

Vignette

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 13—(AP)—An elderly man jumped out of the way of a speeding auto. He took the number, called police, then said "Either I've made a mistake or my son is due for a hiding."

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Your complete morning newspaper, The Statesman, offers you pertinent comments on war news of the day by Kirke Simpson, Washington analyst.

Singapore Holds Out Under Heavy Blasts

City Calm As Battle Continues

Counter-Attacks Reported; Japs Mass Strength

LONDON, Feb. 13—(AP) Under massive air and artillery bombardment, Singapore still held out Friday night and a surprisingly optimistic Reuters dispatch filed from the island metropolis in mid-morning said positions of the British defenders had been stabilized and that counter-attacks about seven miles north of the city "have met with some success."

Although later official advices indicated the city's known major water reservoirs were gone or imminently menaced and that the

TOKYO (From Japanese broadcasts) Saturday, Feb. 14 (AP)—Japanese troops succeeded in repairing the causeway across Johore Strait to Singapore island Friday night after British artillery blew up their first construction job, "and Japanese forces are continuing to pour into Singapore island," Domei said today.

British line still was being slowly beaten back by an overwhelming Japanese force, the Reuters correspondent presented an amazing picture of a population confident that the invaders would be stopped short of their goal.

His dispatch, filed at 10:30 a. m. Singapore time Friday, said British counter-attacks were carried out in the Jurong area, about seven miles to the northwest, and that they were believed to have stabilized the defense positions.

West of the city heavy fighting was reported along a line running from Pierce reservoir to Bukit Timah and Jurong and ending at Pasir Panjang on the south coast, about five miles from the island metropolis.

Then, in contrast to the pessimistic feeling in London, the Reuters correspondent presented a picture of buoyant residents of the city going about their business as usual full of hope that the worst was passing and that the hard-pressed defenders would stem the Japanese tide.

Coffee shops and food stalls, he (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Dairy Starts Six-Day Week

Milk Deliveries on Sundays Cancelled, Doubled Saturdays

More than 2500 patrons of Curly's dairy will not find milk or cream on their doorsteps Sunday, Hans Hofstetter, proprietor, stated Friday when he announced that from now on retail deliveries from his establishments would be made on a six-day-week basis.

Customers will not be inconvenienced, however, Hofstetter explained, for regular Sunday orders will be filled on Saturday with the exception of certain wholesale establishments such as hospitals and large restaurants which must be serviced daily.

Under the new plan, 200 miles of driving will be eliminated and only four instead of the usual 14 trucks will be in operation. Relief men will meet the regular carriers at certain points and exchange additional supplies of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Convicted



WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—(AP) Laura Ingalls, speed flier and self-styled "International Mata Hari," was convicted by a federal district court jury Friday on a charge that she acted as a paid agent of the German Reich without registering with the state department. The jury deliberated only a little more than an hour. Maximum penalty for the offense is two years in prison and a \$1000 fine. Imposition of sentence is not expected for several days. Miss Ingalls, who admitted to accepting money from a German diplomat while she was promoting American neutrality last year, stared angrily as each juror intoned "guilty" when the court clerk asked for the verdict. Later, she remarked philosophically: "Well, it's Friday the 13th."

Third Draft Starts Today

Registration of Men 20-21 and 36-44 to Sign Up at Armory

(See Registration Blank, Page 2) Third selective service registration in 18 months begins at 1 o'clock this afternoon for Salem men, who are to sign at the armory, an estimated 2000 in number. Registration continues Sunday and Monday.

In the 20-21 age group, about 12,000 are expected to register over the state, and about 62,000 in the 36-44 group. Specifically, men born on or after February 17, 1907, and on or before December 31, 1921, must sign, but those from 22 to 36 years of age were included in previous registrations.

The official day is Monday, but permission was granted to register the two days before. Hours here are 1 to 5 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. No division of men as they line up will be made, according to Ray J. Stumbo, chairman of Marion county local board No. 1, but those from 22 to 36 years of age will be separated to different tables.

Questions which registrants answer are in regard to residence, birth date and place of employment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—(AP)—The selective service registration of nine million or more additional men of military age started Friday in some states, three days in advance of the Feb. 16 date originally set.

In virtually all states, the progress of enrolling unregistered men aged 20 to 44, inclusive, will be carried on over the week end so (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Governors to Phone States' Greetings

Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon and Gov. Sidney F. Osborn of Arizona, will exchange birthday greetings of their respective states by long-distance telephone at 8 a.m. today, when both states observe their birthday anniversaries. The telephone call will be placed by Gov. Osborn. Arizona, last state admitted to the union observes its 30th birthday today. It is Oregon's 83rd birthday.

