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ORDER CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION IN MEDFORD, CORVALLIS, MARYSVILLE

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 12.—The baffling Japanese thrusts at the outset of this war were based on a well-ordered military scheme.

Behind the inadequate and conflicting reports, the Japanese plan of war early developed clarity. The basic idea was to cut us off from the far east, drive the British out, and maintain a self-sufficient empire over the entire Asiatic hemisphere.

With sound military wisdom, they struck first at our fleet and aircraft at Honolulu. By destroying the bulk of our planes and a portion of the fleet, they thought to hold us at Hawaii while they picked up the small pieces westward, first Wake Island then Guam.

Having closed the line of communications between us and the British at Singapore, they could then besiege or invade the Philippines, rout the scattered British forces in the far east one by one, and enjoy easy pickings for the rest—they thought.

NATURAL American rejoinder would be to concentrate first on breaking up the scheme by destroying the raiding Jap air and surface craft. Our small islands west of Hawaii could not defend themselves—and with our fleet depleted—their fall could be expected. Most of our navy men have long held an opinion that even the Philippines could not hold out indefinitely, if the British failed to hold Singapore. But we could fight initially by bombing and submarining (with the British) the

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Radio Highlights

Governor Charles A. Sprague will speak at 3:30 p. m. Saturday on all radio network stations in Oregon on civilian defense.

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight, the war—5 MBS; 5:15 MBS; 5:55 CBS; 6:55 NBC-Blue; 7:30 NBC-Blue; 9 NBC CBS.

MBS—7 boxing, Fritzie Zivic vs. Kid McCoy.

Saturday, the war—5 a. m., NBC CBS; 5:45 NBC-Red; 5:55 NBC-Blue; 6 CBS; 7 MBS; 8 CBS MBS; 12:55 p. m., CBS; 1 NBC MBS; 1:55 MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:30 CBS; 3:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

(Numerous other unscheduled warcasts may be expected.)

CBS—10:30 Adventures in Science, Vice Pres. Wallace; 11:30 Walter Reuther on "How Labor Would Defeat Hitler," NBC-Blue—9:30 a. m., American Farm Bureau Federation.

(Editor's note: Because of inaccuracies in listings due to war conditions, the short-wave schedule will be omitted hereafter.)

SIDE GLANCES

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TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Wayne Keese getting much enjoyment out of watching other people's reaction to a Christmas card he received at a gift exchange Yule tree.

Gordon Green being jostled for saying in his gift-box literature his beautiful pine cones and greenery came from "Crater Lake national forest," which, in a manner of speaking, is neither fish nor fowl.

33,000 SOLDIERS TO BE STATIONED AT EACH OF POSTS

Assistant Constructing
Quartermaster At San
Francisco Tells Approval.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Lieut. Colonel Harold D. Stetson, ninth corps area, assistant constructing quartermaster, announced today he had received approval from Washington for construction of three major cantonments in the west.

Preliminary plans and engineering specifications for the camps — at Marysville, Calif., and Medford and Corvallis, Ore. — already had been drawn up.

Each cantonment will house 33,000 soldiers.

Colonel Stetson made the announcement to a convention of contractors.

Months and months of work, planning, conferring, drawing up surveys and preparing briefs culminated today in success for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and city and county officials with the granting of authorization for construction of an army cantonment here.

Almost a year ago, when hints were received here that the army was interested in studying sites for new camps, the chamber of commerce swung into action, made a survey of available land in the Beagle-Antelope district, sent the data to the war department and invited the army to come and have a look.

Army officers did come and have a look. They came for look after look, but they were always non-committal. Their attitude did not discourage the chamber of commerce and its dynamic president, Glenn L. Jackson.

Each time the army showed even only passing interest, Mr. Jackson and his associates redoubled their efforts and set to work on additional briefs, surveys and arguments in favor of Medford's sites.

