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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Advance warnings to worker and housewife that the lines behind the lines will be different this time are beginning to be realized. You will see the change within 60 days.

It is true those old meatless days, motorless Sundays, one lump of sugar, weaker coffee are not in prospect now. A shortage of ships may cause some eventual deficiencies in sugar and coffee, but not soon. Meats, vegetables, cigarettes, will be plentiful, although higher in price. Canned goods will be available (defense regime has already allotted sufficient precious tin for that purpose). Tea, pepper, tapioca and possibly soap will be scarce.

In general you can count on getting sufficient food, clothing and services. Shortages in domestic wool goods will be made up by British importations and by cotton textiles. Synthetic silk goods do not yet seem ready to do the same job as silk at the same price, but they will be available.

As this is a mechanical war, the main privations of the people will be centered in mechanical lines. High-test gas will be denied to motorists, and saved for planes. Plenty of straight gas will be available. New autos will not be manufactured. Used cars will soar in price. (Perhaps one auto concern will be allowed to turn out 5,000 cars or so a year).

We had about a 10 months' supply of tin when the war started, and have arranged for more from Bolivia. But the use of tin containers for oil, beer and such consumer goods will be stopped. Wooden, plastic and glass containers will be favored.

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: NBC-Red, 7:30, dinner for Chinese Ambassador Dr. Hu Shih, topic "China's Part in War"; 8:30, return of science series, Unlimited Horizons.
MBS, 7, lightweight fight, Lew Jenkins vs. Sammy Angott.

Saturday: NBC-Red, 11 a. m., Christmas toast coast to coast; 1:15, races at Tropical Park, Florida; 2, Christmas music. CBS, 10 a. m., Christmas play "House of the World"; 12:30, Christmas songs.

GENERAL MACARTHUR PROMOTION APPROVED

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The senate confirmed unanimously today President Roosevelt's promotion of Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the United States army in the far east, to be a full general.

HIGH TIDES

Aberdeen, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Slackening winds and decreasing rainfall gave hope today that tidal high waters would not be repeated here this week-end. Yesterday parts of South Aberdeen were inundated and swollen creeks washed over several roads. A slide near Elma last night delayed four trains.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Gene Thorndike telephoning a friend just as the friend was phoning him, each getting a busy wire, neither being able to connect with the other.

Ralph McCarty declaring he was a sharpshooter as he signed up for civilian defense.

Sparkey Bourque hoping to see a lot of hockey players at his ice arena this evening.

CONGRESS FIXES SERVICE AGES AT 20 TO 44 YEARS

All Men From 18 to 64 Must Register — Compromise On Active Duty Age

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the White House today legislation requiring the registration of all men from 18 through 64 and making those from 20 through 44 subject to compulsory military service.

The chamber adopted a compromise conference report, previously approved by the house, which fixed the minimum age for active service at 20 instead of the 19 previously set by the senate and the 21 figure which the house had voted.

Administration leaders had encouraged the compromise 20-year proposal.

Both chambers agreed to expand the present upper age limit for military service to take in men through 44 years, rather than through 35.

German Dye Trust In United States Under Indictment

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The justice department announced today the indictment of three corporations, including I. G. Farbenindustrie A. G., the giant German dye trust, and seven persons on charges of restraining trade in the manufacture and sale of dyestuffs, and heavy chemicals in this country's markets at home and abroad.

Three indictments were handed down by a federal grand jury at New York, which long has been investigating the chemical industry, the department said.

The indictment charges, the department said, that the three corporations "agreed to combine all their dyestuff properties in the United States into a single manufacturing company and not to compete otherwise in the manufacture or sale of dyestuffs in this country except through General Dyestuffs Corporation."

9TH CORPS AREA OFFICES MOVED

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Headquarters of the army's ninth corps area is to be moved to Salt Lake City, the army announced today, and will become the headquarters of the zone of communications for this theater of operations.

The ninth corps area embraces the Pacific coast. Most of the ninth corps area staff, enlisted men and civilian employees, will be moved to Salt Lake City. The change was ordered by Lieut. General John L. DeWitt, whose western defense command and the fourth army headquarters will remain in San Francisco.

