



ON THE INSIDE- in Washington!

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Even before the last tragic scenes of a bitter British defeat at Singapore are enacted, London's appraisal of battle reports from Russia lend an added touch of gloom to the war picture.

Behind a prolonged smoke screen of official accounts from both Berlin and Moscow, dealing only with reputed enemy casualties in men and war gear, the London observers detect evidences that the great German retreat is coming to a halt.

Moscow does not admit that Berlin and Helsinki both tell of raging red army attacks still being delivered despite staggering losses all the way from north of Leningrad to the Crimea.

There has been for days, however, a significant lack of specific Russian claims, official or unofficial, of new towns of strategic importance retaken. Estimates of nazi casualties and accounts of numerous "populated places" regained afford little data on which to found tactical or strategic analyses.

Nor is it possible yet to measure the extent to which that amazing Russian winter offensive has crippled nazi ability to resume a blitzkrieg attack when weather permits.

However, it has made even greater inroads on Hitler's reserves of men, equipment and oil than the aggregate of territory retaken by red forces would imply. Hitler has lost, too, attack springboards of incalculable value around Moscow and southward in the upper Donetz basin if it is another mighty attempt to destroy Russian armies that he is contemplating.

That may not be his purpose. Berlin has continuously trumpeted forecasts of a greater offensive in Russia in the spring. That has been the excuse presented for surrender of ground so recently won at great cost in German blood.

Nevertheless, Hitler's grim experience in Russia may have led to a complete revision of strategy. If Russian expectations, strongly supported by Sir Stafford Cripps, former British ambassador to Moscow, are borne out, he will localize his spring at-

ack, centering it on his prime objective, which is oil.

There is some support for that view in two factors. The most stubborn German stand of the great retreat was on the Azov sea flank, in the Taganrog area, after falling back from Rostov. They are still within striking distance of Rostov, entry port to the Caucasus.

The single nazi counter offensive that has retaken and held an important strategic point since the retreat began was in the Crimea, at Feodosiya. The nazi grip there threatened red forces on recaptured Kerch peninsula. That is the backdoor via Kerch strait to the Caucasus and its oil.

Weather probabilities also indicate that the first resurgence of the German attack will be in the south. April is a preferred German battle month in the southeastern Ukraine and the Crimea, according to World War precedent, mechanization has only tried to advance the date of practicability somewhat.

Whatever else the nazi warlord is hatching for spring delivery in the Mediterranean or elsewhere, a concentrated new onslaught toward the Caucasus, perhaps implemented by holding action elsewhere across Russia, seems a logical development. And a halt in the great nazi retreat may be setting the stage now for just that.

Benefit Social Given

GRAND ISLAND—The Mother's Circle club presented its annual program at the schoolhouse Saturday under the direction of Mrs. Fred Finnicum and Mrs. Henry Taylor. Proceeds from the pie social, amounting to \$48.50, will be used for community activities.

Plans Set for Hobby Show

Exhibitors Asked to Have Displays out Friday Morning

SILVERTON — Plans are practically completed for the annual Women's club hobby show to be held at the Eugene Field building here Friday afternoon and night. Serving on the general committee are Mrs. A. J. Titus, Mrs. Charles Hoyt and Mrs. Edwin S. Severance.

Besides a number of antique art and other hobby collections from Silvertown, there will be a number of visiting displays. Exhibitors are asked to bring their "hobbies" to the auditorium between 9 and 12 o'clock Friday morning. Helpers are requested to be on hand at 9 a.m. Judging will begin at 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beyer of Woodburn, are announcing the birth of a daughter at the Silvertown hospital Tuesday.

The deputy collector from the internal revenue office at Portland will be in Silvertown February 25 and 26 to give assistance to taxpayers.

Kenneth Williams, employe of the Silvertown bakery, submitted to major surgery during the week. He is reported as improving satisfactorily.

Irene Roubal, newly installed most excellent chief, presided at the February business meeting of the Pythian Sisters.

Olive Morley, secretary, reported scores of letters had been received from service men who had received gift packages of candy and cigarettes donated at recent dances the Pythians gave. Evelyn Conklin was installed. Hildred Loe resigned as trustee and Henrietta Loe was named to take her place. Helen M. Wrightman presented a gift from the group to Hildred Loe. Mrs. Loe is moving to Sweet Home.

Plans were made for a social night February 19 when entertainment will be planned by Myrtle Eastman, Nada Grinde and Josephine Hartman.

Announcement was made that the Altruist club would hold an all day meeting February 25.

