



WAR MAY SOON COVER THIS WATERFRONT—Caribou-drawn covered wagons cluster along the docks of the waterfront at Colombo, Ceylon, capital of the strategically-located island which lies in the Indian Ocean at the bottom of V-shaped India.

JAPANESE CLAIM YANKS TOUGHEST OF ALL FOES NOW

Berlin (from German broadcasts), April 18—(P)—The Tokyo newspaper Nichi Nichi corrected the Japanese press today on a recent statement that of all Japan's foes the Chinese soldiers are the toughest.

The Americans now head Nichi Nichi's list.

Earlier the Chinese had been ranged ahead of the Russians (whom the Japanese fought on the Korean border in 1938 and on the Manchukuo border in 1939), British, Americans, Australians and Indians.

Nichi Nichi said the "weak showing" made by the British and Americans in the east Asia war was the result of the fact that an essential part of their forces consisted of native troops who fought unenthusiastically.

In more recent fighting between Japanese and United States troops, Nichi Nichi said, the Americans proved to be considerably tougher than the Chinese when fighting under comparable conditions.

The number of refugees in the western part of Free China is estimated by the Chinese government at 50 million.

San Francisco, April 18.—(P)—Butter, eggs and cheese unchanged.

Captured Japs on U. S. Aircraft Carrier



Three sullen Jap prisoners, captured from a Japanese navy patrol ship during the recent task force attack on Wake Island, glower at their captors. In releasing the pictures, the navy said they were shown aboard a U. S. aircraft carrier which the Japs had previously claimed they had sunk.

The American Rhodes scholars were suspended by the Rhodes trustees in 1939 and no elections have been held since.

Paper was invented about 100 A. D. and soon came into common use as a cheap substitute for silk in scrolls.

Nearly one-third of New York state's foreign-born white population are German and Italian immigrants.

HITLER IS LATE WITH OFFENSIVE, TO TALK MONDAY

London, April 18.—(P)—The zero hour for Hitler's big 1942 gamble has been set back by a dearth of manpower, uneasy home morale, friction within the axis and the combined resistance of Russian men and Russian mud, a responsible foreign informant with wide diplomatic connections said today.

"Hitler is late," said this informant. He gave this outline to support his conclusion:

Information both from Germany and the rest of the continent shows that Hitler is feeling a real pinch in manpower.

First of all, he had to use 40 to 50 divisions of his reserve force to stem the Russian winter counter-offensive. Second, today's informant said, "we know from prisoners taken in Russia recently that the German replacements are mainly boys of 17 and 18 or elderly men, and we know they are not satisfactory."

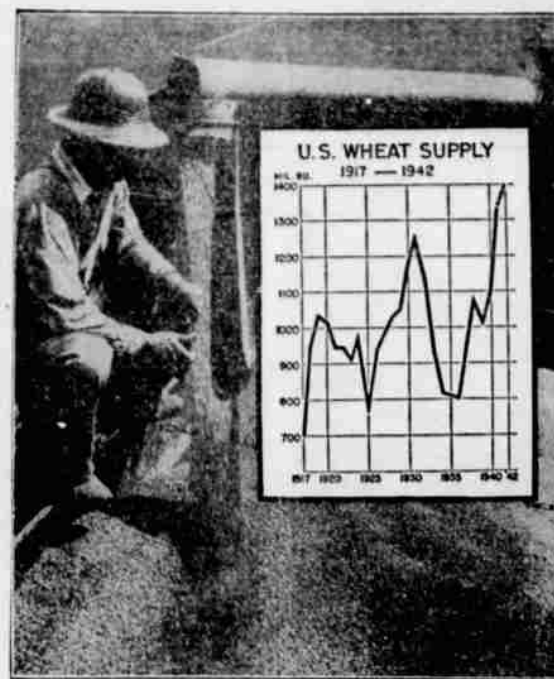
Reports from Polish quarters were said to indicate that this reserve army—which Hitler by spring had expected to total 1,500,000—now will not exceed 1,000,000.

The German general staff has been calling more and more upon the occupying troops in France and the low countries for service in Russia, and has been seeking to replace these men by semi-casualties and others unfit for front-line fighting. Prisoners from these western garrisons already have been taken in some quantity in Russia.

At the same time the Nazis, increasingly worried about allied continental invasion, are frantically seeking to reinforce coastal defenses on the west. Only today Belgian reports told of Nazi minelaying in fields between the rivers Sambre and Meuse, at five or more points.

On the German front, today's informant said the most reliable contacts reported that Hitler is engaged in drafting a special speech for his birthday Monday to bolster morale. In it, he is expected to appeal to the people to forego festivities in his honor and to give him instead a steady and complete effort for victory in 1942.

U. S. Wheat Bins Are Full



World War II finds the United States well supplied with wheat, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. As the chart indicates, the supply is double that of 1917 when America entered the first World War. It is estimated that on July 1, the Nation's supply will be nearly 1½ billion bushels, enough for two years of domestic use. Instead of plowing up new land and expanding wheat acreage, farmers are able to use land, labor, and equipment in turning out other war commodities more vitally needed—such as dairy, poultry, and meat products, vegetables, and oil crops.

FEES SYSTEM IN JUSTICE COURTS OF STATE RAPPED

Silverton, April 18.—(P)—The justice court fee system of obtaining compensation from assessment of costs received the criticism today of Alf O. Nelson, president of the Justice of the Peace association of Oregon.

"I am, and I dare say most of the justices are, in full accord with Treasurer Leslie Scott (State Treasurer Leslie Scott) in his criticism of practices in certain justice courts," Nelson said.

He emphasized Scott's statement that "in cases in which the defendants plead guilty it is difficult to harmonize the payment of costs of \$8.00 in one county and \$2.50 to \$5.00 for like offense in another."

Nelson, in letters to other justices, urged them to work for a "justice law streamlined to modern conditions."

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BULLETIN

(Night Game)
Hollywood, April 18.—(P)—Seattle and Hollywood split a double header today, with the games played hours apart.

The Rainiers took the afternoon tilt, 6 to 2, but dropped the night game, 3 to 2. They outthrew the Stars in the second contest, losing on a wild toss which let in two runs.

In the opener Seattle's pitcher, Bill Bevens, gave up six hits, while Wayne Osborne of the Stars was touched for 11.
Seattle 2 8 2
Hollywood 3 7 0
Scribner and Beard; Gay and Atwood.

Toronto, April 18.—(AP)—Toronto scored three times in the final period to defeat Detroit, 3 to 1, tonight and gain the Stanley cup, emblematic of world hockey supremacy.

Sweeney Schriner got two of the goals that enabled the Maple Leafs to become the first team in National league history to win the cup after losing the first three games of the best-of-seven playoffs.

A capacity crowd of 16,218 watched the Leafs regain possession of the trophy they last won in 1932.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

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