

Weather
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Temperature
Highest Yesterday 60
Lowest this Morning 52
Precipitation past 24 hours .40

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GERMAN FORCES IN "BLITZ" RETREAT

Kelly's Comment
From Washington
Curb on Building Causes Job Lack
Lumber Industry Given Hard Blow
\$6000 Ceiling Due to Remain

HITLERITES FLEE UKRAINE IN ROUT RUSSIANS CLAIM

Latest Moscow Drive Cost Nazis Half Million Men, Say Reds—Near Moscow

By the Associated Press
Soviet dispatches declared today that the retreat of Adolf Hitler's Ukraine armies from Rostov-on-Don had become a rout, with the nazis fleeing westward along the shores of the Azov sea after a retreat which "puts an end to tales about the invincibility of the German army."

A British broadcast quoted Soviet Vice Commissar S. A. Lozovsky as saying that "the latest attempt of the Germans to take Moscow has cost them half a million men."

Soviet dispatches reported that besides the German defeat at Rostov, Red army troops had also put the Germans to flight through deep snow drifts around Stalingorsk, 120 miles south-east of Moscow.

Plan New Stand
Advices reaching London said that the German southern forces, commanded by Gen. Ewald Von Kleist, were heading back to Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov, to make a new stand around that city, which they captured on October 7.

The German high command said bitter fighting was continuing but gave no details.

On the central front, a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German troops pressing the two-month-old offensive against Moscow had penetrated deep into the capital's defense system—how far was not stated—while a Soviet spokesman countered with a statement that "the Germans can register so far only tremendous losses in all directions, without exception."

Dispatches to the Soviet newspaper Pravda said Red army troops had repulsed attacks by three German divisions, about 45,000 soldiers, in the Klin and Volokolamsk sectors, respectively 50 and 65 miles northwest of Moscow.

Roscoe reports said heavy fighting had broken out in the Italian sector in the Donets river basin, near Voloshilovgrad, 100 miles north of Rostov, with "considerable" losses inflicted on the Russians.

African Units Merge
On the flaming north African battle front, British headquarters admitted that the Germans, throwing all their available armored forces into a desperate lunge, had succeeded in consolidating their divided armies in the Libyan desert wastes.

A British communiqué said German troops advancing from the all-day fighting managed to reach other nazi forces trapped south of Rezegh, 90 miles from the Libyan-Egyptian frontier.

Premier Mussolini's high command reported the capture of 1,500 British prisoners in the Rezegh zone, while the German high command claimed that more than 9,000 British, including three generals, had been taken captive so far in the 15-day-old campaign. The nazi high command also reported the destruction of 814 British tanks and 127 planes.

Official nazi dispatches said the battle on the Tobruk front had taken a favorable turn for the axis in the past few days.

Turn Due Soon
A nazi military spokesman said developments indicated a "definite turn of events in a few days," indicating that a decisive phase in the conflict was imminent.

Powerful sea-borne British reinforcements were reported pouring into Tobruk whose narrow corridor eastward to Rezegh may have been cut by the German success.

In the waters outside Tobruk harbor, the Italian high command reported the sinking of a 3,000-ton British cruiser of the Aurora class under three aerial torpedo hits.

All of Florida is farther south than the most southern limits of California.

Nazis Puncture British Encirclement



Shaded arrow indicates main British drive in the offensive in Libya, reported to have advanced close to Tobruk, where a besieged British garrison attacking southward closed a ring around axis units to the east. The RAF said German tanks and trucks were moving west from Salum (broken arrow). Smaller arrows and wedges indicate British moves in addition to the main push.

Women May Be Conscripted In Britain's Army Expansion

London, Dec. 2.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill told parliament today that "a crisis of manpower and womanpower" will dominate the year 1942 for Britain, proposed that military conscription age limits be lowered to 18½ and raised to 50 and warned that eventually men of 60 might be called.

Powers to compel unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the uniformed forces also will be sought, he said, although only volunteer women will be assigned to "lethal or combatant services."

The present conscription limit for men is 19 to 41. Declaring to a solemn and crowded house of commons that Britain's "crisis of equipment is largely over and an ever-broadening flow is now assured," partly because of United States aid and partly because of newly completed British empire factories, he said the drain on Britain's manpower was arising from five causes:

1. The necessity of staffing the new factories.
2. The maintenance and expansion of forces in the east.
3. The production of Russia from British supply.
4. The prospective expansion of the air force, and the continuous growth of the navy, and
5. The continuous guard against "two vultures" — the danger of invasion and the air raider—which "will hang over us until the end of the war."

The expanded military conscription will bring more than 3,000,000 more men and women under review for armed service. Churchill coupled his call for increased manpower and womanpower with the warning that "at any time Hitler may recognize his defeat by the Russian armies and to recover his disaster visit us with all his fury."

"We are all ready for him. We shall receive him when he comes, by day or night, by far greater forces and with every modern improvement, but we must always be ready."

