

## Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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## WEATHER

Low 15  
PRECIPITATION  
24 hours to 2 a. m. . . . .0.00  
Season to date . . . . .5.68  
Normal precipitation . . . . .4.21  
Last year to date . . . . .3.97



COLD

# MANILA IN FLAMES AFTER RAID

## Crash Kills Local Girl

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Japs bomb Manila, after it has been declared an open city and its defenders have moved out. Bomb it methodically, killing and wounding civilians. Setting great fires that are burning as these words are written.

SAVE your anger. Blind, unreasoning anger never helped any fighter to win—and this is a fight to the finish. Permit yourself only the cold, calculating fury that looks forward to VICTORY, no matter what the cost.

This is war. Modern war. In modern war, chivalry is OUT.

REMEMBER that in bombing Manila after it has been declared an open city the Japs are INVITING the bombing of their own crowded cities.

That will come in time—as and when we get around to it.

INSTEAD of shaking your fists in futile anger, WORK HARD AND EFFICIENTLY at your job, no matter what it may be.

We lack ships. We lack planes. We lack tanks. We lack guns.

Only by working harder and more efficiently than we ever worked before can we provide these vitally necessary weapons in sufficient quantity and IN TIME to win.

And win we must.

IN today's dispatches, these sentences stand out:

"Japanese planes roar over Manila WITHOUT ANY OPPOSITION."

"The enemy is being CONTINUALLY REINFORCED from fleets of troopships in Lingayen Gulf and off Atimonan."

Remember: The Philippines are far from the supporting mainland of the United States. They are CLOSE to Japan. The problems of transportation and supply are difficult for us, relatively easy for the Japanese.

It is not improbable that the Philippines may be lost. But it is the LAST battle that counts. Our job is to win the last battle.

THE Japs, for all their advantages of nearness and advance preparation, aren't coming off unhurt.

U. S. and Dutch army, navy and air reports for the first three weeks of the war in the Pacific list 26 Japanese merchant vessels sunk or seriously damaged by submarine or air attack in Philippine waters, Borneo and Malayan waters.

The Dutch alone have accounted for 16 Jap ships sunk and five damaged, including one cruiser, two destroyers, four troop transports, three freighters, four supply transport ships and two lighters. Their average (Continued on Page Two)

### Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

One year ago today—Germans rain incendiaries and explosives on London after unofficial three-day Christmas "truce"; nazi big guns pound Dover. Italians fight desperately to hold Khasura, gateway to Valona.

Two years ago today—Finns report Russians driven back 50 miles on northern front, with loss of 10,000 men; Russians bomb Finnish port of Turku.

25 years ago today—French cruiser Bolos sunk by submarine in the Mediterranean. Germans close in on Braila, Rumanian oil and grain center on Danube.

## RED THRUST AT KERCH SEEN IN BERLIN REPORT

Germans Report Four Ships Sunk in Black Sea

By The Associated Press

An attempt by Russia's red armies to storm back into the east Crimean city of Kerch and ultimately to lift the eight-week-old siege of Sevastopol was indicated by the German high command today in a bulletin reporting that nazi bombers had sunk four soviet troop transports and damaged five others in the narrow Straits of Kerch.

The Straits lie between the Caucasus mainland and Kerch on the German-occupied Crimean peninsula.

The nazi high command said the Russians suffered "heavy losses in men and material," indicating it was a sizeable Russian expeditionary force.

Leningrad Battle

Heavy fighting has been reported raging at the approaches to Sevastopol for the past week. Only yesterday, a soviet communique reported that 20,000 German troops had been killed in a six-day battle on the outer defenses of the big Black sea naval base.

Far to the north, Russian troops battling to end the five-month-old siege of Leningrad (Continued on Page Two)

## Jap Premier Says Borneo Oil Wells To Be Restored

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (AP)—Official broadcast recorded by AP—Premier Tojo of Japan told the house of peers that about 70 Borneo oil wells can be restored in about a month and that Japan can reckon on about 700 tons of oil daily from the Borneo oil fields, a German broadcast of a Tokyo dispatch said today.

The premier was reported as saying the British destroyed about 150 oil well derricks and other oil field establishments before withdrawing from the areas of Sarawak now occupied by the Japanese.

Japan's occupation of Hongkong and of Penang island off the west Malayan coast were destructive blows by which Singapore has been isolated from India, the premier said, according to the broadcast.

