

LUZON BATTLE GROWS GRAVER, NOT YET LOST

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The position of the Philippines is increasingly grim and grave, but while we shouldn't seek refuge in dim hopes we are not yet forced to final conclusions regarding the outcome, especially since the United States navy promises "positive assistance to the defense of the Philippine islands."

Of course we can accept it as certain that unless "positive assistance" does arrive, the islands will be temporarily lost. The Japs are continuing to land troops in southern Luzon, the menace to Manila increases, and in due course the invading weight will become unbearable if it isn't halted.

Obviously much depends on the nature of the aid and how quickly it arrives. The immediate burden rests on the broad shoulders of General MacArthur and his magnificent little army, that is, the problem of hanging on until help comes over the horizon of the vast Pacific. That burden is great, for the Japs are going all out in an effort to make a quick killing—and they are doing it without regard to the laws of humanity.

The deliberate slaughter of civilians in the defenseless and open city of Manila by Japanese bombers gives fresh point to a threat made just before Christmas by Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels. He declared that Germany, Italy and Japan are "going all the way" in the war and, being forced to defend their lives, "they will do it in a manner which knows no sentimental considerations."

Now the Japs have interpreted his meaning in a bloody holocaust, of innocents. They have staged a studied exhibition of frightfulness, after a careful survey of Manila from the air to

make sure that it was indeed without defense. The purpose of this was to shatter the morale of the civilian population and thus cause a collapse of Filipino resistance. What the ordinarily softly-spoken Secretary Hull describes as the same practices of fiendishness have been employed against the Chinese, in defiance of numerous protests by our state department.

However, it isn't surprising that this should be so, and it seems to me that we should adjust our outlook to a situation which is likely to intensify. In this connection we have the sensational statement made in Istanbul by George H. Earle, American minister to Bulgaria, who was rushed out of Bulgaria because of rumors of a nazi plot against him.

Earle asserted that "German fortunes definitely are declining but the death throes may be unprecedentedly violent." He added that there is some evidence the nazis are planning to destroy everything in any of the occupied countries which they are forced to leave—the "biggest vandalism in history."

MAN ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF FORGERY

Walter G. Green, charged with forgery, was arraigned in circuit court Saturday, and given until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning to enter a plea.

Robert Lee Mallette, charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, arraigned Saturday, was also given until Wednesday morning for entering a plea.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg appointed George Chastain to act as attorney in both cases. Green and Mallette are both held in jail in lieu of bond.

Egypt has an area of 383,000 square miles, but, due to its lack of moisture, only 12,000 square miles are under cultivation.

Gas in the World war caused 181,053 known British casualties, which includes more than 9000 deaths.

Here at a Glance Is Seen Organization in U. S. Army Personnel and Equipment of Infantry and Armored Divisions

INFANTRY DIVISION (TRIANGULAR)	INFANTRY DIVISION (SQUARE)	ARMORED DIVISION
15,245 OFFICERS AND MEN	12,824 OFFICERS AND MEN	12,827 OFFICERS AND MEN
1,455 PISTOLS	2,237 PISTOLS	4,100 PISTOLS
2,744 CARBINES	2,679 CARBINES	1,820 CARBINES
2,577 RIFLES CALIBER .30	10,047 RIFLES CALIBER .30	1,972 RIFLES CALIBER .30
173 MACHINE GUNS CALIBER .30	122 MACHINE GUNS CALIBER .30	3,847 MACHINE GUNS CALIBER .30
148 MACHINE AND SUBMACHINE GUNS CALIBER .50	144 MACHINE GUNS CALIBER .50	2,481 MACHINE AND SUBMACHINE GUNS CALIBER .50
81 80-MM MORTARS	108 80-MM MORTARS	81 80-MM MORTARS
38 81-MM MORTARS	48 81-MM MORTARS	80 81-MM MORTARS
30 37-MM ANTITANK GUNS	34 37-MM ANTITANK GUNS	411 37-MM ANTITANK & TANK GUNS
7 75-MM GUNS	16 75-MM GUNS	75-MM GUNS
38 105-MM HOWITZERS	48 105-MM HOWITZERS	34 105-MM HOWITZERS
12 150-MM HOWITZERS	14 150-MM HOWITZERS	87 800-TON CARS
14 SCOUT CARS	2,113 TRUCKS	842 HALF-TRUCKS
1,825 TRUCKS	322 TRAILERS	20 81-MM MORTAR CARRIERS
247 TRAILERS	308 MOTORCYCLES	273 LIGHT TANKS
175 MOTORCYCLES	28 AMBULANCES	104 MEDIUM TANKS
40 AMBULANCES	10 PASSENGER CARS	1,277 TRUCKS
10 PASSENGER CARS	20 BOATS	134 TRAILERS
10 BOATS	7 TRACTORS	80 MOTORCYCLES
3 TRACTORS		45 AMBULANCES
		22 PASSENGER CARS
		32 BOATS
		3 TRACTORS
		4 BRIDGES
		4 CRANES

