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PRESIDENT SENDS NOTE TO MIKADO

**Kelly's
Comment**
From Washington
**Coast Residents
For Fighting Japs**
**Few See Danger
Of Invasion**
**Oregon Second
In Bond Buying**

By John W. Kelly
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—There is a conviction in administrative circles that war with Japan is practically certain. It is the residents of the Pacific northwest more than the undeclared shooting war in the Atlantic. Polls taken by several congressmen and hundreds of letters received show that there is little war feeling in Oregon and Washington despite the editorial position of most of the press of that area. At least two postal card polls, conducted by members of the house, give a total of more than 80 per cent against involvement in the European fracas. Probably five per cent of congressional mail criticizes senators and representatives who voted against repeal of the neutrality bill and, judging from the names of signers, they are either British or Scotch residents or have family or financial relations with England. In the Japanese situation, however, which is close to home in the northwest, an increasing percentage is favoring the administration policy. This sentiment appears to take the position that Japan is spoiling for a fight and Uncle Sam may as well knock the head off the Japanese and have the matter over with. There is also the argument that the Japanese are a constant threat to the off-shore business of the west coast; to trade routes to Vladivostok, to China, Dutch East Indies, the Philippines; to the ports the administration wishes to dispatch war munitions and the ports from which freighters bring raw materials, such as rubber, tin ore, tungsten, chromite, all required for the defense program.

FEW letters, thus far, express fear of an invasion, although it is possible a sortie might be made. War with Japan will be on the sea, principally, with some land engagements likely in the Philippines. Next to the

**CABINET MEMBER
TO SAVE LITTLE
BUSINESS URGED**

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A proposal to centralize administration of the defense program under a new cabinet officer attracted strong support in congress today, with Senator Mead (D., N. Y.) declaring that some such plan must be adopted if little business is to be saved from destruction. This plan is embodied in a bill introduced by Senator Kilgore (D., W. Va.) It calls for the establishment of a department of defense coordination and control, with jurisdiction over all defense purchases and over the utilization of industrial resources. The projected department, headed by a new cabinet member, would control allocation of scarce raw materials to industrial plants. In offering the measure, Kilgore said he believed the time had come for co-ordination of the defense effort under one responsible head. Agreeing with this idea, Mead told reporters that he believed such a set-up would facilitate the spreading of government contracts to smaller concerns, eliminate waste, and give non-defense industries a better chance of obtaining needed materials.

New York, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Berlin radio reported tonight that German planes had sunk a Russian cruiser in the Sea of Azov. The report heard here by NBC, did not give the name or tonnage of the cruiser.

