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IN THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

Gets Congressional Medal

had awarded the first congressional medal of the war posthu-

mously to Second Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, (left). Nininger, 1941 West Point graduate, was attached to the Philippine

scouts in Batan peninsula. He engaged in furious hand-to-hand fighting beyond the call of duty and destroyed enemy groups before he was killed. The medal, highest award that may be made, is shown at right.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 (49)—An MacArthur Expecting

JAP INFILTRATION

Fresh Drive by

statement comes from a Ba

tan province official in the

Starting his annual report.

of a full-fledged

he wrote: "There is a little

trouble in Batan . . . which

has caused some difficulty in

morning communique that some

fensive, was said in the commun-

United States to southern Aus-

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 (AP)-

Chinese Report

East of Canton

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SIEGE OF SINGAPORE STARTED

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GENERAL Percival, British commander at Singapore, sums up the situation there briefly and clearly today. He

"The battle of Malaya has come to an end and the battle of Singapore has started." That tells the story.

LAST night the British defenders retired across the Johore auseway to Singapore island. The causeway (connecting the island with the tip of the Ma-layan peninsula) was then blown

"Breached" is the term used in the dispatches, indicating that hicle, great holes were blown in it. week The breaching was done, the dispatches say, by the RAF and the navy. A causeway is similar to a railway fill.)

The Japs' job now is to cross the mile-wide Johore strait and take Singapore itself.

THE Japs, today's dispatches relate, made little effort to interfere with the overnight withdrawal of British forces to the island.

Draw your own conclusions as to why. This writer doesn't At any rate, there was no

Dunkerque. PERCIVAL says:

Our task is to hold this fortress until help can come, as assuredly it will come. This we are determined to do."

The only hint of help in to-

day's dispatches is a story from Australia by way of San Fran-cisco to the effect that an allied convoy headed for Singapore was saved (when, not stated) by a severe tropical storm.

Sixty Jap planes, the story says, were attacking and drop-ping their bombs when the storm enveloped the convoy and hid it from the attackers.

THE island of Singapore is about 24 by 14 miles in size. It is more or less flat, the highest ill being only 500 feet. It has well-equipped base for planes, which the Japs will be likely to put out of commission. It is re-garded as probable that plane defense for Singapore will be based at Batavia, on the island of Java, 600 miles away.

day that "determined enemy at-tempts at infiltration through ary 12. our lines were frustrated,"
The Japs are reported to be

preparing another powerful at-tack, with heavy reinforcements.

MEANWHILE, the Japs hit the Dutch naval base of Amboina, lying just west of the Dutch part of the island of New Guinea. The assault is said to all cars in dealers' hands by the be a furious one, by both land end of 1942, except about 130. be a furious one, by both land

and sea forces,
Amboina is the second most important Dutch naval base, and commands another of the pass ages by which allied reinforcements might be got inside the ring of the Indies islands.

The Japs are apparently seek-ing to close ALL these entrances.

THE British abandon Moulmein, across the gulf of Martaban from Rangoon, southern terminus of the Burma road. They retire across the Salween river "after removing stores and equipment" from Moulmein.

Apparently they plan to make a stand across the Salween. (Your map will tell you the meaning of all this.)

THERE is a notable dearth of news from Russia-which may or may not be important. The Russians have been said for days to be on the brink of important successes that would compel serious German with-

When big events are in the (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Land on Dutch Isle Formal Charge Filed in Local

RED BLUFF, Calif., Jan. 31 (P)— Daniel J. Redmond of Klamath Falls, Ore., was charged formally today with kidnaping R. B. Boyd, Klamath Falls oil distributor. The FBI said he held up

Kidnaping Case

Boyd at gunpoint in Klamath Falls last Tuesday, Boyd was forced from his car between Klamath Falls and Weed.

Redmond, an Irish alien, was arrested the same day by the highway patrol and was jailed at Mt. Shasta City. The complaint, filed here with

S. Commissioner Stanley th, also charged Redmond with transporting a stolen ve-hicle. He will appear next week for hearing.

WELDERS WALK OFF PUGET SOUND JOBS

Union Dispute Flares As Men Dismissed On Dues Count - FIS . 9

SEATTLE, Jan. 31 (A)-Unit ed Welders' union members be-gan a walkout at Seattle ship-building plants today while all of the 1180 welders at the Ta-coma plant of the Seattle-Ta-coma Shipbuilding corporation idle in the union's dispute with the American Federation

About 250 men, or two-thirds of the welding crew, left the Seattle plant of the Seattle-Ta-coma company at 1 o'clock while eight or ten left the Associated Shipbuilders' yards.

