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RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 5 (AP)—Oscar Pitts, head of North Carolina's penal system, asked Alcatraz officials for advice on the best way to blackout his prison. "Turn out the lights," they replied.

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Japs Switch Main Forces To Dutch Indies

FBI Nabs Aliens Near Coast Navy Yards In Raids

Agents Round Up Twenty at Vallejo, Seize Contraband; Espionage Is Suspected

VALLEJO, Calif., Feb. 5—(AP)—Striking at suspected fifth column activities around the big Mare island navy yard, FBI agents swarmed into Vallejo Thursday, rounded up more than 20 axis aliens, and seized a full set of US naval signal flags, two rifles, radios, cameras, and a large quantity of other contraband.

Eight Japanese, including one woman, were booked for immigration authorities. Three Germans and six other Japanese still were being questioned late Thursday night.

Three other Japanese and one Italian obtained release after answering necessary questions.

Nat Pieper, San Francisco FBI head, said:

"We're doing this on definite suspicions of espionage in the area."

His 25 agents, aided by more than 30 local officers, went out into the surrounding county for more aliens after sweeping through Vallejo proper.

Six Japanese men and the Japanese woman, officers said, all gave their address at a building occupied by a large Japanese laundry serving largely navy personnel.

For many years, Vallejo police said, this laundry sent its agents into the navy yard to pick up navy men's clothing for cleaning and pressing.

The officers took possession of Vallejo's city and county buildings as the raid progressed, and the quantity of aliens and seized contraband increased.

A number of suitcases and goods boxes, contents of which were not disclosed, added to the size of the government haul.

Police said the naval flags were of the semaphore type, a complete set. It was not disclosed in whose possession they were found.

SEATTLE, Feb. 5—(AP)—Federal authorities Thursday promised a speedy hearing for 15 Japanese men who were rounded up Wednesday on Bainbridge island in Puget sound for failure to surrender firearms, explosives and other proscribed contraband.

Arresting officers said more of the Japanese were held for possession of dynamite which they had been using in land-clearing operations. One short-wave radio set also was listed with the seized items, and several firearms.

Shucklin said some of the Japanese had standard printed maps, which included Puget (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Gill Denies Candidacy

Ray W. Gill, Portland, told newspapermen here Thursday that there is no prospect at the present of his candidacy for the office of governor at the 1942 elections. He refused to comment further.

Gill is retiring as master of the Oregon state grange after serving in that capacity for many years. He is a republican.

Bundles For Congress Caravan Cancelled

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5—(AP)—The Athletic Round Table, giddy of the country's giddy organizations, turned serious Thursday just as the wildest of its many wild schemes reached a peak and called off the "Bundles for Congress" caravan which was due to leave at noon for Washington, D.C.

The \$2000 that would have been spent to send the strange cargo of artificial legs, glass eyes and cast off clothing to "need" congressmen was used instead for the purchase of United States defense bonds.

Under the slogan "Keep 'Em Laughing" the Round Table last Friday launched its "Bundles for Congress" campaign to ridicule

the pension measure passed by congress and as President Joe Albi expressed it Thursday, to provide "a shot in the arm" for civilian morale in the national crisis.

The "shot" in the nature of the ridiculous campaign, swept the country until this morning the Athletic Round Table board of control decided to call the caravan off.

In fact, Albi said, the campaign was "too darn popular."

From Michigan to Texas and back out to the Pacific, allied campaigns were started to provide the congressional pensioners with their needs. Telegrams from many states advised that "we

