

ANOTHER JAP TRANSPORT HIT BY U. S. SUBS

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around Davao, the island's chief Chinese headquarters said the assault on Shumchun had forced the Japanese to rush reinforcements from the Hongkong mainland section and that heavy fighting was raging 10 miles northeast of Shumchun.

Far to the south, sea-borne Dutch troops were reported to have made a surprise attack in north Borneo and captured some of the Japanese invaders who landed earlier this week in British-controlled Sarawak.

Dutch bombers were also reported to have inflicted smashing blows on Japanese warships and troop transports off Sarawak.

MANILA, Dec. 20 (4:30 p. m. local time, 2:30 a. m. EST) (AP)—Heavy fighting is raging at the predominantly-Japanese city of Davao, in the southern Philippines, where four enemy transports unloaded a swarm of soldiers, it was announced today as the Japanese again struck at Nichols field in Manila in a light raid.

A communique issued at the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the US army in the Far East, said today:

"Nichols field was bombed lightly after 12 o'clock. Fighting continues at Davao."

Only a few bombs fell on Nichols field, it was reported, most of the Japanese missiles falling wide of their mark and landing in Manila bay near a large water supply tank.

Another formation of bombers also flew toward Cavite, site of a US naval base in the bay, but no raid was reported from that district.

Former Klamath Falls Resident Cited With Captain Kelly

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the men with Capt. Kelly in the plane were saved.

The other awards, in addition to the Filipinos, and the nearest of kin to the men honored included:

Second Lieut. Carl P. Gies, father Carl A. Gies, 2500 Fairground Road, Salem, Ore.

First Lieut. Grant M. Mahoney, mother Mrs. H. G. Mahoney, 145 Daniels avenue, Vallejo, Calif.

Technical Sergeant Anthony Holub, wife Mrs. Katherine M. Holub, Coronado, Calif.

"While his airplane was a focal point of fire from strong hostile naval forces, Capt. Kelly exhibited a high degree of valor and skill, placing three direct hits upon an enemy battleship resulting in its destruction," the citation said.

"En route to his home air field upon completion of his mission, his airplane was set on fire by an attack of two enemy fighters. This officer ordered his crew to bail out.

"Six men saved themselves thereby, but Capt. Kelly, the last to leave the burning plane, was killed in the resulting crash."

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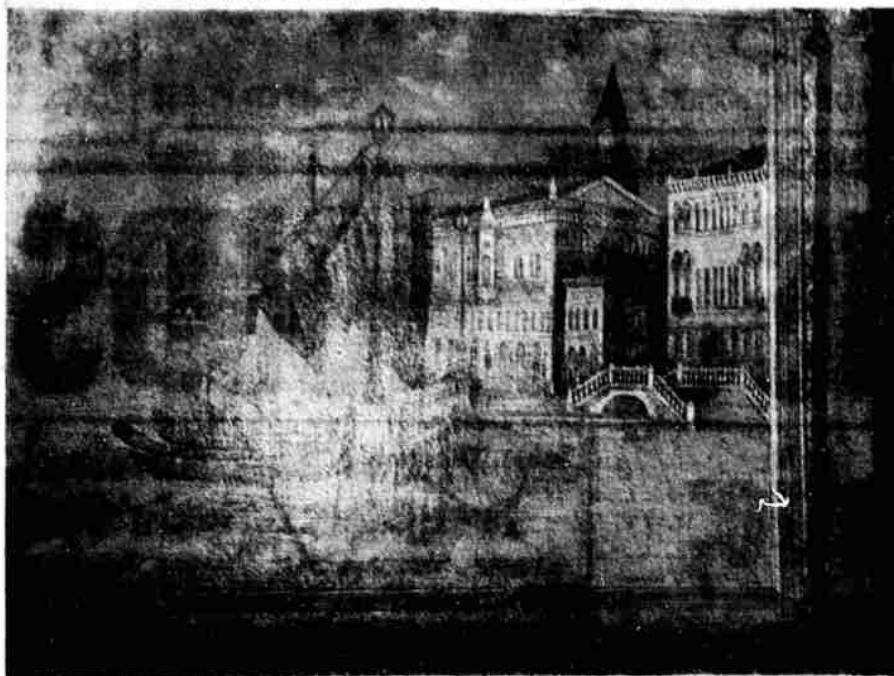
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Poor Man Dies, Leaves Striking Painting