Dave Basor, executive secretary of the union, said dismissal of welders at the Boeing Air craft company because they did pay dues to the Aeronauti-Mechanics union was re-(Continued on Page Two)

New Cars Bought Before January 1 To Be Released

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (P)-The office of price administra-tion announced today that new Registration room has been des-WITH the siege of Singapore starting, the siege of Batan goes on. MacArthur reports to-day that "determined enemy at-

Also, the OPA said automobile rationing would begin February 26, instead of February 2, as had been planned.

At the same time, Price Administrator Leon Henderson dis-closed that the rationing program—held up pending final de-termination of "eligible" pur-chases—contemplated release of 000 units which will be held back as a government stock pile.

Under the OPA order, persons who purchased new cars be-fore January 1 must produce one of three types of evidence to the rationing boards to obtain deliv

They must show a title certificate or registration issued be fore January 1, a sworn state-ment by a state or local registration authority that an appli-cation for registration was filed before January 1, or submit "sat-isfactory evidence" of a con-tract or bill of sale.

In addition to the latter, purchaser must be able to show a cancelled check for all or part of the automobile purchase price or some other evidence that the deal was financed.

CONVOY HIT

LONDON, Jan. 31 (P)—RAF planes scored two hits amidships planes scored two hits amidships on the largest ship of eight in an enemy convoy spotted off the Dutch Frisian islands, the air ministry announced tonight.

Captain Clark, a native of were between the two vessels and in the line of fire. The submarine waved us a way and someone on her shouted in English 'Get out of the way. We world war two merchant vessels. ministry announced tonight.

ITALIAN TRAIN BAN SUGGESTS AXIS ATTACKS

Russians Report 200 Villages Taken; Africa Quiet

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (A) - The ed army's offensive in the Jkraine continued to smash Ukraine through German lines and 200 villages have been restored to the soviet, a Kuibyshev broad-cast of war dispatches said today. Three thousand Germans were killed in the action, the broad-

By The Associated Press

A hint of possible axis maneu-vers to challenge British control of the Mediterranean on an unprecedented scale was contained in a third-hand report today that passenger train service will be sharply curtailed in Italy tomor The report came through Ex

change Telegraph, a British news agency, from Zurich, Swit-zerland, and quoted Rome dis-Restriction on civilian railway

traffic have frequently attended large troop movements within the lands dominated by Adolf Hitler. British intelligence work already has disclosed an unusual concentration of German planes in southern Italy.

Mobilization aimed at knock-

ing Malta out of the war would (Continued on Page Two)

Enemy Aliens to Sign Next Week For Identification

German, Italian and Japanese alien residents of Klamath county must register in the local postoffice building between the dates of Monday, February 2 and Saturday, February 7, in-clusive, and notices printed in Japanese, German and Italian, were posted this week in the Klamath Falls postoffice lobby These notices also included the information as to how identifiignated as room 206, Federal

building. during the week if necessary, postal authorities stated. There nese aliens in Klamath.

Blimp Patrol To Be Started On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 (A) base for blimps, the dread of submarine commanders, was established on San Francisco bay

The navy announced it had commissioned an airship patrol squadron on nearby Moffett squadron on nearby Moffett field, and said that by the end of this year it was expected the entire Pacific coast would be under airship patrol as an aid to bombing planes and destroy-

ers. Some of the non-rigid dirigibles, commonly referred to as blimps, went into service immediately. Driven by two enthey are 246 feet long and carry a crew of seven to

KLAMATH TO HOLD **BIRTHDAY DANCES**

Infantile Paralysis Fight to Receive Annual Purse

"Dance that others may walk!" In Klamath Falls and in varous sections of Klamath county. orchestras will play and there will be the sound of dancing feet tonight as the county does its bit to celebrate the diamond jubilee anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday and drops its contribution into the infantile paralysis fund of a million or so dollars to aid in the research and prevention of the read disease

Tonight at 9 o'clock the doors of the armory will open to the record crowd which is expected to celebrate the president's birth-day. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the dance will remain in the local treasury to be used in this county as a wedge against the ravages of infantile paralysis. The remaining 50 per cent goes to the national founda-tion for research work.