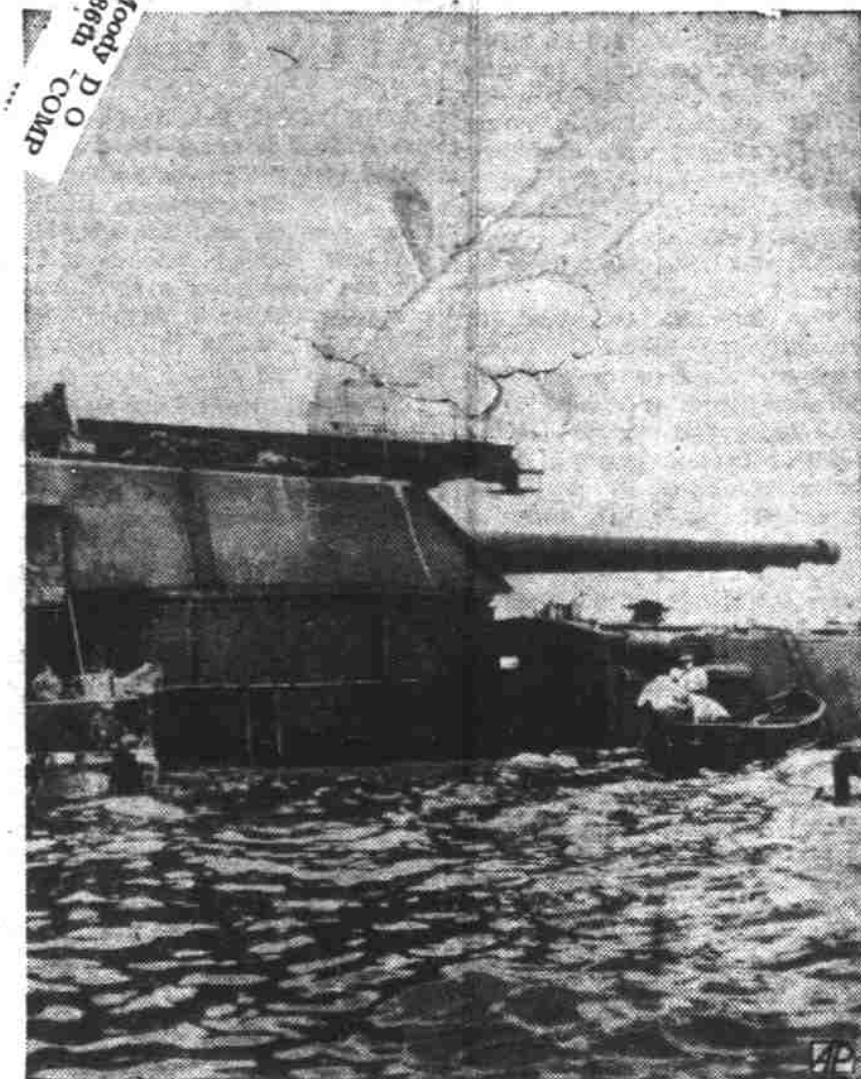
take care of our own congressmen."

The Bonehead club in Dallas, Tex., threatened to fill a freight car with "presents for congress." Santa Cruz, Calif., organized the "Exalted Order of Dried Fish for Congress Society," and the San Francisco junior chamber of commerce started a campaign of its own.

"Could you imagine," Albi asked, "what that mess of junk would do if it really went to Washington."

"Such a trek would upset the conservation plan of the country. It might lead to traffic congestion. It might lead to serious injury."

Swage at Pearl Harbor



A diving crew works around the aft turrets of the battleship USS Arizona, which was sunk in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor last December 7. This is an official US navy photograph.

Ceiling Is Set On Pine Prices

Construction by Army Boosted Cost, Says Henderson in Edict

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—A price ceiling was imposed on western pine lumber Thursday by Price Administrator Leon Henderson, at about the level of the first week of last October.

The ruling, effective February 15, would cut from \$2 to \$5 per thousand feet from current prices on Ponderosa pine, Idaho white pine and sugar pine. Western pine, constituting about 21 per cent of the nation's lumber output, is the last major species of soft wood lumber to receive a ceiling. The pine species are processed in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Henderson explained that the ceiling was made necessary by "strong pressure on prices," emphasized by diversion of much of the supply to cantonment construction and other war needs.

The price administrator said that a cost and price study showed that even at the lowered prices "a substantial profit margin remains and the prices set generally are considered liberal under standards set forth in the price control act."

Typical prices set on some of the basic western pine items were: number 3 common boards, one by twelve, \$30; 4/5 common "shops" \$30; 2 "shop", 6/4 thick, \$33; mill run "box", 5/4 and 6/4, \$23.