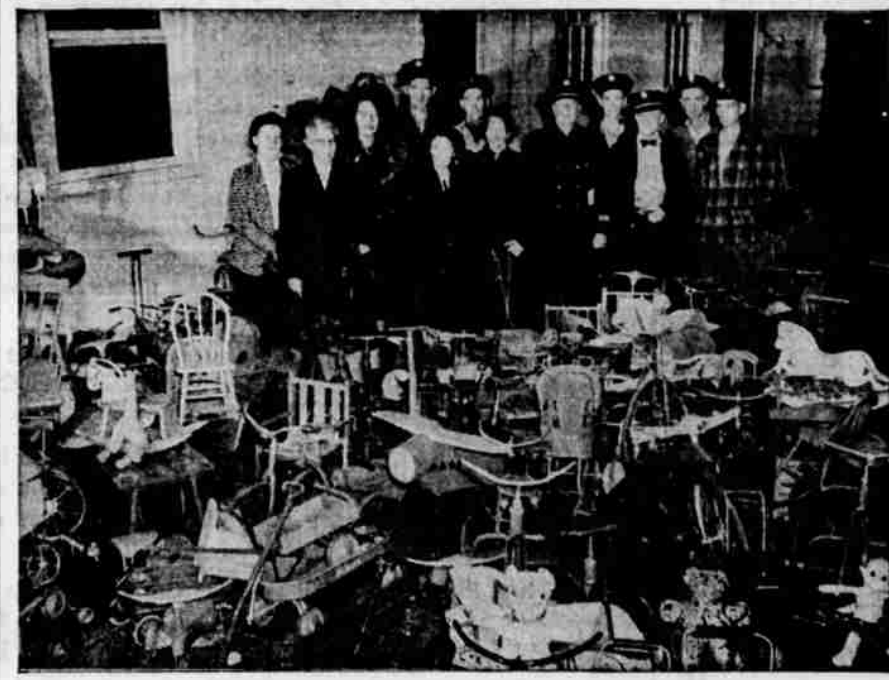
MARINES ON WAKE CONTINUE FIGHT

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The marine garrison on Wake Island is still fighting off blows of the enemy, the navy announced today.

The navy department communique, No. 12, covering the situation as of 6 a. m., PST today, said:

"Central Pacific—There have been two additional air attacks by the enemy on Wake Island. The first occurred on the night of the 17th-18th and was comparatively light. The second was in greater force and occurred in the forenoon of the 19th. Wake Island continues to counter these blows."

Santa Brings Toys to Needy Children



Pictured here are a few of the toys made from old, battered playthings by city firemen for distribution today and tomorrow by the Lady Lions to the parents of underprivileged children. The photograph was taken as a committee of Lady Lions completed an inspection of the firemen's work. Shown in the picture, left to right, are Mrs. Henry Zacharisen, Mrs. Lyle B. Thurman, Mrs. C. C. Haggard, Hiram Martin, Mrs. Clifford C. Proctor, Gordon Barker, Mrs. E. H. Mann, Chief Roy Elliot, George Shroove, Edward Canoose, assistant chief; Fred Stevens and Howard Glascock. (Photo by Brainerd).

FINNS ABANDONED BY HITLERITES IN HEADLONG FLIGHT

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's battered invasion armies, reeling in retreat in Russia and North Africa, were reported to have abandoned their Finnish allies today as Soviet dispatches announced huge new gains in the 17-day-old counter-offensive on the central front.

"Reports from Helsinki (the Finn capital) this morning say that all German troops have been withdrawn from Finland in a great hurry," the British radio declared.

The broadcast said Finnish lines had been shattered between Lakes Onega and Ladoga by a red army drive in the vicinity of the Leningrad-Murmansk railroad.

On the Libyan desert battlefield, British troops were officially reported to have captured Derna airport, 100 miles northwest of Tobruk. Derna itself was said to be still in axis hands.

British forces were reported advancing "in all directions" west and north of Mekill, 40 miles below Derna, with the Germans and Italians fleeing in two bodies — one heading toward Derna and the other toward Bengasi on the Gulf of Sirte.

The thrust to Derna airport meant that the British had fought their way approximately 195 miles across the desert from the Egyptian frontier since Nov. 18, when the new campaign was launched with American-made tanks and planes.

In axis counter blows, Premier Mussolini's high command asserted that Italian torpedo planes and German fliers had hit five British cruisers in the Mediterranean—three in attacks on a major naval formation off the coast of eastern Libya.

The German high command said a Nazi U-boat had sunk one of the five—a cruiser of the 7,270-ton Leander class—off the Alexandria, Egypt, naval base.

ICE COLISEUM OWNER SUICIDES IN PORTLAND

Portland, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Edward F. Grell, about 50, owner of the Ice Coliseum here, committed suicide last night by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust of his automobile, Deputy Coroner Earl Shea reported. The widow discovered the body. Grell had been worried over financial affairs, she said.

