

U. S. DEFENSE LINES DRAWN IN NEW ZONE

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with halting the first rush of the Japanese advance in northern Luzon and helping to drive back the invaders in at least one sector. But U. S. army headquarters at the same time warned of a fresh threat in the south, where they said the Japanese were landing reinforcements.

Army advices otherwise were meager, simply reporting "no material change" in the north or south. An officer returned from the northern front said the Japanese appeared to be falling back from Tayug, 100 miles north of Manila and 20 miles inland from Lingayen gulf, and a Manila bulletin reporter back from the same sector told of the work of the "suicide squads."

"Full Retreat"
Bert Silen, NBC reporter in Manila, said eyewitnesses returning from the front reported the Japanese "in full retreat" in the province of Pangasinan, just south of Lingayen gulf, with four towns recaptured out of the six they had occupied. In the south, Silen said, the defenders' lines "are in excellent position. . . expected to hold the enemy in check."

The young Filipinos, he said, had fought off the Japanese for at least 48 hours beginning Christmas morning, thus enabling the army command to reorganize the main body of the de-

fense forces and redispense them in more favorable terrain.

One tank commander told the reporter that "during our many sallies into enemy territory those Filipinos just rushed in front of our tanks to get at the Japs. Hell, what do they think our tanks are here for?"

After the American lines had been reestablished, the fighting settled down into long-range artillery exchanges, with frequent intense tank action in which the Japanese infantry, following up its tanks, was said to have lost heavily.

A fleet of Japanese transports in Lingayen gulf, off the coast of the province of La Union, was reported driven off by the American guns without even attempting any further landings.

Manila, meanwhile, after two days of successive bombing in spite of its designation as an open city, saw no raiders today. There was a 56-minute air raid alarm starting at 12:37 p. m. (7:37 p. m., PST Sunday) but no raiders appeared.

(Silen reported two alarms without bombs being dropped. He said there were unconfirmed reports that Dutch planes had sunk 12 Japanese transports seeking to land reinforcements at Davao, on the island of Mindanao.)

Japanese planes raided the island fortress of Corregidor, at the entrance to Manila bay, for two hours, but lost a number of planes in the operation. Four planes staged an unsuccessful attack on two bridges near Calumpit in Balacan province, 26 miles northwest of Manila, where three civilians were injured.

Anti-aircraft guns at the front were reported to have brought down nine Japanese planes Saturday, and official advices said three more were shot down Sunday.

Britain, Russia Announce New War Agreement

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Likhvin, 50 miles west of Tula, and Belev, 50 miles southeast of Kaluga, menacing the German retreat to Smolensk; and captured Novosil, 100 miles south of Tula in a drive on Orel, 40 miles to the west.

Reports reached Moscow of the recapture by the Russians of more than 450 towns and villages.

While the Russians ground the Germans back on the east, the British showed how they had developed a lightning hit-run technique to "expose the nazis' vast flanks on the west."

Stab at Norway
Reminiscence of the previous British raids on the Lofoten islands and Spitzbergen, British army, naval and air forces made a concerted stab Saturday on the small Norwegian island of Vaagso, 100 miles north of Bergen.

A communique, disclosing details, said eight ships totaling 15,650 tons, oil tanks, ammunition stores and a Quisling-owned factory were destroyed and the entire German garrison captured or killed.

Commandos, the new, mysterious leathernecks specially developed by the British for such assaults were in the van of the attack.

One officer said the blow to shipping seriously hurt Germany's communications with the Russian front because Vaagso was the assembly point for nazi convoys carrying supplies to the far northern sector of the eastern front.

In Libya, the advancing British pressed the fleeing axis forces still farther west, but their pace seemed to have slackened and Rome and Berlin, for the first time in recent days, claimed to have scored telling counterblows.

