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ARMY OF 3,600,000 MEN IN MAKING

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 15.—The senate runaway on farm prices was the result of some very quiet scheming of a few farm bloc plotters on the senate banking committee.

Mr. Roosevelt's price fixer, Leon Henderson, had been lobbying a r d e n t l y around, but did not suspect the reins were being cut until one day the committee tried to keep him out of a hearing. He and Agriculture Secretary Wickard were sitting outside.

The committee called in Wickard, but said nothing about letting Henderson into their executive session, on his own bill. He literally elbowed his way through the door, and there engaged both Wickard and the farm blockers hotly and heavily.

What had thrown him further off their trail, was the fact that a farm leader, Senator Bankhead, had made an agreement in the committee to oppose the O'Mahoney-Russell runaway amendment (120 per cent of parity and up). Bankhead kept his agreement. He voted against it.

But it developed when the vote was taken, he was not leading the farm bloc this time. When the tellers looked around for the farm army usually behind him, it was discovered he was a general standing alone.

BY the time Mr. Henderson and his busy boss, Mr. Roosevelt, found they were faced with a farm price boosting bill, it was too late to stop the stampede. The bulk of the final votes against them were being contributed by their own leading senators from southern states.

It was rather generally understood in the cloakrooms that cotton and potatoes would fare better than other commodities under the bill. Trying to stop a southern senator after a cotton price increase proved to be just like stopping an axis tank with a red light. They felt labor had been allowed to get away with wage increases, and saw retribution if not righteousness in their own positions.

No one seemed very proud of the senate afterward, however. The debate had furnished no recognition that a war was on.

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Radio Highlights

New York, Jan. 15.—(Wide World)—Topics tonight: The War and Pan-American Conference, 4 MBS, 4:15 NBC, MBS, 4:30 MBS, 5:55 CBS, 7 MBS, 7:30 Blue, 7:45 CBS-Blue, 8 CBS, 8:30 MBS, 9 NBC, CBS-Blue, 9:35 NBC, CBS-Blue.

Talks: Blue, 6, America's Town Meeting, "Can We Win the War Without Hate?" MBS, 6:15, Assistant Secretary of State, A. Berle Jr.

What to expect Friday: The war—5 a. m., NBC, CBS-Blue, 5:45 NBC, 5:55 Blue, 6 CBS, 7 MBS, 7:15 Blue, MBS, 8 MBS, 8:15 MBS, 9 CBS, MBS, 10:45 NBC and Blue, 11 MBS, 12:55 p. m., CBS, 1:45 CBS, MBS, 1:55 Blue, 3 CBS, MBS, 3:25 NBC, 3:45 CBS, Blue.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carol Acheson taking issue with Hubby Russ on basketball maneuvers of a very technical character and being convinced the Tiger coach knew of which he spoke only after lengthy explanations.

Judge Bill Coleman thinking seriously about taking his second vacation in nine years, this being considered an opportune time seeing as how law enforcement officers are not bringing him any business these days.

FIRST THREE NEW DIVISIONS TO BE READY IN MARCH

Air and Ground Forces Will
Be Doubled—Expansion
Calls For 9 New Camps.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey said today it would be necessary to draw from the 9,000,000 men between 20 and 44, inclusive, who will register February 16, to achieve the 1942 army strength of 3,600,000 announced earlier in the day by Secretary of War Stimson.

General Hershey told a press conference that the additional 1,900,000 men to be sought by the end of this calendar year—present army strength is around 1,700,000—could be raised from present registrants, but added: "I don't think that would be public policy."

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A mighty army of 3,600,000 men is in the making, Secretary of War Stimson said today, to hasten the victory fought for so far against heavy odds.

Stimson said the increase, authorized by President Roosevelt, would be made this year, with the first three new divisions to be organized by March 25.

Looking to further increases of undisclosed size next year, camp facilities are to be expanded in the meantime.

The expansion, announced at a press conference, calls for:

More than double the number of air combat units.

Creation of 32 motorized or triangular divisions, in addition to the 27 conventional ground troop divisions now in service, and doubling the number of armored units.

A proportionate increase in anti-aircraft, engineer, and similar special units.

Formation of 50 or more military police battalions to replace troops now guarding critical facilities in continental United States.

More in Training
A large increase in the number of men in training centers to provide replacement for all organized units and the personnel for "the additional units to be created in the spring of 1943."