At Penang the Japanese were said to have captured 1000 motor cars, 1360 tons of tin, 2000 tons of rubber and to have taken the biggest tin producing area in the world in Malaya.

## Contributions Received in Red Cross War Relief Fund Drive

Contributions previously acknowledged \$3555.88  
Contributions received Saturday 133.00  
Total \$3688.88

The Shaw Lumber company Saturday met the challenge to aid in the voluntary-contributions drive for \$10,000 for Red Cross war relief work, with a second contribution. The following letter accompanied their contribution:

"I note the contributions to the Red Cross are a little slow in coming in and while we have already donated \$25 I am handing you herewith another check for \$50, which will bring our donation up to \$75."

Contributions were received Saturday from:  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McKinney \$5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Eyerly \$10.00  
A Friend 10.00

## Aliens Ordered To Turn Over Radios, Cameras

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The justice department today ordered Japanese, German and Italian nationals in seven Pacific coast states to turn in all short wave radio equipment and cameras in their possession by 11 p. m. Monday.

It was reported authoritatively that similar regulations for the rest of the country would be issued next week.

Today's regulations apply to California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

The equipment must be surrendered to local police authorities who, the justice department said, would be asked to issue receipts.

The prohibited radio equipment includes not only transmitters but home receiving sets with short wave bands. Large studio cameras need not be turned in but they must be registered and may not be used except by specific permission of U. S. attorneys. The penalties for willful failure to obey the regulations are (Continued on Page Two)

## PRESIDENT HOLDS STRATEGY CONFABS

Churchill Sits in on Six Meetings With Allied Envoys

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt scheduled eight major war strategy conferences today and invited Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain to sit with him at six of them.

Starting off with a gathering of American army chiefs, the meetings embraced engagements with representatives of all the American republics, all nations arrayed against Germany, Japan and Italy, and even some of the German-occupied countries, including Norway, Belgium and Denmark.

Denmark Surprise  
The inclusion of Denmark came as somewhat of a surprise since that country, unlike most of the other occupied European nations, has no refugee government.

The conferences, designed primarily to inform anti-axis nations and those within the western hemisphere solidarity group of the progress of unified worldwide war steps, began at 10 a. m. with the president receiving Secretary of War Stimson, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Lieutenant General Henry H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff in charge (Continued on Page Two)

## DELLA MARPLE FATALLY HURT NEAR WORDEN

Two Cars Collide in Early Morning on Weed Highway

Another tragedy marred the holiday week and Klamath county's 21st fatality was chalked up with the death of Mrs. Della Marple, 26, who died early Saturday morning from injuries received a short time before in an auto-Klamath's 1941 automobile crash Auto Toll one-half mile south of Worden on the Weed highway.

Mrs. Marple was a passenger in a car operated by Fred "Mickey" McGuire, 29, employed at the local fire station. They were en route to Klamath Falls about 1:45 a. m. when their coupe and a car operated by William Hunter, 41, Tionesta, sideswiped. The Hunter car was going south, state police officers said. Hunter is employed by the Shaw Lumber company.

Rushed to Hospital  
Mrs. Marple was rushed to Klamath Valley hospital by George Tucker, 533 1/2 North Eleventh street, who was en route from Dorris to his home here when he came upon the accident. The young woman died 15 minutes after she was admitted to the hospital. Death was attributed to chest and internal injuries.

McGuire suffered body bruises and Hunter, knocked unconscious by the impact, had a cut on the jaw. Neither required hospitalization.

Mrs. Marple, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Ruter of Shedd, Ore., was well known here. She was employed for more than one year at Castleberry's fountain, later worked at Wood's drug store, and during the holiday season was working at Newberry's.

Police were investigating the fatal crash, they reported. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ward's.

## Australia Views Pacific War as Separate Conflict

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27 (AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin, in an article written for the Melbourne Herald, declared today that despite Australia's links with Britain her closest partner in war in the Pacific is the United States.

"The government," he said in the article, "regards the Pacific struggle as primarily one in which the United States and Australia should have the fullest say in the direction of the fighting plan."

He said his government's policy "is shaped toward obtaining Russian aid and working out the Pacific strategy along with British, Chinese and Dutch forces."

"We refuse," he asserted, "to accept the dictum that the Pacific struggle is a subordinate segment of the general conflict."

