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## Battle Rage When Japs Land On Mindanao

### Nippon Stymie On All US Fronts In Pacific

#### Wake Repulses New Attacks; Cavite Hit

Fall of Hongkong Is Expected by British Despite Resistance

By The Associated Press

Violent fighting broke out on a new front in the Philippines today as Japanese troops effected a landing at Davao on Mindanao, big island south of Luzon where the invaders already had established beachheads at three points.

The Japanese in a terse communique issued by the US Far Eastern command at Manila, which said:

"It has been reliably reported that the Japanese are landing in force at Davao, and heavy fighting is being done all morning."

Davao is the center of the biggest Japanese settlement in the Philippines, and long has been watched by American and Filipino authorities as a possible danger point. It has been estimated that about 25,000 Japanese live in the area, and recent reports have said that many of these were armed and ready to rise up in support of an invasion attempt.

Announcement of the landing at Davao came as the Japanese apparently were stymied at two other points—at Wake island, where the American defenders were reported to have beaten off new assaults, and on the Malay peninsula, where the invaders were halted on the distant approaches to Singapore.

At Hongkong a tragic drama was running out toward some (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

#### Labor Parley Anti-Strike Effort Fails

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—President Roosevelt did not get the thrill Friday night that he had asked his war labor conference to give him, for the industry and worker representatives broke off their discussions temporarily without working out a formula insuring no strikes during the war.

And, as it has been in numerous recent labor disputes, the union shop issue was said to be the chief stumbling block to reaching an agreement. The negotiations will be resumed Monday, however, and William H. Davis, the conference moderator, expressed hope that they would yet be successful.

Mr. Roosevelt had told the conferees when they opened their discussions three days ago that they must reach an agreement, and added that it would be a "thrilling thing" if a unanimous agreement could be worked out by Friday night. Davis informed the president of the conference's failure to agree by the deadline, and told reporters the president asked that negotiations continue.

#### Blood, Cash Donated

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—(AP)—To the greater New York Red Cross war fund, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, donated: A check for \$1000 and a pint of his blood.



#### Four Stars



GEN. MACARTHUR

#### MacArthur Is Full General

##### Philippine Defender Second Field Leader To Get Coveted Rank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—A grateful nation Friday conferred the rank of full general on Douglas MacArthur, 61-year-old once-retired soldier who has conducted a gallant and adroit defense of the Philippines with slender military resources.

President Roosevelt sent to the senate a recommendation for promotion of MacArthur from lieutenant-general to the rank which has been held by only one other American field commander in wartime, General John J. Pershing, leader of the World War AEF.

Casting aside the customary

MANILA, Dec. 20—(Saturday)—(AP)—Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., first United States army hero in the war in the Pacific, was awarded the distinguished service cross posthumously today for sinking a Japanese battleship and the citation showed he fell to his death after ordering his crew of six men to save themselves.

routine, the senate unanimously confirmed the nomination a few hours later.

The son of a soldier (his father (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

#### Salem Firm Gets Housing Project Job

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 19—(AP)—The Viesko-Hanneman company, Salem, submitted the lowest of seven bids, \$229,389, on the Clackamas Heights housing project Friday.

Construction of the 100-unit, low-rent project is expected to start in January. It will be located one mile northeast of Oregon City.

#### State Will Transfer Jobs Service to Government

Oregon will comply as far as possible with an order from President Roosevelt for the transfer of state employment services to federal authority, Gov. Charles A. Sprague telegraphed the president Friday.

The president in a telegram to the governor directed that the state "transfer all present personnel, records and facilities required for this operation," explaining that the federal government was granting virtually 100 per cent of the administrative expense entailed in the employment service. His order indicated present personnel of the service, which is under merit rating, would be retained. Possibility that this order was but a prelude to instructions to

#### British Beat Japs' Malaya Offensive

##### Garrison at Penang Safely Withdrawn; Singapore Strong

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19—(AP)—The British have beaten the Japanese offensive in northwestern Malaya down to a substantial halt and the imperial garrison of the outflanked island settlement of Penang off the west coast has been safely withdrawn to aid in the continued defense of the distant approaches to Singapore.

This was the situation Friday night as described in official British announcements and it thus appeared that the fall of Penang—inevitable under the circumstances—had been far from a total loss.

Its military strength remained intact, perhaps to aid in strengthening the new British line along the Krian river some 300 miles north of Singapore. Only two Europeans were left on the island—British physicians staying behind under any hazard their immemorial profession.

Not only was British military personnel brought out, it was stated, but all of Penang's military equipment likewise was salvaged.