When 85-year-old Frederick Page died alone at his tiny two room house here, he left a monumental oil painting of Venice, which he had seen in his youth and had never forgotten. This picture of the huge canvas was taken under difficult circumstances, because it was necessary to take it from too close in the tiny room. The blur at center left is not a fault in the painting, but a reflection caused when the flashlight bulb flared from close up. Page, a painter and decorator by trade, spent many years perfecting the painting.

Aged Scene-Designer, House Painter Preserves Youthful Memory of Venice

By MARY JANE JENKINS

Venice in all its pre-1914 glory came to life on the walls of a shabby two-room house on Klamath Falls' Sargent avenue this week, when the worldly goods of Frederick E. Page, found dead November 28, were carted away. Elaborately framed and mounted on the wall, was the oil painting on which Page had spent the best years of his life.

"The Riva, Venice" had been carefully lettered over the tremendous canvas. Here, painted with light, clean strokes and a loving care for detail, is the Venice Page saw in his youth and carried in his mind through a lifetime filled with such diverse jobs as scenery-designing and house-painting.

Page, 85 when he died, was born in Darlington, England. He was educated in a monastery there, and traveled widely through France, Germany and Italy before he arrived in the United States. A painter and decorator by trade, he painted scenery in the old Opera house in Chicago in the '90's; came west to Portland where he was employed in decorating the Grand theatre in 1908, and arrived in Klamath Falls in 1910 with his wife, now Mrs. Bessie A. Thompson of California.

The house where he spent the last years of his life alone with his dog, is crammed with evidences of his varied interests. Here he had collected carpentering machines of every description and built clock cases, metal-bound boxes, shelves, frames. Clocks by the score stood about the room; and a trombone, a flute, piccolo and old-fashioned organ.

Rumor has it that Page was offered from \$500 to \$1000 for his monumental painting, but it was promised to his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Bairie of Minden, Nevada, who arrived Thursday to claim it.

HAMM SUPPORTED FOR U. S. POST

The Central Labor council, in a resolution passed Friday night, endorsed the application of Klamath Falls' Police Chief Frank Hamm for appointment as United States marshal for Oregon, union leaders announced Friday.

Hamm and three others are applicants for the post, currently held by Jack Summerville of Medford, which is open for re-appointment in early January. The Klamath Falls police head is the only office-seeker from the second congressional district. The position carries a four-year term.

According to Jack Henry, Klamath county democratic committee chairman, Hamm has the backing of a large section of second congressional district democrats.

Mrs. Ed Davis, Merrill, Hurt

Mrs. Ed Davis, wife of Chief of Police Davis of Merrill, suffered cuts and possible internal hurts when the Davis machine and a produce truck were involved in an accident near Merrill late Friday afternoon. Driver of the truck was said to be Jack Metsker.

According to state police the machines were traveling toward Merrill when the truck made a left hand turn on the highway, the Davis car side swiping the larger vehicle before crashing into the ditch. Both machines were damaged.

Union Advocates Defense Buying With Pay Boost

The Big Lakes Box company Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL) Local 2511 voted Thursday to recommend to all its members that they buy defense bonds with money from the 24-cent per hour wage increase announced Wednesday night.

According to an announcement by Wilbur Yeoman of the union, approximately 50 members of the local attending the meeting recommended the step.

The local also voted to accept the wage boost and the week's vacation with pay in 1942.

GOEBBLES PLEADS FOR ARMY CLOTHING

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of apparel to "preserve our soldiers against the bitter cold."

The fatherland would not deserve one quiet hour, if one soldier on the Russian front had to go without clothing," Goebbels said.

"There are innumerable articles of winter clothing at home which we can not give up very easily, but we can not compare our sacrifices with those of the soldiers in this war winter."

"We all at home have a roof above our heads, we have a bed to sleep on, we have entertainment, and although our food rations are not large, they are better than those of most European countries.

