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## Defense of Mid-Pacific Coast

KLAMATH'S central labor council has passed a resolution and there are other evidences of concern in this community and elsewhere in the general area over the need for strong steps to prepare the mid-Pacific coast area against attacks by the enemies of the United States. That the public is awake to the situation is shown in reports that large numbers of telegrams are being received by northwest senators and congressmen in Washington, asking what is being done. Thus far, no one has given out any information.

We agree with the Salem Capital-Journal, when it states that "without revealing specific information that might be of value to the enemy, the people or their official representatives in Washington should be told what is going on. . . To have Senator Charles L. McNary or Governor Sprague, speaking with the authority of first hand information, assure them that everything possible is being done to adequately reinforce the defenses of this area would be reassuring to the people and reflected in better morale."

Particularly in Southern Oregon and Northern California is there a disturbed feeling that ought to be soothed by some definite assurances if not announcements of a specific nature. So far as the public was informed, the first rush of preparations after war broke out was far to the north and to the south of this area. The army air corps came out with announcement of an air base at Walla Walla, 50 miles or so from Pendleton where there is already an air base, and in the general area with Spokane, center of concentrated aviation development. No one here felt any better or safer when an air base was established at Walla Walla.

It is inconceivable that the great mid-Pacific area would be overlooked in defense preparations. The proper authorities should state it is not being overlooked. That could hardly be helpful to the Japs, and it would be giving out information the people of this area are entitled to have.

## Milk Fund Program

AMONG worthy projects of a public welfare nature carried on here is the milk distribution enterprise of the 20-30 club.

This organization of young men undertook a year ago to finance distribution of milk to needy families where children are in need of added nourishment. The money was raised by a dance and in other ways, and last year 3000 quarts of milk were delivered through this effort.

The 20-30 club wants to carry on for another year, and it will hold its milk fund dance on Christmas night at the armory. Those who attend the dance will be giving to a worthy cause, and at the same time they are assured an evening of good entertainment.

## Imminent Loss of Base at Hongkong Blow to Allies

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Wide World War Analyst

Things look bad for the British stronghold of Hongkong—one of the badges of England's imperial prestige—where the Japanese have effected a landing and captured half the island in a violent battle which was continuing at latest reports.

If this great base falls it will be a tough blow—though it will be far from fatal—to the allied strategic set-up.

For one thing it will increase the threat to the Philippines by at once depriving the allies of a prime defensive position and giving the Japs an easier naval and air base within easy striking distance of Manila.

This would add to the burden of our defense of the Philippines at a moment when there may be a question of whether we may be asked to send naval and air aid to support the British against the heavy Japanese drive on Singapore.

In other words, if the threat against Singapore increases we may be faced with the uncomfortable problem of whether the Philippines shall be placed in further jeopardy in order to save the British base which strategically is of greater importance.

What struck me as a forecast of such a dilemma cropped up last Tuesday when an informed source in London told the press that the Japanese offensive on the Malay peninsula and Britain's lack of naval superiority had raised a serious threat to Singapore. Now a statement of that sort isn't made without some vital reason back of it, especially since it lends encouragement to the enemy. It looked very much like a signal to America for help.

Not overlooking that the battle of the Pacific is only a part of the World war, the allies find much for satisfaction on the tussle with Herr Hitler. If the British sustain their claim to have smashed the axis resistance in Africa, the allies have won a major victory.

It weakens the axis threat to

control of the Mediterranean area. It will greatly lessen the effectiveness of any future drive the Germans may attempt into the middle east through the Caucasus or Turkey.

Then we have the amazing Russians who are free-wheeling it after the retreating nazis so fast that 138 more villages are reported to have fallen into the red flag in fresh operations. Large quantities of war material are said to have been taken by the bolsheviks and, despite the German retreat, fierce fighting appears to be taking cynical people, in whose minds still rankle the Russo-German pact of 1939, continue to bombard this column with inquiries as to whether the red counter-offensive and the nazi withdrawal are a put-up job and the forerunner of another treaty of brotherhood between the two.

Well, your correspondent freely admits that crazy things can happen in this war, but that solution of the great Hitlerian retreat just doesn't make sense. It seems to me that we are trying to be too erudite, and are being unfair to an ally, however, when we arrive at such a very smart conclusion.