For 24 hours up until this morning the invaders had lain panting in the difficult terrain of the mainland—marshy along the west coast of the peninsula and harsh (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

#### Fag Tax Row Burns High

##### Snell to Keep Petition Off Ballot; Grocers May Go to Courts

Cigarette smokers puffed nervously in Oregon Friday and wondered whether or not the 1941 legislature's two-cent-a-pack tax on "fags" was now about to be levied.

Ostenstibly, it was, because Secretary of State Earl Snell announced that "as the situation now stands the referendum against the cigarette tax for old age pensions will not be placed on the ballot at the regular election next November," for the reason that the referendum petitions had been held by the attorney general to be insufficient.

Secretary Snell said he was notifying the tax commission of his action, "leaving the way open for collection of the tax." But from Portland came the announcement of G. J. McPherson, secretary-manager of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association, that the fight to have the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

#### Nazi Official Killed

LONDON, Dec. 19—(AP)—The Rome radio reported Friday night the deputy chief of the Nazi press bureau, Von Stumpf, had been killed on the Russian front.

#### Princesses Perform in Yule Drama

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 19—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth was the bewigged Prince charming and Princess Margaret Rose the ragged waitress in their first performance of the Christmas pantomime "Cinderella."

The two princesses, Elizabeth in tights and her younger sister first in rags and then in a white costume, sang several duets. King George and Queen Elizabeth congratulated the cast, which included friends of the royal sisters and school children of this country town, and had all the performers to tea. The children made their own costumes and arranged the performances. One of the props, the crystal coach for the ball, was a white gilt sedan chair which belonged to Queen Anne.

### Congress Sets Age On Draft

#### Finally Agree; FDR Gets Bill; Huge Army Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—Congress cleared the way Friday for a 4,000,000-man army by approving and sending to President Roosevelt legislation requiring the registration of all men from 18 to 64 years old, inclusive, and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, subject to military service.

Officials at selective service headquarters said the registration probably would not begin before "several weeks."

Although the new draft bill makes possible an army of at least 4,000,000, there is no way of telling whether that many men will ever be called to the colors. Secretary of War Stimson has said increases in the army would be ordered "in the light of the strategic situation as it develops."

Both houses agreed speedily on compromise amendments to the selective service act which war department officials said would make a total of 2,215,000 men available in the next few months, in addition to the 1,800,000 now in uniform.

This included, experts said 915,000 men from 21 through 35 already registered and listed as immediately available in class 1-A. They estimated the new bill would provide an additional 600,000 class 1-A registrants from among 20 year olds; 400,000 in the ages from 36 through 44; and 300,000 who have reached the age of 21 since the last registration was held.

By compromising on a minimum age of 20 for active service—a year younger than the house desired and a year older than the senate had voted—congress cut off an additional supply of 600,000 potential soldiers.

But with 100,000 youths turning 20 every month, congressional leaders said there was every reason to believe that the army would get all of the men it could equip and train as fast as it could handle them. Under recently-approved legislation the navy could obtain up to 50,000 of the selectees and the marines 10,000.

Registration of 23,500,000 men would be undertaken under the terms of the bill calling for 18 through 64. Added to the 17,500,000 already registered this would give selective service officials records on 41,000,000.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, informed congress that his staff was (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

#### River Rising, Oregon Coast Hit by Flood

The Willamette river here rose nearly three feet in 12 hours Friday and by midnight reached 15.5 feet. Although no high water damage had yet been reported in Marion county, the river was high enough to flood some low areas.

Flood stage here is 21 feet. Crest of the high water is expected tonight.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19—(AP)—The worst flood in several years struck the northern Oregon coast Friday in the wake of high tides and river overflow, virtually isolating Tillamook and putting some coastal lowland homes in two feet of water.

Some sections of the Willamette valley also were threatened by floods.

On the coast the tide reached 9.6 feet. Many cars were stalled. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

#### Death Takes 'Caveman'

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 19—(AP)—L. A. Ringette, 75, the gray-wigged flamewatcher of the Oregon Cavemen, died Friday after a heart attack. Ringette was the oldest member of the boosters' club and the only one to hold permanent office.

#### Japs Landed Here But at Terrific Cost



United States army headquarters has announced new US successes against the Japanese off the Philippines as the enemy attempts to make other landings on the US Pacific possessions. Four or more Japanese transports have been sent to the bottom and others badly damaged as the Japs made landings in Northern Luzon, largest of the Philippine Islands. Late reports are that still more Nippon transports have been sunk off Legaspi. (Above) at the southeastern tip of Luzon, 250 miles from Manila. The native town of Legaspi is depicted here.

#### Collections Top Tax Roll

##### Sheriff Warns Heavy Penalty Waits Those With Delinquent Bills

Exceeding by \$45,591.82 the total of the current tax roll, Marion county tax collections for 1941 have been "exceptionally good," Sheriff A. C. Burk declared Friday as he viewed figures tallied in the tax department of his office.