Churchill Flayed In England

British Papers Vent Fury Over Many Defeats

LONDON, Feb. 14—(Saturday)—(AP)—The full fury of a bitter editorial barrage against the government fell for the first time Friday upon Prime Minister Churchill himself on the heels of the German fleet's dash through the channel, and one newspaper suggested bluntly that Britain had been "hypnotized by the force of his rhetoric."

The prime minister, who heretofore has had to defend only his colleagues, this time found himself one of the main targets of an attack which was the most severe since he took office in May, 1940.

The News Chronicle said: "His methods of government must be recast quickly and with a single aim in view—to retrieve as 'dangerous and humiliating a situation as any that yet confronted us . . ."

"Have we not been hypnotized by Mr. Churchill's personality, by the force of his rhetoric, by his hold in the house of commons. Have we not been drugged by phrases, by reiterated assurances into a frame of mind in which we've lost our grip on realities?"

The Herald remarked "we look pretty foolish" and added the British public "now feels apprehension about the whole strategic reaction of the war which not mere formal inquest on past events will remove, however thoroughly conducted."

The Mirror asked: "Is it any longer true to say we trust the prime minister though we do not trust his government?"

"He can not keep it much longer," it continued, "if he and his loyal friends continue to rely on past services. This war can not be won on gratitude . . ."

The Daily Sketch said that "Mr. Churchill must be brought by one (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Marion's Tax Bills Mailed

Statements Call for Million and a Quarter From Property Owners

Tax statements representing \$1,232,174.52 to be collected from Marion county property owners going out late this week from the office of the sheriff's tax collector department brought a flood of queries to Tax Deputy T. J. Brabec.

For all taxing units except school districts the tax statements cover the first half of 1942. For school districts they cover a full year from July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1942, Brabec explains.

Another set of tax statements, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Auto Mishap Near Dallas Kills Logger

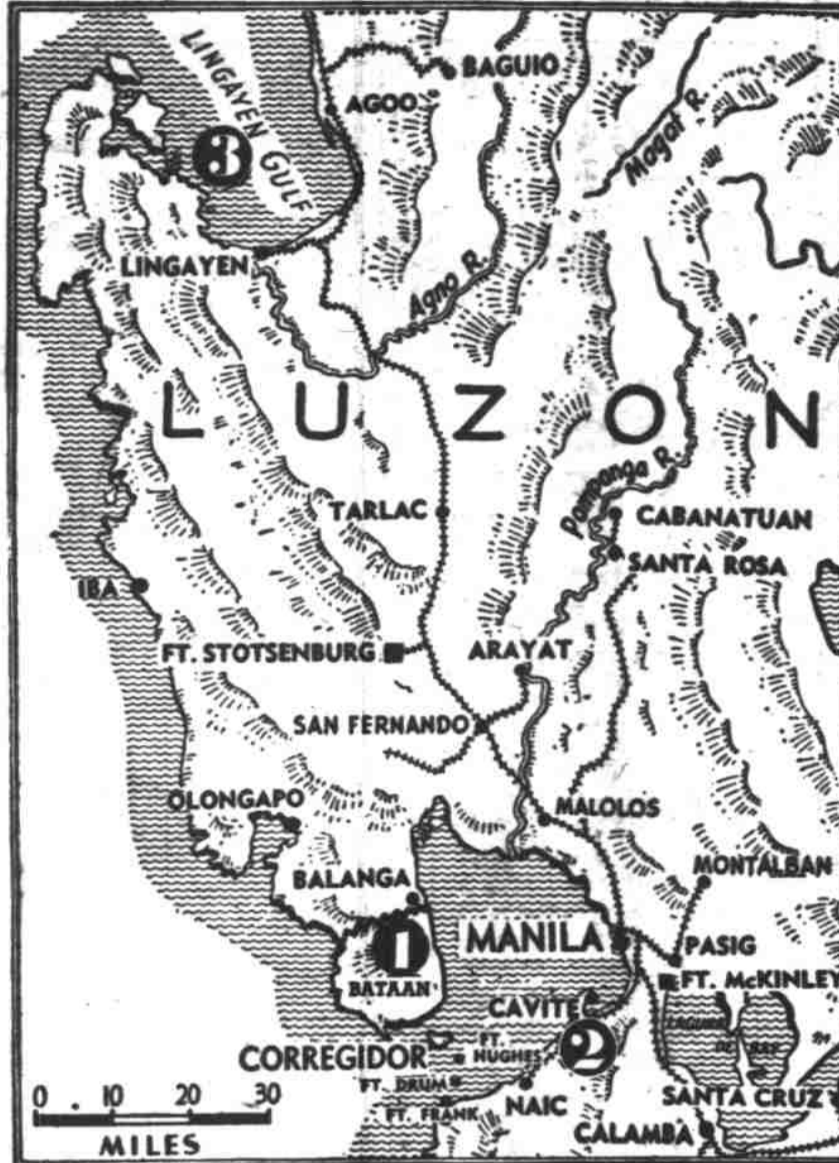
One man was killed and three people injured near Dallas Saturday when a car apparently traveling at a high speed left the road and turned over several times.

