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Wednesday, December 3

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F. R. QUESTIONS TOKYO PLANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PLENTY of news again today. Some of it is good, and some NOT so good.

GERMAN armored forces surrounded in Libya break the encircling British ring, join other German armored forces, recapture Rezegh and break through the corridor the British had established from the Libyan interior to Tobruk.

A British spokesman says the newly united German panzer divisions can now probably break through the British encirclement and escape to the west (toward Tripoli) "if they wish to do so."

THE spokesman adds that while the Nazi success "may delay matters for a few days longer" it has not impaired British confidence.

What he means is that if Britain can prevent reinforcements and supplies from reaching the axis forces in Africa she can finally finish them off.

THE Russians have thrown the Germans back DECISIVELY from Rostov. The Nazis admit as much. How far they have been thrown back is a matter of dispute, with the Russians claiming more than the Germans admit.

Soviet dispatches today say Hitler's retreat from Rostov has become a ROUTE, with the Nazis FLEEING westward along the shores of the Sea of Azov after a defeat which "puts an end to tales of the invincibility of the German army."

The Russians claim to have stopped (temporarily, at least) the latest drive on Moscow, which, they say, has cost the Germans a half million men.

THE real point is that Hitler apparently lacks the power to HOLD Rostov and TAKE Moscow at the same time.

That, if true, is IMMENSELY important.

BRITAIN today pulls her belt tighter.

Churchill tells parliament "a crisis of man power and WOMAN power will dominate the year 1942 for Britain." He proposes extension of conscription to take in ages 18 1/2 to 50. (The present limit is from 19 to 41.) He warns that eventually men of SIXTY may be called.

He adds that powers will be sought to compel unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the uniformed forces, but only volunteer women will be assigned to "lethal or combatant services."

AT any time now Hitler may RECOGNIZE HIS DEFEAT by the Russian armies and, to recover from his disaster, may visit us with all his fury. "We are all ready for him. We shall receive him when he comes, by day or by night."

IF you've been chuckling at these jokes about getting Britain into the war, you might as well stop. The British have plenty of fighting ahead. It will be HARD fighting.

TODAY'S most dramatic news: The 8,000-ton Australian cruiser Sydney sinks the 9,000-ton heavily-armed German merchant raider Steiermark but in the duel to the death goes down herself with ALL ON BOARD. News of the battle is obtained (Continued on Page Two)

Singapore Defenses Grow and Grow



As wires reported additional Japanese troop movements into Indo-China and numerous warships flying the Rising Sun steaming to that area—suggesting a possible move into Thailand and a new threat to Singapore—this picture arrived in San Francisco by clipper showing arrival of another batch of British troops to reinforce the Malayan garrison. Almost daily fresh contingents strengthen this Pacific outpost.

18 FACING TERMS FOR CONSPIRACY

Minneapolis Worker Party Members Convicted

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2 (AP)—A possible federal prison term up to 10 years loomed today before 18 persons, members of or associated with the socialist workers party who were convicted by a jury here on charges of conspiracy to create insubordination in the armed forces of the government.

Albert Goldman, New York attorney and one of those convicted last night, announced that "every legal step and every other resource would be exhausted for appeal purposes." He immediately made plans for filing an appeal before Judge M. M. Joyce in federal court here next Saturday.

Judge Joyce set next Monday as the date for the sentencing. Conviction of the 18 defendants was on one of two counts of an indictment returned last July after a raid on the socialist workers party offices here and in St. Paul. Bushes of literature were seized in the raid, and introduced in evidence at the trial, along with two red flags and several pictures of Leon Trotsky, communist leader who was assassinated in Mexico.

Assassination Plot Against Mussolini Discovered, Report

ROME, Dec. 2 (AP)—A "vast" anti-fascist conspiracy which included an attempt on Premier Mussolini's life and sabotage of Italian munitions plants has been discovered at Trieste, the official agency Stefani reported tonight. Trieste is a seaport in northeastern Italy near the Yugoslav border and formerly was the old Austrian empire's principal port. It has a population of 248,000.

