

## TOJO COMPLAINS FOES INCREASING AS WAR GOES ON

Premier Tells Jap Parliament Lightning Success Phase of Conflict is Over.

By United Press  
Gen. Hideki Tojo, Japanese premier and war lord, complained yesterday of the difficulties under which his troops are operating and the enormous numbers of allied forces opposing them.

He told the parliament, in a report on the first year of Pacific war, that the first phase of surprise attacks and lightning successes had given way to the second phase which would be one of decisive battles.

Tojo said British forces in India totaled 1,600,000 men and were continually increasing.

Guadalcanal Tough  
He said that on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons the Japanese were undergoing great hardships in an unhealthy region, and in the Aleutians off Alaska Japanese troops were enduring "almost unimaginable" privations and difficulties.

In China, Tojo said, the Japanese faced 300,000 Chinese and 600,000 "Communist" troops and an allied air force of 300 planes.

He said incidentally that the Japanese army on the Siberian frontier had been reinforced "in view of the continually changing world situation, so that undisturbed carrying through of the Eastern Asiatic war was guaranteed."

Adm. Shigetori, navy minister, admitted to parliament that Japan had lost one battleship, three airplane carriers, four cruisers, 15 destroyers, nine submarines, three other naval craft and 65 merchant ships, totaling 200,000 tons, and one battleship, two carriers, three cruisers, nine destroyers, one submarine and 10 naval craft of other types damaged. He put Japanese naval plane losses at 568.

BRICK MORSE MOURNED  
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 28 (U.P.)—University of California alumni throughout the west today mourned the death of Clinton R. (Brick) Morse, composer of the university's famed hymn "Hail to California." Morse, 70, died at his home here Saturday after a short illness.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR (1943 Model)

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## The Strasbourg—Blasted to Keep It From Nazis



The pride of the great French battle fleet, the 26,500-ton Strasbourg, above, according to French reports, has been blown up by her own crew to keep it out of Hitler's hands. Sixty-two other warships were said to have been blasted and scuttled in the French harbor of Toulon at the same time.



LAST "FILL 'ER UP"—Gasoline rationing is now in effect over the breadth and length of the land as restrictions become effective as far west as California, where motorists, getting under the wire before deadline, give pre-war instruction to attendants to "fill 'er up."

## PRIVATE FUNERAL FOR R. B. BEESON TUESDAY MORNING

Richard B. Beeson passed away at a Eugene hospital on December 26 following a short illness and operation. Mr. Beeson was born in Salem, Ohio, March 21, 1847.

He is the father of Mrs. F. J. Newman, and grandfather of Benton Newman and Mrs. W. H. Reichstein, both of this city.

He is also survived by three sons, R. B. Beeson, Jr., of Wahpeton, N. D.; C. M. Beeson, Breckenridge, Minn.; and M. L. Beeson, Minneapolis, Minn.; also 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Beeson's people were members of a Quaker colony that settled in Ohio at an early date. His early life was spent in Iowa where he engaged in farming. He later moved to Worthington, Minn., and Breckenridge, Minn., where he was engaged extensively in farming and banking.

He moved to Medford in 1920 where he has since made his home and since the death of his wife, Dec. 23, 1936, he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Newman, in this city. A private funeral will be held at Perl's Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p. m., the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Interment in the family lot at Siskiyou Memorial Park.

## LIVESTOCK

Portland, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Cattle 1150, calves 125; not fully established; early sales steady; asking stronger for steers, best held above \$14.50; good heifers sold \$14.00; good beef cows to \$11.75; bulls \$9.75-\$11.50; good weaners \$14.50; choice to \$15.50.  
Hogs 1950; 25c higher; good-choice 180-230-lb. drive-in \$14.75-\$15.00; carloads mostly \$15.00; 260-310-lb. \$14.25; good sows \$11.75-\$12.50; choice feeders above \$15.00.  
Sheep 850; steady; good-choice woolled \$13.50-\$13.75; fed lambs quotable higher; feeders \$10.00-\$11.00; medium good ewes \$5.00-\$7.00.

San Francisco, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Livestock:  
Cattle 150. Strong; fed steers limited, quoted \$14.00, two loads medium 900-1000-lb. steers \$12.50-\$13.00; Medium to good heifers and range cows absent, package common cows \$9.35, cutters largely \$7.00-\$7.75 steady, canners active, firm, load 755-lb. range canners \$6.50 sorted four head; odd 1800-lb. bulls \$11.50. Calves none; good to choice weaners quoted \$13.00-\$14.00.  
Hogs 150. Mostly 15c higher; about two loads good 185-235-lb. barrows and gilts \$13.85; odd good sows \$13.50. Sheep 2000. Largely northern lambs; undertone fully steady, quotable upwards to \$15.25; medium to choice ewes \$7.50.