John Whitehead, Dallas logger, was killed. Occupants of the car who were taken to the Dallas hospital for treatment are Dee Biglow, Dallas, who suffered superficial cuts on the face and severe bruises; Vernon Thorne, Stayton logger, an injured back, and Bert Lamb, Dallas logger, a fractured rib, cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred on the coast highway, number 22, near the Lower South Creek school, at about 8 p.m.

Wrecked Sailors Land AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Feb. 13—(AP)—Forty-one Russian sailors including two women arrived here Friday after their ship was sunk in a collision with another vessel while traveling in convoy in the western Atlantic.

They're Fighting It Out!



Jap propaganda barrage by radio and pamphlets urging US and Philippine forces to surrender, arouses only amusement among defenders of Bataan peninsula (1). Jap gun emplacements on southern shore of Manila bay, set up for attack on Corregidor island have suffered destructive attacks of shellfire from American fortifications (2). Nine Jap troop ships spotted in Lingayen Gulf is taken to indicate Nipponese are preparing for new grand-scale offensive against Gen. MacArthur's gallant army.

Yanks From Singapore Rap 'Efforts' of British

Group Landing in NY Declare Americans Not Notified to Evacuate Malaya; Salem Man Among Party; Writer Said Muffled

John Drager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rue Drager, of Salem, arrived in New York City Friday from Singapore where he has been for several years with the Texas Oil company.

He left in early December with other evacuees coming by way of Ceylon and Capetown, South Africa. Drager will join his wife in Oklahoma and then come west in several weeks, he told his family Friday.

He talked to his sister, Mrs. Clarence Hamilton. He is the brother of Robert Drager of Stayton, Mrs. James H. Nicholson, Jr., Salem and Douglas Drager, who recently enlisted in the marines. Drager was a former athlete at Salem high school.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Feb. 13—(AP)—The first Americans to arrive from Singapore since the start of the war declared Friday that the British withdrawal from the Malay peninsula was marked by "unbelievable carelessness."

One of the group of 28, Elliott H. Simpson, secretary of an American rubber importing firm, declared that British authorities notified their nationals to evacuate the island city of Penang, off the Malay coast, but never told the American residents of the impending danger and never notified them to vacate.

Even the American consul in Penang, a city of 40,000, was not given the evacuation order, said Simpson, adding heatedly that he intended to go to Washington at once and to tell the story of the British "negligence" to the state department.

"I saw it all," Simpson continued. "I was the witness of the start of what may be the fall of the British empire."

When he left Penang, he declared, there were 7000 tons of crude rubber and 5000 tons of tin on the docks.

At no point during his journey from Penang to Malaya and then to Singapore, said Simpson, did he see any evidence that the British were employing the "scorched earth" policy of destroying vital products necessary to the Japanese prosecution of the war.

On December 18, Simpson said, he told his story to Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel in Singapore "but the British wouldn't let him send it out."

FDR to Speak February 23

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—(AP) President Roosevelt will make a radio address to the nation at 7 p.m. (PWT) on February 23.

His press secretary, Stephen Early, said Friday the speech would last about half an hour. He announced two weeks ago that the president would make an address late in February and would have something "important" to say.

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to report on the progress of the war effort.

Foe Bombs Own Army In Heavy Air Attacks On Bataan Defenders

Celebes Port Set Afire by Dutch Troops

Crack Chinese Army Arrives in Burma as Japs Near Rangoon

BATAVIA, NEI, Feb. 13—(AP) The harbor district of Macassar, chief port of Celebes, has been set afire by the Dutch defenders and the torch also has been put to other vital areas in the south of the island—the area which the Japanese are seeking to consolidate as a base for the expected attack on Java.

This was announced Friday by the NEI command with the sardonic observation:

"The enemy will not find anything of use to him."

Along with the immobilization of Macassar port (the Japanese already have claimed its occupation) the afternoon Dutch communique reported, on the basis of new information from the Macassar garrison, that previous announcements of enemy landings across the peninsula at Balangnipa had been found "erroneous, and thus that the whole position on Celebes was not quite so critical as had appeared earlier.

