

US Troops Batter New Luzon Invasion Try

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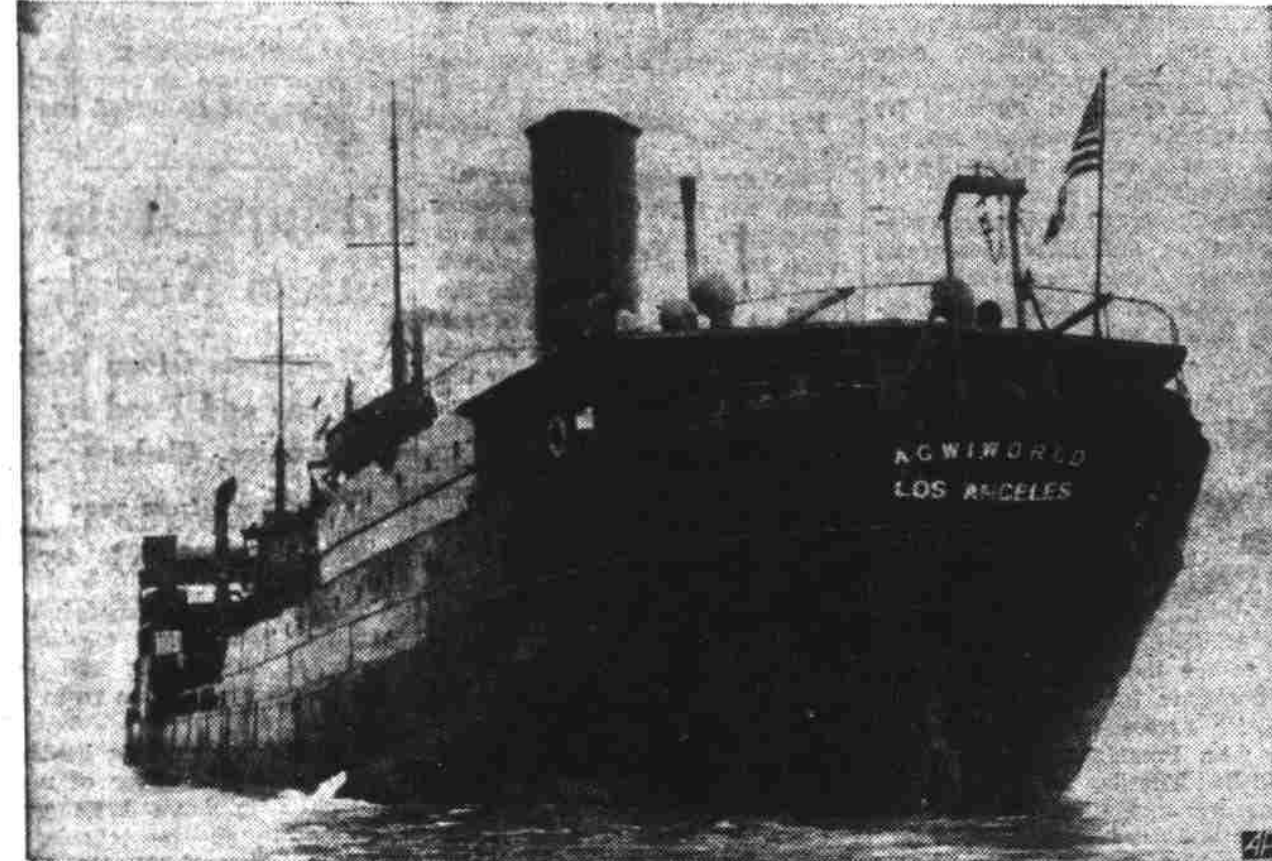
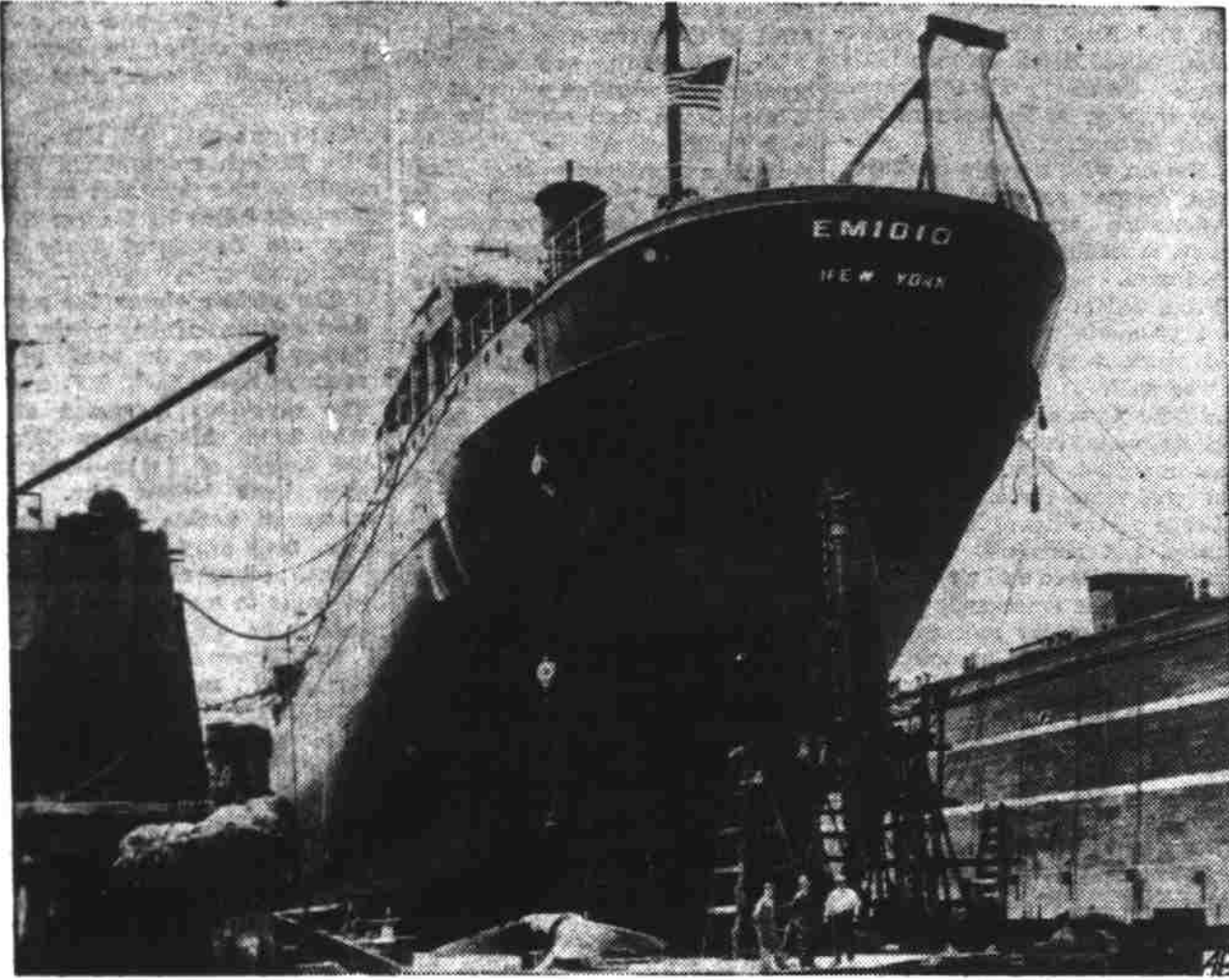
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Weather

