

NEW AIR BLOWS WHACK JAPS ON PACIFIC FRONTS

By United Press
New allied aerial blows throughout the Pacific and far eastern battle areas were disclosed today as Tokyo admitted that "fathomless" allied power is closing in relentlessly on Japanese strongholds in the Pacific.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor that U. S. army Liberators bombed the Marshall Islands again Sunday, dropping 50 tons of bombs on Jaluit Atoll.

Radio Tokyo claimed Japanese planes countered the attack with a raid on Tarawa, in the Gilberts, Monday. Simultaneously, however, Tokyo's propaganda abruptly discarded their claims of great victories over the American navy and warned the Japanese people that allied military might is on the increase.

Admitting the fall of the Gilbert Islands to its people for the first time, the Japanese radio dismissed recent Pacific operations as "mere skirmishes" and acknowledged that the Japanese navy does not have "complete control" of the war situation.

MUNITIONS OUTPUT NEARING CEILING

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson revealed today that the output of all munitions was three per cent higher in dollar value in November than in October, with aircraft showing a six per cent gain.

Five of the nation's six major munitions programs advanced. In addition to the six per cent rise in aircraft production, ships gained four per cent; guns, three per cent; combat and motor vehicles, one per cent; and communications and electronic equipment, six per cent.

The one declining program was ammunition, which was off two per cent. Nelson said this program had been cut back due to changes in requirements.

Nelson said the report emphasized again that the nation is moving toward peak production.

**Ex-Servicemen Will
Seek Education Is
Belief of Council**

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Edward E. Odom, veterans administration counsel, predicted at a senate education committee hearing today that about 1,000,000 servicemen after the war would sign up for a government-financed education along the lines of the present proposed program.

Odom said a pending bill, which would set up state agencies to furnish the president with lists of accredited institutions at which veterans might study, failed to centralize the activity in the veteran's administration.

"We do not feel that we can conscientiously give our approval to the bill as it now stands," Odom testified. "We feel it ignores present facilities

**Don't Use Candles
On Christmas Tree
Is Annual Warning**

Chicago, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council warned today against using candles on Christmas trees this year.

Candle companies, the council said, are swamped with orders for Christmas tree candles for the first time in years, due to shortages in light cords and bulbs for tree lighting and because some sections of the country are conserving electrical power for war production.

Using lighted candles on Christmas trees is one of the nation's most dangerous holiday customs, the council asserted.

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Bonnie Weds Johnny



(Acme Telephoto)
After years of singing "Oh, Johnny, Oh!" wee Bonnie Baker married him. He's John W. Morse, former Hollywood director, who saw action with the Army Signal Corps in the Aleutians. They're shown after their New York wedding.

Newsprint Ration Puts a Crimp In Bremerton Paper

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Drastic reductions in size of the newspaper and in circulation as a result of newsprint rationing were announced today by management of the Bremerton Sun, afternoon newspaper in Washington's fourth largest city.

Readers of the Sun were first advised of the cuts in an editorial carried on the front page of Saturday's four page edition. The Monday paper was six pages and today's editions were to be eight pages. Julius Gius, editor of the Sun, said the normal Thursday paper of 22 pages would be cut to 16 pages.

"On top of that we are forced to discontinue newspaper service to 2,000 of our readers," Gius said. "We are cutting street sales in half and are reducing mail subscriptions by about 1,000."

for aiding the veteran, and also contemplates an expenditure which has not been coordinated with previously authorized veterans' compensations."

He estimated that an education program for 1,000,000 men "would mean an outlay of approximately \$1,000,000,000 per year."

Father and Son Perish in Blaze

Willamina, Ore., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Lauren Dunigan, 37, and his 13-year-old son, Jean, were burned to death early today when their blazing house collapsed after Dunigan had saved his wife and two younger children.

The family moved here from Salina, Kan., last July, and Dunigan was a logger.

