

TWO SHIPS SUNK OFF NEW YORK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE story told by today's dispatches suggests inevitably these well-quoted lines from "Maud Muller":
"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these: It might have been."

THE British, outnumbered and lacking adequate air support, are being pushed back on Singapore. Japanese air attacks on the city are increasing in strength, indicating the possibility that an all-out drive on the great South Seas base may be in the making.

In the past year the British might have been strengthening Singapore more adequately—rather than telling the world how impregnable it had already been made.

FOR years Americans have been hearing and to some extent BELIEVING tales about the poor, inefficient Japs who can't shoot and can't fly and can't bomb and who are so nearly broke for money and materials they'll collapse at the first blockade.

Instead of leaning toward belief of these tales, we might profitably have been more intelligently skeptical of them.

THE senate defense investigating committee charges in a report made public today that "American war production has been hampered seriously by months of official bungling, labor selfishness and management greed."

We might have been eliminating all that during this past critical year.

BUT the British DIDN'T adequately protect Singapore. We DIDN'T sense the very real menace of Japan. We DIDN'T organize our production as efficiently as we might have done. It will do us no good to waste time crying over the milk thus spilled.

What is important is what we're DOING NOW.

WE'VE named a production czar (Nelson) and today he defines his new job as "making enough war material to lick Hitler and the Japs and doing it in the shortest possible time."

We're more than tripling the size of our army AT ONCE. We've devoted our entire vast automobile industry to arms production and are preparing to do without cars when our present ones wear out.

SUPPORTING these decisive and important and tremendously necessary moves and accepting cheerfully whatever personal sacrifice will be involved will get us all a lot further now than crying over what we MIGHT HAVE DONE.

THE Russians today are delivering a direct, frontal attack against Moshaisk, the point where the Germans are still within 57 miles of Moscow. At the same time they are pushing their pincers around it on two sides, seeking to pinch it off and trap 100,000 Germans.

Watch this battle. Its success or failure will be important.

CIANO (Italian foreign minister) and Ribbentrop (nazi foreign minister) are in Budapest today. Diplomats in Turkey say their purpose is to "obtain greater Hungarian participation in the war against Russia."
War isn't all shooting.
Getting allies, keeping allies and getting allies away from the other fellow have always been vital in warfare.

Getting more allies is an important job for German diplomats right now.

TURKEY is one ally Hitler would give his right eye to possess at this moment, and you may be sure his diplomats at Ankara are leaving no stones unturned in their efforts to bring Turkey over to the German side.)

Army Strength Increased

Tire Dealers Ask Federal Aid Grants

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Independent tire dealers recommended to the house small business committee today that the government arrange for long-term, low-cost loans and business debt moratoriums to tide them over the period of tire rationing. They complained, also, against the refusal of government rationing officials to permit the delivery of buyers of tires bought and paid for prior to the rationing order and merely held by dealers for storage.

This brought from Representative Bulwinkle (D-N.C.) a recommendation that the committee take the case up immediately with the proper officials.

"These tires should be released immediately," Bulwinkle said. Through its president, L. Clare Cargile of Texarkana, Tex., the (Continued on Page Two)

RUSSIANS SMASH AT KEY POSITION

FRONTAL ATTACK MADE ON MOZHAISK IN DECISIVE MOVE

MOSCOW, Friday, Jan. 16 (AP)—Red army troops have recaptured Selizharovo, 100 miles due west of Kalinin near the headwaters of the Volga river, the Moscow radio announced today.

By The Associated Press
Russian shock troops were reported smashing in a direct frontal assault today against 100,000 Germans massed at Moshaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, in what appeared to be one of the greatest and perhaps most decisive battles of the war.

Moshaisk is the keystone of the dwindling German defense corridor on the Napoleonic road from Moscow to Smolensk.

The British radio said that a savage battle was raging at the gates of Moshaisk and that "one key position is said to have changed hands several times."

Other red army forces, slowly closing a giant trap around Moshaisk, were officially reported to have recaptured the town of Medyn, 35 miles to the southwest. This meant that the Germans now had only a 70-mile-wide escape route from Moshaisk, with soviet troops pressing in from the north and Medyn in the south.