**JAPANESE TROOPS
CONCENTRATE IN
INDO-CHINA, WORD**

**Contents Of Message
Secret—Pacific Situation
Tense—Allies United.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has dispatched a personal message to Emperor Hirohito of Japan in the midst of darkening war clouds in the Far East, it was disclosed by the state department tonight. The president's direct message to the emperor, who is regarded as divine by the Japanese was immediately interpreted in well-informed quarters as a reflection of his dissatisfaction with the explanation made by Premier Tojo of Japan through the Japanese envoys here as to the reason for Japanese troop concentrations in French Indo-China. The message also was viewed as possibly a step of last resort to avert an open break with Japan since it was considered unlikely that Mr. Roosevelt would communicate directly with the emperor unless virtually all hope had been abandoned of a satisfactory adjustment of Japanese-American difficulties through the usual diplomatic channels. The state department's terse announcement that a message was being sent by the president to the Mikado gave no intimation of its contents but was pointedly coupled with an assertion that 125,000 Japanese troops were reported massing in the Indo-China area and that two heavily-escorted Japanese convoys had been sighted only this morning steaming toward the Gulf of Siam. At the time of the sinking of the American gunboat Panay by the Japanese in Chinese waters in 1937, Prince Fumimaro Kono, then premier, made a report of the incident to the Mikado following strong United States protests and there also was a direct message from the president to the emperor. Shortly before the outbreak of the European war Mr. Roosevelt sent a personal appeal to Adolf Hitler in an effort to avert that conflict. The importance of the present step can be measured by the awe and veneration in which the Mikado is held by his 100,000,000 subjects. He is considered descended from the sun goddess Amaterasu in the "line unbroken for ages eternal" and holds aloft on a plane far above the ordinary business of government. Not for years—probably not since the death of the great Emperor Meiji in 1912—has a Japanese emperor attempted to swerve imperial policy from the lines marked out by his ministers or the still more powerful chiefs of the army and navy. The situation with respect to troop concentrations was summarized as follows: Reports reaching the state department show that the Japanese troops being assembled in the Indo-China area are estimated at 82,000 in South Indo-China, 25,000 in the north and on ships and harbors in Indo-China, 18,000 which is a total of 125,000. These 18,000 troops are reported to be on 21 transports in Camranh bay. Other reports have reached the department indicating that two large and heavily-escorted Japanese convoys were seen this morning, the sixth of December, to the southeast of Point de Cameau, the southern point of Indo-China, steering westward toward the Gulf of Siam (Thailand). It had become apparent earlier that officials here were completely unimpressed by Tokyo's explanation of the troop concentrations. Discussions with Japanese diplomatic representatives here were in abeyance, and when or whether they would be renewed was a matter of speculation. The Japanese have expressed a desire that they be resumed but officials here have not indicated their attitude.

OREGON HOME LOANS
Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Home financing in Oregon by all types of mortgage lenders totaled \$3,616,000 with 1,528 mortgages recorded in October, the Federal Home Loan bank board reported today.

Rehash House Vote to Control Defense Strikes



Four house leaders who figured in the complicated parliamentary maneuvers, got together to rehash the vote by which the house adopted stringent controls to check strikes in defense industries. Left to right: Reps. Robert Ramspeck (D-Ga.), who fought for a less rigid measure; Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) author of still another less stringent bill; Howard Smith (D-Va.), who wrote and pushed the bill finally adopted; and Sam Hobbs (D-Ala.), who offered an amendment which would prohibit importation of pickets and strike breakers.

**KING OF BELGIUM
AND DAUGHTER OF
EX-MINISTER WED**

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A report broadcast by the German radio that King Leopold III of the Belgians had married Mary Lella Baels, daughter of a former Belgian cabinet minister, was termed by Belgians here tonight as "incredible" and "strange," but in Stockholm the sister-in-law of Leopold's late wife confirmed it. The German broadcast said the marriage of the king and Mlle. Baels on September 11 would be announced in Belgian churches tomorrow in a pastoral letter by Bishop Van Roey of Belgium. The broadcast said the letter would state that children from the king's second marriage will be ineligible to succeed to the throne, that right being reserved for Leopold's two sons and one daughter by his first wife, Queen Astrid, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1935. In Stockholm, Princess Elsa Bernadotte, wife of Prince Charles, who is the brother of the late Queen Astrid, said Leopold had married a well educated, simple woman named Baels.

**TOKYO PRESS IN
FEVERISH STATE**

Tokyo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Japanese press, accusing President Roosevelt of insincerity and stalling in talks of peace, sounded a keynote tonight that Washington has turned completely from appeasement to offensive attitude that would find all East Asia at arms in case of aggression. Dr. Morinosuki Kashima, Asahi's foreign commentator, asserted that gone is the "former negative defensive policy" of the United States, and in its place is a "positive, offensive attitude diplomatically, politically and strategically." "It would be dangerous to think that the United States still is sticking to its former appeasement policy," he said. Taking much the same line, the newspaper Kokumin declared that in the event of "American aggression a billion people of East Asia would become bombs" against the United States and Britain.

