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AUSTRALIA EYED AS PACIFIC BASE

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 13.—A government report has been prepared showing a revolutionary labor draft will be necessary, if Mr. Roosevelt's plan to overwhelm the axis with production is to succeed.

Women, who are idle, will have to be drawn into factory service (as in England). All WPA and CCC workers will have to go into the army or factory, or into substitute work to relieve someone else for the twin front lines. Elderly persons who have retired, will have to step back to the wheels. Sub-sistence farmers will have to drop their feebly paying ploughs and get into productive employment. And even then, all labor union regulations and laws restricting output (8-hour day, 40-hour week, holidays, etc.), must be abandoned to furnish the necessary human power.

A shortage of around 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 new workers is foreseen, a final net shortage which can be made up in no other way, except by tapping fresh sources. It might be done with a nation-wide enlistment campaign. It certainly could be done by a labor draft act. Either way it will be done.

ONLY two failures could ruin the Roosevelt plan to win victory with production—a deficiency of raw materials or a shortage of labor. (Everyone agrees the government can get the stupendous amount of money necessary in one way or another, so that obstacles can be eliminated at the start.)

The only doubt existing inside OPM about FDR's 185,000 plane figure centered around the question whether we could produce enough aluminum for that many. This doubt was eliminated before the president spoke, when a motor manufac-

OKAY LEND LEASE AID FOR URUGUAY

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The United States and Uruguay today signed a lend-lease agreement, whereby this country will supply military and naval goods to the South American republic.

Uruguay Ambassador Juan Carlos Blanco announced signing of the agreement but said he could not reveal the amount of aid involved.

It was rumored to be between \$17,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

Signing of the lend lease agreement was the second major accord signed with a Latin American power within the past 24 hours, as a pact for military collaboration was approved yesterday between Mexico and the United States.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Finance Minister J. L. Halsey announced today that Canada's second victory loan of the war will be for \$600,000,000 and will be placed before the public next month.

Salem, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Forrest L. Hubbard, Baker, filed candidacy yesterday for circuit judge of the eighth judicial district. C. B. McColloch is incumbent.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Educator Leonard Mayfield being very much pleased over the return of a lost article, and even more surprised to learn where it was found.

George Brown, feeling quite comfortable in his new long, 99 44-100 percent pure wool undergarments.

Teacher Precia Medley being somewhat perturbed when her little dog "Tidewater" followed her to school and had to be taken home three times only to return again.

JAPAN'S ADVANCE MAY FORCE ALLIES TO LAST BASTION

Washington Takes Dark View As Nips Keep Up March in Malaya.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The pace of Japan's expanding conquests aroused the capital today to the grim possibility that the united nations may be forced back to Australia, the last bastion from which a major counter-offensive can be launched in the south Pacific.

This admittedly was taking a long view, but the tide of battle in the far east encouraged scant optimism even though Washington held doggedly to the hope that somewhere in the East Indies the enemy would be brought up short by a serious defeat.

On Celebes and Borneo the Japanese invaders were gaining ground. The desperate situation in the Philippines was no better. On the Malay peninsula the monotonous story of enemy successes continued.

In this drive toward Singapore, the Japanese already were in a position for a flanking attack on the Dutch island of Sumatra. Should both Borneo and Sumatra fall, the invaders would be poised for a pincers assault on Java, the strongly defended island which is the core of Netherlands resistance.

Jap Line Thin

There were a number of impponderables in the situation. The Japanese have spread their forces dangerously thin. The Dutch stoutly assert that they can hold out if reinforcements arrive, particularly in the air. And Anglo-American reinforcements are reported en route, although there has been no hint as to their air strength.

However, the disposition in many quarters of the capital was to face the worst possibilities squarely on the theory that if the worst did not happen, so much the better. This attitude was strengthened by the remarks of Navy Secretary Knox, who said yesterday that no decisive showdown with the Japanese fleet could be expected in the near future.

Australia has one big advantage that cannot be duplicated anywhere in all oceans. Its great land mass provides space for as many air fields as are necessary, for the "down under" continent is 32 times the size of the United Kingdom, or about the area of the continental United States, minus Arkansas or Iowa.

Dutch Isle Taken

Batavia, N. E. I., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Japanese invaders have captured the little oil-producing island of Tarakan off northeast Borneo, but a stubbornly-fighting little Dutch garrison held them off until all oil fields and all equipment were thoroughly demolished, it was announced officially late tonight.