A total of \$1,866,324.65 has been run through the cash register, as of December 16, of which \$1,549,383.65 represents current taxes and \$316,940.40 was for delinquent taxes.

At the same time, Burk reminded "the many persons who have not yet paid the required annual installment of the oldest delinquent tax," that this must be done before December 31 in order to escape a heavy penalty.

The tax department of the sheriff's office is prepared to issue warrants shortly after the first of the year for non-payment of delinquent property taxes. T. J. Brabeck, chief collector, said.

"In compliance with chapter 389, Oregon Laws, 1941, it is (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Roadside Committee Expansion Provided

##### First Session of Four-County Council Zoning Study and Promotion Group Discusses Highway Protection

Provision for its enlargement and functioning through subcommittees in each of the counties represented was first official action of the commission on roadside conditions and zoning when it met in initial session Friday night at the Marion county courthouse on call of Judge Grant Murphy, chairman.

Organized under authorization from the four-county can-

#### Censor Chief Starts Work

##### Clarification of US Requests First Task; Messages Pledge Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—(AP)—Byron Price, newly designated director of censorship, asserted Friday that his first task probably would be to "summarize and clarify" the many requests the government already had made regarding information that should not be made public.

These requests, he said, have been issued "piecemeal," and he preferred not to discuss details of his work until his appointment goes through formally. Meanwhile, he said, he must look around for quarters and for an executive officer to handle details of the organization of government censorship.

Both the press and radio, he said, have sent him hundreds of messages, all offering support. They said, he added, that what they want "is for the government to tell them what to do." Price said he was going to tackle that as soon as he could find working space in the capital.

Mr. Roosevelt formally established the office of censorship (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Cherrians May Shelve Yule Lights Plan

As a concession to civilian defense, the Salem Cherrians' living Christmas tree on the courthouse grounds may not be lighted this year, King Bing Frank Doerfler announced Friday.

Doerfler said that because the wisdom of lighting the tree, with a blackout signal always a possibility, had been questioned, the matter would be submitted to his council of nobles at the chamber of commerce Monday night for a decision. The Cherrians last week had voted to illuminate the tree as usual.

#### Mexican Army Flies Patrolling Pacific

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19—(AP)—Mexican army aviators, cooperating with United States airmen, already have begun to patrol the Pacific coast; it was announced Friday. Government sources said the patrols were created to safeguard Mexican waters from exploration by Japanese "fishermen."

### Russ Slash Finns And Germans

#### Axis on Run in Libya as Great Drive Speeded

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 20—(AP)—The Russians have opened a major offensive along the entire Finnish front, taking advantage of weakened opposition caused by the German army's withdrawal of three-fifths of the troops it originally deployed there, British reports said today.

"Dense waves" of Russian cavalry and ski troops were reported thrown into the assault with the support of guns and tanks especially designed for rigorous warfare on this frozen front.

A Stockholm dispatch to the News-Stockholm said Finnish lines buckling under the impact of the initial Soviet thrust had been withdrawn to the north bank of the Svir river at some points between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega.

Other dispatches said the Germans left the Finns ill-prepared to meet the slashing red army offensive and that the Nazis remaining there "are feeling the anger which has reinforced Finnish contempt as the Finns realize to what extent the German (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

#### Speech Slated By Nazi Head

##### Entire Reich to Hear Propaganda Minister Goebbels's Address

BERLIN, Dec. 20—(Saturday)—(Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels will broadcast to the German people at 8 o'clock tonight (10 a.m. PST) the German radio announced today.

The announcement said Goebbels' address would be heard over all German radio stations. The fact that the Nazi propaganda chief's address will be heard in all corners of Germany indicated that it might be of major importance.

There was speculation he might (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

#### War Relief Fund Still Growing

Optimistic stories of response of Marion county's large and small givers to the request for Red Cross war relief funds donations continued to pour into Marion county chapter headquarters Friday.

"Preparing to contact numerous workers today as they tear open pay envelopes, volunteer workers in the emergency campaign believed Friday night they were approaching their goal of \$17,000, although no official count was available.

At Western Paper Converting company, a bulletin posted Friday morning by Lloyd Riches, manager, brought 100 per cent response from every worker on daylight shifts, Riches said Friday night. With 20 per cent of the company's crew yet uncontacted, he declared proudly, employees had already over-subscribed the quota suggested for them.

#### "Once Upon A Time"

CHRISTMAS isn't really Christmas unless you read some of the Yule stories which young and old have known and loved for generations. The first of a series of five of the time-tested favorites, especially condensed for The Statesman by The AP Feature Service appears today. Look now for "The Crachis Christmas Dinner" from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Church Page.