Klamath Contributions for Red Cross War Relief Flood Office

Contributions previously acknowledged	\$7,078.12
Contributions received and acknowledged Thursday	136.00
Total	\$7,214.12

Contributions to Klamath's Red Cross war relief fund flowed into the Red Cross offices in such numbers Thursday, that full acknowledgment of individual contributors could not be published in full today, but will follow within the next few days.

A correction in the total previously acknowledged, printed above, is made today. The error was the result of a mistake in addition, although all contributions received up to Wednesday have been acknowledged.

AIR, ARMORED FORCES WILL BE DOUBLED

Men From New Draft February 16 Will Be Included

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey said today it would be necessary to draw from the 9,000,000 men between 20 and 44, inclusive, who will register February 16, to achieve the 1942 army strength of 3,600,000 announced earlier in the day by Secretary of War Stimson.

General Hershey told a press conference that the additional 1,900,000 men to be sought by the end of this calendar year—present army strength is raised 1,700,000—could be raised from present registrants, but would be public policy.

Provides Reserve
Estimating that 1,000,000 of the additional men could be provided from present registrants already classified in I-A, Hershey said he believed another 1,200,000 could be raised from the 2,000,000 men to register February 16 in the 20 to 21-year bracket, and another 400,000 from older February 16 registrants, of whom there are to be about 7,000,000.

These estimates total 2,600,000, and are large enough to provide a reserve, Hershey said. He added that because of dependents, trade skills and physical defects he doubted that many men in their late 30's and 40's would be called.

Lower Standards
Hershey announced there would be a re-examination of all existing deferments and that 100,000 to 150,000 men might be picked up from present registrants by lowering physical standards, particularly as they relate to teeth. He said he hoped to maintain existing requirements for dependency deferments until it was absolutely necessary to change them to get more men.

The army expansion would more than double the strength of existing ground and air forces.

Stimson said the increase, authorized by President Roosevelt, would be made this year, with the first three divisions to be organized by March 25.

Camp Expansion
Looking to further increases of undisclosed size next year, camp facilities are to be expanded in the meanwhile.

The expansion, announced at a press conference, calls for: More than double the number of air combat units. Creation of 32 motorized or triangular divisions, in addition to the 27 conventional ground divisions.

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Books for Service Men



Mrs. J. A. Nixon is shown with a few of the books which Klamath people are contributing to the "Keep 'Em Reading" drive in behalf of libraries at camps of the nation's armed forces. Books may be left at 802 Main street from 12:30 to 4 p. m. each day.

Shortage of Burlap Hits Klamath Potato Growers; Other Containers Sought

War conditions have brought a shortage of burlap bags for Klamath's potato industry, but potato men expressed confidence Thursday that containers will be found for the entire 1941 crop even if some supplies of burlap are actually exhausted.

Cotton bags, paper bags and wooden crates and boxes are container possibilities to be considered in the event the burlap shortage becomes acute, and some dealers have already made inquiry as to cotton bag purchases, it was learned.

Nearly all of the United States' supply of burlap comes from India. Normally, agriculture uses 75 per cent of the burlap imports, mostly for bags to package commodities which farmers buy and sell. Now, under OPM orders, two-thirds of the burlap available will be used for military purposes, such as sand bags and camouflage materials.

Nearly 3,000,000 100-pound bags are needed to ship Klamath's 1941 crop. That is based on an expected shipment of 8000 carloads. Up to January 13, shipments had totaled 4086 carloads, leaving nearly 4000 carloads (1,440,000 sacks) yet to be shipped this year.

Dealers who usually furnish bags, are frankly worried about the burlap situation. One dealer said that dealers can expect to get only half as many bags as they got last year. Pro-rata of bags is expected.

This dealer said he had inquired about 100-pound cotton bags, but learned that the government is making heavy purchases of flour in cotton sacks. Some 50-pound cotton bags were found available, but the supply of these containers was not generous, it was learned. Neither is the paper bag supply too plentiful, this dealer reported.

Wooden Boxes
While there has been much talk in recent years of shipping (Continued on Page Two)

Identification Cards Ordered For Aliens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Attorney General Biddle today ordered all German, Italian and Japanese aliens in eight western states to apply for special identification certificates between February 2 and February 7.

