

US Now Wars On Axis Trio

Yanks Pound Nippon Hard on Luzon and At Sea; ABCD Aids

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along the Kwantung front in South China to relieve the British defenders of Hongkong, announced that in their continuing two-day offensive 15,000 Japs had fallen.

To all this were added unofficial but reliable reports from Manila that the Philippine army had in fact even recaptured the region around Aparri itself and was driving the invader back into the sea.

The only American setback of any sort reported Thursday from Luzon—the key to all the Philippines—was mentioned in unofficial advances which stated that an airport near Ilagan, about 70 miles south of Aparri, had been seized by Jap paratroopers. But, it was added, the Philippine constabulary was preparing to assault the presumably small numbers of invaders there.

British bombers were reported heavily attacking Japanese landing forces which had gained a lodgement in the Malayan jungles to the north of Singapore and near the Thailand frontier. A communique announced that the British lines there were holding and that there had apparently been no further Japanese attempts to land in the Kuantan area 200 miles north of Singapore.

British Hongkong appeared to be holding firm; British headquarters said Japanese siege troops were being "trapped between impregnable forces," large Chinese forces closing in on them from the rear and left flank.

The naval forces of the Dutch East Indies were in action, having reached Singapore, and Australian air units based in the Indies bombed a Japanese air base on the island of Pobra, southeast of the Philippines.

Moreover, it developed that the great majority of the crews of the sunken British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse had been saved. Some 130 officers and 2200 men arrived in Singapore; missing were 595 officers and men, including the commander of the British far eastern fleet, Admiral Sir Tom Phillips.

Japan's chief claims were that 81 American planes, a submarine and a destroyer had been destroyed in Japanese air attacks on the Philippines and that 350 Americans had been captured on Guam Island. In all these operations, the loss of only five Japanese planes—an amazingly low figure—was acknowledged.

A German report said the Japanese had taken an important position on Luzon and that the Americans were falling back toward Manila.

Along with American plane losses, the Japs asserted that 86 British planes had been destroyed since Monday about Malaya.

The last great step by the government of the United States—to engage the axis in every continent and upon every sea if necessary—was accomplished by a declaration of war upon Germany and Italy. The senate voted 88-0 to war on Germany, 90-0 to war on Italy; the house voted 393-0 to war on Germany, 399-0 to war on Italy.

Island Raid Details Told

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Military Governor Walter C. Short suspended habeas corpus proceedings.

Blackouts were instituted for an indefinite period with heavy penalties for violation.

The Japanese consul was taken into custody while he was burning records. Dangerous areas were evacuated and the schools ordered closed indefinitely. Breaks in gas mains caused by the bombing were sealed and fires started in gasoline tanks were extinguished by heroic efforts.

Small craft were ordered detained in Kewalo basin and all ships were warned they would be fired upon if they approached Oahu island without permission. Saloons were closed indefinitely.

Food selling continued but sales were confined to normal quantities and gasoline sales were limited to a one-half a tankful at a time.

Restaurants remained open throughout the emergency, but any elaboration is not permitted by the censorship.

Military courts are now functioning, with most of the cases representing blackouts violations. As a result, authorities announced a "light-on penalty"

Santa Claus in Salem Portrayed by Kettles

"Santa Claus by proxy."

That's the traditional role played by the Salvation Army, through the medium of its Christmas kettles, in which contributions are now being deposited for Christmas and winter relief, according to Major G. Houghton, leader of the organization here.

"Santa Claus must not pass up a single house in Salem," Houghton asserted, "and the scores of clumsily scrawled notes from confident children, dropped in the mail box for Santa Claus and sent by custom to the Salvation Army for attention, present a real problem, which can be met only through contributions from local residents to the Army's Christmas projects."

Names of needy families are compiled carefully. And wholesome Christmas dinners and toys for children, as well as a winter relief program, will be provided worthy families, thanks to the generosity of the residents of Salem and their efforts to "keep the pot boiling."

Japs Allowed To Distribute Produce Crop

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In order to supply the needs of our civilian population.

Under the new regulations, any Japanese national in the continental United States may receive up to \$100 a month for living and personal expenses for himself and his family. The amount may come either from an employer or from the national's bank account, but the bank or the employer, or both, must make certain that the total amount from any source does not exceed that amount.

The treasury further ruled that Japanese nationals engaged in producing, marketing or distributing food or agricultural products may, with certain minor exceptions, engage in transactions normal to that business. However, a Japanese can not withdraw from his accounts, for such operations during any one week, sums in excess of the average weekly withdrawals during the last six months.