The simple answer takes into account that these two nations are natural enemies, as I pointed out a few days ago. Hitler badly overreached himself in his efforts to crush the bolsheviks, and Stalin's forces are taking advantage of the distress of the invaders.

### EAT A HORSE

It would take more than a year to eat 1400 pounds of food, weight of an average-sized horse, despite the phrase, "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse."

### TIME SAVERS

A man using a two-horse plow took seven hours to plow one acre of wheat land in 1830. Modern tractors do the same job in one hour.

## SIDE GLANCES



"It's the fifth child for Sam—he's at the stage where he only passes out nickel cigars."

## BELOVED CAVE MAN DIES FROM ATTACK

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 22 (AP)—L. A. Ringuette, nationally known as the gray-haired flame-watcher of the Oregon cave-men, died Friday morning, one day following a heart attack.

Oldest member of the rough, club-toting fur-wearing tribe of local boosters for the Marble caverns southwest of here, he was the only person to hold perpetual office. Aged 75, wearing a grizzled wig to match his gray moustache, he participated in every cave-man expedition, carrying a club pounds heavier than that brandished by any of his younger fellows. He called it "wifetamer" and insured it annually for \$250.

Word of his death saddened this community to a measure far beyond that of many another citizen prominent in more ordinary adventures. His death was counted comparable in a human sense to the community's material loss felt earlier this year when the 20-year-old sign bearing the slogan, "It's the Climate," was removed from the city's main street.

Cave-men agreed there would be no one to take his place. A movement began to erect a monument in his memory.

Typical of his devotion to the organization was an instance in a hometown parade in freezing weather a few years ago. Few cave-men appeared to match in their scanty costumes. But Flame-watcher did not fail. Under his fragments of furs, he wore his long woolen underwear.

More recently, he undertook alone a trek in wolfskins to North Dakota and return, describing the Oregon caves national monument en route, and traveled to world's fairs at San Diego and San Francisco, to the Rose Festival at Portland, and to other points.

## OBITUARY

**INEZ ALTHEA ROBERTSON**  
 Inez Althea Robertson, a life-long resident of Klamath county, passed away in this city Friday, December 19, 1941, at 11:50 p. m., following a brief illness. She was a native of Bonanza, Oregon, and at the time of her death was aged 39 years, 11 months and two days. Surviving are a son, Eugene, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Robertson, of Bonanza, Oregon; her mother, Mrs. Etta Kilgore, of Bonanza, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. T. L. Bryant, of Hartsville, Ohio, and Mrs. Guy Harkey of Fresno, California; also one brother, Roy Kilgore, of Bonanza, Oregon. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

## WILLIAM TURNER JACKSON

William Turner Jackson, a life-long resident of Klamath county, passed away at the Klamath agency on Friday, December 19. The deceased was a native of California and was aged 89 years when called. He is survived by a granddaughter, Rose Decker, of Sprague River, Ore.; two nephews, Boyd and Ted Jackson of Sprague River; two nieces, Edith Cole and Winnie Robbins of Chiloquin, Ore.; also a great-granddaughter. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

METROPOLIS, Ill., (AP)—The weekly Metropolis News has notified subscribers long term subscriptions could be paid only in defense stamps or bonds.

## Gems of Thought

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The basis of Christmas is the rock, Christ Jesus; its fruits are inspiration and spiritual understanding of joy and rejoicing—not because of tradition, usage, or corporeal pleasures, but because of fundamental and demonstrable truth, because of the heaven within us.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The greatest grace of a gift, perhaps, is that it anticipates and admits of no return.—Longfellow.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9:6.

Give, if thou canst, an alms; if not, afford, instead of that, a sweet and gentle word.—Herick.

We must take care to indulge only in such generosity as will help our friends and hurt no one. . . for nothing is generous, if it is not at the same time just.—Cicero.

"What means this glory round our feet."  
 The Magi mused, "more bright than morn?"  
 The voices chanted clear and sweet,  
 "Today the Prince of Peace is born!"—James Russell Lowell.

## Earthquakes, War Bring You Medals

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (AP)—A New Zealand officer tells this one:

He encountered an Italian colonel captured in Libya, noted the three rows of medals on the prisoner's tunic and commented: "You must have been in a lot of wars to get all those medals." The colonel replied: "Only the first row is for wars. The other two rows are for earthquakes."

