

Jap Invasion Swept in Sea

Major Drama Unfolds In Luzon; Russians Keep Pounding Nazis

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reported staunchly holding their lines above Singapore.

Japanese efforts to spring upon Luzon were repulsed both at San Fabian and Damortis on the Lingayen gulf, the war department said, and the invader's accompanying destroyers were driven off. The landing effected was near Agoo, some 150 miles north of Manila itself.

In the area between Agoo and Damortis to the south action was heavy—specifically about Santo Tomas, some five miles below

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—(Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Domei reported today that Japanese forces were attacking the last British strongholds on HongKong island on Mounts Taping and Kill. The Japanese Monday occupied the defense works on Mount Cameron after a fierce assault at 11 p. m., the news agency said.

Agoo, said official Manila advices. This indicated that the Japanese advance had been very slight.

Even HongKong stood persistently against the doom that had been long foreshadowed; like an English king of the far past HongKong was a long time dying. Monday's reports from enemy sources admitted that a British garrison of at least 20,000 men was fighting on and giving the assailant no rest. He was paying high installments for a victory there which apparently was not nearly so certain as had seemed earlier.

The Chinese army smashing at the Japanese rear in an effort to relieve the British reported that some of the Japanese invaders had been driven off Hong Kong island.

Upon all the rest of the world-wide front against the axis the allied and associates powers went forward in victory.

The grand Russian offensive—the success of which already had broken the highest military commander in Germany, Field Marshal Von Brauchitsch—rolled on, while Hitler took on sole personal responsibility for every military action by German troops and threatened uneasily about for some means of retrieving or compensating his disaster.

In Africa, the imperial British armies of Libya had thrust out a spearhead 150 miles deep into axis Tripolitania, the western section of Libya, and thus brought to 450 miles their aggregate penetration since the beginning of their second and apparently decisive offensive to hurl the Germans and Italians out of North Africa.

This long westward dash, which had carried the imperial banners 150 miles further into Libya than they had been planted in the first offensive, not only threatened the retreating axis forces with entrapment but put the British almost halfway to Tripoli, the last and main axis base in all Libya. The fall of Tripoli would apply the final torch to the shabby tatters of what was once the Italian empire and would put the Vichy armies of French North Africa under the allied sun.

The great drama of all current dramas, however, was in the Philippines.

There, on Lingayen gulf, the American and Filipino defenders struck with strong effectiveness at 80,000 to 100,000 Japanese invaders, by official estimate, who sought to seize the highway and rail approaches to Manila itself. It was such a battle as the Pacific war had not seen before—the Japanese having appeared in 80 transports under heavy naval and aerial escort—and it plainly was not going well for the assailant.

Monday afternoon, "heavy fighting, developed in the north, including tank combat," said a communique late in the day, Manila time, from the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur. "Our troops more than held their own."

"At one point Japanese destroyers and transports were driven off by our heavy guns, and that landing was prevented."

This was elaborated upon by one of the general's spokesmen with the remark that the news was "good news."

On the Malayan peninsula, about 350 hard miles above Singapore itself, the British imperial forces reported that they had inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese in a counterattack which apparently was above Kuala Kangsar, the left anchor of a new British line extending eastward to a point about 45 miles south of Kota Bharu, where the Japanese made their initial landing on the peninsula.

In British-protected Sarawak on the island of Borneo, a strategic point in the allied Philippines-Singapore-Dutch East Indies communications area, British troops were declared inflicting heavy losses on Japanese forces that had gained a somewhat doubtful foothold. This was reported by the British radio from Batavia.

Aside from asserting that he-

vy Japanese landings had been made on Luzon, the principal claim by Tokyo Monday through its official broadcasts was that a new Japanese offensive had been begun against the Chinese in southeast China. This, if true, apparently was intended to harass the current Chinese thrusts against the Japanese rear before Hongkong.

The German defeat in Russia, meanwhile, raised the most profound possibilities.

The soviet, declaring that Russia "has begun to win, and will continue to win," reported officially early Tuesday that Red advances had continued on the Moscow front, in the southwest in the Ukraine and about Leningrad from Leningrad to the sea of Azov.

Other Russian advices stated that in the north a 50-mile stretch of highway between the communications centers of Tikhvin and Volkhov, in an area more than 100 miles below Leningrad, had been cleared of nazis with thousands of the invaders killed.

On the Moscow front Russian advances at the rate of eight to 12 miles a day were reported. It was again a story of dozens of towns reclaimed by soviet arms, and of little effective nazis resistance noted anywhere save in one sector 65 miles southwest of Moscow where the Germans were holding strongly fortified positions.

Test Blackout Signals Dim

Program Successful on Sunday Night but Need Of Louder Sirens Seen

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expressed their gratitude for the demonstrated willingness to cooperate.