Lady Lions Distribute Pile of Gifts From Firemen's Toyshop

Santa Claus came to town today to leave a lot of Christmas presents for poor children.

The big heap of toys, ordered by Santa through the firemen's workshop, were being distributed by the Lady Lions at the Rogue River Chevrolet company's spacious showroom at Bartlett and Ninth streets. The distribution will be continued tomorrow.

With the playthings segregated as to type, the showroom looked like the toy department of a large department store. There were all sorts of things, bright, shiny, perfectly-working toys made over by the firemen from discarded playthings. To parents of the children went a generous amount of the toys.

This year there was a greater number of large toys, such as doll carriages, scooters, wagons, tricycles and automobiles. Thus the Lady Lions were better able to satisfy the requirements of children who like to receive at least one large toy with a lot of little ones from Santa's bag.

The toy project here has become so well known that this year many children addressed their letters to Santa Claus in care of the Lady Lions or the fire department. One letter came from out of state, from a youngster in Yreka, Cal., who pleaded for a scooter. No out-of-county orders could be filled, however. Through the years, the Lady Lions have systematized their distribution procedure so that now a regular card index is maintained. A list of needy families is made out and parents are notified by postal card when to come to the toy depot. The toys are distributed only to parents having cards.

Committees of Lady Lions are working at the toy depot in giving out the toys. Mrs. Lyle B. Thurman, president, is supervisor and Mrs. Clifford C. Proctor is general chairman of the toy project.

SIX SIRENS WILL WARN SALEMITES

Salem, Dec. 19.—(AP)—In order to test the new signal system that will sound air-raid warnings at six places throughout the city, Salem will have its first practice blackout some time between 9 p. m. and midnight Sunday.

The test also will determine how thoroughly and how quickly the city can be blacked out. In addition to the six whistles on the signal system, the city hall siren and sirens on fire trucks and police cars will be used.

One blast will indicate the air raid warning, while the all clear signal will be two blasts.

FALLS TO DEATH

Spokane, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Mortimer Gilileo, 42, Spokane bridge carpenter, fell to his death today while working on a Great Northern railway bridge over the Spokane river.

British Say Hongkong Still Defying Japanese

STATE TO MAKE CIGARETTE TAX COLLECTION TRY

Opinion by Attorney General Brings Action by Snell—Court Fight Is Expected.

Salem, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Secretary of State Earl Snell today paved the way for collection of the state two-cent per package cigarette tax when he notified the state tax commission that he was accepting an attorney general's opinion that the measure, passed by the 1941 legislature, should not be placed on the ballot.

The tax commission said it would make plans to collect the tax, but that it was likely that the state Retail Grocers' association, which sponsored the referendum against the tax, would go to court to restrain the commission from collecting the tax, and to get a court order placing the measure on the ballot.

The association sponsored the referendum to put the measure on the ballot next November, but the attorney general two days ago held that expense accounts filed in connection with the referendum were insufficient.

Would Aid Pensions
"As the situation now stands, the referendum against the cigarette tax will not be placed on the ballot," Snell said.

The measure would raise about \$1,200,000 a year, with five-sixths of the revenue being used for old age pensions and one-sixth for vocational education.

The measure was passed in the closing hours of the legislature after a stormy battle.

The tax commission explained it probably would take a few weeks to prepare for collection of the tax, and that in the meantime, the court fight probably would start.

It was expected that the sponsor of the referendum would go directly into supreme court in a mandamus action either against Snell or against the tax commission.

Portland, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The fight to have the two-cent-per-package cigarette tax placed before the voters will be continued, G. J. McPherson, secretary-manager of the state Retail Grocers' association, declared here today. The statement followed receipt of information from Salem that Secretary of State Earl Snell had accepted an attorney general's ruling that the measure, passed by the 1941 legislature, should not be placed on the ballot.

DEFIANT AUTOIST IS SENT TO JAIL

Loyal Hartman, 39, Jacksonville was in city jail today serving out a \$20 fine levied against him yesterday afternoon by Judge W. W. Allen for violating the basic traffic rule. Police said Hartman refused to pay the fine and elected to serve the equivalent 10 days, which would keep him in jail over Christmas. He had posted \$20 bail for temporary release before entering jail.

Police charged that Hartman drove his car at 50 miles an hour on West Main street December 8, passing a truck while it was passing another car so that three vehicles were abreast going in the same direction.

