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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 — No one seems to know the size of that French fleet which Hitler has been trying to extract from the Atlantic. Some of it was sunk at Oran, the rest has been in hiding. But a straight check was made within the past 60 days and indicated it had unexpected strength. It was composed of:

- 4 battleships (3 building)
- 1 aircraft carrier (2 building)
- 14 cruisers (3 building)
- 53 destroyers (27 building)
- 59 submarines (22 building)

Some of these ships are already in German hands. The aircraft carrier has been bottled up in Martinique, but all that stands between us and the remainder is the honor of the French nation based upon the official promise never to let these vessels be used against their old allies.

No one can be sure of what sea-power Hitler may be able to use against us in the Atlantic in view of these circumstances.

NOTHING FOR GRANTED
Your conformance with black-out instructions should be complete. Take nothing for granted in this war.

The congressional notion of extending the draft to gather in all males from 18 to 65 years, has war department backing and will probably pass. Few will be called but military authorities would like to have this census of American man power for reference as needed in this war.

ACCURATE
All Pacific war news has been starry-eyed with astonishment at the accuracy of Jap bombers. Even military men profess surprise. Not so the Chinese. They discovered it at Canton. Military objectives were only half a mile from the foreign settlement there. The Japs hit their objectives for weeks without letting a bomb go astray across the line where it would have caused diplomatic trouble to the no longer rising but now setting sun.

The story is simple. The Japs have had four years experience in bombing China.

TRUTH HELPS
The stupidity of news concealment and the value of free straight reporting of war were proved conclusive in the first week. Probably the worst blow to the British since Dunquerque was the loss of the Prince of Wales and Repulse. Yet the British not only announced the news immediately, but their censors allowed the world to ob-

Experience Helped

If there has been any doubt of the value of practice black-outs, it must have been resolved by the showing this community made on Sunday night when it capitalized on the experience of Friday night and really went black.

On Friday night, when a surprise blackout warning was sounded, it took 33 minutes to effect anything approaching an actual blackout, and even then there were scattered lights. On Sunday night, the city and suburbs went black immediately and in 5 minutes had done a better job of it than in 33 minutes on Friday night.

Of course, there had been advance warning that a blackout would occur sometime in a two-hour period Sunday night, whereas the Friday incident was a complete surprise. But it stands to reason that many people learned on Friday night what a blackout really means, and did their job better on Sunday night because of it. Observers on high points were generally impressed with the Sunday night showing; it was not perfect, but it approached it.

It is now essential that we all condition our habits and thinking so that no blackout henceforth will be a surprise here. If an emergency blackout should occur, we should be ready for it and do the job of light extinguishment as efficiently as if there had been advance notice as there was Sunday night. We should always be "expecting something."

The most noticeable offenses Sunday night probably resulted from lights being left on by people who were not at home. Many families have made it a practice for years to leave on certain lights when they go out in the evening. Those lights stand out like a sore thumb when a blackout is called; in an emergency, they could result in untold destruction of life and property.

Blackout experience, such as that of Friday and Sunday nights, will change those old habits and establish a new and safer routine.

Repayment for Sympathy

EVERY individual who was an adult in 1923 will remember the Japanese earthquake in 1923 and the tremendously generous response which Japan's misfortune on that occasion produced in this country.

This writer was a cub on a Southern California newspaper at the time. Hardly had the news broken before a prominent and wealthy citizen of the city called the newspaper office:

"Well, what are we waiting for?" he asked, and started an earthquake relief fund with a large contribution.

We have been wondering, recently, just how much Americans gave to the relief of Japan on that occasion. Through the courtesy of Ed Dunham, who found the record in a newspaper clipping, we reprint it here:

It showed that from the United States came \$23,806,744.85. The United States army gave articles valued at \$7,000,000, and the navy articles valued at \$2,000,000. The Red Cross gave \$7,403,373.43; American citizens \$6,051,041.87; Japanese in America \$1,343,946.05, and other foreigners in America, \$8383.50.

Great Britain gave, in cash, \$1,968,504.80, and in addition, ships, timber, blankets and other supplies.

From Germany \$6278, including contribution of Japanese in Germany.

From Italy, in cash, \$15,320, and supplies valued at \$40,000; total, \$55,320.