Maximum temperature Tuesday, 44, Minimum 27. River, 15.5 inches. All weather forecasts and daily precipitation data withheld by federal order.

NINETY-FIRST YEAR

US Ships Attacked By Japan Subs



The navy reported an enemy submarine opened fire and sank the tanker Emidio (top) about 200 miles north of San Francisco. The navy said the submarine then sent a torpedo streaking toward the 6912-ton vessel, owned by the Socony-Vacuum Oil company. At least five members of the tanker's crew were reported missing. Five others were injured in the attack. The crew of a lightship rescued 30 survivors. This picture of the Emidio was taken at the Los Angeles drydock in 1937. The American tanker Agwiworld (bottom) was safe at a California port after outmaneuvering an enemy submarine, Captain F. B. Goncalves announced.

Petain Resigns in Protest Over German Pressure For Bases in Africa, Is Report

Churchill Says Tide Changed

Tells Reporters Outlook on War; Strategy Laid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—Winston Churchill, prime minister of Great Britain, seated at the side of President Roosevelt, told American newsmen Tuesday that recent events—the German defeat in Russia and America's entry into the war—had produced a turning point in the tide of world-wide conflict.

It was impossible to describe his feeling of relief, he slowly said, to find Russia victorious and the United States and Britain standing side by side. It was incredible, he added, and anyone who had been through the lonely months of 1940 must thank God fervently.

It was such a press conference as could happen only at a time of grave international crisis, the chief executives of the two great English speaking peoples, side by side, answering the eager questions of an electrified group of newspapermen, reporters who had lustily cheered the British (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

County Speeds Funds Drive

Red Cross Reports Sum Of \$9774 Donated With Many Units Unreported

Haste in bringing in returns may place Marion county Red Cross chapter ahead of all others of the state in the current emergency war relief fund drive, Miss Ann Carter, state field representative for the Red Cross, declared Tuesday in Salem as she viewed the total of \$9774.86 in cash donations.