Hartman failed to respond to a citation to appear in court and a warrant for his arrest was issued, police said.

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS CONSIDER COIN REQUEST

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The legislature went into a special war-time session today to consider Gov. Culbert L. Olson's request for \$26,750,000 emergency appropriations.

War Bulletins

Moscow, Saturday, Dec. 20. (AP)—The Red army has wiped out the entire Nazi 134th division. "not a German escaping," the midnight communique announced early today.

Moscow, Saturday, Dec. 20. (AP)—The Red army has taken Rusa, 60 miles due west of Moscow, and Tarusa, 65 miles to the southwest, a communique said early today.

CAVITE BOMBING SENDS UP LARGE PILLAR OF SMOKE

Manila, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Two waves of Japanese bombers, flying at 30,000 feet, flew over the vital naval base at Cavite, in Manila bay, in less than two hours today in short, quick thrusts and the first left a giant column of smoke billowing in the sky.

A communique issued by the U. S. far eastern command said no reports of bombing by the second wave of planes had been received at 4:30 p. m. nearly three hours after the raiders flew over the Manila area.

A damaging raid on another Philippine island was officially reported earlier while the commonwealth government interior department announced it held complete dominion over all provinces except for three scattered Japanese beachheads on Luzon island.

(At sea, the navy department announced in Washington, United States submarines had sunk a Japanese transport and probably a destroyer. No details were given.)

Portuguese Premier Raps Timor Invasion; No Action Is Hinted

Lisbon, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Premier Antonio De Oliveira Salazar told his parliament and people today that Australian and Dutch troops "invaded" Portuguese Timor without the threat of a Japanese attack, and while mutual defense discussions were under way.

Although this speech had been forecast as one of Salazar's most important statements, he gave no hint of drastic change in Portuguese policy as a result of the occupation.

"The situation is not settled yet," he said, "and discussions still are going on. I shall disclose after the further developments."

DESPERATE STAND MADE IN FACE OF LANDING PARTIES

Invaders Using Dive Bombers In Effort To Subdue Smoke Obscured Fortress.

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Reuters, British news agency, announced tonight receipt of a German broadcast of a Tokyo dispatch acknowledging that the British still held key positions on the island of Hongkong.

The dispatch was received shortly after 9 a. m. PST or 1 a. m., Saturday, Hongkong time. The dispatch said Japanese dive bombers were continuing to bomb British positions.

Artillery emplacements and other military targets on the island were said to be enveloped in great clouds of black smoke. The garrison had previously been reported holding out at 10:45 p. m., Hongkong time Friday against Japanese who had landed in considerable force on the island.

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The British garrison at Penang, island state of British Malaya off the northwestern fighting zone, has been evacuated "quite safely," it was announced today.

Penang had been outflanked by the Japanese thrust through Kedah province, the mainland just opposite the island.

Now, presumably, the Japanese will take over Penang, if they have not done so already.

Singapore, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Apparently suffering from exhaustion and heavy casualties, the Japanese offensive now about 100 miles deep in northwestern Malaya has halted, the British announced today.

A communique said that the night was quiet all along the northern Malayan front and that the Japanese had been inactive for 24 hours.

But well-informed sources here expected a new thrust from the northwest across the Krian river when the Japanese have rested and reinforced their spearhead, this probably to be paralleled by a push from Grik, 18 miles within the border with Thailand.

The chief immediate objective of the Japanese probably is Opop, the heart of Malaya's tin industry, about 300 airline miles northwest of Singapore, on the main railway. Japanese planes were active over the area yesterday.

DEATH COMES TO OLDEST CAVEMAN

Grants Pass, Dec. 19.—(AP)—L. A. Ringette, nationally known as the gray-haired flamewatcher of the Oregon cave men, died this morning, one day following a heart attack.

Oldest member of the rough, club-toting fur-wearing tribe of local boosters for the marble caverns southwest of here, he was the only person to hold perpetual office. Aged 75, wearing a grizzled wig to match his gray moustache, he participated in every caveman expedition, carrying a club pounds heavier than that brandished by any of his younger fellows. He called it "wifetamer" and insured it annually for \$250.

Cavemen agreed there would be no one to take his place. A movement began to erect a monument in his memory.

Recently, he undertook alone a trek in wolfskins to North Dakota and return, describing the Oregon Caves national monument en route, and traveled to world's fairs at San Diego and San Francisco, to the Rose festival at Portland, and to other points.