MONTREAL COPS STAGE WALKOUT

Montreal, Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Most of Montreal's police, firemen and street workers struck for union recognition today and a provincial official asked that the famous Royal Canadian Mounted police be dispatched to maintain order in this city of 1,250,000 now virtually without protection.

Most of the 4,000 firemen, police, garbage collectors and snow shovelers walked out of city buildings, police stations and fire headquarters at 11 a. m., and at mid-afternoon, commissioned police officers—who had stayed at their headquarters desks during the early hours of the strike—joined them.

Klamath Flier in Missing Bomber

Westover Field, Mass., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—An army heavy bomber and its eight-man crew still were missing today nearly 36 hours after the plane disappeared.

The public relations office at this base reported that an intensive search by air and ground, hampered by near-zero weather, had revealed no trace of the lost bomber.

The missing men, whose next of kin have been notified, included 2nd Lt. William P. Masters, Klamath Falls, Ore.

DUCKS HIT CROP

Beaumont, Tex. (U.P.)—Wild ducks are playing havoc with the rice crop in Jefferson county, according to farmers. It seems duck hunting is prohibited between sundown and sunup and the birds hide out during the day and when night comes swarm over the fields.

WIVES CRITICIZE TOASTMASTERS AT YULE MEETING

Guests, and self-appointed critics, were Medford Toastmasters' wives when they were entertained by their husbands for the annual Christmas meeting and dinner party Monday evening at Ehrheart's cafe. Preceding the main talk of the evening, by Orville Kingman, a humorous round-table discussion was held by the husbands on the subjects, "My Most Embarrassing Moment" and "My Greatest Achievement."

Mr. Kingman posed the question, "Can We Have Permanent Peace?" Answering his own question, he pointed out that history has always repeated itself; that methods change but man's nature does not. A new generation, Kingman said, will repeat the mistakes of the old. He stated that the last world war fought as "the war to end wars" was climaxed by the League of Nations, yet the lapse of a quarter of a century saw us plunged into the most catastrophic war of all time.

To delay those wars which surely will come, said Mr. Kingman, we should recognize their pending danger and see that our armaments are adequate to defend our shores, that suitable bases are maintained at all times and that military training is made a part of the curricula of every school boy. Following the last war, the speaker said, we disarmed while our enemies armed which has resulted in a devastating cost in men and materiel. The least sacrifice lies in a program of preparedness, he emphasized.

Gray Speaks
Other speakers were Frank B. Gray, who delivered an impromptu speech on "Interesting Experiences" and Roy Harrison, who spoke on "Good and Bad Workmen." Wives of the Toastmasters responded to the theme, "Why I Approve Toastmasters." President George Buchanan opened the meeting and introduced visitors. Dr. A. A. Soule presided as toastmaster of the evening and Claude Hagard was topicmaster. Wallace Murray was critic. The dinner was enlivened by games conducted by Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins and the evening closed with an exchange of gifts.

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HENRY V. PIKE, 83 DIES AT PHOENIX

Henry V. Pike, 83, passed away Monday at his home south of Phoenix. Mr. Pike was born in Illinois on March 12, 1860. He previously lived on North Grape street in Medford and will be remembered by many friends. He was a carpenter by trade.

He is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. Vern King, Los Angeles, Mrs. Mable Standish, San Francisco, and Richard Pike, Los Angeles; also one sister, Mrs. Orville Crosby, Denver, Colo., and one brother, Edward Pike, Phoenix, Ariz., and a nephew, D. L. Grove, of Medford.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perl funeral home Friday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Louis C. Kirby, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

NEW JERSEY DIVORCE OR NONE FOR DORIS

Newark, N. J., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—Doris Duke Cromwell, tobacco heiress, was enjoined permanently today from obtaining a divorce from James H. R. Cromwell "anywhere on earth except in the sovereign state of New Jersey."