A large part of Salem and the vast majority of rural campaign districts have been at least partially solicited but are still unreported, Olive Doak Bynon, chapter secretary, pointed out Tuesday night.

Although workers here had declared they would attempt to "go over the top" by last Saturday, Miss Carter said Tuesday in Salem they had made commendable strides toward meeting the \$17,000 quota set for Marion county.

Hubbard, with a quota of \$183, had Tuesday turned in \$213.45. Chairman was Levi A. Miller, who was assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. J. S. VanWinkle, Olga Pardy, Hedwig Pardy, Mr. and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

President Plays Santa In Midst of War Plans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—President Roosevelt took time out Tuesday from war talks with Prime Minister Churchill to play Santa Claus to the White House office staff who knocked off work to say "Merry Christmas" and then went back to their jobs.

The president and Mr. Churchill sat up until 1 o'clock this morning discussing maneuvers in the grim game of Mars, but the chief executive was gay as he wished the season's best to 206 secretaries, stenographers, file clerks, messengers, secret service men and White House police.

Mrs. Roosevelt hurried over for the traditional party from her office about half a mile away where she is assistant civilian defense director.

As the staff passed by the president's desk, littered with miniature animals, maps and letters, Grace Tully, the chief executive's personal stenographer, in the role of Santa's helper, handed out gifts wrapped (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Bags Jap Like He Does Duck When at Home

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 23—(AP)—Tip to Japanese pilots: To Lieut. Stephen Saltzman you're just like a duck on the wing—and he's a crack duck hunter.

The former Wilmington man was, in fact, reminded of a fowl in flight when a Japanese aviator flew over him during the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7. So he grabbed a rifle, shot the pilot through the head and watched the plane crash.

The army cited young Saltzman for gallantry in action. Writing about it in a letter received by his parents Tuesday, the soldier expressed the hope that perhaps now the family would stop razzing him about his duck hunting.

Said he: "It came in mighty handy."

Fire Watchers To Organize

New Civil Defense Branch Planned Says Conley

Next organization planned as a part of Marion county's civilian defense activity is to be that of the fire watchers, Bryan H. Conley, county coordinator, said Tuesday night. Nationally-recognized as a civil reserves unit, the fire watchers group would be detailed to take posts on tall buildings, hillsides and at various vantage points to watch for outbreak of fires during periods of raid, Conley said.

Twenty-two chemists, including those employed in the profession and some Willamette university senior students, are in training to serve in case of gas attacks in provision of antidotes and to head up some decontamination work, it was revealed Tuesday by defense organizers.

School pupils should not be sent home during an air raid, Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator, notified all school officials in Oregon Tuesday.

Owen said pupils should be allowed to go home only when (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Two Portland Papers Boost Subscriptions

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23—(AP)—The Oregonian and the Oregon Journal Tuesday announced increases, effective January 1, in monthly subscription rates from 65 to 85 cents for daily editions and from \$1.05 to \$1.25 for daily and Sunday.

The newspapers said operating expenses had increased.

Japs Step Up Effort On Isles

Yank Lines Hold; Hitler Columns Fleeing Fronts

By The Associated Press

A new Japanese landing in heavy force near Atimonan, on the east coast of Luzon's narrow waistline about 90 air miles southeast of Manila was announced by the American defense forces today.

This sixth invasion attempt against the islands apparently was second in scope only to that on Lingayen gulf, about 110 miles north of Manila, where American and Filipino troops continued to hold their own against the light tanks of the Japanese.

Details of the newest landing were not given, but an army spokesman said the Japanese were exerting great pressure on the Lingayen area and that they were particularly active in the air at many points.

One of these raids heavily damaged the longest steel bridge in the Philippines, at Villasis, 30 miles inland from Lingayen gulf, but repairs were declared to be already under way.

Increasing pressure of the assault on the eastern shores of the Lingayen gulf of Luzon was (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Schools Chief Gets Contract

Five Year Term With Salary Raise Offered To Frank B. Bennett

Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of Salem public schools for the past 2 1/2 years, was Tuesday night offered by the school board a five-year contract to begin July 1, 1942, which he stated he would accept.

Bennett is at present on a three-year contract, which ends next June. Under the new agreement, his salary for the first year is to be \$4750, and for the following four years \$5000 annually.

Under defense measures, which comprised the bulk of the meeting, Bennett told the directors instructions have been cleared for air raid drills so that the schools will conduct one probably shortly after vacation is over. A drill scheduled for December 18 was canceled because of conflict in instructions.