The city was practically in total darkness, although a few cases of non-compliance were noted, to be dealt with effectively by the committee and the police.

LeGarie warned radios in homes must be tuned to a low volume, since no outside noise could possibly be heard over a loudly tuned radio.

Quick mobilization of the medical emergency aid division of the county defense council was told by Dr. Ralph Purvine, chairman, who said his group was 90 per cent mobilized within 30 minutes after the danger signal Sunday night. Nineteen of 22 first aid squads were ready for action.

Official uniform air raid and blackout signals, covering the states of Oregon and Washington, were adopted at a meeting Monday attended by Major W. J. Herlihy, representing the second interceptor command, Portland; Major W. J. Osborne, regional officer, civilian defense, San Francisco, and Jerrold Owen, Oregon civilian defense coordinator.

The air raid warning will consist of either an "undulating, fluctuating or warbling signal of varying pitch or a succession of intermittent blasts," covering two minutes duration. Whenever possible the warning will be given 15 minutes prior to the time the raiding planes are scheduled to arrive.

The all-clear signal, a steady tone, also will continue for two minutes.

Owen said the adoption of official uniform signals covering both air raids and blackouts would eliminate much of the confusion experienced by the public during the past few weeks.

FDR Signs Draft Law

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000,000 men. Official plans submitted to congress before the war emergency contemplated expansion to some 3,000,000 as the next stage of building up ground forces, and appropriations for "critical" weapons were voted with this plan in view.

The senate Monday passed and sent to the house a bill to increase the authorized enlisted strength of the navy from 300,000 to 500,000 men. The measure would also raise the limit on the marine corps from 60,000 to 104,000.

Guard Cycle Unit to Form

A motorcycle platoon, one of three throughout the state which are planned to comprise a company, and third Salem unit in the new state guard is to be recruited at 7:30 tonight at the armory, state guard offices announced Monday.

Captain of the group is to be Roy Remington. Men joining are to provide their own motorcycles but other equipment is to be furnished by the state. Platoons are to be organized also at Portland and Eugene.

To Relieve
Misery of
666
Liquid
Tobacco
Salve
Sore Throat
Cough Drops
Chest Rub
Wound Dressing

Subs Jab Six Times at US

Survivors Tell Raids On Ships Off Coast; Air Army Is Active

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the scene, but the navy had no comment as to what luck it may have had in the attack that followed.

"If we had been armed," Captain Farrow declared, "we would have had a good chance. The submarine was in gun range and it didn't maneuver much."

The coastwise freighter Samoa out-maneuvered a submarine of great size off the central California coast before dawn December 18, her captain, Nels A. Simmes, related in San Diego Monday. A torpedo exploded near the vessel, after hitting some object, he said, and five shells were fired by the undersea craft. One burst over the Samoa and scattered fragments on the deck.

The navy announced Monday, too, that the freighter Lahaina, headed from Honolulu, and four days from San Francisco, was shelled and sunk by a submarine. Two of the crew were killed, two were missing, the others landed on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

Last Saturday afternoon the tanker Agwiworld raced into Monterey bay, midway along the California coast, after a submarine crew, manning a deck-gun, had shelled her ineffectively.

There still was no word of the 30 men aboard the freighter Cynthia Olson, sunk by a torpedo December 7 in Pacific waters.

The Emidio was about 20 miles off shore in the Eureka area Saturday afternoon when a huge submarine surfaced about a quarter-mile away. Everyone thought it was a US craft and the men joked about the possibility it was Japanese.

Then a shell screamed over the Emidio. And then five other shells were fired. All of those five hit the tanker. After the first shot the crew took to the boats. One shell knocked loose an unlaunched boat and three men spilled into the water. They never were found. The men were F. W. Potts, seaman, Los Angeles; R. W. Pennington, messboy, Long Beach, and S. McGilivray, steward, Seattle.

After shelling the tanker the enemy craft submerged. Fifteen minutes later she reappeared and fired a torpedo. It struck the stern of the Emidio and burst in the engine-room. It was there that Assistant Engineer B. A. Waters and Fireman K. K. Kimes, both of San Pedro, were engaged. They were never found.

Of the survivors of the Emidio, five were injured, one seriously. The others appeared in good spirits as they landed. They were picked up by a lightship crew 12 hours after the attack, and were taken to Eureka by a coast guard cutter.

Just as the skipper of the tanker Agwiworld had said, Captain Farrow of the Emidio declared "if we had been armed we should have had a good chance." His ship carried no weapons. The only firearms aboard the Agwiworld were two pistols.

