

# Alaska, Richest Undeveloped Territory in World, Is Big Stake in War With Japanese

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Juneau, Alaska—The largest, richest area of undeveloped territory in the world, not even excepting the interior of Africa and South America, is a stake in the war between Japan, the United States and Great Britain.

Inhabitants of the eastern seaboard states and even of such huge areas as Texas and California find it hard to grasp the immensity of Alaska and British Columbia and the Yukon and northwest territories.

Here are great prizes for an expanding, overpopulated nation such as Japan. They rival and possibly excel the ancient teeming lands of the far east to which the Nippon nation so far has directed her energies. They constitute a great frontier, comparable to that which American pioneers found when they invaded the west.

Nothing is so erroneous as the general impression that Alaska and western Canada are bleak, inhospitable regions of perpetual ice and snow. The warm waters of the Japanese current moderate the temperature, giving much of the coastal area a climate similar to that of the northern United States.

Inland, the winters are severe. But old-timers comment that once the temperature drops to zero it doesn't make much practical difference if it goes to 40 or 50 below. At Fairbanks, near the Arctic circle, life goes on comfortably and normally the year round.

**Difficult Defense**  
The riches of this land consists of fish, timber, various minerals and furs. Under American ownership the tourist attractions are valuable. A land-hungry nation like Japan could

develop incalculable agricultural and dairy resources. Both the conquest and defense of Alaska and western Canada present problems probably unique in warfare.

Most of the population is confined to a few small, widely separated settlements. Outside of these is wilderness. Alaska has about one inhabitant to every 10 square miles and nearly half the population is Indian. The vast, sprawling area of Canada's northwest territories is virtually uninhabited.

**Strategic Position**  
To protect key positions in Alaska the navy has established powerful bases at Dutch Harbor, situated on the distant Aleutian island of Unalaska, and at Kodiak and Sitka. The army has hastily constructed airfields at Anchorage, Fairbanks and Annette Island.

This capital of Alaska, which has a population of only 5,748, is virtually defenseless in itself. However, it is bulwarked by rugged Baranof Island, where the navy has constructed a base. Should an enemy succeed in taking such ports as Seward, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan, it would control Alaska. Through them move the fish, gold and furs that America buys and back through them move the food, oil and manufactured goods that Alaska requires.

To what extent the army and navy regard Alaska as a base for offensive measures has never been divulged. Dutch Harbor is a great deal closer to Tokyo than Tokyo is to Honolulu. The Japanese capital is, in fact, in easy range of a modern bombing plane.

Whether we merely defend Alaska or use it as a springboard toward Japan would seem one of the major questions of current military strategy.

lars, and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this 12th day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty-sixth. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## Home Garden Guide Made Available at Extension Offices

Corvallis (Sp)—Issued in time to aid in plans for next year's home gardens is extension circular No. 377, entitled "A Monthly Schedule of Suggested Operations in Growing Vegetables for Home Use." This mimeographed circular, by A. G. B. Bouquet, head of vegetable crops work at Oregon State college, is a revision of a previous circular and takes up operations in a vegetable garden month by month.

In view of the wide variations in climatic conditions prevailing in different parts of the state, Professor Bouquet has grouped all vegetables into three general classifications with reference to their hardiness to frost. He also shows the approximate number of days between the time of seeding and the first harvest. With this information it is possible for a gardener in any part of the state to adapt the schedule to his own local conditions if he knows about the time when frost-free weather may be expected in the spring.

As Oregon is being asked to increase its number of farm gardens by some 16,000 this year as a part of the food-defense program, it is believed that this circular will be much in demand. It may be had free from any county extension office or direct from the college.

## SEAL PURCHASERS PROMPT THIS YEAR CHAIRMAN AVERS

Generous Response in Jackson County Shows Need Realized Says Miss Bullis

Most of the people in Jackson county have been very prompt this year in sending in their checks for Christmas seals, Miss Helen Bullis, chairman of the annual anti-tuberculosis campaign, announced yesterday. Their generous support is greatly appreciated in such trying times, she added, and it is hoped that those, who have not yet responded to the letters placed in the mail at Thanksgiving time, will do so before Christmas, which is just a few days away.

The generous response of the general public, Miss Bullis

stated, shows that Jackson county people realize the need to carry on a campaign for health against disease during all times.

**Ministers Aid**  
The sum of \$41.88 donated by the Medford Ministerial association from the special Thanksgiving collection in the local churches, has been banked, Miss Bullis stated, and represents the largest offering from this source in many years.

The campaign ends Christmas and the committee hopes all responses will be in by then. The letter sale was enlarged this year to include many more Medford people.

## Pilgrim Holiness to Enjoy Yule Program

The Pilgrim Holiness church Sunday school will enjoy a Christmas program at the church Saturday, starting at 7:45 p. m. The program has been arranged by a committee of the church.

All in the community are invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Jackson and Bessie streets, near the Roosevelt school.

## ANNUAL PAGEANT AT SAINT MARKS SUNDAY EVENING

Saint Mark's Episcopal church is preserving the traditional Christmas pageant of the Holy Nativity, Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The service is an ambitious undertaking with special lighting effects and costuming. The committee in charge includes Mrs. Herald G. Gardner, Mrs. J. A. McDougall, Mrs. Carl Norris, Mr. Ralph Burgess, Mrs. V. W. Hammond, Mrs. Joseph Fliegel, Mrs. Horatio Gates and Mrs. T. V. Williams.