## FUNERALS

**INEZ ALTHEA ROBERTSON**  
 Funeral services for the late Inez Althea Robertson of Bonanza, Ore., who passed away in this city Friday, December 19, 1941, following a brief illness, were held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, on Monday, December 22, 1941, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Arthur Charles Bates of the First Christian church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment family plot in the Bonanza cemetery at 3:30 p. m. Friends are invited.

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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—How the British could fare so poorly in defense of Singapore—against a land attack for which they have been preparing at least 15 years—is the first major mystery of the Far East war. The explanation being sent out of that "impregnable bastion" by the newsmen is that insufficient men and material were furnished by London. This would seem to be a handworn and miserable excuse.

The truth is they slipped in only one particular, the most important one. They neglected to concentrate sufficient pursuit planes to protect the adequate troops and material which they had mustered. They underestimated the Jap air force (as has everyone else.) Such fighting planes could not be flown to the Orient in view of their short range, but had to be shipped out around South Africa. As they were also needed at home and elsewhere, the British fell easily into a critical error.

**DANGER ON THE ISLES**  
 Our defense of the Philippines has relied heavily upon the British grasp of the Singapore flank. If the Japs win there, their fleet and troops can be turned full on General MacArthur. Furthermore, the helpful rainy season is about over out there and good fighting weather will prevail through April. If the Philippines can be held until next May, they will never be lost.

**LUNDEBERG STOPS 'EM**  
 The meeting of the maritime unioners and ship operators swiftly got down to business here. Called by John R. Steelman of the government's labor conciliation service and Admiral Land of the maritime commission, it developed immediate unity. Strikes were barred. War aid was promised. But then the union leaders and operators got into a discussion of how the ships should be run to win the war. Guns should be placed here and there. Aliens should be restricted thus and so. Straight, tough Harry Lundeborg of the Seaman's union stood it as long as he could. Arising before the bickering "commie" lawyers from New York, (representing some of the unions), and the immaculately garbed ship operators, he shook the walls with his booming voice.

"All right, gentlemen," he said in effect. "But before we try to tell the government how to run these ships, maybe we had better get on a ship and find out how to run it ourselves. I move that we sign immediately on a ship today and run it to Manila so we can get detailed experience upon which to base these recommendations."  
 The motion was not acted upon. The subject evaporated along with recommendations. The idea of "commie" union lawyers and ship operators taking a ship into Manila clearly had no appeal, except for Mr. Lundeborg.

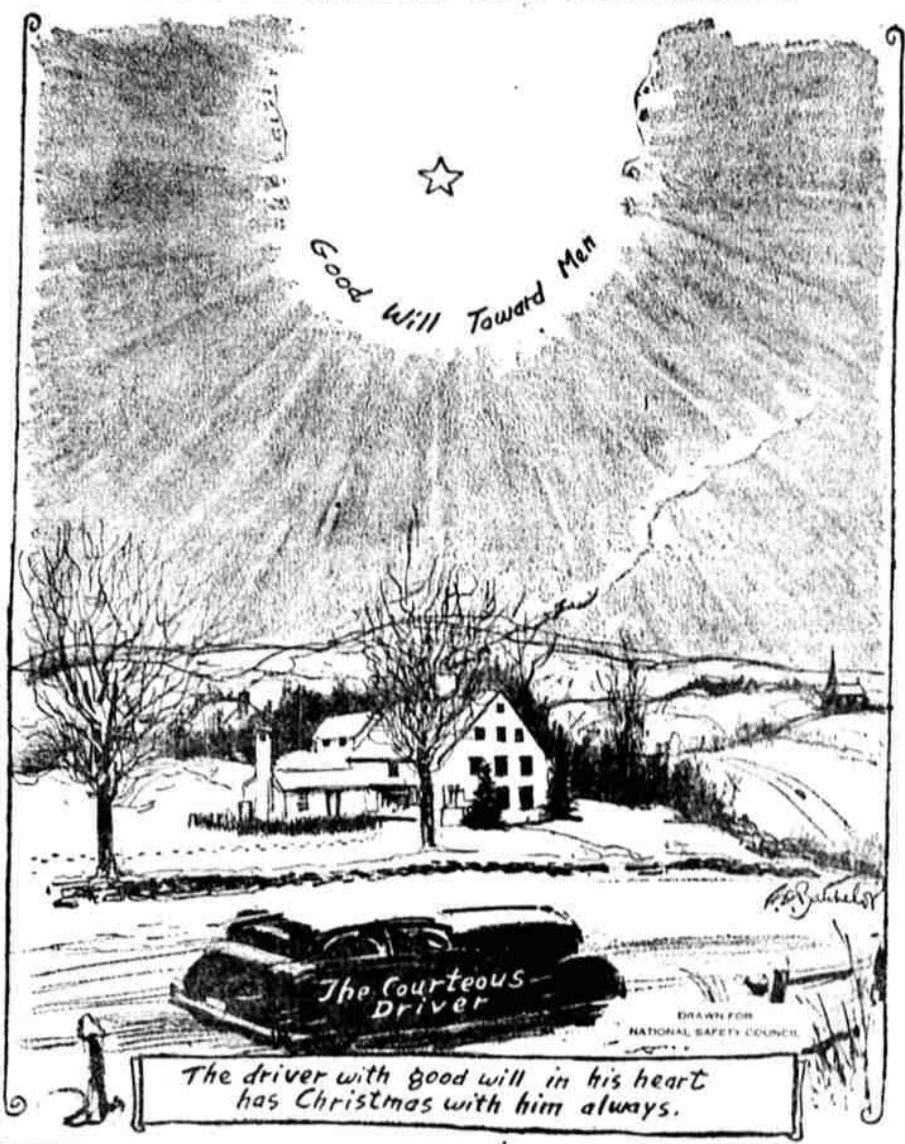
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
 "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 21.