Auto Use Tax Repeal Asked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP) A bill to repeal the automobile use tax after next July 1, when the current stickers expire, was introduced Thursday by Representative Landis (R-Ind.).

Landis, in a statement, described the levy a nuisance tax and declared it "objectionable" on these grounds:

"The auto is not a luxury. Most cars are used for business purposes and transportation purposes.

"Owners of small and old passenger cars must pay the same amount (\$5 a year) as do owners of large limousines."

"The sticker system is very unsatisfactory."

Small Business Gets Support In Senate

Committee Urges Legislation to Create Division in War Production Board; Big Concerns Flayed; Says OPM Ruthless

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—The senate's committee on small business reported Thursday that an "utterly ruthless" attitude by defense officials had helped bring small business face to face with "wholesale bankruptcy" from which it could be rescued only by being given "a definite and effective voice in the administration of the war effort."

The committee, reporting that large concerns had been given a lion's share of government defense business while thousands of small plants remained idle, asked immediate legislation to create a division of small business production within the war production board.

It also recommended creation of a separate corporation within the reconstruction finance corporation to finance small businesses. "The hopeless efforts of small business to make itself heard are well illustrated by its pathetic struggle to take part in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Airport Gets New Runways

Two Lanes Authorized By CAA; Salem WPA to Concentrate on Work

Two more runways for Salem municipal airport were under way Thursday with advice to city officials of approval given the project by the civil aeronautics authority. The WPA is expected to complete the north-south and northeast-southwest runways to lengths of 5000 and 4000 feet, respectively.

Announcement was not made as to details of the work or the length of time it will take. It was understood, however, machinery will be contracted in order to speed the job as rapidly as weather permits.

The city received notice about 90 WPA laborers on the sewerage and south river road projects are to be withdrawn and the projects abandoned temporarily to concentrate manpower at the airport. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Farm Meeting In Salem Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—The agriculture department announced it would hold four meetings this month to consider 1942 vegetable and fruit production goals and marketing problems in the west coast area.

The schedule of meetings follows: Los Angeles, Feb. 9-10; Sacramento, Feb. 12-13; Salem, Ore., Feb. 16, and Hood River, Ore., Feb. 17.

South River Road Opened

Traffic was moving over the South River road Thursday night where two slides had been cleared away by county crews during the preceding 36 hours.

Power shovel and bulldozer were in use there throughout Thursday, lifting the several hundred cubic yards of dirt, rocks and brush which had cracked away from an embankment cut during the past summer.

Because of the slimy nature of the earth, motorists were warned that the stretch of once-covered roadway lying approximately a half mile south of the city limits was unusually hazardous and were urged to travel slowly there.

Dirt from the second slide was hauled to a point approximately a mile distant, that from the first having been used between the railroad fill and the highway.

"And the gag isn't worth the risk. Is it?"

In a statement signed by the board of control, the Round Table said:

"We devised this means of kidding the congress and giving the country a laugh. We trust we haven't been taken too seriously. "Now we have laughed together.

"Let's pull together and help win the war.

"Today we buy \$3000 more in defense bonds."

Other giddy stunts the Round Table has sponsored include its annual Fourth of July Christmas party, a fire cracker golf tournament and the national coaches moaning contest.

Navy Bill, China Aid Approved

Measures Sent To FDR After Senate Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—In 25 minutes Thursday, the senate gave final congressional approval to a \$26,495,265,474 naval appropriations bill and a measure authorizing \$500,000,000 financial aid to China.

After a five-minute explanation by Senator Overton (D-La.), the chamber unanimously approved a senate-house committee's draft of the naval bill—largest single appropriations measure in legislation history—and sent it on to the president.

In the 20 minutes before that, it had argued briefly the merits of a \$500,000,000 loan to China and passed it by a 74 to 0 vote. The house had put its okay on the measure Wednesday, and that bill also went to the president.