"I know how necessary it would be for you to keep what you have, but the German soldiers need it and they must come first. . . ."

Goebbels then gave a long list of articles the soldiers need. "We can not send the soldiers home yet," he said. "That is only possible after the war is over, but we can send to them a piece of their homeland."

Western Oregon Roads Flooded

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on the coast highway. The Wilson River highway was partially covered by slides and one-way traffic was ordered. The Bay-ocean road was blocked by slides.

Portland-Astoria train schedules were cancelled by three slides between Astoria and Rainier. Svensen island was flooded by the Columbia river and Clatsop county fields and roads were inundated by Young's river.

Russians Take Volokolamsk

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—The British radio announced late today that the Russians had recaptured Volokolamsk, 65 miles west and slightly north of Moscow. In the German advance on Moscow this town was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting. NBC recorded the BBC broadcast.

WEATHER BUREAU ESTABLISHED HERE

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with the opening of the station. Installation of a weather bureau service here was authorized in order to give accurate reports on flying conditions both north and south as this route is expected to be used continuously in the present national crisis.

In normal times information available will include maximum and minimum temperatures, wind velocity and precipitation, those in charge stated. There will be no forecast available from this station. Information will be obtained through a teletype system on all coastal weather conditions.

Equipment costing some \$500 is being installed and the monthly payroll will amount to \$300, it was said. Office space is being provided through the courtesy of the city of Klamath Falls.

Persons wishing information are advised that figures will be given only to licensed pilots and army men.

Alien Enemy Boards Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Appointment of alien enemy hearing boards in 22 of the nation's 92 judicial districts was announced by the justice department today.

The boards will hear cases of individual enemy aliens brought before them and submit recommendations to the attorney general. Recommendations which the three member boards may make are that the alien enemy be released unconditionally, paroled, or interned for the duration of the war.

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Dutch Troops Capture Many Japs in Raid

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Saturday, Dec. 20 (UP)—Convoyed Dutch troops captured a "large number" of Japanese yesterday in a surprise raid on a concealed enemy settlement on the north coast of Borneo, the Netherlands East Indies high command announced today.

The Dutch air force methodically attacked points on the northwest section of Borneo where Japanese forces have landed, but results of the raids were not observed because of bad weather.

Bombing Attack
The assault on the Japanese settlement yesterday was so swift and sudden the Japanese were "taken entirely by surprise," it was claimed. The captives will be interned immediately.

Dozens of civilians were killed and 100 seriously injured in a 25-minute Japanese bombing attack yesterday on Pontianak, on the west coast of Borneo, the high command said.

Japanese bombers dropped 20 to 30 incendiary bombs and a smaller number of high explosives on the community.

When communications with Pontianak were restored, it was learned one bomb fell into a native compound and another into a Dutch-Chinese school. Most of the casualties occurred at those two points.

Seven children were reported killed in the raid. Damage was inflicted to European residences and commercial buildings.

Bedang, in northern Sumatra, experienced its first air raid alarm at 10 p. m. yesterday. Cause of the alert was not known immediately.

Machinery Removed
Authorities in Batavia said all oil installations and facilities were destroyed at Miri, Borneo, before the Japanese consolidated their landing parties.

Important machinery was removed from the area and demolition plans effected.

One Dutch authority told the United Press that "all that was necessary was the throwing of a switch, which sent everything of value sky-high."

Dutch sources, relating how allied troops took over Portuguese Timor, said that all Japanese subjects in the strategic territory had been interned by the Dutch and Australian occupation forces.

Those interned included the Japanese vice-consul and his staff of 30, who arrived when the Japanese began operating an airline from Dilli, the Portuguese Timor capital, to the Palau islands.

The expeditionary force which carried out the occupation included Netherlands East Indies troops, a landing division of the Dutch navy, Australian troops under command of a Dutch army officer, and supporting forces of Australian planes and Dutch naval vessels.

Ashland Highway Job Progresses

ASHLAND, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Pacific highway straightening project in Ashland was assured today when property owners in the Plaza district accepted a highway commission demand for an aggregate \$5000 option price reduction.

Construction is expected to start in April.

WARNING SAYS FOES PICKING UP RADIO NEWS

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that enemy submarines had also picked up the same information and made the same deduction.

