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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



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Washington, Dec. 31.—Those subs with which the Japs annoyed our Pacific coast shipping were not from sneak bases in Lower California or Mexico, but part of a long range surprise fleet that Tokyo has long been building for this specific purpose. Fantastic though it sounds, these boats are supposed to have a radius range of 8,000 miles. The Japs probably have about 30 of them.

Their coming is no surprise to the navy. Our admirals have known the Japs were building this type for some time, but we have never gone in for an undersea boat so "formidable" or with such an extended cruising range. Here again, just as with the two-man submarines used by the Japs at Pearl harbor, the surprise was restricted to those who do not follow such matters closely. (International News photos published in American newspapers some years ago a photo smuggled out of Japan showing the two-man sub in operation).

With California only 6,000 miles from Japan, however, it is possible the 8,000 mile super-sub will continue to menace our coastal shipping for a while, in a minor way.

THE grand old man of the American navy, Admiral Leahy, is coming back from Vichy in four weeks. A discussion has been started as to what job he will get here.

This much can be related. Mr. Roosevelt insisted upon Leahy's return over the objections of the state department. Our diplomats had an idea he was solely responsible for keeping the French to their honorable pledge, never to surrender their fleet. They feared what might

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Radio Highlights

The Rose Bowl football game between Oregon State college and Duke university, to be played in Durham, N. C., tomorrow, New Year's day, will be broadcast by Station KMED. The game will be on the air at 10:45 a. m. (PST).

(Time is Pacific Standard)

New Year's Eve: I resolve—
CBS 7:15 New Year's resolutions.

Football—NBC-Blue 7:45. Sugar Bowl game preview.

Watch night service—NBC-Red 8:30 from Riverside church, N. Y.

Dancing parties to 1 a. m.—
CBS NBC-Blue MBS open at 8 p. m.

New Year's Day:
Bowl games—10:45 a. m. MBS. Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas A. & M. vs. Alabama.

10:45 NBC-Red, Rose Bowl at Durham, N. C., Duke vs. Oregon State.

11 CBS, Orange Bowl at Miami, Georgia vs. Texas Christian 11 NBC-Blue, Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Fordham vs. Missouri.

Other features:
All MBS—8:15 a. m. Mummers' parade at Philadelphia; 8:30 a. m. "We hereby resolve," special program by treasury department, including William S. Knudsen, Albert Einstein and others.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Huldah Thurman and Clara Proctor arriving at the fire hall with a delectable cake to go with hot coffee just as the fire ladders rolled back, cold and wet, from a fire, the girls being blessed for their timeliness.

Dear friends sending Eddie Nave some yarn and knitting needles after he had been laid up by a wrangle on the neck in hockey practice.

Walter Inch spending the morning digesting two books on pruning and then not knowing where to start trimming one of his shade trees.

FALL OF MANILA SEEN IMMINENT

JAPANESE CLAIM INVASION FORCES WITHIN 20 MILES

American, Filipino Troops Battle Against Hopeless Odds—Planes Give Edge.

By the Associated Press
American and Filipino troops, battling against apparently hopeless odds, were reported still offering "strong resistance, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy" today after executing a further adjustment of their lines.

While the fall of Manila appeared imminent and the army attempted to evacuate 300 seriously wounded Americans from Luzon island, a war department communique indicated that the 25-day-old struggle was not yet ended.

Heavy Pressure
"The enemy continues to exert heavy pressure on all fronts with extensive use of dive bombers and armored units," the communique said.

The war department's bulletin covered the military situation as of 6:30 a. m., PST (11:30 p. m., Manila time)—indicating that the Japanese invasion forces had exactly 30 minutes in which to make good their original boast that they would take Manila "before New Year's."

Almost an hour later, the navy department announced it was still in communication with the city.

U. S. army headquarters in the Philippines reported that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces, desperately outnumbered, were falling back north and south of Manila under the assault of Japanese infantry, tanks and dive bombers.

Bombers Blast Path
A Domei dispatch from Shanghai, broadcast by the official Tokyo radio, asserted that Japan's invasion forces were only 20 miles from Manila, striking northwest from Lamon bay.

The dispatch said Japanese dive bombers were blasting a path for the advance through American-Philippine tanks and infantry lines.

Other axis reports broadcast by the German radio—perhaps spreading their familiar "fear" propaganda—asserted variously that the Japanese had advanced within six and one-fourth and four miles of the Philippine capital.

Midway Worker Safe He Cables Parents

Redmond, Dec. 31.—(P)—Ralph Wiley of Redmond, engaged in defense work at Midway island, cabled his parents this week that he was safe. Wiley is a graduate of Redmond high school.

Flying Cadet Dies In Tulare Crash

Tulare, Calif., Dec. 31.—(P)—Flying Cadet George E. Werner, Jr., Cincinnati, O., crashed to his death 25 miles southwest of here last night.