Chicago, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—(USDA)—Livestock:  
Hogs, 20,000; steady to 10 cents higher than Thursday; good and choice 150-225 lbs. \$14.25-\$14.85; good and choice 250-350 lbs., sows \$14.25-\$14.60.  
Cattle, 14,000; calves, 1,000; fed steers and yearlings, steady to weak; trade slow; bulk fed steers and yearlings \$13.75-\$15.75; early top \$16.40 with \$16.50 bid; best yearlings \$16.35; stock cattle firm at \$11.50-\$13.00; most heifers \$13.50-\$15.00;

## Needle Removal Cures Heart Ill Of Long Standing

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Theodore A. Kubecki, 46, was rid of his heart trouble today.

Kubecki, a watchman, called police for an ambulance during the night. He said he had a heart attack.

An ambulance hurried him to a hospital. A physician removed a needle from near his heart and the pain stopped.

Kubecki said he had no idea how the needle got there. He had been suffering from pain near his heart for a long time, he said.

weighty cutter cows \$9.75.  
Sheep, 9,000. Fat lambs slow, early sales weak to a quarter lower on paper comparison; but generally less attractive killing quality and damp fleeces considered most sales near steady; good and choice woolled lambs eligible around \$15.50 to \$15.75; talking mostly steady on sheep.

## Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Wheat:  
Open High Low Close  
May 1.36 1.37 1.36 1.36  
July 1.35 1.37 1.36 1.36  
Sep. 1.37 1.38 1.37 1.37

## Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Live poultry—Pekin ducks, young, 28c lb.; old colored, 20c lb.  
Rabbits—Average country-killed, 37-38c.  
Apples—Winesap extra fancy, \$3.50; fancy, \$3.25.  
Carrots—Oregon, 65-85c dozen bunches.  
Lettuce—Imperial, 4 1/2, \$4.75 crate.  
Onions—Green, 75-85c dozen bunches.  
Potatoes—Cash and carry prices: Klamath, \$2.85; Malin fancy, \$2.85; Yakima, \$2.65-\$2.80; Deschutes, \$2.79 central.  
Radishes—Oregon, 75c dozen bunches.  
Squash—Zucchini, 18c lb.; Marbled, 2 1/2c lb.; Hubbard 3c lb.  
Spinach—No. 1, \$2.00 orange box.

Sweet potatoes—Coast No. 1, \$3.50-\$3.50 50-lb. crate.  
Tomatoes—House, 23-35c lb.  
Vealers—Good heavy, 17-20c lb.

## Wall St. Report

New York, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Stocks moved irregularly in a broad, active market today.

Tax selling went ahead on an accelerated scale in low-priced shares, while reinvestment demand was noted in many special issues, which registered net gains ranging to more than two points.

Demand for peace stocks was an early feature, while the war group barely held its own. Numerous peace issues made new highs for the year.

## 67,000 CERTIFIED IN HOME NURSING

San Francisco, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Nearly 67,000 persons have been awarded home nursing certificates in the seven western states and Alaska during the first year of the war, the American Red Cross announced today.

California contributed more than half the total by issuing 38,636 certificates. Other totals for states were Arizona, 3,071; Idaho, 3,073; Nevada, 1,184; Oregon, 8,995; Utah, 3,235, and Washington, 10,122.

A. L. Schafer, Pacific area manager of the Red Cross, praised Alaska's performance of issuing 354 certificate—or four out of every 1,000 Alaskan residents.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES  
San Francisco, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Butter—92 score 49; 91 score 47 1/2; 89 score 45.  
Cheese—Wholesale flats 26 1/2; triplets 28.  
Eggs—Large extras 50 1/2; large standards 45 1/2; small 31 1/2; medium 45 1/2.  
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## WAR FRAUD QUIZ SAVING COUNTRY MANY MILLIONS

Justice Department Just Getting Started in Investigation of Big Cases.

Washington, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—The war frauds unit of the justice department has indicted companies and individuals on war contracts involving more than \$100,000,000 and has saved the army and navy more than \$20,000,000 in returned money and renegotiated contracts.

But it is just getting started on the big cases.