At the organ Mrs. E. A. Conrad will preside and Miss Bernice Reames will direct choral parts.

The cast consists of: Reader, Rev. Herald G. Gardner; Joseph, Gilbert Tummy; Mary, Virginia Hammond; Simon, the innkeeper, Fritz Nissen;

Anna, his wife, Mrs. John T. Barr.

Centurions, Hob Deuel, Jerry McDougall, Arnold Johnson, Chris Barker.

Shepherds, Harry Van der Mark, Jim Elliott, Joe Fliegel, Donald Nissen.

Kings, Ralph L. Burgess, Jr., Fritz Nissen, John T. Barr.

Pages, Justin Smith, Jr., Kenneth Brown, Max Pierce, Alec Hamilton, Sandy Degman, Marvin Neff; leading angel, June Williams.

Choir, Susan Drummond, Betty Drummond, Phyllis Merrick, Patty Roberts, Jane Ray, Dorothy Ray, Jackie Kirtley, Barbara Green, Nancy Lageson, Gwen Young, Jocelyn Bauer, Barbara Barr, Anne Gentle, Patsy Mashburn, JoAnne Gardner, Mary Virginia Wait, Charly Williams, Marilyn Murphy, Treave Neff, Bruce Baxter, Ward Bebb, Dick Runyard.

After the pageant the annual Christmas tree party will be held in the parish house, with Santa Claus scheduled to make an appearance.

A short program will be presented consisting of: Recitation, Jay Walker and Margaret Selby; song, Don and Nancy Norris; recitation, Bobby Goldsmith;

song, Leon McDougall; recitation, Barbara Bauer; song, Nancy Hamilton, recitation, Marilyn Olsen and David Drummond.

All friends of Saint Mark's church are invited to both the pageant and the party.

## HONOR ALASKAN

Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 19.—(P)—Sunday has been designated by Gov. Ernest Gruening as Ervin Thompson memorial day throughout Alaska, as a memorial to the first son of the far north to fall in the second world war. Thompson, an ensign, was from Ketchikan and a graduate of the University of Washington and Annapolis naval academy. He was killed at Pearl Harbor December 7.

## HONGKONG CASUALTY

Chungking, Dec. 19.—(P)—Word was received here today of the first American casualty in the Japanese attack on Hongkong—Mrs. Florence Webb of Shanghai, who was killed by shrapnel. The United States embassy here was advised of her death. Where she came from in the United States was not learned.

In the earth's "normal" weather periods, says some scientists, the polar seas are free of ice.

## President Proclaims Red Cross Campaign for War Relief Funds

The following proclamation has been issued by President Roosevelt setting a 50 million dollar goal for the Red Cross war relief campaign:

Whereas, our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all, and

Whereas, for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed, in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war, and

Whereas, in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of

more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil defense plans.

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, and president of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of 50 million dol-

## Births

FOUST—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Route 2, December 19, a boy, 7½ lbs., at Stanley Maternity Home.

**PATRIOTIC MOTHER**  
Newberg, Ore., Dec. 19.—(P)—"If I had 10 sons I would willingly send them all into the service of their country," Mrs. Fred Bryant said today. She had five sons, all in military service. Yesterday she was told that her youngest, Harvey Rushford, 18, had been killed December 7.

**SERVICE FLAG**  
Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—(P)—Remember the service flags of world war days? A Los Angeles bank proudly unfurled one with 124 stars yesterday—one for each former employe now in military service.



KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY 90 PROOF

Remember "WATERFILL AND FRAZIER" FAMOUS WHISKEY

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In Kentucky, birthplace of fine bourbons, Waterfill & Frazier is consistently poured in the best homes, most famous restaurants and exclusive bars. For six generations folks who appreciate fine whiskey have given preference to this famous bourbon, made by an independent distillery whose goal has been, since 1810, to make only the BEST whiskey—not the most. Today, when you remember a friend with Waterfill & Frazier, you are presenting him the richness and quality of a whiskey acclaimed "The Best Buy in 130 Years!"

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Advertisement for Greyhound bus service. Includes an image of a bus and a Santa Claus character. Text: "Here's a TIP on your HOLIDAY TRIP", "SAVE MONEY on these Low Fares", "Travel in comfort, free from driving cares and responsibilities. Save money too... have extra cash for extra pleasures. Go by Greyhound... see more, save more, enjoy more!".

City	One Way	Round Trip
Los Angeles	\$9.95	\$17.95
San Francisco	5.10	9.20
Portland	5.00	9.00
Eugene	3.35	6.05
Phoenix	16.45	29.65
Chicago	36.95	63.30

Depot: 8th and Central Phone: 3202

Advertisement for Medford's New Ice Arena. Includes an image of a man and a woman skating. Text: "WHY NOT MAKE IT A SKATING Christmas at Medford's New Ice ARENA", "ICE ARENA SCRIP BOOKS", "Season Tickets only \$15.00", "And In the SKATE SHOP", "The newest C.C.M. Skates. Smart new Skating and Skating Gloves, Socks and Hats. Snug KOMFORTITES and clever SKATE COSTUMES, too... all prices especially low for the holiday gift season!", "And Don't Forget—It's Never Too Late To Learn To Skate".