When army officials did show some interest in southern Oregon as a site for a cantonment, the chamber of commerce went to work in earnest. Enlisting the active cooperation of city and county officials, the chamber sponsored formation of a committee to represent all interested parties. The group made a thorough study of the cantonment project, not overlooking the effect of so gigantic an undertaking would have on community life, on the economic and social life of Jackson county and its cities.

Planer Comes
Early last May the county was electrified with the news that Capt. Theron W. Bean had arrived here from Vancouver Barracks, Wash., to establish a constructing quartermaster's office in the armory to engage in advance planning and preliminary surveys for a proposed cantonment in the Beagle-Antelope district.

Then Myron Hunt, famed architect of Los Angeles, and Harold I. Wood, engineer of San Francisco, came here under contract to draw up advance plans and specifications. The constructing quartermaster and the architect-engineer took over practically the whole armory and for months worked rapidly on plans. During the early stages of this work, rumors were spread far and wide and a mild boom, especially in real estate, followed.

A civilian coordination board under the direction of Frank Van Dyke of Ashland was organized to plan in advance for every possible problem a camp would create, morality, health, housing, schooling, sanitation, traffic. The board worked for months, got everything in readiness and then quit for the time being, awaiting word of construction authorization.

Planners Depart
Then came the let-down. The architect-engineer finished the

Reds Claim Sweeping Victory

Women Keep Sky Vigil



Mrs. Harry Vande Berg and Mrs. Art King (right), maintained a watch as air raid observers at Point Fermin, near San Pedro, Calif. Women keep the lookout during the day on three-hour shifts and men at night on two-hour shifts.

Fate of Workers on Islands Not Cleared Up by Reports

Washington—Navy announces Wake and Midway Islands still in U. S. hands.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Postal Telegraph cable department reported today it was working Midway Island without interruption.

BLACKOUT TONIGHT 1:30 TO 7:30 A. M.

Blackout period tonight will be from 1:30 to 7:30 a. m., the Jackson County Council of Defense was notified by the second interceptor command this afternoon.

Effectiveness of the blackout increased last night as citizens learned more definitely what to do, authorities stated, and procured whatever materials were needed to conceal necessary light from outside observation.

The police, however, still had a long list today of persons and firms that permitted illumination to continue last night after the blackout signal. Contact was being made with some of these today.

advance planning and closed shop here, leaving Capt. Bean to carry on. On December 4, on war department orders, the constructing quartermaster's office was moved to the zone 9 constructing quartermaster's office in San Francisco. There was a sudden collapse in enthusiasm as nearly everyone thought the move forecast the end of Medford's chances to procure a cantonment.

But not Glenn Jackson. He hopped a train to Washington, D. C., to find out just what was happening. While he could procure no definite commitments, he did return with confidence that Medford would not be overlooked if the army should be enlarged. Confidently he called the cantonment civilian coordination board together this week to swing back into action to be fully prepared in case the camp should be authorized.

Today the authorization came.

JAPANESE FLEET REFUSES BATTLE WITH AMERICANS

Brown Men Hurl Fresh Attacks At Philippines—Bombers Spread Ruin.

Manila, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Japanese warships fled from American surface ships in the first encounter of the two fleets since the war began and darkness prevented the Americans from renewing the action, it was reported today as Japan hurled fresh land and air attacks on the Philippines.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, said ships from his command have had only one encounter with the Japanese warships, but that ended without result. The size of the fleets involved was not stated.

Japs Score Heavily
However, he acknowledged that the Japanese air force had scored heavily in the "successful" raid Wednesday on the Cavite naval yard off Manila and that the raid caused a "considerable loss of life."

He said a single direct bomb hit smashed a navy dispensary in Cavite, killing all nurses, doctors and patients in the building. Their number is not yet known. At the same time, the far eastern army command announced that Japanese planes had raided widespread sections of the Philippines and an army spokesman said a small Japanese force apparently had landed at Legaspi, 250 miles southeast of Manila.