All Marines Out Of Shanghai Now
Manila, Dec. 2.—(P)—All United States marines have been evacuated from Shanghai on President Roosevelt's orders, the navy announced today.

Along with a number of civilian evacuees, the marines crossed in two contingents on the liners President Madison and President Harrison, which docked today several hours apart.

Officers said the marines would remain in the Philippines, assigned to the 16th naval district.

"The marines have landed and are ready for anything," the navy announced. "There was no mishap during the voyage or landing."

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 2.—(P)—Walla Walla's hectic mayoralty campaign was climaxed here last night with the election of Herbert G. West, waterways executive, by a margin of 462 votes over incumbent Val Jensen.

Mink Raiser Has Crop Worth \$8000
Waldport, Ore., Dec. 2.—(P)—Over \$8,000 in mink pelts have gone to California for storage from his farm on Scott creek, according to Julian Smallwood, who started the enterprise four years ago and this year raised 784 animals. Five hundred pelts were included in the California shipment, worth between \$17 and \$20 each.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—(P)—An Oregon 4-H club girl was awarded a \$200 college scholarship today for all-around home-making achievements in a national contest.

The girl is Lorraine Filliger, 17, Astoria, Ore., who in eight years raised a garden, handled five dairy cattle, put up 1,471 quarts of food and planted 10 trees and 2,662 flowers and shrubs.

F. R. Asks Japs to Explain Indo and Thailand Moves

CAMP PLANNERS TRANSFERRED TO SAN FRAN OFFICE

Capt. Bean Says Move Not Significant So Far As Ultimate Building Concerned.

Announcement was made today that the engineering offices of the proposed Marysville, Cal., and Albany and Medford army cantonments would be transferred to the San Francisco office.

In announcing receipt of such instructions from the zone 9 constructing quartermaster's office, Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster here, said the work now being done by his staff at the Medford army would be continued in the San Francisco office. Emphasizing that the change was simply a geographical transfer, Capt. Bean stated that the move had no significance so far as the prospects of ultimate construction of the camps were concerned.

Start Thursday
The work at the Medford army will be completed Thursday and the move to San Francisco then started, Capt. Bean said.

"This move means nothing in relation to the job itself and has no significance other than the consolidation of the offices," Capt. Bean said. "We shall continue to do at the San Francisco office what we have been doing here."

Since completion of the architect-engineer's work November 15, Capt. Bean's staff has been engaged in changing camp drawings in accordance with orders from Washington D. C. The captain's staff was increased to handle the additional work and today comprised 38 civilians and six army officers.

Civilians Through
All of the civilian personnel will be let out excepting Claude M. Laird, administrative assistant.

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On Replaces Terry As Giants' Manager

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—(P) The New York Giants made Mel Ott playing manager today and placed Bill Terry in charge of farm operations with the title of general manager.

Each was given a two-year contract.

Meanwhile the Cleveland Indians announced that Manager Lou Boudreau's new coaches would be Bert Shotton, manager of the Columbus (O.) Red Birds, and Oscar Melillo, a Cleveland coach under Manager Oscar Vitt.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—(P)—A superior court jury today awarded \$21,000 to a couple in suits in which they charged a Boston police sergeant made a wrongful entry into their hotel room and subjected them to questioning reflecting on their marital status.

Police Sergeant George Smith of Sydney, N. S., alleged that the police made a forceful entry into their room in January, 1939, questioned Mrs. Hatch while she was unclothed, and then ordered them from the hotel.

GASQUET SPLASHED BY SIX INCHES OF RAIN
Grants Pass, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Six inches of gasquet, just the last 24 hours as rain fell in the south of the Oregon border, the forest service reported. Windows were blown in at Gold Beach.

FIRST ACCESS ROAD
Salem, Dec. 2.—(P)—Roads connecting the Tongue Point naval base and the Hermiston ordnance depot with the state highway system will be the first to be constructed under the new federal appropriation for the construction of access roads to military reservations and defense plants, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said today.

Secessionist Dies



GILBERT E. GABLE

Port Orford, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Gilbert E. Gable, 55, mayor of Port Orford and leader in the so-called Curry county secession movement, died at 9 a. m. today. Acute indigestion was given as the immediate cause of death.

Gable had long been prominently identified with various Port Orford enterprises, including the Port Orford Dock & Terminal company, the object of considerable litigation a few years ago. He sought to build a railroad from Port Orford to Grants Pass, Ore. but failed to start work cost the ICC approval certificate.

The secession movement of Curry county was instituted largely by him because of his belief that Oregon was not giving proper attention to development of mineral deposits in the city.

Gable also was publisher of the weekly Port Orford Post, which he purchased two years ago.

No funeral arrangements were made immediately but it was indicated by friends that a Masonic service probably would be held Thursday here.

