

DUTCH SUBS SINK TROOP SHIPS, 4000 NIPPONESE DROWN

By the Associated Press
Batavia, Java, N. E. I., Dec. 13.—About 4,000 Japanese soldiers have been plunged to their death in shark-infested Malayan waters with the sinking of four transports by Dutch submarines, according to an announcement tonight by the commander in chief of the Royal Netherlands East Indies navy.

These submarines, operating under the over-all British naval command, thus scored one of the heaviest counter-blows to the Japanese in their far-flung sea-air-land offensive at a time when hostilities had still not touched the Dutch territory in the east. The transports were bagged but 75 miles off the Gulf of Siam coast of peninsular Thailand, opposite Cape Patani. They were enroute to reinforce the Japanese Malayan front or perhaps for a new landing attempt on British Malaya.

(The British radio said that actually five Japanese transports were sunk in the action and that "thousands" of soldiers went down with their ships.)
The Dutch navy is ranging wide in harassment of the Japanese.

Besides the Gulf of Siam action, the Dutch announced officially that a naval unit had liquidated a Japanese settlement on the east coast of Borneo, one of the largest islands of the N. E. I. archipelago which the Dutch share with the British.

"A unit of our naval forces has dealt with a Japanese settlement on the east coast of Borneo," said a communique of the fighting services.

"A number of motor launches were seized during this action while other vessels were destroyed. The settlers have been interned."

THIEVES LEAVE STATION ITSELF

You don't have to believe this unless you want to, but Arden Pinkham, Central Point city marshal, told city police here that this happened in his town during the past two weeks:

Someone stole two complete toilet sets from the Obenchain service station. The station has been closed for some time. In case anyone is interested, the marshal added that the Commercial Credit corporation is legal owner of the assertedly stolen property.

SAVE RAGS, PAPER AND TIRES, PLEA

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—On the consumer front, the government today:

Issued a new appeal for all to save waste paper, rags, metal, and old rubber and sell them to local waste dealers.

Urged motorists to have worn automobile tires retreaded rather than discard them.

Ordered an average cut of 35 per cent, after January 1, in use of iron and steel in the manufacture of a wide variety of stoves, ranges and domestic cooking appliances.

Sandbag Telephone Building in San Francisco



Workmen were busy in San Francisco raising a barricade of 3,000 sandbags around the long distance building of the telephone company as a protection against possible bomb damage.

VICHY ENVOY MAY GET MID-PACIFIC COORDINATOR JOB

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Army and Navy Register, a service journal, said in an editorial today that "it would surprise no one" if Admiral William D. Leahy, present ambassador to Vichy, was given the job of coordinating all military and naval commands in the mid-Pacific.

The editorial declared that no judgment should be passed on the Pearl Harbor incident until all the facts were known. "Whether or not there is a shake up of the Hawaiian high commands," the Register said, "there are indications of measures to be taken to coordinate all of the mid-Pacific commands, both military and naval, under one head."

The magazine recalled that Leahy had urged that the navy "be permitted to settle the Japanese business forthwith," when the Japanese sank the U. S. gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river on December 12, 1937.

BAN ON WEATHER FORECAST EASED

Seattle, Dec. 13.—(AP)—J. C. Smith, regional director of the United States weather bureau, announced today relaxation of some of the restrictions regarding publication of weather reports.

"Beginning tomorrow," he said, "the military authorities will permit publication of local statistics and temperature forecasts as well as storm warnings for stations in Washington and Oregon. Sky conditions, such as rain, clouds and so on, and general weather conditions remain under the ban. The same is true of barometric pressures."

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MUNITIONS PLANT BLAST TAKES 13

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Plans for early resumption of full production at the Iowa ordnance plant here were being laid tonight as the probable death toll in yesterday's blast totaled 13 or more.

With five identified dead and two unidentified bodies, officials of the operating company, Day & Zimmerman, Inc., listed eight persons as missing.

Seven more men, among the 21 persons taken to hospitals here following the explosion in the melting unit of the group one shell loading line, remained in critical condition. The federal bureau of investigation continued to question survivors of the blast and other witnesses. In addition, three explosives experts arrived late today.

UNION ELECTIONS
Portland, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A. C. Roll, national labor relations board representative, announced today that three representation elections would be held here next week.



HIT—Warning that a Carmen called Miranda must look to her laurels was served by sinuous little Carmen Rocas, 4, in her dance at Manila. She's from a famous family of publishers.

PLAN INSURANCE ON ATTACK LOSS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Creation of the War Insurance Corporation with a capital of \$100,000,000 to provide "reasonable protection" against losses resulting from enemy attacks on private property in the continental United States was announced today by the federal loan administration.

Loan Administration Jesse H. Jones said the corporation had been set up by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with the approval of President Roosevelt. The insurance would be against losses sustained by property owners through "damage to or destruction of buildings, structures and personal property, including goods, growing crops, and orchards."

REMOVAL WAR BAN MEASURE SIGNED

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Legislation taking restriction off the use of American land forces outside the western hemisphere and holding all army personnel in service for the duration of the war was signed into law today by President Roosevelt.

The measure, passed by congress this week, was directed at removing bans placed against the sending of selectees and national guardsmen to fight on foreign soil.

WATERSLIDE HITS CAPITAL OF PERU

Lima, Peru, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A massive wall of water and mud roared with express speed today through a part of Huaraz, department capital 174 miles from here, and first reports said a third of the town was destroyed and many residents killed.

Meager accounts reaching Lima over crippled communications mentioned the presence of volcanic lava, leading to the belief that an eruption of the Rataquanhua volcano, near Huaraz, had set the waterslide, or 'huayco,' in motion.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 A. M.—Two Late to Classify 12:30 P. M.

COMMITTEE ASKS POSTOFFICE SALE AUTO TAX STAMPS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A plan for collection of the \$5 annual use tax on automobiles by postoffice sale of stamps was approved today by a senate-house committee.

The tax was voted in the recent new tax bill, but there has been controversy as to how it should be collected and some sentiment for its repeal.

Chairman George (D. Ga.) of the senate finance committee proposed an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for collection of the tax through the postoffice plan. This was accepted by senators and representatives revising the \$10,000,000,000 war funds bill and will be incorporated in it.

Under the plan, every automobile owner will be required to go to a postoffice before February 1 and buy a stamp costing \$2.00. This stamp, to be attached to windshield, will show the tax has been paid up to July 1 when the \$5 tax for the following fiscal year will become effective.

CURB SUGAR HOARDING
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The OPM today froze sugar stocks in the United States and limited new deliveries by importers and refiners to 1940 levels. The move was designed to "prevent possible hoarding or speculation."

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ADVANCE—"Faust" in above case is William Hess, who made his opera debut in title role of Philadelphia Opera's new English version of the famous classic. Hess sold tickets for two years at New York's "Met" to earn money for singing lessons.

TIMED BLACKOUTS HERE ARE ENDED

The Jackson County Council of Defense announced yesterday it had been informed by the second interceptor command at Seattle that there would be no

more blackouts in this area on advance notification until further orders. Blackouts are to go into effect, however, any time the signal, a siren blast, is given. The council emphasized.

La Grande, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A ban on strikes in defense industries was voted here at a joint meeting of Pendleton, Baker and La Grande central labor councils.

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