Wilmington, Del. She was considered almost a sister ship of the tanker Allan Jackson, which was sunk January 18.

Eugene Thief Takes New Tires, Leaves Poor Ones

EUGENE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Somewhere in Eugene is a thief who is considerate, and who has an eye toward national defense.

C. W. Brest, 1588 Patterson, told city police today that someone had removed two practically new tires from his truck, but was kind enough to substitute other tires in their places.

The substitutes? They're quite old and almost useless, but they're tires!

Nippon Lunge Penetrates City Suburbs

Japanese Planes Blast At Ships Attempting to Rescue Women, Children

(By the Associated Press)
British defenders of Singapore launched four desperate counter-attacks against Japan's siege armies today and the Singapore radio told empire listeners—with music—that radio communications were still in British hands as 8:30 p. m. (6:30 a. m. P.W.T.)

Dispatches reaching London said one of the counter-attacks was successful. The other three failed.

An hour after the musical broadcast, which indicated that the city had not yet fallen, the Singapore radio proclaimed defiantly: "We are not only going to fight. We are going to win! We shall emerge from this struggle."

The broadcast said the Japanese radio was attempting "to obscure the real position on the island of Singapore behind extravagant claims"—an apparent reference to Tokyo assertions that all but two nests of resistance in Singapore itself had been wiped out.

Flames Ravage City

Singapore lay under a black pall of smoke from a hundred or more bomb-lit fires as bloody fighting raged ever nearer the heart of the city and Japanese dive-bombers smashed at a fleet of 25 rescue ships in Singapore harbor.

The Rome radio, whose reports have often been premature, broadcast a Tokyo claim that the Japanese flag was flying over Raffles square in the center of Singapore.

Simultaneously, a Tokyo broadcast said Japanese troops in the northwest outskirts of the city had launched an attack to drive out the British "remnants."

The Tokyo report implied that there had been a halt in the offensive while the British rejected a demand for capitulation and that the battle for the city had

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Pay Differential Cut in Favor Of Southern CIO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The national war labor board today narrowed the differential between wage scales in northern and southern plants of the Aluminum company of America by granting CIO workers in two southern plants a seven-cent hourly minimum wage increase.

The decision, of vital importance to virtually every southern industry because it sets a precedent to govern future board actions on altering the accepted lower standard for southern workers, was on a split vote, 7 to 4.

The four board members representing employers signed a dissent.

By another split vote the board granted higher pay for night shift workers at Alcoa's new Kensington, Pa., plant. It gave a three-cent hourly premium for the shift 3 to 11 p. m. A five-cent increase for the shift of 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Wayne L. Morse, who wrote the majority opinion in the north-south aspect of the long-fought Alcoa dispute, wrote the dissent on the night shift question, holding the night bonus should be higher as a "work incentive" essential to round-the-clock war time production. He was joined by the labor members, making the board tally 7 to 5.

Five plants and 18,925 workers were involved in the north-south dispute, a holdover from the old national defense mediation board.