TB Patients Add to Fund With Bazaar

The bazaar fund for patients for needs not supplied by other sources was increased \$121.97 by funds collected at the bazaar held at the state tuberculosis hospital Dec. 5, 6 and 7. In addition patients sold \$72.40 worth of articles made by themselves. A bazaar held by the Salem Women's Council of Churches in Salem, netted \$74.23 for the fund.

Patients and members of the committees said Monday they wished to thank merchants and others who donated their time and materials to make the bazaar a success.

City Housing Survey Set

A housing survey of the city of Salem began Monday under a committee appointed by Mayor W. W. Chadwick in answer to a request made sometime ago by W. H. Crawford, executive secretary of the Oregon Economic Council and head of the Polk-Benton cantonment committee.

"Now that there seems to be a possibility this cantonment

will be constructed," said Mayor Chadwick Monday, "we decided to conduct the city-wide housing survey that was asked, both by Crawford and the army engineers before they closed their Albany offices."

Chadwick named a 10-member committee, headed by G. O. Madison, to conduct the survey. "We want a list of all residential vacancies of all types in the city," said Chairman Madison. "All owners of vacancies should list them with Fred D. Thielsen, member of my committee and manager of the chamber of commerce, at the chamber of commerce, along with location, price and telephone number."

Members of the survey committee include: G. O. Madison, James McGilchrist, Jr., Mrs. Ilda Bigenheimer, Mrs. Winifred Pettyjohn, Frank Deckebach, W. E. Hanson, Ralph Johnson, C. A. Gies, Fred D. Thielsen and Mrs. Lelace Ellis.

Hitler Takes Army Command

Retiring Chief Has Heart Trouble; New Nazi Moves Seen

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"I look back upon this period with pride and gratitude. I am proud of our achievements and thankful for your faith."

"Great tasks have been solved, great and difficult tasks still are ahead of us."

"I am convinced that you will solve these also."

"The Fuehrer will lead us to victory. Let your determination be as hard as steel and look forward."

"Everything for Germany!" "Signed Von Brauchitsch, field marshal. Army headquarters, Dec. 19, 1941."

MADRID, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The military expert of the official EFE news agency said Monday night that Hitler's assumption of the German military command foreshadowed "very important events" among which he listed "defense of western Europe against Yankee attack" as an alternative possibility.

Other alternatives suggested by the military expert included a German landing attempt on England or an attack on Turkey. Berlin dispatches in the Spanish Evening Press generally forecast "startling" military actions would be forthcoming shortly.

Hobbs' Death By Monoxide Said Suicide

Harris Dayton Hobbs, 41, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning at his residence, 448 Hood street, Monday afternoon. County Coroner L. E. Barrick said the death was a suicide, and no inquest will be held.

Hobbs' body was found in his car in the closed garage by his wife, Mrs. Claire Hobbs, who had only recently returned from a trip of several weeks to the midwest.

The windows of the car were closed, except for one through which a rubber hose was passed from the exhaust to the front seat. Police said the death might have occurred a day or more ago.

Survivors are the widow, a sister, Mrs. William Richards of West Salem; brother, H. M. Hobbs of Portland, and his mother, in Portland.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Walker & Howell funeral home.

Formal Tax Levy Filed

The formal state tax levy for the first six months of 1942, announced by the state tax commission here Saturday, was filed Monday.

This is the first time in history there is no property tax for state purposes including elementary schools.

The commission announced that increased income and inheritance tax receipts would make the state property tax unnecessary and added that there probably would be no state property tax during the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

The 1941 income tax receipts exceeded estimates by \$1,821,058.

Light Tremor Felt

SANTA ANA, Calif., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A light earth movement that jingled bells and other Christmas tree ornaments for about three seconds was felt here at 5:15 p. m. Monday, but no damage was reported.

Churchill in US for Parley

London Surprised by Journey; Technical Staff Accompanies

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istry of supply for all the armies.

In a statement, President Roosevelt said there was one primary objective, the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world, in conversations to be held during the next few days between president and prime minister and the respective staffs of the two countries.

The statement said these conferences should be regarded as preliminary to further parleys which will officially include Russia, China, The Netherlands and the British dominions.

"It is expected," the president said, "that there will thus be evolved an over-all unity in the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of their ability in the over-all objective."

"It is probable that no further announcements will be made until the end of the present conferences but it may be assumed that the other interested nations will be kept in close touch with this preliminary planning."

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Winston Churchill's presence in Washington to participate in unification of allied war strategy came as a bigger surprise today to most Britons than his Atlantic rendezvous with President Roosevelt—and it was considered much more important to the average man.

Clamor for a full alliance and supreme war council among anti-axis powers grew steadily in the British press after the Japanese attacks until editorial writers learned negotiations were in progress for just such action.