Tickets mailed out last week (Continued on Page Two)

No Use Wasting Time on Plea

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., have been approximately 20 in- and too worn to hold promise of quirles as to registration, ac- being revived.

AIR ASSAULT STARTS PUSH ON AMBOINA

Battle Rages Around Second Largest Indies Base

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Jan. 31 P)—The Japanese have opened fifth front in the battle of the East Indies with a furious assault and landings on Am-boina island, site of the second most important naval base in this archipelago, and the Dutch declared today the fighting was raging everywhere."

"This morning at 6:20 a. m. enemy ships and aircraft were shelling and bombing the island and the battle was raging everywhere," the Netherland East Indies high command anounced in a communique.

The high command also re ported that a Dutch warship keeping up the Netherlands schedule of hitting the Japanese fleet, and merchant ships at a one-a-day clip, destroyed a Japanese submarine in Indies waters by depth charges.

The Dutch tersely announced that once again they had de-stroyed vital points in Amboina and vicinity—carrying out on another island the declared policy of putting to the torch or blasting their riches to keep them from falling to the Japa-

Similar destruction was done to oil and other items when the Japanese invaded the Celebes. Tarakan island, off northeast (Continued on Page Two)

Students Asked to **Build Plane Models** For Use of Forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (A)-Secretary of the Navy Knox asks the nation's high school youth to build 500,000 aircraft models for the armed forces.

Knox told a press conference today the navy and army urgently needed 10,000 models each of 50 different types of fighting planes for training personnel in aircraft recognition and range

uilding.

Jan. 31 (P) — Leslie Tolen would be important in training Extra help will be put on wouldn't even take the time to civilians in aircraft recognition, apply for a new tire when he which he termed an essential found that one of his was flat element in civilian defense.

The bureau of aeronautics is preparing plans and specifica-tions which will be distributed quiries as to registration, according to Assistant Postmaster
R. L. Griffith. There are a number of German and Italian allens in the county but it is understood there are no Japa"Yes," said Tolen, a member of the board.

"Yes," said Tolen, a member of the board.

Machinery Orders WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)-

The war production board, it was learned today, has prohibited manufacturers of tire retreading

The orders were issued by J. Knowlson, director of the in nature. Virtually no hostile WPB industry operations divis- air activity was noted. ion, as a result of complaints ion, as a result of complaints from small tire dealers that staunch defense came an imlarge companies had bought up proved allied naval position in capping molds.

his ship had been armed the ruary 2 a list of all orders on men might have protected them-

AIR PATROL HEAD

Also Retreat From Moulmein in Burma Campaign

MALAYA FRONT

ABANDONED BY

BRITISH ARMY

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor Britain suffered two grave re-verses in the far Pacific today as imperial defenders of Malay fell back onto Singapore island and far to the north, British troops evacuated strategic Moulmein, across the bay from Rangoon,

Burma is the gateway to the vast treasure-house of India. It is also vital to China as the "backdoor" of the Burma road, life-line of China's war supplies.

"Ghost City"
"Our troops have withdrawn
over the Salween river after removing all stores and equip-ment," a British bulletin said, adding that heavy casualties had been inflicted on the Japanese. The Salween river empties into the Gulf of Martaban at

Moulmein, 100 miles east across Japanese dispatches said Moul-mein had been left virtually a "ghost city."

With the collapse of British resistance on the Malay peninresistance on the Malay penni-sula, Singapore authorities de-stroyed the causeway to the mainland and called on every man to battle Japan's siege armies "until help can come."

Thrown back 350 miles in two months of bloody jungle

fighting, the out-numbered Australian, British and Indian imperial troops retired to the \$400,-000,000 island fortress under cover of darkness, it was announced officially.

General Douglas MacArthur re-New Phase ported today his American-Filipino defenders of the Batan pencome to an end and the battle of Singapore has started," Lieut.insula in the Philippines had frustrated determined enemy at-Gen. A. E. Percival, British commander in Malaya, announced tempts at infiltration through tersely.
"Today we stand beleaguered the lines in the past 24 hours.

The war department said in a in our island fortress.' "A LITTLE TROUBLE" Japanese front-line dispatches said the Mikado's armies had seized control of a mainland WITH GENERAL MAC-ARTHUR ON BATAN PEN-INSULA, Luzon, Jan. 27 (De-layed) (P)—One of the mas-terpieces of official underwater reservoir serving the

island of Singapore.