The Japanese attacked Olongapo, 50 miles west of Manila, one of the most important naval installations in the Philippines; the province of Batangas, and Clark field, 40 miles north of Manila.

The spokesman also declared that the Japanese had improved their strength in northern Luzon, but that the "situation remains unchanged materially."

In a lengthy report on the naval actions thus far, Admiral Hart announced that a naval flier trailed a Japanese battleship, the Kongo or a ship similar to her, off northwest Luzon until other naval planes could come up and "seriously cripple" the vessel with bombs.

COORDINATOR TO RESUME ACTIVITY ON CANTONMENT

With construction of the proposed army cantonment here now apparently certain, it was expected that the civilian coordination board under Frank J. Van Dyke as coordinator would be re-established immediately in Medford.

The office was temporarily given up a few weeks ago when the board had gone as far as it could with its advance planning. It was to have been reopened some time next week but the word received here today from San Francisco will accelerate the reopening, it was stated.

The board has a great many things to do to prepare for the changed conditions which the camp construction will bring about. First item of business, probably will be a new and thorough housing survey to ascertain definitely how many houses and apartments are available here, first for workers and later for officer and non-commissioned officer personnel.

FRENCH CREWS IN AMERICAN PORTS TAKEN OFF SHIPS

Government Acts to Prevent Sabotage—Normandie To Become Carrier Is Hint.

New York, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The \$60,000,000 French liner Normandie, tied up here since the beginning of the war, was seized today by the coast guard.

The coast guard boarded the liner at her Hudson river pier last May 15 and placed guards aboard to prevent sabotage.

There have been frequent rumors that the American government would seize her for conversion into an aircraft carrier.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The state department announced today that the crews on all French vessels in American ports would be removed from the boats today.

An official statement said: "As a measure of necessary protection to the crews and vessels, arrangements have been made to remove today the French crews on all French vessels now in United States ports. This action does not preclude the return of the crews to any vessel the resumption of service, of which may be determined."

There are 12 French vessels now in American ports under "protective custody."

The French vessels were in ports here, or in American waters, at the time Germany occupied France and have since remained because of the possibility they might be captured at sea by warships maintaining the British blockade.

San Francisco Butte
San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Butte: 92 score 86; 91 score 35; 90 score 33½; 89 score 32½.

War Bulletins

Alexandria, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Sweeping within point-blank range, a British cruiser heavily shelled Derna on the Libyan coast in a daring surprise attack today and safely emerged from one of the biggest dive-bombing assaults since Crete. Axis shipping and harbor installations were reported heavily damaged.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that a British submarine had torpedoed and "probably sunk" an Italian cruiser in the central Mediterranean.

New York, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Rumania has declared war on the United States, according to a Bucharest dispatch broadcast tonight by the German news agency.

Terrific Explosion Shakes Shell Plant At Burlington, Iowa

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 12.—(AP)—A heavy explosion rocked the Iowa ordnance plant here today, destroying a shell-loading unit and killing nine workmen, with injury to at least 20 more.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 12.—(AP)—A terrific explosion in the No. 1 melt unit of the partly-completed Iowa ordnance plant near here this afternoon shook the neighborhood, injured a number of workmen and possibly killed some.

Lieutenant Col. Keith F. Adamson, commanding officer, described the explosion as "very bad," but added the blast had been limited to the one building in the \$60,000,000 plant.

NAZIS SHOOT 11

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Eleven residents of the port of Brest were shot today for possession of arms and explosives, premeditated violence against the German army and espionage, German authorities announced in the Paris press.

County Defense Council Instructions for Public

The Jackson County Council of Defense today issued the third of a series of statements to give the public official instructions regarding various phases of civilian defense. The council suggests that these daily statements be clipped out of the paper and saved for future reference and for comparison with any changes that might be made in the regulations from time to time. Any changes, the council said, will be referred to the corresponding statement to which it applies.