Salem Guard Answers Call

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guides of sergeant rank, one corporal company clerk, six corporal squad leaders; among privates, one cook third class, one cook fourth class, two cook's helpers, a motorcycle messenger, a bugler and 38 riflemen in platoons of 19 men each. All are to be armed with 30-caliber US army rifles.

Recalling Salem's military interests of more than 42 years ago when he as a youth signed his name on an army application blank in the capital city and wore the uniform into the Spanish-American war with Battery B, Gen. Baker listed the city's new company as "K" even preceding its organization. Thus it carried into the current conflict the name of Salem's best-known contribution to that earlier war, old Company K whose members went through the entire campaign together.

Baker left B battery, which was composed of Salem and other valley men, to go through the Spanish-American war with Troop A of the Oregon cavalry; later from the coast artillery he went into the World war with the 5th company from Albany and overseas with the 65th coast artillery; there he was transferred to the 101st trench mortar battery, 26th division, from Lewiston, Me., with which he served throughout the remainder of the war.

Between wars he has retained his military connections with national guard service.

Chinese Hit at Japs

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 12 (Friday) (AP)—Chinese troops attacking all along the Kwantung front to relieve Japanese pressure on Hongkong have inflicted 15,000 casualties on the Japs in a continuing two-day offensive, the China radio announced today.

of \$5,000 or five years at hard labor."

Civilians have responded excitedly with thousands volunteering for police work, patrol work, blood donations, and guard duty.

Military officials forbade Japanese to possess firearms, short wave receiving sets, wireless transmitting sets, and cameras.

Defense Group Moves Office

Forcing Blackout in Rural Areas Said Heaviest Problem

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farmyards are as taboo as street lights, and heavy sacks may be placed over barn windows so that early morning milking may continue, wardens notified early risers.

Cooperation of Salem merchants, many of whom ordered neon signs out at 11 o'clock Thursday night to make possible rapid blacking out of the downtown area in emergency was praised by the defense council personnel, who noted also the dark papermills, which hummed with activity behind heavy window shutters.

Pacific northwest radios went off the air at 2:15 pm Thursday for an indefinite period of silence. Defense office and newspaper telephones carried many queries from listeners who had heard varying directions from stations east of the Rocky mountains, and defense headquarters announced that all official notices as to blackouts in Marion county henceforth would come through its office.

A telephone is to be installed at the new defense offices in the armory this morning and its number will be released to the public as soon as it is established, Ed Colby, liaison officer, said.

In southern California Thursday night's blackout commenced at 9 o'clock to continue indefinitely. In British Columbia, the Associated Press reported, discontinuance of blackouts until further notice was officially announced although the populace was warned to be ready for an immediate blackout in case of an emergency.

Traffic lights of every character on the Oregon state highway system will be dark during all blackouts, both precautionary and emergency, the state highway commission announced in an official statement Thursday. Navigation lights on all highway bridges are to be dark until further notice on order of the coastguard.

Most of the lighted fixtures on bridges, in highway tunnels and in undercrossings also will be darkened permanently, officials said.

Until work of masking stop and go signals is completed these signals are not to be in operation on state highways, it was declared.

The survey of trucks and buses in Oregon, in progress through the state department for several weeks, is 80 per cent complete, according to announcement Thursday. War department notifications have advised the secretary of state to rush completion.

Governor Charles A. Sprague Thursday invited all members of the state defense advisory council to attend a meeting in Salem Monday of all defense coordinators from Oregon counties.

Meanwhile in Portland army recruiting was reported slackening slightly Thursday while navy and marine enlistments leaped upward. More than 1200 applications for membership in the nation's three armed services had been received there since Sunday, a number reportedly held down by limited processing facilities.

Graham, director, was expressed by Exalted Ruler Laban Steeves.

British Force Axis Retreat In Desert War

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (AP)—Steady, day-long pressure by main British and African mobile columns is pushing the retreating axis desert forces progressively northwest of the former Tobruk-el Adem battlefield in the Cirenaican desert, the British announced Thursday.

Some enemy units which took refuge behind defenses west of El Adem and south of Tobruk were attacked; British armored units also drove off a number of German tanks which tried to break up operations west of El Adem by Indian and English forces.

These appeared to be axis rear-guard actions.

A communique also said that Poles of the Tobruk garrison, now joined firmly with the main British forces in the vast desert battle ground, had stormed and taken two posts in the western Tobruk defenses to which some axis units still are clinging.