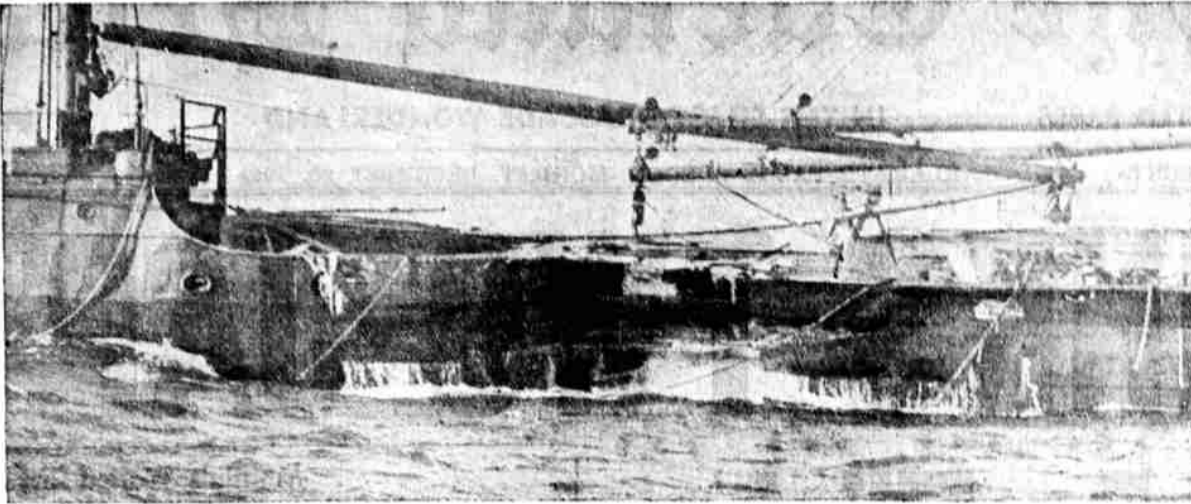
Both said 58 British tanks and armored cars were destroyed in a repulsed British thrust south of Agedabia and the fascist communique declared a heavy British cruiser and two torpedo boats were hit with aerial torpedoes in an attack on a British naval formation in the eastern Mediterranean.

Prime Minister Churchill, having quietly taken his leave of Washington after an historic visit to the United States, arrived at Ottawa today and received a tumultuous welcome in the Canadian capital.

The longest village in the world probably is Kempton, near Bradford, England, which straggles along a single road for 7 miles.

Underground canals extend more than 400 miles under the streets of Hamburg and Munich, Germany.

Where Enemy Sub's Torpedo "Nicked" Lumber Freighter



Her side ripped open by an enemy submarine's torpedo; the lumber freighter Absaroka limps into an unnamed port. Note the stack of lumber which can be seen through the hole in the ship's side.

WATSONS HAVE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

LAKEVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Edson Watson of Lakeview celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday evening, December 23, at a reception held in the parlors of the Methodist church. The wedding ceremony was read at 7:30 in the church auditorium by Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner. It was taken from an old Methodist hymnal which was written in 1848. The modern ring ceremony was also used. The church was decorated with gold colored chrysanthemums and gold candles were used at the altar. A golden wedding certificate was presented to the couple. The bride wore a beige colored basque dress which was a replica of her wedding dress of 50 years ago. Her corsage was of orchids. She was attended by her two daughters, Miss Dorothy, of Lakeview, and Mrs. Inez Doty, of Los Angeles. They wore dresses of powder blue crepe. The bride was given in marriage by Harry Utley.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Harry Utley sang "Fifty Years Ago." She was accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Sanderson who also played the wedding march. Howard Nolte acted as best man. Ushers were Earl Clough and Frank Viles.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Edson Watson was in the church parlors. Mrs. Watson cut a three-tiered wedding cake which was decorated with yellow roses and gold leaves. Gold appointments were used at the table. Mrs. H. M. Nolte and Mrs. Elsie McGrath poured. Other friends assisting in the serving were Mrs. W. R. Elliott, Mrs. G. S. Simpson, Mrs. Robert Wade, Mrs. H. H. Lasater, Mrs. E. M. Haight, Mrs. E. W. Follett, Mrs. Frank Barnes and Mrs. Claude Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson were married December 23, 1891, in Wellsville, Kansas. Their first home was in Somerset, Kansas, where Watson was engaged in the teaching profession. In 1896 he entered the Indian service where he served as an instructor and later as a superintendent, serving in that capacity at Klamath Agency until 1914 when he resigned and moved to Lakeview. Watson has been engaged in the abstract business in Lakeview ever since.

Twenty-five years ago today; Germans and Austrians, replying to a peace note to President Wilson, express willingness to negotiate.

Iron once was so valuable that the ancient Greeks gave a lump of it as one of the prizes in their athletic games.

L. A. Pupils Come Prepared for Night



If a prolonged air raid finds Los Angeles schools in session, the pupils are now prepared to spend the night in the school shelters, under supervision of their teachers. All brought bedding from home, and this is shown beside the teacher.

Editorials on News

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command of the air in the whole South China Sea.

THE Philippines, of course, may be held. Only our high command knows whether the situation on all fronts is such that an effort must be made to hold them at any cost.

But don't lose your nerve if the islands fall. We aren't playing with children's blocks. We are fighting a world war. Every move on EVERY front must be determined by the WORLD situation.

It is the LAST battle that MUST be won.

Japs Deny Manila Raid Indiscriminate

TOKYO, Dec. 29—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The spokesman of naval section of the imperial headquarters today denied that Japanese air forces had bombed indiscriminately at Manila. He said the navy would produce photographs "to blast all such allegations intended to discredit the imperial forces."

Church League to Resume Hoop Play

Church league basketball reopens tonight in the Fairview school gym after the regular Christmas layoff.