Curtin disclosed that before the war Australia had attempted to get an agreement with Russia for defense against Japanese attack, but said the effort then was "wrongly regarded as premature."

## Editor Criticizes Manila Dismantling

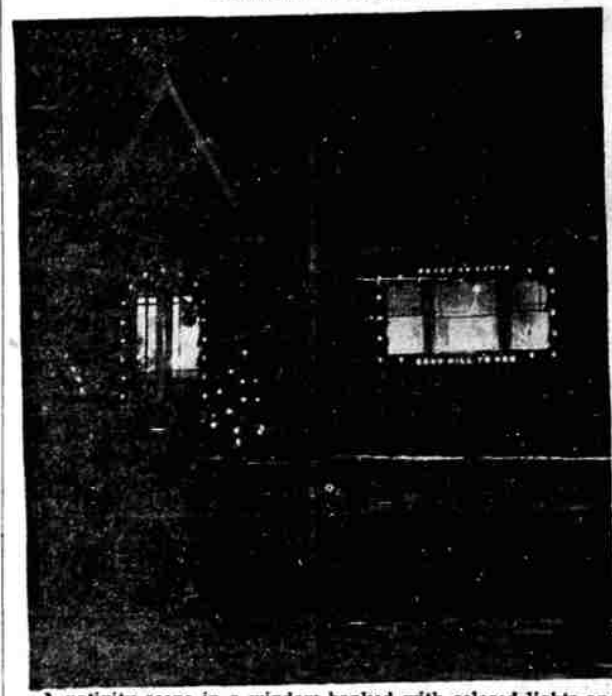
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 27 (AP)—In a telegram to President Roosevelt, Basil Brewer, publisher of the New Bedford Standard-Times, Mercury, today criticized the removing of American defenses from Manila.

The message, copies of which were sent to Secretaries Knox and Stimson, read:

"The stupidity of removing defenses from Manila and declaring it an open city with the expectation that Japan would respect its civil population finds its expected answer in the death and destruction wrought there today.

"Such profound lack of realism after Pearl Harbor raises questions in the people's mind as to whether army and navy heads are capable of promptly learning the ominous and obvious lessons Pearl Harbor taught."

## Contest Winner



A nativity scene in a window banked with colored lights and greens won for Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. McKim, 1530 Crescent avenue, the sweepstakes award in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest.

## DUTCH MAINTAIN SHIP-A-DAY PACE

Largest Jap Vessel Off Sarawak Hit By Bombers

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 27 (AP)—The largest ship in a Japanese concentration was sunk by direct hits from Dutch army bombers off Kuching, capital of Sarawak on the island of Borneo, and a lighter also was sunk, a Dutch communique announced today.

Six or seven bombs burst on the ship, the communique said, and it spouted a huge column of flame, smoke and steam into the sky.

The sinking kept up the Dutch pace of a ship-a-day toll on Japanese shipping.

The Aneta News agency said the official tally puts Japan's losses at 16 ships sunk and five damaged at Dutch hands since the war in the Pacific began.

One was a cruiser and two were destroyers, it said, and the others were four troop transports, three freighters, four supply ships (Continued on Page Two)

## Britain at War With Bulgaria Since December 13

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Britain disclosed today that she has been at war with Bulgaria since Dec. 13.

The announcement of a state of war was made in a supplement to the London Gazette. The action, it was thus divulged, followed by two days the German and Italian declaration of war on the United States and the United States declaration of war on Germany and Italy.

Today's notification said that Britain never had been officially informed of Bulgaria's own declaration of war on Dec. 13.

## Editor Criticizes Jap Shipping Suffers Heavy Losses Since Start of War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Japan is losing troop and supply ships at the rate of more than one a day, fast enough to reduce her great merchant marine to insignificance in two years if losses go unchecked in a Pacific naval war of attrition.

United States and Dutch army navy and air reports for the first three weeks of the war list 26 Japanese merchant vessels as sunk or seriously damaged by submarines or air attacks in Philippine, Borneo and Malayan waters despite heavy naval and air escort.

Although Japan has 23 shipyards with 69 berths for construction of large craft, and steel resources are limited, her building facilities are believed to be far below what would be necessary to make up for even half of such a rate of losses.