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The man who began the jury duties was Harry E. Jones, millworker, 3628 Bisbee street. The man for whom the subpoena for jury duty was intended is H. Edwin Jones, machinist, 614 Lincoln street. The name on the jury list and subpoena was simply H. E. Jones. No address is given on the subpoena. When the sheriff's office was given the subpoena, it

Secessionist Leader Dies At Port Orford

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—Gilbert E. Gable, 55, mayor of Port Orford and leader in the so-called Curry county secession movement, died at 9 a. m. today. Acute indigestion was given as the immediate cause of death.

Gable had long been prominently identified with various Port Orford enterprises including the Port Orford Dock & Terminal company, the object of considerable litigation a few years ago. He sought to build a railroad from Port Orford to Grants Pass, Ore., but failure to start work cost the ICC approval certificate.

He was instrumental in getting the town incorporated in 1935 and was its only mayor. Following the disastrous fire at Bandon in the fall of 1936, he headed the rehabilitation committee which directed the town's rebuilding.

The secession movement of Curry county was instituted largely by him because of his belief that Oregon was not giving proper attention to development of mineral deposits in the county.

Gable was from a Penny. (Continued on Page Two)

Cafe at Tulelake Robbed of Federal Tax Money Monday

TULELAKE, Dec. 2 (Special)—Tulelake officers today were investigating the robbery of Jack's cafe here early Monday morning.

Between \$260 and \$270 in social security and federal tax money was taken, according to J. H. Emerids, manager, who discovered the robbery. An Elgin watch was also missing.

Emerids told Chief of Police Frank Rhodes that the theft apparently took place between 2:45 and 4 a. m. Monday morning.

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ACCORD ANNOUNCED IN RAIL DISPUTE

Basic Wage Increase Compromise to Avert Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—A presidential fact finding board reported to President Roosevelt today that railroad labor and management representatives had reached a compromise agreement calling for basic wage increases of 78 cents a day for the operating brotherhoods and 80 cents a day for the non-operating brotherhoods.

The agreement means that a nationwide strike called for December 7 has been averted.

The report was handed to Mr. Roosevelt by four of the five board members. The president in turn released it at his press conference with the comment that we trust that it is the end of the trouble we have been having for a couple of weeks.

The settlement, recommended by the board after almost two days and nights of continuous meditation conferences, will be submitted to the general chairman of some of the 19 railroad organizations involved for final approval at meetings to be held in Chicago on Thursday.

Secessionist Plans Rejected By Modoc County

ALTURAS, Calif., Dec. 2 (AP)—Secessionists working to form a 49th state of Jefferson from California-Oregon border counties suffered a major defeat today when Modoc county rejected their advances and took a new vow of allegiance to California.

The board of supervisors of this northeasternmost corner of California, and the chamber of commerce protested against efforts to get Modoc county to quit California.

A resolution was adopted by the supervisors placing the county on record against activities of secessionists in adjoining counties, and declaring Modoc county was happy with California's treatment. Until the Modoc supervisors' action, secessionists in three other California counties and one in Oregon had counted Modoc in their ranks.

Failure to construct roads in the wilderness for development of mineral resources is the basis of complaints against California and Oregon by secessionists in Siskiyou, Del Norte and Lassen counties in California, and Curry county, Ore.

RAID FILMS PORTLAND, Dec. 2 (AP)—Oregon police saw films of London's bobbies at work during air raids yesterday as the FBI opened a six-day civilian defense school.

Nazis Break Libya Line

BRITISH SAY AXIS FORCES MAY ESCAPE

Confidence Still Up In Cairo Despite Loss of Rezegh

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Germans have succeeded in joining their two Panzer divisions in the fighting in the Libyan desert by cutting through the British corridor to Tobruk and the British have lost Rezegh and Bir El Hamed in the battle, the British said today.

(The general of a part of the German Erwin Rommel's armored forces in driving through the British lines from the west probably means the combined force now hemmed in along the coast east of Tobruk can break the encirclement and escape again to the west "if they wish to do so," an authoritative source said in London.)

The British spokesman here said the joining of the 15th and 21st Panzer divisions had not in any way impaired British confidence.