Nationals of those three enemy countries residing elsewhere in the United States must apply for the identification certificates between February 9 and February 28.

The attorney general said that dates would be fixed later for identifying enemy aliens in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Acting under a presidential proclamation issued yesterday, Biddle announced at his press conference that the alien enemies over the age of 14 would be required to carry at all times an identification card bearing a photograph and one fingerprint. At the time of applying for the card, aliens will be required to answer certain questions, particularly relating to relatives both in this country and abroad and whether the relatives are in the armed forces of an enemy nation.

The group which must register first comprises the 135,843 enemy aliens in the western command—Arizona, California, (Continued on Page Two)

VITAL BATTLE AT SINGAPORE DRAWING NEAR

Japs Occupy Most of Malay States, Hit Neighbor Isles

By C. YATES McDANIEL
SINGAPORE, Jan. 15 (AP)—Sobered by the fact that only one-fifth of British Malaya remains in British control after five weeks of the Japanese offensive, imperial armed forces and civilians knuckled down today for the major test which all believed to be in the offing: the battle of Singapore.

New positions were consolidated in the dripping green jungles of southern Malaya. While rain squalls and stiffened defense tactics gave the naval base-metropolis comparative respite from Japanese air attacks.

One Break-Through
Relays of British and Dutch fighter planes, however, battled raiders over the Singapore area, using rain clouds for concealment.

Japanese planes broke through the fighter defenses for at least one raid on the city itself during the day, but caused little military damage and lost one of their planes in a dogfight.

The people of Singapore and Johore—the only one of the nine Malay states not occupied or penetrated on any considerable scale by the Japanese—have been brought face to face with the full Japanese threat by the simple official notification that delivery of Malayan mail could be assured only for destinations in Singapore or Johore.

Islands Attacked
(The British news agency, exchange telegraph, recorded today a Rome broadcast quoting a Tokyo report that Japanese forces had landed on an island of the Rho Archipelago, just south of Singapore, and that the town of Endau, just north of the Johore border, about 100 miles north of Singapore, had been outflanked.

(The northernmost island of the Rho group is separated from Singapore only by the narrow Singapore strait.

Official broadcasts from Tokyo said that Japanese troops, forging down the west side of the Malay peninsula, crossed into Johore last night, occupied the railway junction of Gemas (Continued on Page Two)

Rationing May Be Extended to Tire Retread Material

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Rationing of retreaded, as well as new tires, appeared probable today, with disclosure by OPM officials that only 300 tons of crude rubber had been made available this month to make retreaded material for passenger car tires.

This amount, it was estimated unofficially, could take care of only about 20 per cent of the heavy demand by motorists resulting from the new tire rationing program.

OPM rubber experts said rubber shortages had forced establishment of a quota on crude rubber available to make "camelback," the material used for retreading and recapping tires.

The January quota was set at approximately 2300 tons and OPM directed manufacturers to devote 2000 tons to the manufacture of camelback for truck tires.

When February's quota is fixed, officials said, it is probable that increased needs of trucks in essential operations would force a further reduction in the manufacture of retreaded material for passenger car tires.

WAR PROJECT
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh will not return to active duty with the army air corps, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today, but for the present will engage in technical research on a commercial project in which the war department is directly interested.

Navy Reports Jap Merchant Liner Sunk

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The navy announced today that a 17,000-ton Japanese merchant liner had been sunk by an American submarine.

The vessel was of the fast Yawata class, owned and operated by the NYK lines, and probably convertible into an aircraft carrier.

No other details of the sinking were supplied.

The navy said also in a communiqué:
"The menace of enemy submarines off the east coast of the United States remains substantial."
A navy spokesman said at least one vessel of the Yawata class of three ships, frequent visitors to west coast ports, had been converted into an aircraft carrier, but it was not known whether this was the one sent to the bottom.

JAP PLANES BAGGED BY LUZON DEFENSES

Harsh Measures Show Fifth Columnists Aiding U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—A mighty army of 3,600,000 men is in the making, Secretary of War Stimson said today, as an army communiqué told of "greatly outnumbered" troops holding fast against the Japanese in the Philippines.