Calculated to ease China's internal financial difficulties, the measure would permit the secretary of the treasury, with the approval of the president, to make direct loans to the Chungking Chinese government, set up credits in this country to conduct operations to sustain the Chinese currency.

When Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) explained that the fund was to be used primarily to "stiffen China's internal economy" Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said he thought it would be a rather difficult thing to get \$500,000,000 to China.

Connally replied that this transfer did not need to be made in actual cash and Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky explained (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Uruguay to Use US Ships For Patrol

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 5—(AP) With vessels provided by the United States and manned by Uruguayan naval crews, Uruguay will patrol her own strategic coasts on the Atlantic and the river Plate estuary, where the shattered, refuted German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled after deadly battle with the British in December, 1939.

The disclosure was made Thursday night by Defense Minister Gen. Julio Roldeti, who said this step had been taken to maintain pledges of continental solidarity. These pledges, he said, have taken on new meaning since Uruguay's recent break with the axis.

Roldeti explained that the Uruguayan navy as constituted is unequal to the patrol task, but he added that his government had been informed by Washington that US vessels were provided for the Uruguayan crews.

The crews are in training here and officers are receiving instruction with the cooperation of Argentina, Brazil and Great Britain.

Greece Famine Reports Heard

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP) Greece is suffering a terrible famine, reports reaching Washington through various channels indicate, and the situation in that axis-occupied country is growing more desperate daily.

At a press conference Thursday, Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, described the plight of the Greeks as utterly appalling. He said the state department's information indicated that the Germans had ruthlessly stripped the Greek people of their food reserves and left them to starve. He added that the rapidly increasing death rate among infants was particularly shocking.

Wednesday's Weather
Forecast withheld and temperature data delayed by army report. River Thursday, 19.3 feet. Max. temp. Wednesday, 52, min., 42. Rainfall .85 inch.

Drive To Cripple Allied Positions Before US Air Aid Reaches Far East

Russian Chief Declares Nazi Dream is Over

Assures People Army Will Return Soviets Soon; Cites Offense

MOSCOW, Feb. 5—(AP)—President Michael Kalinin told the people tonight that "the hour is near when all the occupied (Soviet) republics will return to the family," and declared that Adolf Hitler's dream of conquest "now is pursuing him like a shadow," back across the snowy battlefields of Russia.

The greatly augmented red army, he said, now is approaching the borders of White Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, while in the south "every day more occupied places in the Ukraine return to their country."

In some sectors the Germans have been hurled back 175 miles since the mighty counter-offensive began at the gates of Moscow early in December, and this, "despite a fierce fight for every inch of ground," he said.

Kalinin told the people in a message flashed across the newspapers' front pages that Hitler "sacrificed everything trying to realize his dream of occupying Moscow," he paid a lot for it. He will pay more."

The winter-hooded red army last was reported officially operating in the northwest in the Kholm area, some 100 miles from Latvia and Estonia; below Smolensk in the Kirov sector it also was about the same distance from White Russia; in the Ukraine Marshal Timoshenko's troops were beyond Lvov, an important railway junction between the Donets and Dnieper rivers on the road to the big industrial center of Dnepropetrovsk.

The soviet president said the Russian offensive was a carefully-conceived plan launched after a strategic retreat enabled the red (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

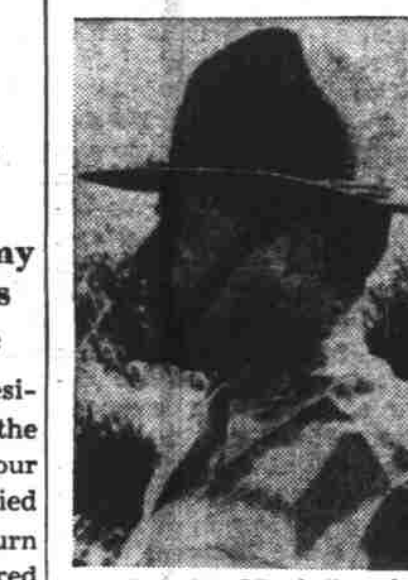
Plane, Crew Said Missing

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 5 (AP)—An army plane, in which four fliers began a routine flight Tuesday afternoon, is missing, Sacramento army airport depot revealed Thursday night.