Only then, the Aneta news agency said, did the garrison's survivors surrender.

Large numbers of Japanese had poured onto Tarakan, literally overrunning it, and a communique said only remnants of the garrison escaped to the mainland.

This first Japanese conquest of Dutch East Indies territory, however, was made "very costly" to the invader, and the Dutch and allied air forces are continuing to pound the Japanese transports and fleet lying off the island, it was announced.

Singapore, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Japanese bomber formations, lashing out ahead of enemy troops only about 150 miles north of this defense bastion, literally shook Singapore today with bursting bombs.

Preliminary surveys disclosed that little damage was done.

Unlike yesterday, when the air battle was fought high in the clouds or at a distance from the city, the 750,000 inhabitants of the island were aware that a battle of the skies was on in dead earnest.

Fort Drum Guns Roar At Japs Now



These 14-inch rifles, shown in target practice, are located on Fort Drum in Manila Bay and must be captured before the Japanese can use Manila's harbor. Fort Drum literally is a concrete battleship, built on bedrock, and is one of a series of island fortresses guarding the entrance to the bay.

LARGE STEAMSHIP TORPEDOED, LOST, OFF NOVA SCOTIA

An East Coast Canadian Port, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A large steamship has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine 160 miles off the Nova Scotia coast within the last 36 hours and survivors reaching here estimated today that 94 lives had been lost. Eighty-nine were saved.

The sinking was nearer the north Atlantic coast than any hitherto reported.

Of those rescued 66 were Chinese and 23 were white. Four white crewmen and about 90 Chinese crewmen and passengers were lost. Most of those lost were victims of near zero weather while afloat on rafts and small boats.

Although Japanese submarines have operated within sight of the United States west coast and submarines have been reported within sight of Newfoundland, this is the closest sinking that has occurred in the battle of the Atlantic.

Many of those lost died on rafts and lifeboats.

Dennis P. Carroll of Southampton, England, one of the survivors, said the ship went down 20 minutes after she was hit by a torpedo on the starboard side about 7:40 p. m. and by a second torpedo soon after from the port side.

One of the men lost, an Irish naval gunner, was thrown overboard by the first explosion and the second torpedo struck him before it hit the ship, one of the survivors reported.

Five boats and six rafts got away, but David Hughes of Vancouver, B. C., one of the survivors, said that out of 39 Chinese on one raft only one was alive when a rescue ship arrived.

WILLKIE BLASTS PAST EXPEDIENCY AND ECONOMISTS

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported today to have told a group of house members that farm amendments in the senate price control bill would lead to a spiral of increased prices for both labor and the farmer.

Members of the banking committee had said earlier as they left the White House conference that the president had left them with a "free hand."

Well-informed congressional sources said that Mr. Roosevelt had told the five congressmen that the O'Mahoney amendment written into the bill on the senate floor last week tying parity prices directly to the level of industrial wages was the most objectionable action that body had taken.

The chief executive was represented as believing that if that formula were adopted, the ceilings on agricultural commodities which might be imposed would be raised considerably higher than otherwise. Then labor would demand higher wages which, if granted, would raise the farm ceilings still further.

The president called the meeting of the house members, it was reported, to enlist their support in a campaign to defeat in a joint senate-house conference committee that amendment, as well as one by Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.) which would give Secretary of Agriculture Wickard veto power over any farm price ceilings that Leon Henderson, price administrator, might set.

One of the conferees expressed the opinion that the controversy between two appointees of the chief executive could be settled more quickly than the argument over the farm sections of the legislation.

LAKEVIEW MAN NAMED

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—(AP)—James E. Harper, Lakeview, Ore., has been appointed chief of the lumber and building materials section of the office of price administration, the Washington office has notified officials here. Harper was formerly with DeArmond Brothers Lumber company at Lakeview and Lakin and Company at Bend.

SACK SHORTAGE LOOMS

Corvallis, Jan. 13.—(AP)—How to meet the emergency created by the shortage of burlap and other bags will be one of the subjects discussed at the first annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league at O.S.C. January 15 and 16.

Most British Columbia pulp and paper producers have arranged for plant expansion since the beginning of the war.

TENTATIVELY SET NEXT MONDAY FOR CANTONMENT BIDS

Col. Moore Stresses Date Is Tentative—No Additional Details Disclosed.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The United States army engineers' office here probably will ask bids Monday, Jan. 19, on construction of the entire army cantonment to be located near Medford, Col. Cecil Moore announced today.