As a part of the vast expansion, Stimson announced at the same time, 75,000 officers will be commissioned in special year and requirements for air force pilots, bombardiers and navigators had been lowered from 20 to 18 years. Married men now also may train as fliers, and intelligence tests have been substituted for educational requirements.

Stimson said the army increase called for a vast expansion also for housing and training facilities which, he added, has already started.

The army now is building nine new camps to accommodate 30,000 men each, he said. All training centers are being expanded to accommodate additional 200,000. In addition, five temporary tent camps are being set up.

"In this way all the men inducted and left in the continental United States by the time the last men are inducted," Stimson said.

"By that time some divisions may be out of the United States, making their quarters also available."

The war secretary noted the expansion had been started well in advance of peacetime schedules for wartime increases.

CONTRAST

Steinauer, Neb., Jan. 15.—(AP)—George Wolf, who would have observed his 101st birthday April 19, died at his farm home near here. His hair was still jet black, but his beard was snow white.

Boston, Jan. 15.—(AP)—(USDA)—Medium grades of territory wool were receiving some demand at mostly 96-98 cents, scoured basis.

Enemy Sub Hits Second Ship 2 Days Off East Coast

Survives Ship Torpedoing



About 90 men lost their lives when a ship was torpedoed 180 miles off Nova Scotia, it was disclosed when some 80 survivors of the ship were brought to an eastern Canadian port. This seaman, being carried, had his feet frozen.

LINDBERGH WILL SERVE NATION IN TECHNICAL FIELD

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh will not return to active duty with the army air corps, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today, but for the present will engage in technical research on a commercial project in which the war department is directly interested.

The secretary told his press conference that Lindbergh, formerly an air corps reserve colonel, called on him last Monday to ask whether he could be of any use to the government or the war department.

"I told him," Stimson said, "that we were always glad to receive information, help or advice from anyone who thought he could be of service, and I asked him what he thought he could do most usefully."

"He replied that he thought for the present he could be most useful in the line of technical experimentation."

The next day, Stimson said, Lindbergh conferred with Lieut. General H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces, and Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air.

"All that I can say now," Stimson concluded, "is that he decided, with our approval, to devote his time for the present to a technical commercial project in which this department is directly interested. I think that covers all that can be said at this time."

GOEBBELS MAKES 'VICTORY' TALK

Berlin, Jan. 15.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—"If we win, we have won everything, if we lose, we lose more than all," German Propaganda Minister Goebbels told a meeting of German political and cultural leaders in Hamburg today.

Again Goebbels referred to the "dumb stubbornness" of the Russian armies as proof of "the magnitude of the danger which was hanging over us" but again he expressed confidence that ultimate German victory was certain.

DEBT MORATORIUM LOANS ASKED BY SMALL BUSINESS

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Independent tire dealers recommended to the house small business committee today that the government arrange for long-term, low-cost loans and business debt moratoriums to tide them over the period of tire rationing.

They complained, also, against the refusal of government rationing officials to permit the delivery to buyers of tires bought and paid for prior to the rationing order and merely held by dealers for storage.

This brought from Representative Bulwinkle (D., N.C.) a recommendation that the committee take the case up immediately with the proper officials.

"These tires should be released immediately," Bulwinkle said.

Through its president, L. Clare Gargile of Texarkana, Tex., the National Automobile Dealers association complained against an OPA order requiring that tires on "frozen" cars be turned over to OPA.

Gargile said the association was "shocked beyond expression" by the requirement, which he said was announced yesterday.

RETREADED TIRE RATIONING SEEN

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rationing of retreaded, as well as new tires, appeared probable today, with disclosure by OPM officials that only 300 tons of crude rubber had been made available this month to make retreaded material for passenger car tires.

This amount, it was estimated unofficially, could take care of only about 20 per cent of the heavy demand by motorists resulting from the new tire rationing program.

OPM rubber experts said rubber shortages had forced establishment of a quota on crude rubber available to make "camblocks," the national used for retreading and recapping tires.

FRONTAL ATTACK BY RUSSIANS ON MOZHAIK RAGES

Escape Route of Nazis Narrowed—Giant Red Trap Closing.

Kuibyshev, Russia, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Russian troops attacking in clinging, knee-deep snow have recaptured Medyn and other settlements in the Mozhaisk area to gain the initiative on every segment of the Moscow front, Soviet dispatches said today.

(By Associated Press)

Russian shock troops were reported smashing in a direct frontal assault today against 100,000 Germans massed at Mozhaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, in what appeared to be one of the greatest and perhaps most decisive battles of the war.