The United States Army today has 34 divisions in the continental United States. Eighteen are Infantry Divisions (square), each organized with two Infantry Brigades of two regiments and one Field Artillery Brigade of three regiments. Eight are Infantry Divisions (triangular), composed of three regiments of Infantry, each of which is ordinarily supported by one battalion of Artillery to form a combat team. An additional battalion of heavier Artillery is available for further reinforcement. Brigade organization is eliminated in the Infantry Divisions (triangular), giving the Division Commander direct control of his three combat teams of Infantry-Artillery. The Army has five Armored Divisions. Each Armored Division is composed of command, reconnaissance, support, supply, and striking units with tanks. There are also two Cavalry Divisions of two brigades each. One experimental Motorized Division is a cross between the present Infantry Division (triangular) and the Armored Division.

BARBER FINED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

William Wesley Hampton, 50, barber, paid a fine of \$100 in police court Monday morning when he entered a plea of guilty to the charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. He was arrested by city police at Roosevelt street and California avenue at 3:40 p. m. Sunday.

James Cassidy, city, posted \$25 bail on a liquor to Indian charge. He is scheduled to appear January 10.

Former Publicity Man for Crater Lake Park Visits

Ernest Rostel, former publicity man for Crater Lake national park and now holding that position at Estes National park, Colorado, was a visitor here Saturday. Rostel spent a few days at Medford, and was on his way to Prineville for a short visit when he stopped off here.

Members of the Klamath-Medford colony at Estes park are doing fine, Rostel reported. They include Superintendent and Mrs. Dave Canfield, and Ranger and Mrs. Russell Andrews.

Returns South—Henry Haas returned Sunday to his home in San Francisco after spending the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. E. M. Igl and Mrs. John H. Houston and families.

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CITY BRIEFS

Breaks Hip—E. A. Dunham, 435 Oak street, retired Klamath Falls businessman, suffered a fracture of his right hip in a fall on the slippery pavement Saturday afternoon. He was admitted to Klamath Valley hospital at 5 p. m. His condition is said to be good.

New Year Party—The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will sponsor a New Year's eve party in the KC hall for all members and friends. No admission will be charged. Supper will be served at midnight and proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

From Kirkland — Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Kent will leave this week for their home in Kirkland, Wash., after spending the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kent and sons, Jimmy and Jay, of 1938 Fremont street.

Ladies Aid — The Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid will hold its annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 30, beginning with a potluck luncheon at 1 p. m. at the church. All members and friends are invited.

Dorcas Circle—The Dorcas circle of the First Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. S. Cunningham, 526 North Eighth street, at 2 p. m.

Card Party—The Eagles auxiliary will sponsor a pinchle party Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Eagles hall. The public is invited.

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WON'T BE LONG NOW INDIANAPOLIS, (AP) Chemist A. R. Albright looked over news stories about citizens in Akron, O., Anderson, Ind., and elsewhere offering rewards for the first American aviator to bomb Tokyo and then brought forth his own proposition.

He will give a \$100 defense bond to the ONE-HUNDREDTH Yankee pilot who bombs the Japanese capital.

Read the Classified page.

MOTORISTS ADVISED CHAINS NECESSARY

Motorists traveling the Klamath highways were urged to use chains on Sun mountain, Greensprings, Quartz and Bly mountains, according to a warning issued by the Oregon state highway department. The roadbeds were classified as "slippery."

The Klamath lake secondary highway has been closed between Rocky Point and the Crystal school, highway officials stated. The road is open to the south entrance of Rocky Point. Minimum temperatures of 22 on Sunday and 28 on Monday morning were reported. Maximum temperature Sunday was 30 degrees.

One year ago today: German troops tighten rule in Rumania. Greeks renew drive against Italian defense of Valona.

Trains Back on Schedule Here

Southern Pacific trains were reported to be largely on the Monday, according to the passenger agent's office. The northbound No. 20, due 10:50, arrived at 11:50 Monday morning but other schedules were on time.

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