Aboard were Second Lieuts. R. J. Heiderstadt and W. V. McShane, Technical Sergeant M. Pittner and Staff Sgt. R. L. Kirkland. Addresses of the men were not recorded.

Air depot officials said they heard rumors that a plane had been sighted and explosions heard in the vicinity of Fort Jones, Mt. Shasta region, but that these reports were wholly unconfirmed.

Wounded



Gen. Douglas MacArthur was reported to be in the war department that Brig. Gen. Clinton A. Pierce, recently promoted from a colonelcy for conspicuous skill and bravery in action, has been wounded in the battle of Batan in the Philippines. Above photograph was taken of Gen. Pierce in the Philippines recently. He becomes the first US general in World War II to be wounded in action. An admiral lost his life in the aerial blitz on Pearl Harbor.

Axis Troops Near Tobruk

Spearheads of Rommel Push British Within Fifty Miles of City

CAIRO, Feb. 5—(AP)—Spearheads of the axis African army Thursday night were believed to stand within 50 miles of Tobruk in the continuing counter-offensive which has swept the British forces back some 180 miles since the German and Italian troops occupied Benghazi.

While the British army command reported only patrol activity and operations of mobile columns "along the whole of our front," the latest highwater mark of the axis eastward push was indicated in an RAF communique which announced British bombers had been active east and west of Tmimi.

Situated at the eastern base of the Cirenaican hump, the town itself is 60 miles west of Tobruk and about 140 miles from the Libyan-Egyptian border. The Italian high command said only that the axis forces under German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had driven east of Derna, which lies 40 miles northwest of Tmimi.)

Dive Bombers Cause Casualties in Malta

VALIETTA, Malta, Feb. 5—(AP) Dive bombers caused a number of casualties and some property damage in a sharp attack on this British Mediterranean island base Thursday.

A large bomber force attacked a second time Thursday afternoon, but there was no immediate report on damages and casualties.

Singapore and Batan Sectors Almost Quiet

British Hard Pressed In Burma; American P-40s Duel Victors

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The Japanese, lying idle before the unyielding American-Filipino line on Luzon and still withholding their threatened spring at Singapore, appeared Thursday to be turning their main force against the Dutch East Indies in an urgent effort to gravely wound the allied position there before the rising might of the American air arm could be fully felt.

In pursuit of a quick decision, the enemy's bombers returned to the assault upon Soerabaja for the second successive day and again it was clear that he had done a good deal of damage but the picture quickly developed a reverse side.

For the first time US army pursuit planes were in action—and effective action—over Java, although American-flown bombers had long been active over Indies waters. The war department announced that a small squadron of P-40's had engaged a greatly superior formation of enemy bombers escorted by pursuers and had knocked down a bomber and a pursuit ship to the loss of one American plane.

The Soerabaja bombing was accompanied by an apparent worsening in the immediate Dutch situation elsewhere. Neither from the island of Ambon between Celebes and New Guinea, the site of the Netherlands second greatest naval base, nor from the enemy-occupied Kendari sector of southeast Celebes was there official news.

Artillery action at Singapore (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

January Sea Toll Reported

LONDON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Allied air forces operating over wide stretches of European and Pacific waters, sank or damaged at least 74 axis vessels of all types in January, it was estimated in an official summary released Thursday night.

In the Pacific theatre, where allied strength is increasing, 52 Japanese vessels were sent to the bottom or hit. Destruction of a 20,000-ton liner was the highlight of operations in the Mediterranean, where 15 vessels were sunk or damaged.

In the North sea and off the Atlantic coast six enemy supply ships and a tanker were sunk, damaged or set afire.

Jap Warplanes Bomb Java Naval Base



Japanese warplanes raided Soerabaja, major naval base of the Dutch East Indies. It was the initial thrust at Java, seat of the Colonial government for the oil and agriculturally rich island. Java is 600 miles long, and from 80 to 125 miles wide—a total area about the size of the state of New York. There are excellent highways and railroads.