The Vultee training plane he was flying was demolished. Werner's body was thrown clear and was not found until midnight, several hours after the accident.

Death Takes Nebbs Creator

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(P)—Sol Hess, 69, creator of the comic strip, "The Nebbs," died of a heart attack today in his apartment in the Shoreland hotel. He had lived and worked in Chicago most of his life.

"The Nebbs" comic feature has long been published by the Mail Tribune in daily and Sunday issues. According to the Bell Syndicate, Inc., through which the Sol Hess creation was distributed, a sufficient supply of the cartoons is on hand to permit publication for many weeks to come.

Churchill Cheered by Ottawa Citizens



Prime Minister Winston Churchill (left), and Prime Minister MacKenzie King received a hearty welcome upon their arrival at Ottawa, following a trip from Washington, D. C., where Churchill had conferred with President Roosevelt.

Hitler Promises Troops '42 Will See Complete Breaking of Red Power

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Adolf Hitler, in a New Year's order to his troops, declared today that the Russian winter counter attack "must and will be frustrated" and that the year 1942 would see the Soviet power broken completely.

Addressing his troops on the eastern front, the fuhrer asserted that "Germany does not want and cannot afford to be involved in battle again every 25 years . . . and engage in a new war for 'to be or not to be'."

break of fighting in September, 1939.

For the failure of these alleged efforts he blamed Britain and the United States.

"Thus," he declared, "the year 1941 had to come, and with it the beginning of the greatest struggle the world ever witnessed."

Hitler complained bitterly that the war kept him from other self-imposed tasks.

"The German people will believe me," he said, "that I should have preferred to choose peace instead of war. For peace included for myself a heap of fortunate tasks. What I and the whole national socialist movement will be prevented from accomplishing for years on account of this war fills me with deepest regret."

It is a shame that it is impossible to prevent duffers and lazybones from stealing one's precious time which one intends to devote to cultural, social and economic tasks for the people."

Of his Fascist partner, Hitler commented:
"The same thing is true also of Fascist Italy, where likewise a single man has eternalized his name for all times by a civilized and national revolution of secular dimension and which likewise cannot be compared with democratic and political blunders . . . who, for instance, in Anglo-Saxon countries squandered the wealth of their fathers or accumulated new fortunes by dirty business transactions."

He expressed sympathy for Japan, remarking:
"We therefore readily understand that at last Japan, tired of everlasting blackmail and daring threats, finally acted in self-defense against the most infamous warmonger of all."

Fiercely denouncing Soviet Russia, and Britain and the United States for aiding her, he declared "Churchill and Roosevelt have delivered Europe to Stalin" and predicted that Britain and the United States themselves would succumb to bolshevism.

Major Weaver New Chief of Air Corps

Washington, Dec. 31.—(P)—The assignment of Major General Walter R. Weaver as acting chief of the air corps with headquarters in Washington was announced today by the war department.

The orders relieved Weaver of his assignment as commanding general of the southeast air corps training center with headquarters at Maxwell Field, Ala.

SURPRISE COMING FOR JAPANESE IS CHURCHILL WORD

Prime Minister Sure British Will Hold Singapore—Minimizes Island Seizure.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 31.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill praised the defense of the Philippines by American and Filipino forces today and said he thought the Japanese were in for some surprises before the fight ended.

Asked by a London reporter at a press conference if he thought the British would hold Singapore, he responded, "I sure do."

The Japanese "have something coming to them one of these days," he asserted in answer to a question as to when the allies would take the offensive against the Japanese.

He is continuing to discuss grand strategy of the war with President Roosevelt, he said, and added that he hoped the decisions would be expressed "in deeds and not in words."

Minor Matter
He said the Free French seizure of St. Pierre and Miquelon islands was without the assent of Britain, the United States or Canada, but declined to go into details and expressed confidence the controversy would be settled.

He said he regarded the matter as minor, compared with other business now under way.

Of the battle of the Atlantic he said: "In February we were concerned over the high rate of losses of ships, but now we have managed so as to keep the U-boats farther out, break their link with Nazi planes, arm our merchantmen, and—allowing for new British building—we have reduced our losses to one-fifth the former rate."

"We now feel confident that we can carry on our convoys until the great blow of ships begins coming from the United States."

"There's a lot of good stuff on the way," but he added with emphasis, "we want more."

He told a press conference that he did not have much hope of Italy falling out of the war soon.

"I'm afraid the organ grinder has the monkey too firmly by the collar," he said.

War Bulletins

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 31.—(P)—Venezuela severed diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan today.

Singapore, Dec. 31.—(P)—British headquarters said today that "offensive actions have been taken with good results" by British patrols against some of the Japanese invaders of Malaya and that pressure on the Perak front was slight.