The Golden Text was, "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Ps. 62:11). Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good' (Gen. 1:1,26,27,31).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. . . Infinite Mind creates and governs all, from the mental molecule to infinity" (p.507).

**CHROME**  
 The Nelson and Henderson defense groups are belatedly and therefore quietly moving to develop American resources of magnesium and chrome in the west. But the credit for forcing them into action goes to a sen-

## GIVE COURTESY FOR CHRISTMAS



The driver with good will in his heart has Christmas with him always.

ate military affairs sub-committee and special; to its counsel, George Malone of the Industrial West Foundation. Malone has been working months, unsuccessfully and without pay, to make this government offer a price high enough to warrant development of our own resources of strategic raw materials being supplied more cheaply from abroad.

**HOW TO HELP**  
 Today's suggestion of how you personally can help to win this war (No. 3):  
 Don't abandon your plans to enjoy Christmas, a winter holiday in Florida or whatever other brief relaxation from war which your circumstances allow. A gloomy, tense nation never won a war. The US travel service of the interior department is advocating winter excursions ardently. It is your duty to your country as well as yourself to live happily and freely as you can in war times.

**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,  
 Chamber of commerce

**Many Norwegians Reported Fleeing**  
 STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22 (AP)—Swedish newspaper dispatches reported today that increasing numbers of Norwegians were fleeing their German-occupied homeland, slipping away to England in some instances by the boatload.

**Mussolini Resumes Demonstrations**  
 BERN, Dec. 22 (AP)—Premier Mussolini has resumed demonstrations of his physical stamina, it was indicated today in a Stefani (official news agency) dispatch from Rome.  
 Stefani said II Duce inspected an infantry division yesterday in central Italy and then "placed himself at the head of the infantrymen and marched with them several miles on foot."

**WAR BALLS UP WEATHER NEWS**  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—The worst storms in history failed to tangle up the far west's weather as badly as this war has done.  
 Friday we knew what Saturday's weather would probably be, but couldn't talk about Friday's weather. Saturday we could talk about Friday's weather, but we didn't know what Sunday would bring.  
 It isn't that there's a shortage of weather. There's plenty of weather and no threat of priorities, but weather is a military secret.  
 For a little while Thursday night and Friday morning, the weather was public knowledge and the U. S. weather bureau made limited forecasts. But the army and navy censors protested the bureau was giving information to the enemy. So the weatherman said he would not do it again.  
 Every little raindrop or ray of sunshine or breath of wind is a military secret, once more, for 24 hours. The enemy might translate the rain drops and sunshine and wind into isobars and fronts for a synoptic picture of the meteorological advisability of a bombing raid.

**DESTRUCTIVE**  
 It has been estimated that erosion causes farmers in the United States an annual loss of \$400,000,000 in destroyed land, loss of plant food, and through other channels.  
 A volcanic lake which boils at one end and freezes at the other has been found on Unimak Island, Alaska.

Read the Classified page.

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