The comparisons in this compilation, and its significance in the light of the incidents of Sunday, December 7, 1941, are apparent to every reader of this newspaper.

New War Bill For Selectees Signed by F. R.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP)—President Roosevelt, in a move to implement America's war effort, Saturday signed a bill authorizing the use of National Guardsmen and selectees anywhere in the world.

The bill eliminates previous selective service law restrictions prohibiting the dispatch of selectees or guardsmen outside the western hemisphere, with the exception of U. S. possessions. The measure received congressional approval earlier this week.

Mr. Roosevelt made the bill a law as congressional committees began consideration of sweeping legislation for a potential 40,000,000 man draft to swell the nation's military and civilian defense forces—a move which Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson described as a necessary step toward "the structure which will accomplish victory."

Both house and senate military affairs committees considered a protected measure which is designed to register all men between the ages of 18 and 64, inclusive, and which would make available for military service those between 19 and 44, inclusive.

Provide Framework
The senate committee, which may report its own draft bill on Monday, met in executive session with war department and selective service officials. The house committee, which already has introduced its bill, heard a series of witnesses at the opening hear-

SIDE GLANCES



"Make him look like an old man, Grandpa—a lot older than we are!"

tain through International News service and Columbia Broadcasting a complete eye witness account by two journalists who had actually been allowed aboard the British battleships. Their stories were better propaganda than any from the official mills here. No one could read them without itching to give his utmost energy to defeat the Japs.

But while the British were thus wisely publicizing a defeat, the Washington officials gave out that day only a dull three paragraphs concerning the heroic stand of our marines at Wake island, and refused to tell newsmen even what the public appropriation was for the island of Guam this year by congress. Simultaneously the state department, which is not a military institution, announced no newsmen could see any employee of that department without a special letter obtained from the publicity section.

Britain started out the wrong way, too. News was suppressed until public clamor caused a ministerial ousting and several reorganizations.

PEARL HARBOR
Mr. Roosevelt personally quieted the first rising congressional demand for information about Pearl Harbor. He called in the old isolationist chairman David Walsh of the senate naval committee and convinced him no good purpose would be served by giving out these particular facts prematurely. Walsh put the other inquisitive senators back in line.

All agreed to wait for Navy Secretary Knox's report, except Tobey of New Hampshire. Apparently he heard his old competitor Bridges of New Hampshire was going to ask the navy to investigate Pearl Harbor, and he tried to beat Bridges to the draw by demanding more.

The Reds, who are getting a cool billion in materials from us have always puzzled American officialdom, but never more than since the Jap attack on us. Apparently Stalin thought he

Red Cross Lists Places to Take Contributions

Contributions to Klamath Falls' voluntary Red Cross drive for war funds will be received at the following places:

Red Cross Headquarters.
First National Bank.
U. S. National Bank.
First Federal Savings and Loan Association.
Radio Station KFJI Herald and News.

could win this war by beating Hitler, and that Japan will fall with der fuhrer as an accomplice. This reasoning would have gone over bigger here if we were as sure as Stalin that he can beat Hitler in the spring.

You may assume, however, that Mr. Roosevelt asked Litvinoff for use of the Vladivostok air base, which would open to us the back door to Tokyo.

Friends Awaiting Word From Youths

Relatives and friends are waiting anxiously for word of Wesley Carter and Lloyd Pepple, both of Bonanza, who went to Wake Island last July to work on construction jobs.

Carter is from Oregon Hot Springs and Pepple is a farmer of the Bonanza district.

Last word was that construction workers on Wake Island were "all right." Many went from Grants Pass to work there.

Woman Slightly Injured in Wreck Saturday Night

Mrs. McAllister, 33, of Modoc Point, was slightly injured Saturday night when the car she was riding in collided with an automobile driven by Harold Sturgeon on Eleventh and Lincoln streets.

Her husband, who was driving the car, escaped injury. Mrs. McAllister was bruised around the face and stitches had to be taken near her nose.

McAllister's car was driving northwest on Eleventh and as one of the cars attempted to pass both met practically head-on.

Jap Attack Kills Youth Born on Day of Armistice

HENDLEY, Neb., Dec. 18, (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Meyers named their son Victor because he was born the day America triumphed in the first World war—Nov. 11, 1918.

Victor was killed in action last Sunday at Hickam field in Hawaii, the day Japan attacked America in the second World war.

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