He said the link with Tobruk was not broken despite the axis thrust, and the communique declared the British retained air superiority for blasting axis tanks.

"It may delay matters for a few days longer," he added. "It was just a down in an up-and-down fight."

It could be termed a local German success, he said.

Both sides now were stated to be reforming and regrouping their forces for another battle over the desolate, rock-strewn desert, and British reinforcements were said to be reaching the field in a steady stream.

Reports here said some of these reinforcements were being landed at Tobruk by the royal navy.

(London sources said the British "still appear to have numerical superiority in armored forces." They said German claims of destruction of British tanks were fantastic.)

(There was no evidence, the sources added, that the combined German force now could endanger the empire forces engaged in wiping out axis forces still resisting in pockets along the Egyptian-Libyan border, but it was admitted there still was no indication that the Germans were attempting to drive westward out of the encirclement.)

Britain Soon to Declare War on Nazi Allies, Claim

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Informed sources today predicted that British declarations of war against Finland, Rumania and Hungary would come toward the end of the week.

They said Finland had been given her last chance to cease attacking Russia.

These sources indicated that British reluctance to declare war on Finland had been overcome to a considerable degree when Finland adhered to the anti-comintern pact, especially in view of Prime Minister Churchill's warning several months ago that whoever marched with Hitler was Britain's foe.

RAIN AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Dec. 2 (AP)—A downpour of 2.76 inches of rain in the last 36 hours flooded Eugene streets and roads in scores of places today. Although precipitation continued this afternoon without a letup no major flood had yet developed. The Willamette river was 6.6 of a foot at 1 p. m., up 1.2 feet from the morning reading.

Russians Report Germans In Flight West of Rostov

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 (AP)—The rout of the Germans from Rostov is at its height and red army cavalrymen and guerrillas are adding to the German confusion in the Donets basin and the southwestern area, soviet broadcasts declared today.

About Stalingorsk other Germans were declared in an Izvestia account to have been put to flight through deep snow drifted by a biting wind. Soviet mounted guards recaptured a number of villages to relieve the threat 120 miles southeast of Moscow.

The village of Barabanovo was named as one recaptured when the Germans fled, abandoning their weapons.

In the northwestern Moscow sector Pravda declared three German divisions had been repulsed in a sanguinary battle yesterday as the Germans attempted to turn soviet defenses about Klin and Volokolamsk

despite that, the Germans were admitted to have made advances in places and "consequently the situation remains especially acute."

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (AP)—German troops within sight of Moscow's towers were reported by the high command today to have driven deep inside the arc of defenses outside the soviet capital, but on the southern front the Russians still were counter-attacking the Germans, who were driven out of Rostov on the Black sea.

Military spokesmen declined at this time to name the specific gains claimed on the Moscow front where they sought to fasten most of the attention.

They laughed at reports that the Russians already had driven as far west as Taganrog, 40 miles from Rostov where the Germans withdrew under fierce Russian onslaughts.

Churchill Asks Extension of Draft Limits

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told parliament today that "a crisis of manpower and womanpower" will dominate the year 1942 for Britain, proposed that military conscription age limits be lowered to 18 1/2 and raised to 50 and warned that eventually men of 60 might be called.

Powers to compel unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 to join the uniformed forces also will be sought, he said, although only volunteer women will be assigned to "lethal or combatant services."

The present conscription limit for men is 19 to 41.

Declaring to a solemn and crowded house of commons that Britain's "crisis of equipment is largely over and an ever-broadening flow is now assured," partly because of United States aid and partly because of newly completed British empire factories, he said the drain on Britain's manpower was arising from five causes:

- 1. The necessity of staffing the new factories.
2. The maintenance and expansion of forces in the east.
3. The supplying of Russia (Continued On Page Two)

Japs Report Death Of Two Russians On Manchou Border

TOKYO, Dec. 2 (AP)—Two Russian soldiers were shot dead as a patrol of five crossed the eastern Manchukuo-Siberia border some 40 miles northwest of Vladivostok, Domei reported today in a dispatch from Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo.