At the start of the war Japan's merchant fleet was third largest in the world, trailing those of Britain and the United States. In sea-going vessels of 2000 tons or more it consisted of 808 ships of 4,754,699 gross tons. Of these, 717 were freighters, 132 were combination passenger-cargo ships, 49 were tankers and two were primarily refrigerated cargo vessels.

Britain had 2644 ships of 16,808,379 tons and the United States had 1150 ships of 7,078,909 tons.

## Toll Uncounted in 'Open City' After Daylight Attack

Jap Planes Skim Low Over Undeclared Luzon Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The navy department announced late today that two United States destroyers sustained "minor damage" during enemy bombing attacks in the Far East but there were no casualties.

By R. P. CRONIN JR.

MANILA, Dec. 27 (10 p. m., 5 a. m., PST)—A large area of Manila's ancient walled city was a roaring mass of flames tonight as the Japanese air force answered General Douglas MacArthur's proclamation of this capital as an open city with a devastating rain of death and destruction.

While waves of glistening bombers methodically roared over the stricken city, reports reached it that the Japanese, advancing more than 30 miles, had driven down the corridor leading southward from their beachhead at Zamboanga toward Manila.

Invaders Near  
One report, telephoned to the Manila Bulletin said they were at Moncada, about 83 miles north of Manila, and other sources said they had pushed still another five miles further and captured Paniquil.

Baugio, the commonwealth's summer capital, still was in American hands up to this morning, high military sources said, and was being defended by American regulars guarding roads leading into the mountains both from the north and south from the Lingayen gulf shore.

Landmarks Hit  
Fire and bombs ruined many of the Manila's most ancient religious institutions but by sundown the flames appeared to have been confined to an area of about six blocks.

The dead among Manila's more than 600,000 inhabitants were estimated tentatively at about 50 and scores of others were wounded—most of them by a direct hit on the roof of the treasury building.

From atop the Manila hotel on (Continued on Page Two)

## Americans Held In Occupied China

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The state department was informed today that Americans in Swatow and Amoy, in Japanese-occupied China, had been taken into custody by the Japanese military authorities.

Americans taken into custody at Swatow are believed to number 60 in addition to Kenneth Years of Washington, D. C., and the American consul there.

At Amoy, according to the last census of Americans in China, there were 29 Americans, and Leland C. Altaffer, Toledo, Ohio, is the American vice consul there.

The report to the state department, from the American embassy at Chungking, said that according to information received there the Americans taken into custody were being well treated.

## Violent Quake Felt at Lisbon

LISBON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A violent earthquake shook Lisbon at 6:25 p. m. (10:25 a. m. PST) today, sending the frightened populace into the streets.

The epicenter was outside Lisbon but was believed to be somewhere in the Iberian peninsula.

Although the Lisbon observatory described the quake as violent, it said it was less severe than the one which shook Lisbon, the Azores and Madeira on November 25.

## REINFORCEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—There was a growing belief among London observers today that Germany and Italy are rushing heavy reinforcements to Tripoli, capital and chief port of Libya, and thence eastward into the Libyan battle zone in spite of heavy losses of ships in the Mediterranean.

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## Hull Assails Jap Attack on Helpless City

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull asserted today that Japan, in bombing the "open city" of Manila, was practicing the same barbaric methods of cruelty and inhumanity that Hitler has been using in Europe.

The secretary's statement came in reply to a request for comment on Japan's apparent lack of respect for international law in bombing Manila which has been declared an open city, undefended, to spare civilian suffering.

Hull said Japan had an entirely consistent record in recent years especially since the invasion of China in 1937, in practicing the same barbaric methods, the same methods of cruelty and inhumanity as Hitler practices and has been practicing in Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—The German radio, in a broadcast recorded by the NBC short-wave listening post, said today (Continued on Page Two)

## NEW CHIEFS TAKE OVER IN MALAYA

Hutton Commander in Burma; Pownall At Singapore

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 28 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton, chief of the general staff in India, has been appointed officer commanding in Burma in a move placing responsibility for defense of that colony under General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander-in-chief in India.

General Hutton, 51, replaces 56-year-old Lieut. Gen. D. K. McLeod, a cavalryman who has been general officer commanding in Burma since 1938.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Gen. Sir Henry Pownall, 53, wiry and energetic artillery specialist, faced today the task of halting the Japanese invasion of Malaya as the new commander-in-chief of British forces in the Far East.

General Pownall, who has been boosted over the heads of 100 high-ranking officers from (Continued on Page Two)