Mozhaisk is the keystone of the dwindling German defense corridor on the Napoleonic road from Moscow to Smolensk.

The British radio said that a savage battle was raging at the gates of Mozhaisk and that "one key position is said to have changed hands several times."

Other Red army forces, slowly closing a giant trap around Mozhaisk, were officially reported to have recaptured the town of Medyn, 35 miles to the southwest. This meant that the Germans now had only a 70-mile-wide escape route from Mozhaisk, with Soviet troops pressing down from Volokolamsk in the north and Medyn in the south.

Volokolamsk is 35 miles north of Mozhaisk.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's high command, tersely noting "defensive battles" on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts, acknowledged that the Russians were making a new drive along the sea of Azov toward Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don.

The offensive was termed "unsuccessful."

The Berlin radio admitted that Russian reinforcements for the new battle of the Crimea were landing at Feodosiya, on the Kerch peninsula, and said German fliers had bombed large Soviet shipping concentrations, disembarking troops and war materials of all kinds. The Nazi high command said three Russian ships were damaged by bomb hits.

SINGAPORE GIRDS FOR MAJOR TEST

Singapore, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Soreber by the fact that only one-fifth of British Malaya remains in British control after five weeks of the Japanese offensive, Imperial armed forces and civilians knuckled down today for the major test which all believed to be in the offing: the battle of Singapore.

New positions were consolidated in the dripping green jungles of southern Malaya. While rain squalls and stiffened defense tactics gave this naval base-metropolis comparative respite from Japanese air attacks.

Relays of British and Dutch fighter planes, however, battled raiders over the Singapore area, using rain clouds for concealment.

Japanese planes broke through the fighter defenses for at least one raid on the city itself during the day, but caused little military damage and lost one of their planes in a dogfight.

POWER MILLIONS OKAYED

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Authorization for a Grand Coulee-Covington transmission line to ultimately cost more than \$9,000,000 was issued yesterday by the Bonneville administration.

YAWATA JAP LINER SUNK BY U-BOAT FAR EAST WATERS

Navy Reports Possibly a
Converted Carrier—
Bombers Downed At
Manila.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a 17,000-ton Japanese merchant liner had been sunk by an American submarine.

The vessel was of the fast Yawata class, owned and operated by the NYK lines, and probably convertible into an aircraft carrier.

The communique, untimed, read:

"Far east:
"A 17,000-ton Japanese merchant ship of the Yawata class has been sunk by an American submarine."

"There is nothing to report from other Pacific areas."

The three Yawata class ships are called the "Three Graces of the NYK" and are among the finest and newest ships of the Japanese merchant fleet. Their names are Yawata Maru, Nitta Maru and Kasuga Maru. The first two were constructed in 1939 and the Kasuga was under construction last year and may have been the one converted into an aircraft carrier.

The ships have a passenger capacity of 300 each and a listed speed of 22 knots although they undoubtedly are faster, as Japan usually conceals such ship statistics.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The war department announced today that defenders of the Philippine fortifications shot down two heavy Japanese bombers and hit others in a flight of nine which attacked Corregidor island in Manila bay.

Casualties among the American and Philippine troops were slight, the department said, and only minor damage was suffered by the island fortress.

The text of the department's communique No. 60, based on reports received here up to 7:30 a. m., PST today:

"1. Philippine theater:

"Nine heavy Japanese bombers attacked the fortification on Corregidor island on Manila bay. Two were shot down by our anti-aircraft artillery and others were hit. Damage to fortifications and casualties among our troops were slight."

"Aggressive enemy ground activity continues, with attempts at general infiltration all along the line. Although greatly outnumbered, American and Philippine troops are holding well-prepared positions with courage and determination."

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

GERMAN BOMBERS ATTACKING MALTA

Valetta, Malta, Jan. 15.—(AP)—German bombers still were attacking this Mediterranean island fortress tonight during the seventh straight raid of the day.

A communique issued at 6 p. m. while the axes planes still were roaring overhead said that no casualties thus far had resulted and only slight property damage because of heavy anti-aircraft fire kept the raiders very high.

The Germans were dropping parachute flares in an effort to find their targets.

CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The future of the civilian pilot training program in 12 Oregon and Washington colleges was discussed here yesterday and will be studied again next Tuesday.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Chungking radio said tonight that a new Chinese offensive had been started west of Canton, South China, and now is in full swing.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 15.—(AP)—British imperial and allied infantry moved forward to new positions against axis holdout forces in the Maltaya region of Egypt, facing Libya, under cover of a destructive aerial and artillery bombardment. British middle east headquarters announced today.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles of the United States and Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu of Argentina consulted for 25 minutes today and success or failure of the Pan-American conference at hand may have been bound up in that meeting.