The daily report on the Philippine defense told of another whittling at the axis air forces, with a statement that two heavy Japanese bombers were shot down and others hit, while the casualties among the defenders were few.

Fifth Column
Japan's resort to a ruthless firing squad role for the conquered areas of the Philippines pointed evidence that a fifth column of Filipino patriots is at work for General Douglas MacArthur behind the invader's lines.

MacArthur's communiques for some days past have shown that he was able to secure prompt information on what was happening in enemy-held territory, but it remained for Tokyo to acknowledge the effectiveness of this undercover intelligence service by invoking the death penalty.

Well Posted
Advance knowledge of enemy movements and dispositions, it was pointed out here, would be of incalculable value to MacArthur's army in its last stand on the rugged Batan peninsula, northwest of Manila, and would prolong its ability to hold out.

In seeking to appraise the extent of Filipino fifth column activity, the capital noted that everytime the Japanese have attacked since MacArthur fell back on the Batan peninsula, they have found themselves without the advantage of surprise.

Instead, American and Filipino troops have been waiting to meet them—"in previously pre- (Continued on Page Two)

Chinese Forces Arrive to Aid Burma War Move

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 15 (AP)—Chinese army advance units have reached points in Burma from which an offensive against Japanese-held territory ultimately may be developed, it was disclosed today.

A communiqué said that "preparations for cooperation with China are well in hand. Liaison between Chinese and British staffs proceeds."

The possibility that the Japanese may attempt simultaneous attacks on Singapore and Burma is recognized by military circles here but they gave assurance that defensive preparations for such an eventuality are being made as well as the longer range development of striking power.

ATTACK ONLY 19 MILES OFF LONG ISLAND

Survivors Brought In By Coast Guard; Others Sighted

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Enemy warships for the second time in two days struck at commercial shipping in New York waters when a tanker was attacked today within sight of watchtowers on the south shore of Long Island.

The coast guard at Quogue, Long Island, said that survivors were being brought in and that some had landed by mid-afternoon. A coast guard plane had dropped food and whisky to about 10 survivors seen in a lifeboat and on a raft.

19 Miles Off Shore
The name of the ship was not immediately learned. Details of the attack, about 19 miles from shore, also were lacking, but it was believed the attacking vessel was a submarine.

Reports from Hampton Bays, Long Island, about 75 miles from New York City, said onlookers from shore had seen the tanker during or immediately after the attack.

It was learned that the attack occurred about 9:30 a. m. (EST), 32 hours after a submarine rose to the surface and thrice torpedoed the Panamanian tanker Norross about 50 miles from the scene of today's attack.

Police Chief John H. Sutter of Hampton Bay said late in the afternoon he had been notified by the coast guard that one of their patrol planes sighted a tanker in distress 23 miles off Shanecock inlet and that fast cutters dispatched at once from the Tiana coast guard station had searched the area but returned without finding any survivors.

The report from the patrol plane, Sutter said, was that 10 men had been sighted in a lifeboat and four on a raft. He added that guardsmen who made the trip in the cutters called the sea "very rough."

At 4:45 p. m., an hour and a half after the news broke, Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commander of the third naval district, said through a press officer that the navy would have no immediate comment on the attack.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Disclosure that an enemy sub- (Continued on Page Two)

Arrival of Auto Tax Stickers Awaited Here

Klamath motorists may have to provide their own glue to stick the automobile-use tax stamps on their windshields as the result of a mix-up in Washington, according to an Associated Press story which reached here Thursday.

In 23 states of the union stickers are prohibited on windshields. The glue was put on the back instead of the front but subsequently most of the states waived the rules to permit display of the stamps.

Just when the stamps arrive here was not known, postoffice officials stated, but the public will be advised immediately upon receipt of the Liberty bell stickers, R. L. Griffith, assistant postmaster, stated Thursday.

Griffith has filed the amount needed with the Portland office which receives the stamps directly from Washington, D. C.

Price of the stamps, to be obtained by February 1, is \$2.09. On July 1 a \$5 stamp will be necessary for the operation of a vehicle for a one-year period.

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