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NAB SHOPLIFTER AT BIG Y MARKET

Charged with petty larceny, Ray Christiansen, 32, local man, was given a four-months suspended jail sentence this morning in justice of the peace court.

Christiansen, according to the complaint, was caught shoplifting at the Big Y market late yesterday, but was apprehended immediately after he left the store by Mac McCargar, owner. State police were called and Christiansen was taken to the county jail.

Play With Matches Starts Fatal Fire
Tacoma, Dec. 31.—(P)—A six-year-old boy's passion for playing with matches resulted in the fire last night in which his smaller brother and sister died in their blazing home. Fire Inspector Robbie Larson reported today after an investigation.

Larson said the boy, Orville McCruder, admitted starting the blaze by accidentally setting fire to a cotton and evergreen center piece on the dining room table. The boy had been unable to extinguish it with a broom, so he told the smaller children to stay where they were while he ran to get their mother who was shopping at a nearby grocery store.

Redmond, Ore., Dec. 31.—(P)—Fred Sankey, in charge of rodent control in this district for the government, has announced a rabbit drive to be held in the Fort Rock area of northern Lake county January 5.

AGED WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH NEAR EAGLE PT.

Mrs. Esther Dutton, 96, Perishes As Blaze Destroys Home Tuesday Afternoon

A 96-year-old woman, living alone in her two-story, seven-room frame home a mile east of the Crater Lake highway and five miles south of Eagle Point, perished late Tuesday afternoon in a fire which completely destroyed the house and all of its furnishings.

The victim of the tragedy was Mrs. Esther Dutton, a native of England and a resident of the Antelope district for the past 38 years. She was burned beyond recognition in the flames which rapidly leveled the structure with a smoldering bed of ashes and coals. Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris said origin of the fire was not known.

Rescuers Too Late
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reynolds, whose home is on a small hill about a quarter of a mile south of Mrs. Dutton's place, were the first to discover the fire, about 5:45 p. m. They, and J. W. Bigham, another neighbor living about a mile east, hurried to the blazing dwelling but were too late to attempt a rescue of the aged woman.

Mrs. Dutton, they said, was lying face down near a table in the living room, which was almost a solid mass of flames. Mrs. Dutton, Morris said he learned, used candles exclusively in her home, and it was near a table

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BUSINESS HOLIDAY HERE TOMORROW

Business in general will halt here tomorrow in observance of New Year's but because of the war there will be no relaxation in guarding against any possible subversive move.

Most stores will be closed, though a few grocery and drug stores will probably remain open. Banks and other business places will close for the day, as will most federal, state, county and city offices. The post-office will be closed and there will be no mail delivery.

A sufficient number of men will be kept on duty, however, to avert any possible attempts at sabotage. The Jackson County Council of Defense will be on the job and the public in general was reminded that this country is at war.

Continental U. S. Well Guarded Against Enemy Aerial Attacks

By Devon Francis
New York, Dec. 31.—(P)—(Wide World)—A four-ply guard against the possibility of enemy bomber attacks on continental United States has been set up by the army and the navy.

On both the east and the west coasts air and sea patrols are maintained at a considerable distance from shore to eliminate surprise.

On the seaboard proper defending fighter planes are on "ground alert" at scores of fields, ready to take to the air if enemy planes approach.

Anti-aircraft units rapidly are being installed at key points to help ward off attacks on cities, factories, air fields, docks, railroads, bridges and such vital targets as water supply lines and gas and electric plants.

Finally, an elaborate air raid precaution service has been organized among civilians. If enemy planes escape the notice of the patrols far at sea, they can be spotted by thousands of observers at picked posts. That service is supplemented by robots called radiolocators.

When the attack comes—if it does come—it is unlikely that a repetition of the surprise Pearl Harbor foray can occur.

That does not mean that enemy bombers cannot reach vital objectives. They have a couple of million cubic miles of air through which to fly, strike and flee. It does mean that a sea-board attack in great force and without heavy casualties among enemy airmen would be difficult.

The army maintains a ground alert instead of an air alert in order to have the maximum number of planes to muster for an attack on enemy bombers.

An air alert means a constant patrol at varying altitudes.

When fighter planes are kept on the ground, ready to take off on a second's notice, their fuel tanks are always full and their pilots are rested.

The type of plane with which defending American fighter pilots probably would have to cope in an initial attack would be dive bombers. Usually this type carries only a pilot and a rear gunner. Dive bombers are slower than either standard heavy bombers, such as the American Flying Fortress, and single-seater fighters.

In an attack on this country they would be expected to approach in formation. That enables gunners to mass their fire against attackers. In diving on targets, they "peel off" from the formation, air the plane at what they want to hit, release the bomb and level off.