The injunction, issued by Advisory Master Douglas Herr in Chancery court, replaced a temporary restraining order handed down last month and served on the 30-year-old heiress' counsel both in Reno, Nevada, where she has filed suit for divorce, and in New Jersey.

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange
At a recent election, the following Central Point Grange members were elected to offices for the coming year:

Master, William Foley; overseer, Benton Boyce; lecturer, Sally Puhl; steward, Frank Hammond; assistant steward, Walter Jensen; chaplain, Anna Ford; treasurer, Harriet Lydiard; secretary, Frances Hamilton; gatekeeper, Ted Sims; Ceres, Nita Birdseye; Pomona, Nan Jackson; Flora, Edith Bohnert; lady assistant steward, Margaret Jensen; executive committee: O. T. Lathrop, Arnold Bohnert and Ed Vincent; H.E.C. chairman, Freda Smith.

P.T. A. Activities

Jackson School P.T. A.
The Rev. Harry Hansen, president of the Medford Ministerial association and pastor of the First Christian church, will give a Christmas message to parents and teachers of the Jackson school at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association Friday, Dec. 17. The meeting will be at 3 p. m.

A musical program will be in charge of Mrs. Della Webber

and a social hour with refreshments will follow the meeting.

TRAINMAN KILLED IN LOGGING ROAD WRECK

Chico, Cal., Dec. 14.—(U.P.)—One man was killed, another is missing and two were injured last night in the wreck of a Diamond Match company logging train two miles east of Butte Meadows, Cal., Coroner George S. White reported today.

Killed was Arthur Fierro, about 23, Hamilton City. William Flannagin, another crew member, was missing.

SCOUT TROOP NO. 2 WILL MEET TONIGHT

Plans for a hike Saturday, Dec. 18, will be announced at a meeting tonight of Troop 2, Boy Scouts, to be held in the Lincoln gymnasium at 7 p. m. The hike is to be under the guidance of Charles Chadwick and Richard Elliott. The troop is open to any boy between the age of 12 and 16, it is stated, and boys wishing to join the troop may contact Carol J. Parker at 610 S. Central or at the Medford Fire hall. A hike was made by the troop last Sunday to Timber Mountain.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

JACKSON COUNTY CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Initial Concert

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MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

WED., Dec. 15, 8:15 p. m.

No Reserved Seats—Admission To Members Only

*All year we've felt
the Christmas Spirit
grow along our lines*



It seems hard to realize this will be the third Christmas since Pearl Harbor. The past two years have been the busiest in our railroad's long history, and time has seemed to race along.

Like everyone else, we have had problems. The wartime shortages of equipment and manpower have made it difficult to handle our big war load.

We have had to restrict travel, instead of encourage it as we'd do in normal times. Men in uniform and essential war travelers now have first call on all our facilities.

You might think, as we did for awhile, that our inability to serve travelers as usual during the war would lead to criticism of our railroad. But generally speaking, exactly the reverse appears to have happened.

Can a railroad say "no" and still keep friends?

If we may judge by letters people write us, and by comments heard on our trains and at our stations, more people now have a friendly feeling toward our railroad than ever before.

This friendliness no doubt derives in part from understanding of the war job all American railroads are doing. And we believe that folks who live along our lines in the West and South now recognize clearly the strategic location of S.P. in relation to Pacific war drives. But we sense a deeper meaning...



In many ways this war has drawn Americans closer together, for now our common national goal is Victory.

Most people today are tending to think less of self and more of "the other fellow." The spirit of good will which we associate with Christmas is now more widely manifested all year through.

We railroaders have felt this friendliness growing along our lines as our war task has grown. We will keep on trying to deserve it, and to give the best transportation service possible under wartime conditions. Both now and after the war, we hope that people will think of us as the friendly Southern Pacific.

On Christmas, as every day, the trains of war will roll over our rails, and our people

will be hard at work. But still this Day will have for us a bright and special meaning—because you folks who live along our lines have made the Christmas Spirit so real to us.

A. T. MERCIER, President

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