A communique reported discovery of a total of 37 abandoned tanks.

WU Debaters Score Third Straight Win

For the third consecutive year, Willamette university students took first and second places in the state extempore speaking contest, held Thursday night at Pacific university. Glenn Olds, senior from Sherwood, was first in the men's division, and Catherine Thomas, freshman from Corvallis, won second among women. Olds, who received \$15 prize money, won second in the competition in 1940 and won second in the Pacific coast extempore in 1939. Miss Thomas was second in extempore last spring in the high school contests here and at University of Oregon, according to Dr. Herbert E. Rahe, forensic coach.

Winner in the women's group was Norma Justin, Linfield college senior, while second man was Don Cate of Pacific university.

Charity Show Closes Stand

Before the second successive capacity audience the Elks' Christmas charity show closed a successful three-night stand in the Elks auditorium Thursday night.

Appreciation of the fraternal organization for the work of the Salem Civic Players cast and particularly the work of Miss Beulah

No Financial Clamps On Germans, Italians

SEATTLE, Dec. 11 (AP)—Federal reserve bank officials reported Thursday that they had no instructions to clamp down against financial transactions with German and Italian aliens, despite the declaration of war. Strict regulations against transactions with Japanese nationals were imposed Monday.

Service Clubs Give to Fill War Chest

Gifts of \$30 and \$25 from the Hollywood Salem Lions club and Willamette chapter 1181 of Bnai Brith, respectively, to the Marion county civilian defense council's war chest were announced Thursday by Tom Windishar, council vice-chairman.

Largest service club contribution to date, he said, was that of \$300 from the Salem Rotary club, which organization raised all but \$5 of the sum by voluntary participation of members at its Wednesday meeting.

Money thus provided to the defense council is to be expended only when requisitions have been approved by Coordinator Bryan H. Conley and the executive committee, Windishar said. Jake Fuhrer is treasurer.

Yankee Allies Move Rapidly Against Axis

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an prime minister had informed Herbert Claiborne Pell, the American minister at Budapest, that Hungary had broken off diplomatic relations with the United States.

The action was taken, the state department was informed, "in view of the solidarity of central European states" which the prime minister compared with the solidarity of the republics of the western hemisphere.

The prime minister added that the move was not taken with the intention of declaring war on the United States.

KUIBYSHEV, USSR, Dec. 11 (AP)—A Russian peace with Germany would be made only by joint agreement with Britain and the United States, Soviet officials declared Thursday night in announcing that Germany had put out peace feelers to the Soviet Union.

Salem Man Dies Of Heart Attack

George Albert Sherman, 45, died of heart failure at his residence, 764 North 15th street, about 5 a.m. Thursday. He was dead upon arrival of the first aid car.

Survivors are the widow, Elma; sons, Wesley and Everett of Salem; brothers, A. L. Sherman of Yakima, Wash., W. W. Sherman of Entiat, Wash.; sisters, H. Irene Brooks of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. J. J. Nilson of Entiat.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday from the Rose Lawn funeral home. Rev. W. Irvin Williams will officiate, and

US Preparing Citizen Draft

Men, Women, 18-65 May Be Registered For National Duty

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congress should enact legislation presenting the people with "a broad liability for registration and a narrow liability for service."

"I don't visualize five or six million men marching off to war, but we must try to be ready through a measured approach to the problem," he said.

"There is something to be gained by registering and classifying a broad group of people." Congress wrote into the selective service act last summer a restriction against dispatch of drafted men for service outside the western hemisphere.

With Japan's attack on the United States, the administration immediately asked for removal of this restriction.

When legislation to do this was brought up in the senate Wednesday, democratic leaders asked for its consideration but Senator Hiram Johnson (R-Calif.) objected. Under the rules, a lone objection meant that consideration must be deferred until Thursday. Johnson said he wanted to help President Roosevelt keep his pledge that an American expeditionary force would not be sent to fight on foreign soil.

When congress assembled at noon Thursday, Germany and Italy also had declared war on this country. Johnson took the floor in the senate and said "two momentous things" had happened since yesterday and that he offered no further objections. He left the chamber and was not present when the legislation was approved, 86 to 0.

Special messengers took the bill to the other side of the capitol immediately and the house approved it by a roaring voice vote.

In addition to removing restrictions on the area where selectees may serve, the legislation authorized the war department to hold them and all other army personnel in service until six months after the end of the war.

Knox Arrives At Honolulu

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox arrived at Honolulu Thursday afternoon.

