

Baguio Taken By Invaders

Navy Chief Reports US Subs Sinking Nippon Warships

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spearhead advancing 25 miles from the coast reached Binalonan, only 110 miles from Manila.

A front line dispatch filed at 8 pm (1 a.m. PST) said the outnumbered American and Filipino troops fought desperately against the invaders, but acknowledged that the Japanese may already have seized Baguio in the province of that name.

Japanese forces driving southward from Aparri on the northern tip of Luzon island were said to have reached Tuguegarao, 50 miles inland.

American troops succeeded in withdrawing from Baguio, and it was planned to declare the summer capital an open, unfortified city. Civilian officials in Baguio were ready to negotiate with the Japanese units.

Many Americans, including women and children who had intended to flee to Manila were reported to have fled by the swift Japanese drive on Baguio. Military authorities consider the city worthless except as an air base because it is surrounded by steep mountains with few roads.

The Japanese had landed in the Zamboanga-Santo Tomas area on the gulf last Monday where they were immediately engaged by US artillery and tanks.

US army headquarters has given no details of the fighting. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief, was in the field personally directing operations.

An army spokesman announced earlier that the defenders "more than held their own on all fronts." Japanese reinforcements are landing steadily, he said.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, meanwhile announced that incomplete reports showed that US submarines had sunk a large Japanese transport and a minesweeper.

"Also I have reports of two that are probable (sinks)," the admiral said. "One is a large seaplane tender. I believe this tender was a man-of-war. The other probably is another transport."

US submarine crews reported to other successful attacks last week.

The Japanese thrust at Binalonan apparently was the most direct menace to Manila. Binalonan is on a main highway winding through valleys toward this capital.

Other Japanese landings have been effected at Legaspi and at Atimonan, some 200 miles distant from Manila, at Davao, on Mindanao island 600 miles distant and at other points. Communications with Davao (which the Japanese claim to have captured) have been disrupted for some time.

The wall of air sirens came amid the Christmas pealing of church bells here Thursday morn-

Nazi Troops Moving to Spanish Border



German troops are moving down from occupied France to the Spanish frontier (arrow). It was reported in Bern, Switzerland. It was not learned whether the troops were intended for service in Spain or for shipment to the harried axis front in North Africa.

British Chief Served Yankee Yuletide Menu

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fleet Sir Dudley Pound, and other top-ranking British and American military and naval names—a brilliant gathering.

In the forenoon the president and Churchill, Mrs. Roosevelt, Lord Beaverbrook, and others attended Christmas services at the Foundry Methodist church. The services were sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches.

Each pastor whose church is a member of the Washington federation was allotted a number of tickets to pass out among his congregation for this historic Christmas day service in which both the star spangled banner and the union jack were beside the altar.

Japs Claim Victory In Rangoon Air Raid

TOKYO, Friday, Dec. 26—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Forty British planes were shot down, eight others were set afire on the ground and a power plant was demolished in a mass air raid Thursday upon Rangoon, Burma, Japanese imperial headquarters said today.

Eight of the Japanese planes are missing, it reported, and another was forced down in Thailand.

ing, but no bombs were dropped and anti-aircraft batteries were silent. This led to the belief that both sides already considered Manila an open city, but it was officially stated that no final decision had been reached on the matter.

Yule Yarns Here, There

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25—(AP)—This was Patsy Ruth Carr's happiest Christmas.

For one thing, thanks to modern surgery, she can walk for the first time after having suffered from inverted feet since birth.

For another, she is learning to talk, a cleft palate almost corrected.

And then, a big crippled children's hospital is being built and she can take most of the credit for it.

Two years ago Patsy, then 11, lay in a plaster cast and scrawled this letter:

"Dear Santa:

"I am Patsy. My legs are in a plaster cast. I cannot come to see you. I would like a doll and some color books.

"And please ask God to build us a hospital school for crippled children. We need it so much."

That letter became the spearhead of a newspaper campaign for a South Florida crippled children's hospital.

This repeatedly - sophisticated resort was touched by the appeal and donations started coming in.

Today, a \$250,000 crippled children's hospital is under construction near suburban Coral Gables. Its backers say Patsy did the job with her Santa Claus letter.

Evacuation of Pacific Coast Not