From Borneo and other fronts there was no new official word. But a general lessening of enemy offensive activity was indicated by the fact that Japanese aerial operations were confined during the day principally to reconnaissance over the outer provinces.

ON THE CHINA-BURMA BORDER, Feb. 13—(AP)—Fresh Chinese troops poured into Burma Friday to join others already aiding the British defenders against the Japanese. Thousands more are on the way.

Well-equipped veterans of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's original army, they are some of the best China can put into the field. All have had long fighting experience against the Japanese.

The soldiers marched several (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Solon Calls For Speedy Bataan Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—(AP) Senator Tydings (D-Md.), roundly criticizing the administration's conduct of the war, Friday called on the government to speed a heavily guarded convoy to reinforcements to General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines or the British at Singapore.

"This war cannot be won on the defense," he shouted. "Japan is inferior in manpower, in productivity, in planes, in weapons and in her navy. But she is on the offensive and she is winning thousands of miles from the Japanese islands themselves."

He proposed that Wendell Willkie be given a high government place "because he has shown an interest in winning this war" and called for admirals and generals who will stand up to President Roosevelt if they feel any grave errors are being committed.

Tydings accused the administration of lack of courage to deal with pressing problems. He said the government had become "an overgrown monstrosity" with an "extravagant, wasteful bureaucracy" that was hampering the war effort.

Youth Finds Girl's Body

Neighbor Who Helped Silverton Family Flee Fire Makes Discovery

SILVERTON, Feb. 13—Forrest Baker, 22, who Thursday night carried from a burning house 3½ year old Deet Nora Alger, brought her and her injured parents into Silverton to a hospital, notified fireman of the fire and returned to the scene of the blaze to help fight it, completed his round of neighborly services for the burned-out and bereaved Alger family Friday morning.

Over the ashes of the frame house on Powerhouse hill he kept a lone vigil for several hours until officers arrived to order the removal of the charred body of Nettie Alger, 8.

Funeral arrangements for the little girl, who sleepily asked to be left alone when older children of the family tried to arouse her in the flaming house, are in the care of the Ekman funeral home.

Still in the hospital, Leon Alger, sr., was Friday declared severely although not critically burned. Mrs. Alger and the 3½-year-old daughter will be dismissed shortly, it was indicated. None of the trio was badly injured in an automobile mishap which occurred as young Baker rushed them into Silverton late Thursday.

State's War Industry Is Discussed

The extent of Oregon contracts, involving marine engines and other war materials for the federal government will depend largely upon the facilities that may be available, David W. Eccles, state war industries coordinator, declared here Friday.

Eccles said he had been offered temporary desk space in the offices of the war production board in Portland and that a permanent state war industries office may be established there later.

One of Eccles' initial steps in the war industries program will be to determine what Oregon manufacturing plants are available for turning out marine engines, projectiles, wooden lifeboats and other war materials.

Thursday's Weather Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request Friday night. 7.7 feet. Max. temp. Thursday, 48, min. 30.

MacArthur Set For Offensive On Mass Scale

Two Jap Bombers Fall Under US Fire; Right Flank Feels Pressure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The Japanese were reported Friday to be sending wave on wave of dive bombers against the American-Filipino forces on Bataan peninsula, presumably in an attempt to soften up the defenses for new infantry onslaughts.

Two bombers, a war department communique said, were shot down by American anti-aircraft guns.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur advised, too, that the Japanese aircraft had inflicted heavy losses on some of their own troops mistaken for the American-Filipino army.

Victims of the erroneous bombing were identified as elements of the 122nd regiment of Lieut. Gen. Akira Nara's division, one of the six divisions facing and overwhelmingly outnumbering MacArthur's little army.

The identification placed the attack on the defenders' right flank, joining Manila bay, presumably in the vicinity of the village of Pilar. Here the same regiment was mauled February 2, along with two others in one phase of the latest large-scale attack made against MacArthur's lines.

Military men said it was logical to believe that the boom- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

State Board Delay Flayed

Judd Sees 'Bottleneck' For Defense in Birth Certificate System

Aroused by what he terms "the amazing apology of the secretary of the state board of health for his inability to provide birth certificates as requested by defense workers, regardless of the bottleneck caused thereby," Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd issued a statement Friday.

Judd's statement points out an opinion given last November by the attorney general "which clears away any claim the state board of health has to the exclusive right to issue birth certificates. The law referred to gives the county court or any other court of competent jurisdiction authority to issue birth certificates," Judd declared.

"The courts of this county have required an affidavit of someone who knew of the birth and the date of the occurrence, plus at least two pieces of documentary evidence that establish the birth-place, birthdate and parentage of the applicant; and the order of the court recites the fact that it has examined the evidence and found it sufficient.

"This office has been able (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

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