BULLETIN

Honolulu, Dec. 6.—(AP)—University of Hawaii's football team defeated Willamette university of Oregon state, 20 to 6, today before a capacity crowd of 25,000 in the Honolulu stadium. The Oregonians were unable to cope with the tricky, broken field running of Hawaii's co-captain and fullback, Nolle Smith. Willamette scored midway in the first period, Right Half Ted Ogden going over the three-yard line on a reverse. The try for extra point failed. Hawaii took the lead late in the second period, Hart plunging over center from the one-yard line following recovery of the fumble of Bud Reynolds. Willamette left half, Hawaii dominated the second half, Hart scoring early in the third period from the one-yard line, the climax of an 80-yard drive after the kick-off. Right Half Abreu converted. Naumu of Hawaii scored late in the fourth period from the one-yard line after an interception of a pass.

Portland, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Jefferson high school, Portland league champion, defeated an all-star eleven, selected from seven other Portland schools, 9 to 0, in a milk fund charity football game tonight.

College Basketball
Southern Oregon College of Education 42, Klamath All-Stars 30.
Moscow, Idaho, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Opening its home basketball season, the University of Idaho overcame an early 12-point disadvantage tonight and racked up a 32 to 23 victory over Whitman. At Portland, Ore., Bradford's (Portland) 35, University of Oregon 33.

At Seaside: Washington 41, S. L. Saville 38.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Oregon College of Education opened Oregon intercollegiate conference basketball play tonight with a 39-to-37 victory over Albany college of Portland.

High School Basketball
Astoria 40, Oregon City 17.
Washington (Portland) 28, The Dalles 20.

**ONE DISAPPEARS,
ONE EMBARRASSES**

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Compton brothers, Donald and George, won divorce decrees within a few minutes of each other in circuit court. Donald told the judge his wife went to see "Gone with the Wind" one night in February, 1940, and never returned. George said his mate drank too much and embarrassed him by telling stories before their friends.

**SENATE ACTS TO
LIFT TEETH FROM
ANTI-STRIKE LAW**

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Influential forces in the senate campaigned today to replace the drastic house-approved strike curb bill with a milder measure next week. There were strong indications that the senate labor committee might retain only the title of the house bill, sponsored by Rep. Smith (D., Va.), and substitute for its contents a much less sweeping control system proposed by Senator Ball (R., Minn.). The Ball plan calls for establishment of a voluntary system of mediating defense labor disputes, and in addition would outlaw strikes over the closed shop question. Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.) declared the Smith bill "goes too far against labor" and said he favored the hearings on the measure lengthy enough to "give congress a cooling off period before it does something hysterical." The Smith bill, approved by the house Wednesday, would require secret balloting before strikes could be called, would outlaw sympathy and jurisdictional strikes, require registration of unions, ban picket line violence, and establish the defense mediation board as a statutory agency.

Calling a closed session of the labor committee for Monday morning, Chairman Thomas (D., Utah) told reporters he personally was opposed to holding hearings on the Smith measure. Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, wants consideration of all senate labor legislation deferred until hearings can be held on the Smith bill. Lloyd Payne, brotherhood secretary, in announcing the executive board's decision in Washington, said 75,000 men would leave their jobs in shipyards and defense construction projects. The union claims 125,000 members.

**WHEATMEN FAVOR
CURB ON STRIKES**

Heppner, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Eastern Oregon Wheat league today advocated "national legislation limiting the right of labor to strike in defense industries." Members pledged support to the defense effort and ordered league funds used in purchase of a \$1,000 federal bond. The league opposed a special session of the Oregon legislature to consider tax law changes, but suggested that adjustments be made in the future. A re-examination of the six per cent tax limitation act was urged. Denver, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The federal reclamation bureau's engineering office announced today a call for bids on the Cascade dam of the Boise, Idaho, project had been cancelled.

