

JAPANESE BOMB MANILA

The Evening Herald

Bases, Ports Blasted; Big Ship Attacked

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 PRECIPITATION
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WAR DECLARED BY U. S.

Britain Joins U. S.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 THE big poker game in the Pacific, as international poker games so often do — as Munich did — ended in shooting. We are at war.

It is real war. The Japs claim destruction of two U. S. battleships and one aircraft carrier and damage to four battleships and six cruisers. They add the boastful claim that they have won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific.

Washington admits loss of two warships and casualties exceeding 3000, more than half of which may be fatalities. Details are hidden by censorship.

THE Japanese attack was a treacherous and unsportsmanlike — organized behind the screen of diplomatic negotiations supposedly looking forward to settlement of the questions at issue between Japan and the U. S.

But when was a gangster ever sportsmanlike? When did one ever give advance notice of where and when he intended to strike?

This war into which we have just entered has been characterized by gangster methods from its beginning.

EVERY American city that has left politics wholly out and concentrated its energies, intelligently on the job in hand has been able to conquer its gangsters.

If we go about the task in the same spirit, we can finish off the international gangsters. The less time we waste crying about treachery, the better it will be for us.

ON the basis of today's severely censored news, it looks as if Japan has won the first round.

At this point, you'd better go back into your history books and re-read the story of Bull Run. Remember that Bull Run was followed by Gettysburg and Gettysburg by APPAMATOX.

In spite of its faltering start, the North had the most men and the most resources. In the end, it WON. In this war with Japan, the United States has the most men and the most resources.

That will be about the size of it.

MERRILL GIRL DIES IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Leona Burdette, 21, Victim as Auto Strikes Truck

A light sedan, crashing into the rear of a parked truck five miles west of Merrill in the early fog-shrouded hours of Sunday morning, cost the life of Leona Burdette, 21-year-old Merrill waitress, and sent Alex McDaniels, also of Merrill, to Klamath Valley hospital for emergency treatment.

The fatality was the 20th in Klamath county since January 1.

Miss Burdette is said to have been in Merrill but two days. She found employment in a small lunch room operated by Johnny Grove in John Stoll's pool hall. She is said to have

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Emergency Defense Measures Go Into Effect on Pacific Coast

By SAM JACKSON
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Along the thousands of miles of American coastline that look out across the Pacific toward belligerent Japan, soldier, sailor and civilian alike today learned the meaning of war.

From Alaska to the Panama canal hundreds of emergency measures were put into effect, from a few minutes to a few hours after Japan's fierce and sudden onslaught at Honolulu.

In the populous cities of the western seaboard, the first line of defense in event of an attack on continental United States, military and civilian agencies labored throughout the night to place the far west on an efficient war footing.

Soldiers Recalled
 Recall of week-ending soldiers, sailors and marines to their posts was among the first



Hot Spot
 General Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the far eastern military forces of the United States, was in the thick of a hot situation at Manila today.

FIGHT RAGES IN MALAYA; BASE BOMBED

63 Killed in Attack On Singapore by Jap Planes

SINGAPORE, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Singapore command issued a communique at 5:30 p. m. (5:30 A. M. EST.) today acknowledging that "confused fighting continues in the Kota Bahru air-drome area." Kota Bahru is 300 miles north of Singapore, an immediate target of Japanese invasion.

Earlier, Japanese units attempting to penetrate Malaya from the north were reported being "mopped up." Singapore itself had been under air attack today, with the casualties counted at 63 dead and 133 injured.

County Defense Heads at Work



Klamath county civilian defense council stepped up its functions Monday following outbreak of war in the Pacific. Above, left to right: Earl Reynolds, coordinator; E. P. Ivory, vice chairman; U. E. Reeder, chairman. Thirty members of the council met in an important meeting Monday morning.

Civilian Defense Program Swings Into Action Here

DEFENSE COUNCIL'S ADVICE TO CITIZENS
 Be calm. Avoid unnecessary telephoning, particularly to the police, sheriff's and fire department offices. Avoid unnecessary travel, especially at night. Stay away from industrial plants unless on business. Register for civilian defense work at the chamber of commerce.

From 40 to 50 men engaged in patrolling duty Sunday night, and it was stated enough men are available for all the guarding work thought necessary. Railroads and utilities are largely taking care of their own protective work through arrangements completed some time ago.

An unfortunate incident in connection with the patrolling was a serious knee injury sustained in an auto accident by Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon, while on patrol duty near the Klamath river bridge.

Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose called for 100 volunteer firemen to form a fire reserve. At the chamber of commerce, civilian defense headquarters, more than 100 persons registered in the civilian reserve after noon Monday.

People were advised to stay away from industrial plants except on business. Railroads took protective precautions immediately on Sunday. California Power company disclosed that the east side and west side plants and the water station on Conger avenue had

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Supreme Court Clears Paper in Contempt Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The supreme court reversed today contempt of court convictions against the Los Angeles Times and Harry Bridges, west coast CIO labor leader.

Justice Black, who delivered the majority decision, asserted that the first amendment to the federal constitution prohibits "any law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press" and "must be taken as a command of the broadest scope that explicit language, read in the context of a liberty-loving society will allow."

The newspaper was convicted on charges growing out of the publication of editorials about court cases prior to a final settlement.

Bridges was convicted of sending to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins a telegram, subsequently published, criticizing a decision by the Los Angeles superior court.

F. R. ASSAILS 'UNPROVOKED' JAP ATTACKS

3000 Injured, Killed In Honolulu Raid, Government Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed the declaration of war against Japan at 4:10 p. m. Eastern Standard time today, formally setting the nation to its task of achieving what he called an "inevitable triumph."

While republican and democratic leaders of a unified congress looked on, the president took the last step in a series of fast-breaking developments started with yesterday's deadly raid by Japanese on the American territory of Hawaii.

Only one "No" The senate vote of 82 to 0 and the house vote of 388 to 1 told their own story of unity in the face of common danger. The speed with which the two chambers granted President Roosevelt's request for a declaration was unprecedented.

The single adverse house vote was that of Miss Jeannette Rankin, republican congresswoman from Montana, who was among the few who voted against the 1917 declaration of war on Germany.

Volunteer Firemen Sought for Duty Here in Emergency

A call for 100 volunteer firemen, who will be subject to call at any time of the day or night, was placed early Monday morning by Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose, immediately after President Roosevelt's declaration of war was received in Klamath Falls.

Chief Ambrose asks that all volunteers report immediately to the Central fire station, 143 North Broad street. Present plans call for a training course to be conducted by Chief Ambrose, this course to include handling of fire equipment. These men will be subject to call for service inside the city limits. They must be 21 years of age, able bodied, serve without pay and willing to prepare themselves for any emergency and "a lot of hard work," said Ambrose.

Deputy, Two Others Become First Local Defense Victims

Klamath county's first injuries as the result of defense activities occurred shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning when a car slid on the slick pavement at the Kalpine approach of the Klamath river bridge, injuring Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon, and Joe F. Evans, 31, Sunset ranch. Both are in Klamath Valley hospital.

Also injured, but able to leave the hospital following emergency treatment, was Dr. Greer Glasco. All are members of the sheriff's posse.

The men were on patrol duty with special emphasis on the bridges which cross railroad tracks and waters of this area.

By CLARK LEE
 MANILA, P. I., Tuesday, Dec. 9 (AP)—A fleet of Japanese warplanes assaulted Manila in the bright moonlight early this morning after a day of almost continuous blasting at U. S. military camps, bases and ports throughout the islands and an air attack on the U. S. aircraft carrier Langley in Malalag bay, near Davao.

(NBC reporters broadcasting during the Manila raid said Fort McKinley, Nichols field and the RCA transmitting station were bombed; that a heavy fire raged for a time "that looks very much as though a gasoline dump or something like that is burning in the vicinity of Nichols field. This was between 3 and 3:30 a. m.—or 2 to 2:30 p. m., Monday, EST).

350 Casualties
 There were unconfirmed reports of at least 350 casualties at half a dozen points outside Manila.

A series of attacks were made against Clark field, military airbase north of Manila which adjoins Camp Stotsenburg. Unofficial reports said there were 200 casualties.

Still another heavy raid was made on the area of Iba on the Luzon coast, 35 miles northwest of Olongapo naval station and 70 miles northwest of Manila. Here there were reports of 100 dead, many injured.

WAR BULLETINS

ABERDEEN, Dec. 8 (AP)—A complete blackout of the Grays Harbor district was ordered for tonight by military and civil authorities as a precaution against possible Japanese air raids. Cars will not be permitted on roads, they said, unless their lights are screened.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlyle Wash. of the 2nd interceptor command said there probably would be a cessation of all radio broadcasting, and a blackout in this area tonight.

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (AP)—The German army does not expect to capture Moscow this year, a military spokesman said tonight in explanation of a high command communique's reference to the coming of winter.

BERLIN RAPS U. S. IN TALK ON WAR

Germany Claims U. S. To Blame for Outbreak

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
 BERLIN, Dec. 8 (AP)—A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said today the curse of the entire world would rest upon President Roosevelt, whom he called "the father of war," as he commented on the Far Eastern war.

The spokesman gave his comment in the daily press conference without waiting for questions from foreign correspondents.

"Got War"
 He said he was not authorized to expound on the international angle as to who was the aggressor. However, he stated: "But from my commentary there should be little doubt about that."

As seen from a historical point of view, he asserted, it was unimportant whether war would be declared between Germany

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Claims Supremacy

As congress was acting, Japan claimed she had won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific. The Japanese claimed in reports broadcast by the official radio in Tokyo that they had destroyed two American battleships and one aircraft carrier and had damaged four other battleships and six cruisers.

A DNB news dispatch from Tokyo said a United States transport had been sunk with loss of 350 men near Manila.

In his epochal message to congress, President Roosevelt made no mention of Italy and Germany as he asked for war against Japan.

As a matter of fact, the army and navy had been fighting since a few moments after the surprise attack yesterday and the nation generally had taken on a wartime tempo.

The White House released the first official information on the scope of American losses at Pearl Harbor shortly before President Roosevelt went to the capitol.

An evidence of the fast-moving protective measures was seen in Attorney General Biddle's announcement that 736 Japanese aliens had been arrested during

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