

# Japan's Worry Over Subs Is Encouraging Hint That U. S. Forces Now on Prowl

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There is grim satisfaction in the warning to his people by Lieut. Commander Tomlinago of Japanese imperial headquarters that probably twenty Yankee submarines—big ones with a long cruising radius—are operating off Japan.

Concrete indication that Tomlinago may be right is found in our Admiral Hart's report that U. S. submarines have made two successful attacks. The nature of the victories isn't disclosed but we can wait for that, just so long as we know Santa Claus is on his way.

This strikes me as a very encouraging sign, because it means we are beginning to swing into offensive action in the crucial battle area.

It is pleasing to feel that these under-water boats are the pilot fish which signal the advent of American naval and air reinforcements. I don't mean that literally, because there is no indication where the submarines came from, but it has been more than 10 days since the attack on Pearl Harbor, and a fair stretch of Pacific can be crossed in that time. The golden hours which we have gained

through the grand defense made by our forces should pay returns before long.

It wouldn't be surprising to see a big naval engagement break out almost any time now. Our fleet is hunting the Japs, and if they pursue the lines which their strategy thus far has indicated they are bound to fight to keep us from bringing aid to our bases, since Japanese success depends on securing and holding control of these.

The Japs have had a set-back in not being able to seize the Philippines during the time it requires for a relief expedition to cross the Pacific from Hawaii.

From the standpoint of the ultimate outcome of the battle of the Pacific the fierce attack of the Japanese against the British on the Malay peninsula is more important than the as-

## After Week of War in Pacific: Situation at a Glance



Highspots of the far east war after seven days of hostilities are indicated on this map, including repercussions affecting the continental United States and its inter-ocean artery, the Panama Canal.

**Japs say three US battleships Sunk at Hawaii, See a long war**

**Chinese forces Mass to relieve Jap pressure on Burma, Hongkong**

**Jap land drives Aim at Hongkong; Malay jungles Balk invasion**

**Dutch subs sink Four Jap ships Off Gulf of Siam, Drowning 4,000**

**Philippines fight off New Jap bomb raids**

**Navy says capture of Guam is 'probable'**

**Marines hold Wake and Midway Islands**

**San Francisco area Has four blackouts**

**Blackouts hit Panama And Jacksonville posts**

## COORDINATOR TO LINE UP HELP ON CAMP PROJECTS

Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator of the Medford cantonment civilian coordination board, will leave by train tonight for Portland to confer with the U. S. district engineer's office and various government agencies that have promised federal aid in case the proposed camp is constructed. Army officers expect authorization to be granted any day now.

Construction work has been transferred from the quarter-master corps to the army engineers and so Mr. Van Dyke wants to establish contact with the district engineer in Portland. If the situation seems to warrant the trip, Mr. Van Dyke said he would continue to Seattle to consult other federal agencies on projects outlined for development in case the camp came here.

Mr. Van Dyke will be accompanied by Mayor T. S. Wiley and George Green of Ashland, who will appear before the state highway commission in Portland regarding plans to take the curve out of the plaza section of Ashland.

## Three Trainmen Die As Katy Flyer Hits Idle Train Head On

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The west bound Katy Flyer, passenger train on the M.K.T., crashed head-on into the standing eastbound Flyer four miles north of here early today, killing three trainmen and injuring five other railroad employees.

No passengers were hurt seriously. By dawn everyone in the wreck had been accounted for.

The dead:

P. H. Handley, Sedalia, Mo., engineer.

F. M. Truett, Sedalia, Mo., engineer.

Richard Snell, New Franklin, Mo., fireman.

A federal bureau of investigation agent said he believed the wreck the result of a clear accident.

Tucumcari, N. M., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Four men were injured, apparently none critically, when eight cars of a westbound Rock Island passenger train were derailed 50 miles northeast of here at Nara Visa early today. One car overturned.

## TO UP GRAIN FEES

Salem, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The state board of agriculture said today that grain inspection fees would be increased, probably one cent per ton, to cover decreased fee receipts.

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## Russian Youths Purloin Cranks Off Nazi Autos

Moscow, Dec. 17.—(AP) The Germans were caught without crank handles to start their motors because all had been stolen by Russian boys, a writer in Izvestia reported from a village beyond recaptured Klin today.

Terming it "an incident as heroic as it is funny," the writer, Evgenil Petrov, said the Germans then "had to run in a most natural manner, using their own feet."

"The boys were the first to scent that the Germans were about to flee," said his account. "They pilfered all the handles. . . as soon as our troops appeared in the village the boys solemnly presented them with the handles."

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## BOY CLIMBER HUMILIATED

Whiladelphia—(UP)—When 9-year-old Morton Levin climbed to the roof of a school building to retrieve a ball, two fire trucks and two police cars were summoned to get the boy down. After being carried down a ladder, Morton told reporters: "It was just a tough break. I'm really the champion climber of the neighborhood."

Lisbon, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Portuguese government today denied British reports that the Japanese had occupied the Portuguese island of Macao, 45 miles southwest of Hongkong.

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The British light cruiser Dunedin has been sunk in the Atlantic, the admiralty announced tonight.

According to the Department of Education, 144 schools have taken part in defense training courses throughout the nation and over 125,000 students have been registered.

## Navy Increase Bill Goes to President

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Legislation authorizing an increase of 150,000 tons in the navy's vessel strength was approved by the senate today and sent to the White House.

Chairman Walsh (D-Mass.) of the senate naval committee won unanimous senate approval on a measure previously passed by the house authorizing the increase in tonnage of combatant ships.

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