**NAZI RAIDER IN
SOUTH ATLANTIC
SUNK BY BRITISH**

**Third Prize In Week—
Historic Cruiser Adds
New Laurels.**

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Destruction of another German raider—the third announced within a week—was credited by the admiralty tonight to the cruiser Dorsetshire, the British warship which fired the final, fatal torpedoes into the German battleship Bismarck. The communiqué did not identify the German raider, describing her only as a fleeing, converted 10,000-ton merchantman, which was overtaken by the Dorsetshire and sunk in the south Atlantic.

Late Tuesday the Australian cruiser Sydney was credited with sinking the German raider Kormoran (also called the Kormoran) in Australia waters in a combat fatal also to the Sydney. The date of this fight was not given. The day before the admiralty had announced that on Nov. 22 the cruiser Devonshire had sunk another raider in the south Atlantic.

In both the south Atlantic sinkings the admiralty reported that the suspected presence of submarines caused the British victors to steam off without picking up survivors. Besides being noted for firing the last three torpedoes which sank the 35,000-ton Bismarck, the 9,775-ton Dorsetshire also assisted in the destruction of the German freighter Wakama last April off Rio de Janeiro. She caught her latest victim as the raider's seamen were loading oil and provisions into five boats alongside her, the admiralty said. The communiqué did not say when the action took place. The communiqué said that when the Dorsetshire's scouting plane spotted the German raider the latter tried to escape, leaving the five boats behind. But the cruiser closed in swiftly and sank her.

**DEFENSE STRIKE
OF WELDERS NEAR**

Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 6.—(AP)—A nation-wide walkout of welders, which has its beginnings in a jurisdictional strike of 67 men on a \$40,000,000 ordnance plant, today was called for Tuesday unless there is government intervention. At odds with the American Federation of Labor over rejection of demands for a separate union, the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers announced the strike would be effective throughout the country Tuesday morning. Lloyd Payne, brotherhood secretary, in announcing the executive board's decision in Washington, said 75,000 men would leave their jobs in shipyards and defense construction projects. The union claims 125,000 members.

**NEW RUSS ENVOY
LANDS AT FRISCO**

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Maxim Litvinoff new Russian ambassador, arrived in the United States today with the promise that the Red army would fight on "in fortune or misfortune," against "the enemy of humanity—Hitler." The soviet diplomat nearing the end of a flight carrying him three-quarters of the way around the globe, good naturedly declined to discuss politics on alighting from the clipper plane from Honolulu, but said "I am looking forward with confidence to my work in Washington." His reception committee, both official and unofficial, comprised one of the largest gatherings on record to meet a trans-Pacific plane here.

War Bulletins

New York, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Vichy-controlled radio at Fort-de-France, Martinique, said tonight that "units of the French Mediterranean fleet are actively protecting the communication lines between France and her North African possessions."

"France is determined to undertake any step she may deem necessary to continue this protection against British piracy, even if she had to resort to some sort of help of a friendly power."

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight that the British cruiser Dorsetshire had caught and sunk a German commerce raider in the South Atlantic.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The sinking of a British submarine by U-boat chasers off Norway was announced today by the Germans.

Moscow, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A large area of axis-conquered Yugoslavia was declared by the soviet information bureau in a communiqué broadcast today to have been "cleared of German and Italian invaders" by Yugoslav guerrilla warriors. "The patriot movement in Yugoslavia is developing in intensity," the communiqué said. "Numerous guerrilla detachments are successfully operating against the German invaders."

Manila, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Immediate evacuation of all "non-essential" civilians from Manila and other areas was requested today.

The commonwealth cabinet, in a special session at which President Manuel Quezon presided, indicated also that compulsory evacuation might follow.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A DNB dispatch from Belgrade tonight quoted press reports that 150 Serb guerrillas had been killed in a battle with Serb forces fighting for the axis in the Jablanitsa mountains and that the guerrillas were in retreat.