Col. Moore stressed that the date was tentative as was Feb. 9, date mentioned for opening bids.

Col. Moore said engineers might construct their own office building somewhere on the site prior to general construction of the cantonment. Plans for construction of an administration building wait final setting of cantonment boundaries and acquisition of all needed land.

Colonel Moore would not disclose any additional details of the cantonment construction, including number of employees, time of construction, types of buildings and precise locations.

The cantonment civilian coordinating board at a meeting this afternoon in the Hotel Medford considered emergency projects that are to be presented immediately to the defense public works division of the federal security agency for government assistance. Such projects include extension of sewer water and other public services that would have to be expanded to meet cantonment needs.

Alan C. Blanchard, San Francisco, associate field representative of the division of social protection, addressed a meeting of law enforcement officers of Jackson and Josephine counties at the Hotel Medford last night.

CONQUERED LANDS MAP PUNISHMENT FOR AXIS CHIEFS

London, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The governments of eight axis-occupied nations and the Free French pledged themselves today to post-war punishment of axis leaders in what Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, described as the "oppression and brutality" imposed on Europe.

"The Quislings also have little reason to look to the future with any hope," Eden asserted at their conference opening session around a red plush covered table in St. James' palace.

Eden said the session, convened on the initiative of the governments in exile, would show that the "German so-called 'new order' in Europe is a sham."

"Today's meeting," he said, "is also a message of encouragement sent out to the oppressed populations of Europe."

The governments-in-exile of The Netherlands, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Norway, Greece, Luxembourg, Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Free French committee laid the groundwork for postwar machinery which may some day doom axis officials and soldiers judged to have behaved contrary to the "accepted ideas concerning acts of war."

Prime ministers and foreign ministers bitterly assailed Germans and Italians for mass executions, mass expulsions, execution of hostages and massacres in their respective countries.

Each then signed a resolution pledging his government to try responsible persons and their accomplices.

WILLKIE CHOSEN ON LABOR BOARD

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has selected Wendell L. Willkie, the man he defeated for the presidency in 1940, as one of a number of umpires and arbitrators to assist the new 12-man war labor board, and discussed the job with Willkie today.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, indicated Willkie had not definitely accepted the position, and said the list was incomplete.

Fishing and fish drying are the principal industries of St. Pierre and Miquelon islands.

FEDERAL JUDGE RETIRES

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The retirement of Federal Judge C. C. Cavanaugh which had been planned for January and later postponed will probably take place next month, the judge indicated yesterday.

WAR BULLETINS

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Bolivia revoked the consular privileges today of Erwin Keidel, German consul at Potosi, explaining that the action was prompted by Keidel's efforts to instigate disorders in the Bolivian tin-mining district.

The government decreed a state of siege Sunday because of outbreaks in three areas as the result of an issue over whether taxes collected from the Patino mining interests should be used for provincial public works or, as the government had decided, for federal projects.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The war department said today American-Filipino artillery fire had blasted back at Japanese guns in the battle for the Philippines in a 24-hour battle of the Philippine campaign.

Eleven hostile batteries have been silenced in the continuous artillery duel, reports from General Douglas MacArthur said, and Japanese batteries have been forced to fall back from their earlier positions.

The war department said American and Philippine batteries, "proved definitely superior" and columns of enemy tanks, other armored units and large heavy infantry forces had been "shattered and dispersed" by the relentless shelling from the defenders. Losses to the American-Filipino forces, as they staunchly defend the Batan peninsula west of Manila bay, were called "relatively slight."

Japanese dive bombers supported the enemy artillery fire, the morning communique said, but there were no enemy bombing attacks on the fortifications at the southern tip of Batan or Corregidor island, the guardian of Manila bay.

WAR BULLETINS

Salem, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Suits challenging the two-cent cigarette tax law was filed in state supreme court today by the state Retail Grocers association, the court accepting jurisdiction and ordering Secretary of State Earl Snell to show cause on January 23 why he should not be compelled to place the measure on the referendum ballot next November.

No effort was made to restrain the state tax commission from collecting the tax pending outcome of the case, but there were indications that such action might follow within a few days.

The association contended that Snell had accepted its referendum petitions as adequate, and that the attorney general's ruling, that the association's expense statements were not sufficient, have no bearing on the validity of the referendum.

The law was passed a year ago, but enforcement was delayed by the referendum. After the attorney general's opinion, the state tax commission began collecting the tax last Thursday.