The Japanese agency's account said the Russians crossed the frontier about 25 miles south of Tungning and clashed with a Japanese force. The three survivors fled back into soviet territory.

This frontier, ill-defined and running through hilly, wooded country, has been the scene of scores of Japanese-Russian clashes in recent years.

Klamath's Patriotic Indians Buy \$226,500 Worth of Defense Bonds

Patriotic Indians of the Klamath tribe have purchased \$226,500 worth of defense savings bonds, it was announced Tuesday by B. G. Courtright, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation.

The bonds were purchased by 440 Indians, or nearly one-third of the membership—including men, women and children. Added to the \$422,628 bought by other Klamath citizens through local agencies, the Indian defense bond purchases brought the total for Klamath county to date to \$649,128. The Indian bonds were bought through the agency from Washington, D. C.

CRUISER SUNK IN DEFEATING RAIDER

645 Feared Lost as Australian Ship Lost in Pacific

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Australian cruiser Sydney has sunk one of Germany's most dreaded sea raiders of this war but an official announcement today said she apparently paid for the triumph with her own life and the lives of 645 men aboard her.

She fought her last fight with the heavily armed, 9400-ton German Steiermark somewhere off Australia, probably not far from the Cocos islands, where her predecessor-nameake sank the kaiser's famous raider Emden in the last war.

The Steiermark's survivors told the story of the combat. None of the Sydney's men were found and the Australian government, after scouring the battle area with planes and ships, announced that "it has been presumed that she has been lost."

No date was given for the struggle but Australian Prime Minister John Curtin declared in a statement that the next of kin of the Sydney's missing 42 officers and 603 men had been informed November 26.

GAS TRAINING

SALEM, Dec. 2 (AP)—Salem's police reserves, city police, firemen and ambulance corps women learned last night how to recognize and decontaminate poison gases. The class was conducted by Jack Lowe, instructor from the Portland fire college.

Young Prisoner Unhurt by Blast

PORTLAND, Dec. 2 (AP)—A prisoner at a Multnomah county jail quarry shoved a quarter of a stick of dynamite in a hole in a rock yesterday, lighted the fuse and sat down on the rock. The blast scattered the rock in all directions, but the prisoner, Ray Kennedy, 17, was uninjured, Deputy Sheriff Oswald Day reported.

Kennedy, convicted on a petit larceny charge, was sentenced last month to a year in jail.

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ANSWER ASKED ON INDO-CHINA TROOP BOOSTS

Satisfactory Reply by Japan Essential to Parleys, Claim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that the American government had inquired of Japan just what her purpose was in increasing her armed forces in French Indo-China.

The chief executive indicated clearly at his press conference that a satisfactory answer was essential to a successful conclusion of negotiations looking toward peace in the whole Pacific area. Progress Made

At his specific request, Mr. Roosevelt said, Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, had submitted the main question at a conference this morning with Saburo Kurusu, Japan's special envoy to Washington.

The chief executive indicated, too, that some progress had been made in the discussions. Japanese embassy officials at the point when they learned that Japan was asking for her land, air and sea forces stationed in the French Indo-China.

Fears have been expressed publicly on both sides of the Pacific that this move was a prelude to an attack on neighboring Thailand or on the Burma road, China's main supply route.

The president said it was hoped an answer would be received soon to the inquiry as to Japan's purpose and future intentions but that no time limit had been set for a reply.

Welles said that the inquiries addressed to Tokyo did not constitute an ultimatum.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 2 (AP)—Britain's new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales steamed today at the head of a flotilla of advanced units of the royal navy's newly-created eastern fleet.

The Prince of Wales, which took a major role in the sinking of the Bismarck last May, flew the flag of the new commander of the eastern fleet, Admiral Sir Tom Phillips.

It was announced that other units of the fleet would arrive in due time.

(The Prince of Wales is the first capital ship Britain ever has sent to the far east prepared for action. The arrival of this flotilla greatly increases the might of the naval forces assembled in the southwestern Pacific area against any possible further Japanese moves.)

It was announced that the eastern fleet has been established. (Continued on Page Two)