This was announced early Thursday by the navy department which gave no other details. It had been known only that Knox was absent from Washington.

While all official information was lacking, the purpose of the secretary's trip apparently was to make a personal investigation of the smashing Japanese surprise raid on the naval base and other defense installations at Honolulu Sunday.

ritualistic services will be by Masonic lodge No. 50. Sherman was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Nazi Fliers Piloting Jap Planes in East

LONDON, Dec. 11 (AP)—A large percentage of the Japanese planes attacking the Malayan peninsula are piloted by Germans, the News Chronicle Singapore correspondents reported Thursday night. "Enemy plane losses from which the pilots were captured or killed established that a large percentage of the pilots are Germans," the correspondent said.

40 Mile Beach Rim Evacuated By Army Test

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Dec. 11 (AP)—Santa Cruz county was blacked out Thursday night and a large eucalyptus trees mysteriously burst into flame while more than 1000 persons were being evacuated from the beach area fronting the Pacific ocean.

The evacuation was reported as a comprehensive test by the army, but several trees on a high cliff in an area inhabited by Japanese strawberry growers suddenly burst into flame.

Women fainted at wild, unverified rumors that planes had been sighted approaching from sea, and that vessels were 160 miles offshore.

Soldiers went from door to door and ordered residents to put out their lights, lock their doors and hurry from the entire waterfront area.

Residents were requested to go 1000 yards or more from shore. Later the army broadcast over the police radio that the evacuation order was "temporarily cancelled."

Most of the people took the situation calmly, but some elderly persons and invalids were almost in panic. Theatres and churches in the district away from the waterfront opened their doors to the evacuees.

The removal area included the entire Santa Cruz waterfront, about 40 miles along the ocean.

The all clear signal sounded about 8 p.m. and street lights were turned on again. Police said the blackout was 100 per cent effective.

The region is about 100 miles south of San Francisco. The blackout extended into Monterey county and the cities of Monterey and Carmel, and the entire Monterey peninsula came under the blackout order.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11 (AP)—Sirens sounded a preliminary air raid warning shortly before 10 o'clock (PST) Thursday night.

South Oregon With 4th Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Mayor John F. Bean of North Bend was advised by Senator Charles L. McNary Thursday that southwestern Oregon was under jurisdiction of Lieut.-Gen. DeWitt, commander of the fourth army, San Francisco.

Everything possible now is being done to safeguard the area through protective measures, McNary added.

Aliens Warned By LaGuardia

Loyal Groups Advised To Show Patriotism; Long, Hard War Seen

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are now American citizens, there can be nothing but absolute, complete, undivided loyalty to the United States, without the slightest sentimental feeling toward Germany or Italy or Japan."

Forecasting "a long, hard war," the civilian defense head added:

"The hope and future happiness of millions, including Germans and Italians, depends on what we do."

He dismissed Mussolini as a ruler who wasn't even "playing second fiddle to Hitler—he's just carrying the boss' drum."

Mayor La Guardia left Seattle for the east via United Air Lines plane at 4:10 p.m. traveling via Portland, Pendleton, Boise and Cheyenne, he said he planned no stops beyond the normal plane halts.

Before departure, the civilian defense chief declared that "lost time in production and industry must stop. We must not paralyze industry because of blackouts," except in cases of actual air raids. "Why, if the nation is to be paralyzed for hours at a time like this," he added, "it is just as much help to the enemy as if bombs had crippled production. I am going to ask the army to devise the formula so that essential traffic can move and essential industries can operate."

List New Nazi Eastern Chief

KUIBYSHEV, USSR, Dec. 11 (AP)—Field Marshal Siegmund Wilhelm List has replaced General Fedor von Bock as commander-in-chief of the German armies on the Moscow front where the Germans have been trying for more than two months to advance against the soviet capital, it was announced Thursday.

Although it was not known whether von Bock was killed or recalled, the change was regarded as a result of the unsuccessful German offensive, and continuing Russian counter-drives said to be pressing the nazis steadily westward.

BACKACHE, LEG PAINS MAY BE DANGER SIGN Of Tired Kidneys

If backache and leg pains are making you miserable, don't just complain and do nothing about them. Nature may be warning you that your kidneys need attention. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking excess acids and poisonous waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 3 pints a day. If the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters don't work well, poisonous waste matter stays in the blood. These poisons may start nagging backaches, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, getting up at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes show there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills, used successfully by millions for over 40 years. They give happy relief and will help the 15 miles of kidney tubes flush out poisonous waste from the blood. Get Doan's Pills.

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