900 Cases 'Low  
There are more than 900 cases of war fraud now being investigated. They include defective materials, labor racketeering, bribery, sale of salvaged materials, various types of fraud, contingent fees, and padded payrolls. Investigations are being made and indictments are expected to result in the following cities:

Portland, Me., Boston, Pawtucket and Providence, R. I., New York City, Brooklyn, Newark, N. J., Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pa., Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, Va., Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and Pensacola, Fla., Houston and Dallas, Tex., Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., Seattle, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Paul, Dayton, O., and Las Vegas, Nev.

The investigations range from ship building to plane manufacture with the firms holding billions of dollars in war contracts.

44 Indictments  
Forty-four indictments have been returned against 102 defendants, including the Anaconda Wire and Cable company at Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Rockbestos Products Corp., involving more than \$60,000,000.

Tom C. Clark, a soft spoken Texan from Dallas, is chief of the department—on loan from the anti-trust division in which he is second only to Thurman Arnold. Clark is affable and easy to meet, but there is a commanding tone in his voice—which might hark back to the days when he was a top sergeant in World War I.

Clark became chief of the war frauds unit on June 1, after completing the evacuation of Japanese from the west coast. He was the civilian head of the evacuation. Attorney General Francis Biddle personally selected him for the evacuation job and for his present task.

## PANAMA TROOPS CALL HOME FREE

Balboa, C. Z. (U.P.)—Approximately 300 U. S. soldiers, sailors and marines stationed on the Isthmus of Panama will be granted free telephone calls to friends or relatives at home during the Christmas holidays, according to Lt. Col. B. B. Hillen-thal, department special service officer.

Winners of various contests and tournaments in the services will be chosen to make the calls. Panama City and Colon businessmen will pay the bills.

## What About 1943? ... read ROGER W. BABSON'S BUSINESS and FINANCIAL OUTLOOK



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Babson will say—  
"1943 will see more changes in civilian life than any year since the Revolutionary War. Wise are those who are first to prepare for these changes."

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**MAIL TRIBUNE**  
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## Recital by Mrs. Muller is Enjoyed by Large Assemblage

By Jeunesse Butler

A gracious expression of the artistic enrichment which the "army folk" are bringing to Medford's cultural life, pleased a large number who assembled at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Robert F. Muller, soprano, was presented in recital, assisted by Mrs. Verl C. Failing, at the piano and organ.

The dignity and beauty of the auditorium, with its lighted tapers and Christmas greens, and particularly good acoustics, was a fitting setting for the event and Mrs. Muller's program numbers had been wisely chosen to please a variety of musical tastes. It is said that this is the young artist's first Christmas season away from her home on the east coast and that she has given generously of her talents wherever and whenever a channel for such giving has been presented.

### Poise and Beauty

Her voice is marked by clarity and sweetness, her interpretations by excellent taste and her work, generally, characterized by that finesse which comes from conscientious effort and careful training. The poise of the experienced recitalist on the platform is always welcome, and this, Mrs. Muller has, as well as a youthful dark beauty. Following her group of familiar songs were those expressive of the season, the second group ending with Mozart's joyous "Alleluja," so very welcome at this time. Mozart, whose music typifies such triumph over individual and universal threatenings to harmony. Responding to the appreciation of the audience, as any musician always does, the soloist gave of her best during the last group in the two numbers from Puccini and the well-loved "Little Star" by Frank La Forge, accompanist for the late Schumann-Heink.

Mrs. Failing, besides adequately accompanying the soloist, was heard in two organ numbers, the sonnet of Wagner followed by the sweet simplicity of Mendelssohn's, "To a Wild Rose," that lovely little lyric which the composer's wife rescued from the waste paper basket where he had thrown it in a mood of self depreciation. The program was as follows:  
I  
"From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," Charles Wakefield Cadman; "Danny Boy," Fred Weatherly; "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen," Thomas Westendorf; "In My Garden," Isabelle Firestone.  
II  
"Gesù Bambino," Pietro A. Yon; "Cantique de Noël," Adolphe Adam; "Come Unto Him" (Immanuel), Handel; "Alleluja" (Exultate), Mozart.  
III  
The organ—"Pilgrims Chorus," Wagner; "To a Wild Rose," MacDowell.  
IV  
"O Mio Bambino Caro" G. Puccini; "Little Star," Frank La Forge; "Musetta's Waltz Song," (La Bohème), G. Puccini.  
NEVER MISSED SINCE 1870  
Salem, Mass. (U.P.)—Louis A. Blood, who is edging 80, has retired after working in his grocery store every business day for 62 years. Blood started work at the store in 1870, served under three owners and became proprietor in 1909. Now, after 150 years as a grocery store, the establishment has been transformed into a pharmacy by the new owner.

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