The tumult since has tapered off, but it is plain the British generally haven't changed their minds. There is no doubt that close integration of allied efforts at present is the most cherished of immediate war aims here.

The pressing need for joint and effective action against the Japanese in the Pacific is stressed emphatically in all quarters.

It is believed quick steps toward complete unified action in the Pacific might allay rising concern both in Britain and Australia over British withdrawals in Malaya.

Caustic references to repeated official reports of big reinforcements reaching Singapore last au-

turn are appearing with greater frequency in British newspapers as the Japanese drive southward against retreating British forces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, British newspaperman and lecturer, was in Washington in February, 1932, on a lecture tour of the United States. In his talk here he asserted that:

"A financial, economic, military and political agreement between the United States and Great Britain is the best guarantee for a solidly established world peace."

Monday the Right Honorable Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, prime minister of Britain, came back to Washington to translate words into action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The president and the prime minister—the one in grey business suit, the other in reefer and cap—walked together into the house the British once burned.

A little while earlier Mr. Roosevelt had met Mr. Churchill at a nearby airport and, accompanied by a residential naval aide and bodyguard, the two had motored to the White House.

The car slipped in through the gates on the south ground, then rolled up at the entrance looking out across the still-green lawn and to the towering Washington monument in the distance.

For a few brief minutes they posed there for photographers, they exchanged an occasional word as the president, grinning broadly, stood beside his naval aide, Captain John R. Beardsall.

Churchill, shorter by almost a head than the American president, stood at his right, his fingers firmly gripped on a walking stick to which (for purposes of London blackouts) was attached a flashlight.

Civic Club to Give Dinner To Children

Santa Claus will be at the Marion hotel at 5 p. m. tonight when the Kiwanis club entertains 60 Salem youngsters as well as the children of members at a turkey dinner, preceding a party at which gifts will be distributed.

Sound moving pictures of Santa Claus' workshop at the north pole will be shown by Dr. David Hill, announces George Schwenger.

A round table meeting of the group is scheduled for noon today.

Red Cross War Funds Counted

Meeting Called Today To Hear Total; Goal Not Reached, Belief

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"However," she said, "our returns from out over the county have scarcely begun to come in."

From Jefferson on Monday came \$225, or 25 per cent more than the roll call quota, brought in by J. A. Jones.

Mrs. Ronald Jones of Brooks, chairman of the drive in seven districts, has turned in \$141 from Brooks, headed by the \$100 contribution from Labiah Celery Growers' cooperative.

Hubbard returns, still incomplete, are "excellent," Levi A. Miller, chairman said.

Majority of the money given has been by small contributors, Mrs. Bynon said, illustrating her statement with the story told by a woman worker:

"He was a man whose annual income runs well over \$15,000 but he refused to give a dime, while within a block of his home I found a little old lady proud to contribute the 12 pennies she had hoarded from among the few that came her way!"

Most employees but not many employers are giving, Mrs. Bynon said.

Today's committee meeting is slated for 10 a. m. in chamber of commerce rooms and is to center around plans for completing the quota, a checkup of weak points in the drive and a study to determine how nearly complete coverage has been, she announced.

Emphasizing importance of first aid training for adults in all walks of life in Marion county, A. D. Hicks, Red Cross field representative in the Pacific northwest for first aid, life-saving and accident prevention, met Monday in Salem with Mrs. W. Gordon Black and Theodore Roake.

Plans were laid for a first aid teacher training class to open in Salem late in January. Mrs. Black is Marion county Red Cross chapter first aid chairman; Roake is president of the first aid instructors' association.

Solon to Join Unit

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Rep. Warren G. Magnuson arrived here by airliner Monday for a short visit at home before joining the navy at San Francisco as a lieut-

enant commander. A reserve officer, he is on leave of absence from congress.

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No doubt we face a long war, but our cities are already settling down to an efficient and orderly routine of living. The utilities and other public services have been making detailed plans for months to preserve normal service. The Gas Company, for one example, has 750 employees who, with their own defense tasks and their regular jobs well in hand, have energetically joined with civilian defense units of various kinds. It is a veteran organization of engineers, chemists, artisans and workers—ready, trained, experienced and able. In these days, every expert is at work—in telephone, telegraph, radio, power, water, gas and all vital services.

Service maintenance methods used in England under the severest war-time conditions have been thoroughly studied by American gas companies. Gas service in London and other British cities successfully came through the most intensive bombing raids in history.

One interesting but little-known fact is that gas holders (or "tanks" or "reservoirs") are explosion-proof and fire-proof by nature. An incendiary bomb

dropping into a gas holder is instantly smothered for lack of oxygen. No gas holder in England has ever caused damage to surrounding citizens or property when bombed. Experience has shown that it is not worth while to bomb gas holders with either incendiary or explosive bombs.

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