There seemed little immediate (Continued on Page Two)

F. R. Grateful for Nation's birthday **Ball Celebrations**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (P)-President Roosevelt today turned back to his wartime tasks, "very grateful," he de-clared, for the nationwide cele-Japanese prisoners were taken. Fighting on the peninsula, where fresh enemy troops have brations of his 60th birthday which produced uncounted sums been arriving amid apparent Japanese preparations for refor the fi sumption of a large scale of paralysis. for the fight against infantile

The president was host to a group of intimate friends at a White House dinner, preceding his broadcast to the millions of Americans gathered for dinners,

the Pacific, indicated in a decision of marine underwriters to that the fact this nation could look after the health of its people while engaged in war demonstrated that the people defitralian ports from 71 per cent nitely expect to win through to

a sound peace.

The president said he had been authorized by the trustees of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to announce that county chapters may use part of this year's funds to give special assistance to the children of soldiers, sailors and ma-rines who may fall victim to the disease.

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Germans "Bum Shooters" But Polite Say Survivors of Torpedoed Vessel large companies had bought up all available retreading and re-

operating base here. The tanker was sunk in broad daylight off the Virginia coast yesterday.
The 6836-ton tanker, riding
light, was torpedoed without
warning. The submarine pierced the aft portion of the ship with two torpedoes and fired 13

shells at the hulk.
Three Killed The first torpedo hit in the engine room and trapped three of the "black gang" there. Captain A. L. Clark said the three men were instantly killed by Davidson said, "for when the the explosion of escaping live

steam.

boats were lowered within six or seven minutes after the first torpedo struck. A second tor-pedo was fired into the port side of the stricken vessel a few moments later.

Inaccurate But Polite Then the sub came to the surface and hurled 13 shells, several of them missing their tar-

sub started shelling the ship we were between the two vessels

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 31 (A) sels were sunk under him by A story of "bum shooting" on the part of unusually polite German U-boat crewmen was told by the 30 survivors of the tanker, owned by the Soconywere landed today at the naval York City, related that two lifeand was scalded by steam and able to meet their requirements a seaman was injured when he for such machinery.

ate off the Atlantic coast and tribution system designed to as-return to its home port. He sure equitable distribution of would not comment, however, on the chances that a mother "Even though they couldn't ship is being maintained for hoot, they sure were polite," U-boats.
Davidson said, "for when the The fifth naval district pub-

lic relations office listed the dead men as: Joseph Suther-Jand, third assistant engineer, San Francisco; Arthur J. Briggs, ordinary seaman, Beaumont, Texas, and Leonard A. Reierson, fireman, Brooklyn.

anonymous convicts suggestion that men behind bars would welcome the opportunity to spill blood for their country while serving time gives promise of opening up, for both military and civilian use, one of the largest blood-banks the nation ever has had. Invaders ·WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (A)ever has had. The Central Howard association, dealing in post-prison re-habilitation, received the sug-gestion several weeks ago and

gestion several weeks ago am relayed it to welfare, correctional and health authorities in eight middle-western states. Today, Dr. S. Emery Lyon, Central Howard superintendent, said the response had been 'tremendous, demonstrating a general willingness to let prisoners show their patriotism through specific action, and participate in the war effort."

Convicts Offer

By JACK ADAMS

Blood to Help

U. S. in War

Endorsements came from au (Continued on Page Two)

estimation in gunnery practice. He added the models likewise would be important in training On Tire Retread

and recapping machinery from filling any further orders except those accompanied by preference

Knowlson said the supplies cut cargo war risk insurance had been distributed in such an rates on shipments from the

the concussion.

Captain Clark said that if manufacturers to submit by Feb-

selves somewhat.

The skipper said he did not believe the submarine was large
believe the submarine was large orders soon establishing a discount of the statement of the statem Japanese troops are in full re-treat toward Canton tonight after being defeated in a five-day bat-tle with Chinese forces east of the city, an official Chinese com

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 (P)— Chinese forces pressing an of-fensive in South Kwangtung PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (A)— Harry K. Coffey, Portland insurfensive in South Kwangtung His province are engaged in a bitter Inf ance executive, received nounces are engaged in a bitter cation yesterday of appointment as civil air patrol commander for the ninth district, comprising Oregon. Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Hawaii and Aleska munique said.