If the court holds in favor of the association, the tax will be suspended and the people will be permitted in November to decide whether they want the tax.

If the ruling is in favor of Snell, the tax will continue.

The tax was expected to raise about \$1,200,000 a year, with five-sixths of the revenue to be used for old age pensions, and one-sixth for vocational education.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—L. Clare Cargile, president of the Automobile Dealers association, said today after a talk with price control officials that there were prospects for continued operation by the dealers despite restrictions on the sale of motor vehicles.

Cargile told the house small business committee that "some very satisfactory negotiations" had been held.

He was called as a witness after his return from the office of Leon Henderson, price administrator.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Organized Automobile Dealers told a house committee today government orders curtailing the production of automobiles and freezing sales of cars and trucks constituted a death sentence for their business, unless relief is provided.

Their case was presented by Ray Chamberlain, of Washington, executive vice president of the National Automobile Dealers association, as the special house committee created to study problems of small business opened its hearings.

CHAS. PRICKETT, 21 FOUND DYING OF GUNSHOT WOUND

Woodcutter Found In Car This Morning By Aged Man—Was Accident.

With almost a third of his head blown away by a shotgun charge the coroner's office and state police said was undoubtedly accidental, Charles Clifford Prickett, 21-year-old woodcutter, was found dying at 7:30 a.m. today in his 1932 Chevrolet coupe which was parked on a little-used road some 200 feet from the Griffin Creek road to Sterling mine.

Prickett died about 11 a. m. in the Perl ambulance, which was rushing him to a local hospital. According to Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris and George Davis, ambulance driver, the youth could never have been conscious after the shotgun shell entered just above his left eye and blew a large portion of his head off.

The dying man was discovered by George Davis, 71, of 212 Jeannette avenue, who has been living in a cabin in the vicinity while cutting wood, and with whom Prickett had been working for the past two weeks.

Davis related to Deputy Coroner Morris that he saw Prickett's car parked on the side road near the crown of a hill, and noticed blood on the running board and left side of the machine. The doors of the car were closed and the windows frosty, Davis told Morris, and added that at first he thought Prickett had killed a deer and put it in the car.

Davis pounded on the door of the car, and when he received no response he pulled it open and made the discovery, he told Morris. The youth was sitting in the driver's seat with his hands on the wheel, his body slumped against the door on the driver's side, Davis related to Morris.

A hammerless 12-gauge Remington double-barreled shotgun, with its right barrel fired, lay diagonally across Prickett's chest. Its butt was on the other side of the car on the floor, Davis told Morris.

Seeing the boy was still alive, Davis told Morris he ran to the Griffin Creek road and called to two other woodcutters W. E. Davidson and W. J. Quackenbush, both of Talent, who were working nearby. They stayed with Prickett while Davis, seeking help, met Elmer Brandon in a truck which took him to the Pierce residence in the Sterling district.

The Pierce telephone was out of order, so Davis and Mrs. Pierce took the letter's car back to the Griffin Creek district where a state policeman was called. Dr. Geo. K. Goodrich, Medford dentist, cut in on the call, heard the conversation and hurried to the scene where, with Davidson and Quackenbush, he took Prickett out of the car and wrapped him up on the ground by a fire to await the arrival of the state policeman and a local physician, and the ambulance.

Davis told Morris that between 2 and 3 Monday afternoon Prickett took Davis' shotgun from the cabin in which they were living and told E. C. Belcher, another woodcutter, to inform Davis of this.

Morris and the state policeman agreed the death was undoubtedly accidental, but could offer no theories on how it happened. Morris said the amount of frost on the car and marks in the road indicated the machine had been parked there all night, but added he couldn't tell when the accident occurred. He said there would be no inquest.

Charles Clifford Prickett was born in Outlook, Wash., July 27, 1921, and had resided here on Plum street for the past year.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prickett of Outlook and the following brothers and sisters: Cecil of Washington, D. C., Harold of the U. S. navy, Raymond of Medford, Mrs. Hazel Nonmaker of Kelo, Wash., Margaret Prickett of Yakima, Wash., Pauline Prickett of Port Townsend, Wash., and Pearl Hale.

SUIT CONTESTING 2C CIGARET TAX FILED AT SALEM

Hearing Set For Jan. 23 By High Court—No Restraint On Collection Yet.

CAR DEALERS ASK FREEZING ORDER MODIFICATIONS

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