Today's statement follows:

No. 3 Official Regulations for Control of Vehicular Traffic During Precautionary Blackouts.

"Highway traffic within city limits will be restricted to emergency vehicles such as fire, police and ambulance; commercial vehicles engaged in essential service such as milk trucks, newspaper delivery trucks, mail trucks and the regular transport freight services; and such private cars as those of physicians on emergency call and those required for transporting workers to and from employment. Metropolitan areas may take further precautions if considered advisable by local police authorities.

"Highway traffic outside city limits will be subject to the restrictions noted above without exception.

"Pending issuance of permits for operation during precautionary blackout periods, employers should furnish credentials to drivers of commercial vehicles and private cars which come under the permitted classifications.

"For city driving, it is directed that as soon as possible after receipt of this order, all motor vehicles permitted to operate must be equipped with dark oilcloth or rubber masks or hoods attached securely to headlights, with a horizontal slit in the lower portion about 1/4 inch x 3 inches, covered inside with not less than two thicknesses of blue cellophane or one coat of blue lacquer paint.

"License lights must be blacked out with an opaque covering. "Tail lights must be hooded with an opaque material, leaving an aperture at the bottom not more than 1/4 inch in diameter.

"Side and clearance lights on trucks must be extinguished or completely hooded.

85,000 GERMANS DECLARED DEAD IN WINTER ROUT

1,434 Tanks, 5,416 Trucks, 675 Field Pieces Captured Or Destroyed, Word

Moscow, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Russia claimed a sweeping victory tonight on the winterbound Moscow front with 85,000 Germans killed, 20 divisions smashing, put to flight or surrounded and strategic positions recovered on both the northern and southern flanks of the German line of siege.

(The reports indicated a success even more spectacular than the recent rout of the Germans on the southern front at Rostov and if the advantage can be clinched probably a definite lifting of the threat to the Russian capital.)

Victory was proclaimed in two communiques issued by the Soviet information bureau and broadcast by the Moscow radio. Thirty-thousand Germans were said to have fallen in recent actions with 85,000 the total for operations between November 18 to December 6.

1,434 Tanks Lost
In those 22 days the Russian land forces alone were said to have captured or destroyed 1,434 tanks, 5,416 trucks, 675 field pieces, 539 trench mortars and 870 machine-guns.

Stalinogorsk and Venev, on the southern flank of the capital, actually to Moscow's south-east, were reported recaptured with an advance continuing in several sectors west and south-west of the city.

Stalinogorsk is 60 miles east of Tula and 120 miles south-east of Moscow. Venev is halfway between Tula and Stalinogorsk.

The forces of General Liliushenko smashed through the German first tank division and the 14th and 36th motorized infantry divisions to capture Rogachev and surround the town of Klin, the communiqué said.

Klin is 55 miles northwest of Moscow on the Leningrad railway.

The communiqué also added that Soviet troops recaptured "400 inhabited places," captured 368 tanks, 4,000 motor vehicles, 305 guns, and a large quantity of other material.

Moscow, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Soviet Russia will fight Germany to the end and is fully confident that the United States can defeat "the Japanese aggressor," official statements wireless abroad declared today.

The official communist newspaper, Pravda, said of German peace feelers put out through the Berliner Tageblatt that Germany would never get peace from Russia until the "Hitler gang" is ousted, and added that any peace would be "only by agreement with Great Britain and the United States."

British Destroy Nazi Regiment in Africa

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 12.—(AP)—British troops have destroyed the German 361st Africa regiment numbering some 1,200 men and surrounded Gazala in a drive through a two-day sandstorm, an advance that swept 50 miles beyond Tobruk, war dispatches said today.

Parts of two Italian divisions were believed to have been cut off in the advance, which penetrated about 120 miles into Libyan territory.

There is no capital punishment in Sweden, but a life sentence for espionage was recently imposed.