Games tonight pit Latter Day Saints against Baptists; Midland against DeMolay, and Presbyterian against the Junior Pelicans.

The first game starts at 7 o'clock.

The great Italian printer, Bodoni, was born 201 years ago.

FIRE NEAR MERRILL BURNS RANCH HOME

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residence at the time of the fire. There were no personal injuries.

The Merrill fire department responded within 15 minutes after the flames were discovered, but the house was a blazing mass and it was impossible to bring the fire under control. McKendree is a well known sheep man of the Merrill district.

Japs Threaten Changsha in China Drive

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the sectors, which stretch across parts of four provinces.

It said the Chinese were resisting "along the entire northern Hunan (province) front," around Kwei-yi on the Yellow river province, at Wuing, 75 miles northwest of Nanchang, and on the southern Anhwei province front.

Strong Japanese forces appeared on the south bank of the Yellow river near Kwei-yi Saturday afternoon, the communique said, and by midnight 6000 Japanese were locked with defending Chinese in a battle which was costing both sides heavily.

By Sunday morning, the Japanese advance south had been stopped, the communique said, and the Chinese were counter-attacking furiously all along the line.

Chilcote Attends Firm Conference

E. M. Chilcote, representative of the Equitable Savings and Loan association in Klamath Falls, participated in the annual field conference of the home office in Portland Monday. He was commended for his morning loan operations in Klamath Falls, and for doing his share in setting the all-time high loan record for the Equitable — the loaning of \$5,549,483 of Pacific Northwest first mortgages in the past year.

Homecoming Dance Set January 2

LAKEVIEW—The annual formal Homecoming dance will be held in the Lakeview high school auditorium, Friday evening, January 2, at 9 o'clock. All alumni and high school students are invited to attend.

Committee heads for the dance are: decoration, Jim Ogle; invitation and reception, Moya Ball; clean up, Dan Barry, and program, Betty June Rogers.

FALSE ALARM PORTLAND, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—It happened in a nearby small town during one of the early blackouts:

"Turn out your lights and be quick about it," shouted a soldier, pounding on the door of an unwary resident whose house lights still burned.

The home-owner took one look, bolted out the back door and shouted the enemy was invading.

The soldier, American born, was of Japanese descent.

FLEET ENGAGED AGAINST JAPS, COMMAND SAYS

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and well-planned campaign against the Japanese forces "which will result in positive assistance to the defense of the Philippine Islands."

Japs See Victory
As Mr. Roosevelt's message was made public, Domei already was anticipating victory. The official Japanese news agency reported that the Mikado's expeditionary forces on Luzon were concentrating their main efforts on capturing Manila "before New Year's."

The Domei announcement occasioned no great surprise here, for it is well known that the Japanese seek to have their victories fall on important festivals — and New Year's is Japan's greatest holiday.

It was noted that the Japanese were able to time their conquest of Hongkong to coincide with Christmas—the day which marks the anniversary of the present emperor's accession.

The navy department announcement, which was made public a short time after President Roosevelt's message last night, carried an encouraging ring and aroused all kinds of conjecture.

Rumors Hit

"The Japanese government," the announcement noted, "is circulating rumors for the obvious purpose of persuading the United States to disclose the location and intentions of the American Pacific fleet. It is obvious that these rumors are intended for and directed at the Philippine islands."

"The Philippines may rest assured that while the United States navy will not be tricked into disclosing vital information, the fleet is not idle."

This was the first official statement on the fleet since the week after the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec. 7. Then Navy Secretary Knox disclosed that the main body of the fleet with its battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers and submarines was "at sea seeking contact with the enemy."

At first glance, the navy announcement last night was interpreted in some sources as a hint that it still might be possible to strike a telling blow which would put an entirely new aspect on the situation in the Philippines. They noted, in passing, that Japan's widely scattered invasion thrusts in the South Pacific required substantial naval support, forcing a reduction in the strength of the main enemy fleet.

There was no disposition here

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Wake for Victory



It isn't surprising, after reading of the U. S. Marines' stand against Japs at Wake Island, to find that island itself turned sidewise forms a symbolic V.

Gloom Rising Inside Europe, Envoy Reports

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a Russian bombing to make it appear that Bulgaria had violated diplomatic protection, they said. The staff consensus, however, was that the Bulgars really feared a German plot.

All non-diplomatic American residents in Bulgaria—about 20—were compelled by nazi-controlled Bulgarian police to remain behind, the staff members said, presumably to serve as hostages for Germans living in the United States.

to believe that the U. S. Pacific fleet intended to play into the enemy's hands and enter the South China sea, which is rimmed thickly with Japanese air and sea bases. However, the navy's announcement seemed to hold out the possibility of action soon.

A total of 3835 miles of waterways and canals have been built in the British Isles at a cost of about \$300,000,000.

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