The two met in the Argentine's hotel room and, leaving the place separately, they withheld precise comment on their talk.

SISKIYOU JOINS PROTEST AGAINST TRAINS REMOVAL

Claim Two Trains Idle At
Division Points All Day—
Unity Urged.

Yreka, Calif., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Border counties which recently threatened to secede from Oregon and California and form a forty-ninth state because they were neglected, charged today they were discriminated against again.

This time they accused the Southern Pacific of needlessly curtailing rail service in Siskiyou county, California, and Josephine and Jackson counties in Oregon.

Local officials charged the railway cut out the service under the pretext of defense, although the army did not suggest the curtailment and there was no shortage of rolling stock. Two passenger trains were eliminated, which officials said now sit all day long on sidings at Dunsmuir, Calif., and Ashland, Ore.

Formal protests asserted the substituted bus-truck service had proven inadequate for the counties, with a combined population of 90,000. Under the new system, they pointed out, a letter mailed at Yreka has to travel 200 miles to Redding and most of the way back—to get to Gazelle, 17 miles from Yreka.

Siskiyou county supervisors sent a strongly worded protest to the California state railroad commission. Mayors of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass, Ore., and various chambers of commerce, sent similar protests to the interstate commerce commission.

Since the Southern Pacific company yanked off the only two remaining trains connecting California and the Rogue valley last Sunday, sentiment here has crystallized even stronger than it had been against the railroad's action in again making this part of the state suffer from continually decreasing service.

Business men here were of the opinion that Yreka and Siskiyou county, Cal., were showing a vigor in protesting the train discontinuance that should be followed by a united Rogue river valley. A telegram received here today from interests in Yreka urged every interested person and organization to wire or write to the California State Railroad Commission, Civic Center, San Francisco, protesting the railroad's action and requesting that the trains be restored immediately.

SURVIVORS SAFE ON LONG ISLAND; DETAILS LACKING

Second Assault Occurs 75
Miles From New York—
Navy Warns Shipping.

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Enemy warships for the second time in two days struck at commercial shipping in New York waters when a tanker was attacked today within sight of watchers on the south shore of Long Island.

The coast guard at Quogue, Long Island, said that survivors were being brought in and that some had landed by mid-afternoon. A coast guard plane had dropped food and whisky to about 10 survivors seen in a lifeboat and on a raft.

The name of the ship was not immediately learned. Details of the attack, about miles from shore, also were lacking, but it was believed the attacking vessel was a submarine.

Reports from Hampton Bays, Long Island, about 75 miles from New York City, said on-lookers from shore had seen the tanker during or immediately after the attack.

By the Associated Press
Survivors from the "second ship attacked off the Long Island coast in two days were being brought in late today by the United States coast guard in an incident sharply underlining earlier warnings by the navy that the enemy submarine menace off the east coast "remains substantial."

The details of this second assault in American waters were not immediately available from the coast guard.

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The coast guard station at Quogue, Long Island, said today that survivors of a ship attacked off the Long Island coast were being brought to shore.

The duty officer at the Quogue coast guard station said survivors were being brought to Shinnecock inlet which links the Atlantic ocean with Shinnecock bay.

It was not known as once what vessels made the rescue.

Disclosure that an enemy submarine had deliberately circled a Panamanian tanker just off Long Island, exploding two torpedoes in her port side and one in her starboard, was made today by navy officials in detailing the closest approach of actual warfare to the nation's east coast.

Rear Admiral Edward C. Kalbfus, commander of the Newport naval base, disclosed that the attack by an unidentified submarine on the tanker Nornech had resulted in the death of two men—revising an earlier r o y estimate. He said 38 officers and men had been rescued and were in "good shape."

The Nornech was still partially afloat today—her bow sticking almost vertically out of the water—and Admiral Kalbfus notified the navy department that the vessel constituted a menace to navigation.

The torpedoing occurred at 1:30 a. m. (EST) on Wednesday just 80 miles southeast of Montauk point, Long Island, little more than 100 miles from New York harbor.

Higher Copper Price Prospect This Year

Portland, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Higher prices for copper, lead and zinc will be paid by the metals reserve company in Washington, Earl K. Nixon, director of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries, said today.

The higher prices will be paid on the production of new mines or those not producing at all in 1941, and on production in excess of 1941 tonnage for those operating last year.