"It was pointed out that the information so inadvertently broadcast would also have been of benefit to an enemy air attack along any part of the 'weather route' in the North American continent."

Earlier, in a report on far eastern developments, the navy said an American submarine had sunk "an additional enemy transport."

AXIS RETREAT IN LIBYA PROVES ROUT

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 20 (AP)—The axis retreat in Libya has turned into a rout, with Imperial forces chasing General Edwin Rommel's battered army and British air blows taking staggering new toll of his remaining strength, the British declared today.

The chase has become so fast, it was said, that the axis is offering virtually no resistance and the British have been unable to make contact with the enemy except at one point in the Cirenaican highlands.

Derna Taken
Derna, of the coast, and Mekilli, 40 miles south, were entered yesterday, a communique announced, and the British, pushing 45 miles farther westward, now have come within 100 miles of Benghazi, the axis' important advance supply port.

British naval aircraft, the RAF announced, torpedoed two merchantmen in a convoy of four freighters escorted by three Italian destroyers and three cruisers. Both torpedoed ships were brought to a stop and began to founder, it was said.

On land, the RAF declared that trucks, field guns, armored cars and vehicles of all kinds were attacked by British fighters and bombers on congested roads behind Mekilli. Many, it said, were left in flames and others put completely out of action.

County Defense Heads to Study Chemical Warfare

SALEM, Dec. 20 (AP)—Civilian defense officials from each county and representatives of veterans organizations will go to chemical warfare school in Portland Monday to learn how to handle incendiary and time bombs. The school will last three days.

The army and state defense council will sponsor the school, while instructors will be men trained in England.

The course also will include work of air raid wardens, rescue squads, first aid parties and evacuation parties. The course is designed for fire fighters, police, medical men, representatives of public works and utilities, harbor and dock experts and air raid wardens.

Editorials on News

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so far the British fleet seems to be STOPPING them.

IF we are to keep the picture clear in our minds, we must remember above all else that this is a WORLD war. Its strategy is world-wide. What happens on one front is important to all other fronts.

For example: If the Japs succeed in their drive against Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, etc., the way will be opened for them to push on to India and ultimately to take the British in the rear in the Middle East.

NIPPON ADMITS BRITISH FORT UNCONQUERED

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was the first report of communications with Hongkong in 24 hours. For hours it had been believed that the crown colony was cut off from the outside world by a ring of Japanese fire.

The Berlin radio declared yesterday Sir Mark had escaped from the island.

Of the fighting on the Malay peninsula, the military commentator said a "slight further withdrawal in northwestern Malaya was carried out by our troops without interference from the enemy."

The latest withdrawal, he said, had taken the British well south from the Krian river but the precise point reached was disclosed.

The commentator said the British withdrew at their "leisure" from the island city of Penang, Malay straits settlement city which had been isolated by the Japanese.

All desirable demolition and destruction of stores were accomplished before Penang was evacuated, he added.

The Hongkong fight was conceded here to be a losing battle.

FIRE WATER
SPARTANBURG, S. C., (AP)—Spartanburg's water wagon caught fire while it was making its early morning round flushing the streets.

The fire department extinguished the fire — with more water.

REFRIGERATING PLANT
The second largest refrigerating plant in the world was at the port of Gdynia, pre-war Poland. It accommodated an entire train of cars at a time.

LABOR GROUP URGES PLANE BASE FOR KF

A Central Labor council resolution passed Friday night urged the construction of an army air base at Klamath Falls, union leaders disclosed Saturday.

The resolution pointed out that citizens of Oregon are "very desirous of maintaining an adequate national defense of these United States, and have cooperated 100 per cent with army officials in formation of civil defense units" and put the council on record as favoring "immediate construction of the necessary facilities to create an army air base at Klamath Falls."

It was moved that the council urge every effort on the part of all civic organizations, fraternal societies and others to insist that the United States be fully protected.

The resolution was passed by the Culinary Alliance Thursday night and adopted by the Central Labor council Friday night. It was signed by C. D. Long, president of the Oregon State Council of Carpenters, and G. C. Tatum, executive board member of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

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