**FINNISH VESSELS
AMERICAN PORTS
NOW IN CUSTODY**

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Canada followed Britain's lead tonight and declared war on Finland, Rumania and Hungary. Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The navy department announced tonight it had instructed the coastguard to take into protective custody Finnish merchant ships in United States ports. The action was under the United States policy of taking over custody of ships of axis or axis-dominated powers tied up in United States ports. The navy announcement listed six ships known to be in American ports at this time.

London, Sunday, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The British quietly and formally went to war against Finland, Hungary and Rumania this morning because they were fighting on Germany's side against Soviet Russia.

The zero hour, one minute after midnight Greenwich time, or 1:01 a. m. London time, passed almost unnoticed in blacked-out London.

Newspapers gave it scant attention and the Dispatch even criticized the British foreign office for waiting so long to comply with the Russian request.

YAKIMA PIONEER PASSES
Yakima, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Alexander Miller, 85, Yakima pioneer, capitalist and philanthropist, died tonight after nearly a week's illness. He suffered a stroke Tuesday and all hope was given up for his recovery at that time.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Most of the surplus wheat in the Pacific northwest was being shipped to Russia under the lend-lease agreement, Milford J. Vaught, Idaho agricultural adjustment administration chairman, said today.

**NEW NAZI DRIVE
ON MOSCOW LAGS
IN BITTER COLD**

**Capital Still In Peril As Ger-
mans Flee In South—
Hitler Drive Terrific.**

Kuibyshev, Russia, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The red army was reported tonight to have hurled back the Germans pressing on Moscow from the Maloyaroslavets sector with a strong counter-attack, routing a large Nazi force and killing 2,000 soldiers.

Dispatches from the front said the fighting was taking place in sub-zero weather and that soviet ski troops armed with automatic rifles were playing a vital role.

(By Associated Press)

Massed Red armies, fighting furiously in the paralyzing cold of their native Russian winter, yesterday (Saturday) parried a reinvigorated German drive upon Moscow with lightning strokes which staggered the Nazi invaders in numerous vital fronts.

Nevertheless, Moscow appeared to face the greatest peril of the war as Adolf Hitler's commanders in the field reported their armies had overrun five more towns and swung close to the headwaters of the Don river 200 miles southeast of the Soviet capital.

The new German drive upon the Soviet capital was described by the Italian radio as "the most terrific offensive of all times." It said Hitler was throwing a million and a half men, 8,000 tanks and a thousand guns into the battle.

Specifically, the Germans, plowing through deep snow in temperatures as low as 31 degrees (Fahrenheit) below zero, claimed they held Mzhalsk, 57 miles west of Moscow, and Klin, 50 miles northwest, while pushing steadily forward on the southern flank around Orel and Kursk.

They said they had captured Malo-Arkhangelsk, midway between Orel and Kursk, and the towns of Ljvny, Novosil, Chern and Mtsensk, all in a 60-mile arc east of Orel.

But the Russians, reporting the German armies in the south still broken and on the run toward Mariupol, 100 miles west of recaptured Rostov, said Red armies had won two important bridgeheads in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow, were holding the Nazis near Klin, 50 miles northwest of the capital, and were moving into German defenses around Tikhvin, 110 miles southeast of Leningrad.

**BURGLARS IGNORE
DON'T OPEN TAGS**

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Vincent Brenners enjoyed the serenity of folks who have purchased all their Christmas presents, wrapped them neatly and stowed away under pretty seals marked: "No not open until December 25."

That is, they had that comfortable feeling until they returned to their home in suburban Indian Hill early today and found that burglars had opened every package.

That was disturbing enough, but examination disclosed that the finicky footpads had taken none of the gifts or anything else.

**BANNISTER SLIDE
INJURES MAN, 64**

Boston, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Michael Johnson felt chopper today. He went visiting friends, and on leaving attempted to slide down a bannister to show how well he felt. At City hospital he was treated for a compound fracture of a leg and a scalp injury. Johnson is 64 years old.