NEW COMMANDER NAMED FOR 41ST

Tacoma, Dec. 2.—(P)—Brig. Gen. Horace H. Fuller, 55, commander of the army's command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will be the new commander of the 41st division at nearby Fort Lewis, it was learned today.

General Fuller, a graduate of West Point and formerly with the 3rd division, now stationed at Fort Meade, will succeed the late Maj. Gen. George A. White who died last month.

General Fuller commanded the 108th field artillery, Pennsylvania national guard, overseas in the last war.

"Jefferson State" Boosters Suffer Setback in Modoc Co.

Alturas, Calif., Dec. 2.—(P)—Secessionists working to form a 49th state of Jefferson from California-Oregon border counties suffered a major defeat today when Modoc county rejected their advances and took a new vow of allegiance to California.

The board of supervisors of this northeasternmost corner of California, and the chamber of commerce protested against efforts to get Modoc county to quit California.

Failure to construct roads into the wilderness for development of mineral resources is the basis of complaints against California and Oregon by secessionists in Siskiyou, Del Norte and Lassen counties in California and Curry county, Oregon.

Grants Pass, Dec. 2.—(P)—Gilbert E. Gable's secessionist followers in Josephine county called on the county court Monday at the Port Orford mayor's court is against secession.

BRITAIN BOLSTERS SINGAPORE FORCE AS TENSION GROWS

Heavy Fleet Units Steam Into Great Naval Base—Suspense Fills Orient.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(P)—President Roosevelt was disclosed today to be asking Japan questions which diplomatic observers said included requests for an explanation of Japanese military moves into Indo-China and toward Thailand.

The disclosure was in a state department official's account of another visit there by Japanese Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura and special envoy Saburo Kurosu.

He said Undersecretary Sumner Welles had been directed by the president to ask the Japanese representatives to call on him in order to make certain inquiries of the Japanese government, through them, for the information of the president.

This was taken by observers to mean that the president was intervening personally in the negotiations in order to get some satisfactory explanation of recent Japanese military steps.

By the Associated Press
Britain's new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales steamed into the great Singapore naval base today at the head of a flotilla of powerful naval reinforcements as Japanese dispatches asserted that British imperial troops were massing along the Thailand frontier for an invasion.

The Prince of Wales and other unspecified "heavy units" are the first capital ships Britain ever has sent to the far east ready for action. Others have made only ceremonial visits.

Troops March
Simultaneously a Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Rangoon said one of the largest columns of military vehicles ever seen in Burma left the capital for duty centers throughout the country.

British fears of a Japanese thrust into Burma or Thailand have been repeatedly emphasized in recent weeks, but Domei, the Japanese news agency, declared bluntly:

"Indications are that Britain herself is now seeking to invade Thailand."

Thailand herself rushed large-scale preparations for defense in event of an attack, posting armed guards in Bangkok and the capital's suburbs and constructing concrete air-raid shelters at many street junctions.

The official Bangkok radio sought to calm fears that the little country might become a battleground for British and Japanese armies, declaring that the government had investigated foreign reports of an impending attack and found "no country has any designs on Thailand."

Nevertheless, tension was electric throughout the orient.

In Singapore, thousands of British, Malayan, Chinese and Eurasian volunteers went into camp on a full-time soldiering basis as the British crown colony prepared for any eventuality. Only skeleton staffs were left to man business establishments and government offices throughout Malaya.

TANK LIGHTERS FOR FORT LEWIS TROOPS

Fort Lewis, Dec. 2.—(P)—An undisclosed number of new tank lighters — used to float tanks across water — arrived at this army's post today.

The lighters can carry 30,000 pounds and can maneuver close to a beach where a ramp is let down for the tank to move off the deck.

Britain to Declare War on Finns Soon

London, Dec. 2.—(P)—Informed sources today predicted that British declarations of war against Finland, Rumania and Hungary would come toward the end of the week.

They said Finland had been given her last chance to cease attacking Russia.

These sources indicated that British reluctance to declare war on Finland had been overcome to a considerable degree when Finland adhered to the anti-comintern pact.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
"Anchors Away," a show produced by the U. S. navy, will be presented by MBS at 2:30 p. m. Saturdays, beginning December 13.

Tonight, the war: 4:45 NBC-Red, 5:55 CBS, 6:15 MBS, 7:30 NBC-Blue, 7:45 CBS, 8 NBC-Red, 9 NBC, CBS.

NBC-Blue: 5 Treasury Hour.

Wednesday, the war: 10:45 NBC, 12:55 p. m., CBS, NBC, 3 NBC, CBS, 3:25 NBC-Red, 3:45 CBS, NBC-Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Fireman Fred Stevens going into ecstasies upon becoming a grandpa for the first time.

Al Wimer translating U. of O. Joe College talk for friends, a "devastating face" being a "glamour girl."

Mildred Lausmann and Inez Divine getting in the wrong car in the dark while trying to escape the furies of a Rogue valley wind.