Chlorinators at the Leslie and Olinger swimming pools were offered to the Salem water commission in the event of an (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Nazis Start Drive Through France To Borders Of Spain

Dispatches Say Marshal's Agreement With Goering Basis of Hitler Demands

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 24—(AP)—The long-expected German push into French North Africa over the protesting but prostrate figure of old Marshal Petain is imminent or already in progress, a variety of reports from the continent of Europe indicated strongly today.

A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from "somewhere in Europe," said Petain had resigned in angry but futile protest against German pressure.

His pro-Nazi "heir," Admiral Jean Darlan, was reported to have taken over the rule of the enfeebled and internally torn remains of France.

Competent informants in Switzerland said even prior to this report that fresh German troops already were moving down to the Spanish border across the Atlantic coastal strip of occupied France.

Quantities of German military equipment have been piled up near the Spanish frontier ever since the fall of France, and the movement of troops was reported soon after Adolf Hitler kicked out his chief general and announced only last Sunday his assumption of personal command of the German army in the midst of the crisis in Russia.

Hitler at that time made references to big action. Questioned about those references and about foreign reports of possible German action in the Mediterranean or North Africa, a German army spokesman in Berlin said Tuesday that there were "many possibilities still open for German military ac-

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—The Rome radio said Tuesday night Marshal Petain will broadcast a speech at 9 p. m. Wednesday French time (12 noon PST). The Rome broadcast heard here by CBS and NBC declared the information was based on Vichy dispatches and that the aged chief-of-state had presided over a cabinet meeting Tuesday at which French Morocco was discussed.

LONDON, Wed., Dec. 24—(AP)—Wake island now is entirely in Japanese hands, Tokyo claimed today in a broadcast heard by Reuters.

MANILA, Wed., Dec. 24—(11:20 am)—(AP)—Official army reports today said that greatly outnumbered American and Filipino troops were battling valiantly against a Japanese invasion force which landed from 40 transports during the night at Atimonan, 75 miles southeast of Manila.

MANILA, Wed., Dec. 24—(AP)—President Juezon (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Davao, Where Japs Land Shock Troops



This is a scene in the predominantly Japanese city of Davao, in the southern Philippines, where heavy fighting is raging, Manila reports say. A fierce battle broke out after four Japanese transports unloaded a swarm of shock troops.

Tanker Sunk By Jap Sub

Crew of 40 Saved After Attack Off California; Another Ship Flees

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23—(AP) A marauding Japanese submarine sank an American tanker off the California coast Tuesday, machine-gunned its sailors as they took to lifeboats, and shelled another tanker.

All of the 40 men in the crew of the sunken Union Oil tanker Montebello reached shore safely. A few were injured, but none from rifle or machine gun fire.

The Richfield oil tanker Larry Doheny, apparently fired upon by the same raider, fled to the shelter of a cove without being damaged.

Luckily the torpedo which sank the Montebello hit the forward hold, the only compartment not loaded with gasoline. The men aboard her wouldn't have had a chance if any other hold had been hit.

As it was, the explosion was so terrific that it awakened residents on shore six miles away.

"There was a hell of an explosion," said Bill Srez of Westville, Mass., one of the rescued seamen. "I know they fired on us from the deck. The fellows in the other boats were subjected to machine gun fire."

But the marksmanship of the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Social Agencies, Civic Groups Aid City Needy

Hundreds of Families and Children Made Happier With Food Baskets, Toys, Candy, Clothes, Programs

A merrier Christmas for hundreds of Salem families, and children both in and out of them, will have been provided by relief agencies and civic groups when their activities officially cease tonight.

Although the number is less than in 1940, Mrs. Robert Rieder, who conducted the clearing office of the Council of Social Agencies, said about 250 families' names have gone through the office to be cared for. She said her office still has about 20 names for which aid is desired.

Food donated and bought has been made into baskets at St. Joseph's auditorium, where families called, bearing cards provided by the council. Mrs. Rieder said a majority of the organized relief agencies and more spontaneous helping groups had cleared through the office, in its second year, resulting in a lack of duplication of aid. A cross-index of both families and organizations is maintained.

Major G. Houghton of the Salvation Army, which put most of its names through the council, said about 30 baskets have been given and nearly 100 were still in headquarters Tuesday night, many of them arranged for.

In consideration of the inclement weather, Maj. Houghton said the collections had been fairly good in the Christmas Kettles, which will be on the streets today for the last time this year. He (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

City Schools Start Holiday

No cases of disappointment were reported Tuesday afternoon when public school here dismissed pupils for Christmas vacation. Classes will resume Monday, January 5.

The vacation period was shortened this year in order that a full week's spring vacation might be granted.

Shopping Day Left BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS