

The Evening Herald

WEATHER

Low 28
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. .00
Season to date 2.97
Normal precipitation 3.27
Last year to date 2.21



COLD

SUNRISE TABLE
HUNTERS!

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Sunrise 7:10
Duck hunting to 4 p. m.

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JAP TROOPS LAND ON LUZON BIG BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

Prince of Wales, Repulse Lost in Malay Encounter

In The
Day's
News

By FRANK JENKINS

IF you have read today's dispatches and listened to the broadcasts, you are aware by this time that we are facing a national emergency that so far as the Pacific Coast is concerned is an IMMEDIATE one.

Until called upon by your defense council for some specific task, go about your ORDINARY business in the ordinary way AS EFFICIENTLY AS YOU KNOW HOW.

BUY what you need. Within the limits of ordinary prudence, buy what you want—recalling that ordinary prudence calls for spending a little less than you earn.

THE life of the nation must go on. Back of the army, the navy and the marine corps must be an EFFICIENT people. Beyond what is NECESSARY for the maintenance and supply of the armed forces, we must not disrupt the productive life of the United States.

REMEMBER that the morale of the people behind the lines is VITALLY IMPORTANT to the success of the armed forces.

LEARN to accept discipline. Modern war is no place for rugged individualists. War always has called for teamwork, and modern warfare calls for it more loudly and imperatively than ever before in the history of the world.

DON'T laugh at blackouts. Don't say: "This town isn't important enough to be bombed, so we don't need to do anything."

No Details Available
On Battle, Fate
Of Crewmen

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Britain lost two of her mightiest capital ships today—the powerful 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton battle cruiser Repulse—both sunk by the Japanese off Malaya in the most disastrous single blow struck to the British navy in the whole war.

Their loss was announced by the admiralty without word of how they were sent to the bottom of the Pacific ocean or of the fate of their crews, together more than 3000 men.

Air Attack Claimed
A Japanese communique said they were destroyed by air attack.

This, if confirmed, would be the first known sinking of any warship of the size either of the Prince of Wales or the Repulse by aerial bombardment.

Draft Change
Action Delayed
By Johnson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—An objection by Senator Johnson (R-Calif.) temporarily blocked senate action today on legislation authorizing use of selectees, reserves and national guardsmen anywhere in the world.

Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.), after explaining that the senate military affairs committee unanimously approved the bill, asked unanimous consent of the senate for immediate consideration but Johnson twice objected.

Johnson explained his action to reporters by saying that "I want to keep the president's promises."

Asked whether he thought the Japanese attack was sufficient.

Klamath's First Blackout
No Blackout, Says Official

Klamath's first experience with a blackout proved a failure, so far as blacking out the city was concerned.

Blackout signals were given at 2:02 and 2:31 a. m. Wednesday. They came through the Southern Pacific company, which received instructions from ninth corps area headquarters at San Francisco to blackout its entire lines.

The warning was relayed to the police department. In accordance with a plan announced and publicized Tuesday, the police notified the power company.

BRITISH LOSE AIR BASE ON MALAY FRONT

Dutch Join Fighting
As Heavy Battle
Underway

By C. YATES McDANIEL
SINGAPORE, Dec. 10 (AP)—The British apparently have lost Kota Bharu, the northern Malaya air base where the Japanese have landed strongest just inside the Thailand frontier, but a communique indicated tonight they have bailed Japanese drives both in that area and at Kuantan, only 200 miles north of here.

The communique mentioned Japanese tanks for the first time, saying seven were trapped and destroyed yesterday in the Kedah area along the Thailand border by a British Punjabi motorized unit.

Heavy Fighting
British troops, "after acquitting themselves splendidly have reorganized south of Kota Bharu and now are in excellent spirits after heavy fighting over a wide area yesterday," the communique said.

"Our casualties remain comparatively light," it added. "Elsewhere our frontier remains unbroken."

"The situation in Kuantan has been unchanged since the morning communique and the position there remains intact."

The communique was issued at 10 p. m. (4 a. m. PST.) Strong Netherlands East Indies warship and warplane reinforcements had joined British land and air forces in trying to check the Japanese assault on northern Malaya in the spreading battle of southeastern Asia.

Singapore Threat
The Dutch fliers also have been fighting alongside British Empire air forces to contest Japan's admittedly vigorous efforts to win quick mastery of the air.

Dutch warships are with Britain's eastern fleet in the China sea.

British land and air forces were reported in action this morning trying to check Japan's latest—and nearest—threat to Singapore at Kuantan, on the Malayan east coast 200 miles north of this vital fortress.

Details were not available concerning this new Japanese landing attempt, but Britain was known to have strong defenses around Kuantan, the hub of roads leading south along the coast to Singapore and west to (Continued on Page Two)

Official Blackout Bulletin

There will be no practice blackout in Klamath county this evening. In the event that it becomes necessary to have a blackout the warning will be given by a series of two short blasts on railroad and mill whistles. There will be no signal given by lights.

When this whistle signal is heard all persons should remain where they are and turn out all lights. If you are driving an automobile pull over to the curb and turn out your lights.

Persons having lighted shop windows or lighted industrial plants should make arrangements for the extinguishing of those lights. Adequate provision should also be made for the turning off of lights on all illuminated signs.

Keep cool. Keep off the streets and if you must move from where you are, go at a walk.

Do not call the police station, fire station or the sheriff's office except in the event of actual necessity. These telephone lines will be needed for official calls.

Once the alarm has been given all lights are to remain off until an all clear signal of one long blast on the whistles is given.

(The above statement was issued Wednesday afternoon, December 10, by the air raid precautions committee of the defense council.)

COAST BLACKOUT HOURS SETTLED

Lights, Radios to Be
Off From 12:30
To 7:45

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (AP)—The second interceptor command today set the start of tonight's blackout in Pacific northwest coastal areas at 12:30 a. m., the same time as last night. Radio stations, which went off the air after President Roosevelt's address at 7 p. m. last night, were permitted to return to the air at noon.

Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, head of the force's second interceptor command, said he had decided on an earlier blackout tonight but had not fixed the starting time. Last night, the (Continued on Page Two)

Response to Call For Volunteer Firemen Not Good

Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose' call for 100 volunteer firemen to serve in event of emergency was met with "half-hearted response," according to Ambrose late Wednesday. Only 23 men answered the call, however Chief Ambrose stated he felt once the need was realized there would be a much greater reaction to the plea.

Those interested in becoming a member of this important defense group should call at the central fire station on Broad street and an application will be given them.

Men who have signed up include Henry G. Hancock, Esplanade courts, first to offer his services; Gordon Ulrich, 210 South Wendling; Henry Mortenson, 417 North Spring street; Jack Shirley, 1745 Menlo Way; Lowell Brown, Shell Oil company; Bob Elliott, 725 Uerlings street; A. C. Smith, 1815 Esplanade; Alex McMillan, 508 Plum; D. W. Starkey, Riverside addition; E. W. Downs, 800 Owens; Harry L. Brown, 1204 California; Raymond Smick, 1801 1/2 Main street; William Georgeson, 2243 Reclamation; Lloyd Wilson, Fred Herring, Junction Service station; K. I. Douglas, 229 Commercial street; B. H. Trippett, 429 North Third street; George A. Phillips, 2441 Eberlein avenue; R. G. Gaynor, 2315 Applegate; G. L. Williams, city; Mike Robbin, 944 Eldorado; Lloyd E. Plae, 819 North Second street; Howard Smith, Howard-Cooper corporation.

F. R. DENIES JAPS CONTROL PACIFIC AREA

Nation Advised Long
War Ahead But
Victory Sure

By THE Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt claimed continued supremacy for the United States navy in the Pacific today, despite the serious losses the fleet suffered in the surprise outbreak of the war.

He dismissed as "fantastic" Japanese claims that they had gained the ascendancy and all kindred rumors circulated by enemy sources for propaganda purposes.

But within a few hours the Mikado's forces scored another smashing double blow against the Anglo-American naval strength in the Pacific by sinking one of Britain's newest 35,000-ton battleships, Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton British battle cruiser, Repulse.

London confirmed the loss somewhere off Malaya of the Repulse and the Prince of Wales, the warship on which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill held their historic Atlantic meeting.

These new reverses served to underline the words the president used last night when he told the American people in his first war report that the United States faced a long, hard struggle before it can win the war and the peace that follows.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP)—President Roosevelt told the nation last night that it faces a long, hard war against "crafty and powerful bandits"—a war already marked by "a serious setback" in the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii.

The president charged that the Japanese aggression was collaboration with the policies of Germany and Italy, a collaboration "so well calculated that all the continents of the world, and all (Continued on Page Two)

Americans Block Island Attacks, Sink Transports

Foothold Lost to Enemy on North End of Philippine Island; Aircraft in Action Against Attackers

By THE Associated Press
United States army and navy forces have blasted a sea-borne Japanese attack against the west coast of Luzon island in the Philippines, the war department said today, but other Japanese troops have effected a landing on the north end of the island in the first full-fledged enemy landing on American soil since the war of 1812.

Dispatches from Manila quoted the Philippine constabulary as saying Japanese parachute troops had captured Vigan, on the coast 200 miles northwest of Manila.

Two waves of Japanese bombers raided Manila and its suburbs, pounding military centers including Nichols air field, Fort McKinley and the Nielson airport districts. This was shortly after noon Wednesday, Manila time.

Manila dispatches said American and Filipino troops had gone into swift action against Japanese invaders who landed at Aparri, on the far north coast.

US army headquarters reported that Japanese troop transports and naval forces in great numbers were hovering off the north coast on a 150-mile stretch from Vigan to Aparri.

First Communique
In Washington, the war department, issuing its first communique of the war, said the army and navy had smothered a Japanese attack on still another section of Luzon—between Vigan and San Fernando to the south.

The war department's communique was based on "information received last night" from Manila, but in view of the 13-hour time difference between Manila and Washington it apparently referred to action of Wednesday morning, Manila time.

By R. P. CRONIN JR.
MANILA, Dec. 10 (AP)—Japanese parachutists were reported to have captured the northwestern Luzon port of Vigan today and sea-borne troops landed near the northern port of Aparri in the first full fledged landing on American soil since the war of 1812.

An army communique said the Japanese first landed at Aparri "and perhaps other contiguous points" and conducted (Continued on Page Two)

Oulets is due east of Orel, on the front about 200 miles south of Moscow, and had been in German hands since the beginning of this month.

New gains for the red army, particularly in the southern sector, were announced by the Russian communique tonight after earlier reports that German troops had been blasted from Tikhvin, 110 miles east of Leningrad, leaving 7000 dead in a 10-day battle, and had suffered new reverses before Moscow.

Mistake Causes
Air Raid Warning
At Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 (AP)—An air raid warning was reported to the Los Angeles police telephone department today by mistake, due to a mix-up in telephone signals.

The federal communications commission ordered radio stations in the Los Angeles area off the air at 12:20 o'clock, and at the same time a private number flash signal was recorded in the police teletype room, indicating an air raid alarm.

It was the second erroneous air raid warning notice in recent days and police said different equipment would have to be installed at once to remedy the condition. Police said a telephone operator making the wrong plug of the private number starts the alarm under the present setup.

State Guard
Unit Forming
In Klamath

Formation of a state guard unit at Klamath Falls began Wednesday under authorization of Governor Charles A. Sprague. Major Theodore D. Case was named commander of the unit here by Governor Sprague.

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Important bases in the Philippine Islands are shown on the above map. The scene of Wednesday's Japanese attack was on the northwest tip of Luzon, largest island of the group.