Move to Nebraska

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marcy and Danny are leaving for Hay Springs, Neb., their former home. They have been active in community affairs. Marcy is a school clerk and Mrs. Marcy is a president of the Woman's club.

Farmers Union News

Bethel local, Farmer's union as a part of a national drive, will hold a supper Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for a legislative protective fund. Games will follow. Members and friends are invited.

AUMSVILLE — The Aumsville Farmer's union will sponsor a pie social Friday at the school house, for the benefit of the national achievement budget for 1942. The public is invited. A short program will be given, beginning at 8 o'clock.

BUENA VISTA—Several county officers and members of neighboring locals were guests at Buena Vista Friday.

This was the first meeting the new president, Amel Gobat, has been able to attend. Several visitors stressed the importance of Farmer's union during the war and the adjustment period following. W. C. Leth, Polk county agent, talked on victory gardens.

The local is planning a short program and benefit pie supper February 20.

BETHEL — A supper, to which the public is invited, will be served at the school Saturday at 8 o'clock by the Farmers Union. There will be a small charge.

Guests Visit At Pioneer

PIONEER — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Odom, Valley Junction, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Prindel, Valsez, visited at the Ralph Weaver home Sunday.

Kenneth Wright and Arthur Houtz called at the Frank Dornhecker home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Theiss, Dallas, called at the Phillip Theiss, sr., home Sunday.

Mrs. Carol Saling, Portland, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keller, sr., from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black called at the John Keller, sr., home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have both been ill but are better now. June Schneider, Dallas, has been staying with her grandparents the past two weeks.

Given Surprise Party

SILVERTON — Pythian Sisters held a surprise party for Anna Adams Monday. Mrs. Adams and her husband, Ralph Adams, will leave soon for Chicago, Pittsburgh and various other cities in Illinois and Ohio for a business and pleasure trip. A gift was presented and refreshments served by Olive Morley, Leola Bentson and Wava Axley.

Soil Fertility To Be Talked At Liberty

LIBERTY—Soil fertility as a factor in the foods for victory program will be the theme of the meeting arranged for farmers hereabouts tonight at 8 p.m. in the grange hall.

The value of barnyard and commercial fertilizer, when and how to apply; suggestions for using various threshed straws as fertilizer; what fertilizer to use on various grass and hay crops, will be discussed.

Speakers will be A. S. King, extension soils specialist OSC and either Robert Rieder, county agent, or his assistant, W. S. Nibler.

Session Called Today

WEST SALEM—Mrs. Jack Wiebe has asked the benefit card club committee of the PTA to meet at the home of Mrs. Merle Swearingen today at 2 o'clock. Asked to attend are Mrs. Verne Axelson, Mrs. Katie Lawrence, Mrs. Glenn Davenport, Mrs. Collet Rust, Mrs. Drew Michaels and Mrs. Wiebe.

Shower Given at Spring Valley

SPRING VALLEY — Mrs. Henry Davidson was complimented at a miscellaneous shower given by members of the Sunshine club. The guests included Mrs. Pete Wilwert and Jerry, Mrs. Ted Daum, Mrs. Elmer Ray and small granddaughter, Mrs. Ben McKinney and Phyllis, Mrs. Belle Sim-

kins, Mrs. Libby Davidson, Mrs. May Versteeg, Mrs. Chris Yungen, Mrs. Walter Evans, Mrs. Stella Chance and Lois, Mrs. S. B. Dodge, Mrs. A. D. Clark and Mrs. Hugh Craig.

A weekend guest here at the Frank B. Windsor home was their youngest daughter, Doris, who is a student at Oregon State college campus.

Taken to Hospital

UNIONVALE — Fred Launer, who was severely injured in a logging accident last fall in the Grand Ronde district, was taken to Portland for examination because of the slowness of his recovery. He received head and arm injuries when a limb fractured his skull during a heavy wind storm.

Club Members Make Auditions

LYONS — A group of 4H club members including Evelyn Mae Sauer, Dorothy Kruse, Rossanna Jefferson, Darleen Kruse, Donald Cornforth, Gerald Garrison, Danie Skeels and Birdell Miller, accompanied by their teachers, Esther Fixon and Delbert Long, went to Albany Saturday where they held an audition for a 4H club program to be held over the radio March 2.

Sgt. Cyril Lyons and Sgt. Keith Taylor, Pendleton, visited in Lyons the last of the week. Cyril visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lyons.

Saturday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith were Albert Brooks of Sandy, Mrs. Byron Mayo and daughter and Mrs. Harry Hilderbrand, Portland.

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