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THREE NAZI WARSHIPS ESCAPE

Singapore Line Stiffens

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Tijuana—the town with a bad, wicked past. Because its past was bad and wicked is about the only reason one goes there now.

Its present is certainly as mild as milk toast.

(It works the same way with people. The old rake who was a hellion in his younger days is pointed out as one of the town sights whereas the upright but never very thrilling citizen goes on his virtuous way unnoticed.)

IN its lusty B. C. (before Cardenas) days, Tijuana boasted the longest bar in the world. How long this bar may have been this writer doesn't know, never having measured it, but it was long enough, goodness knows, and before it swayed and tottered and whooped and yipped an uproarious crowd.

Now a large part of the rough board structure that housed it is given over to merchandise stalls and on much of the remainder appear signs reading: "This section of the bar closed." Before the small section still open for business a few bored customers sip mild Mexican beer and down at the far end a Mexican male trio, furnishing their own accompaniment on guitars, sings "South of the Border" in a discouraged manner.

(You'd be discouraged too, if you got your pay in nickels, few and far between. People who are cold sober don't shower down folding money on strolling musicians.)

Tijuana ekes out a more or less precarious existence these days as a tariff-free merchandise mart. It has some lovely stores, at that, selling some really handsome foreign goods, chiefly British, at prices considerably lower than they can be bought for in the states.

Day and night it struggles with the retail organizations of San Diego and Los Angeles, who see to it that every letter of the U. S. customs law is strictly enforced.

On a one-day excursion over the frontier you can bring back goods worth \$5 at wholesale or \$7.50 at retail. You mustn't have gone into Mexico for the specific purpose of purchasing these articles. You must merely have "seen them and picked them up" in the casual course of a visit intended for instructive study of the manners and customs of our neighboring nation to the south.

If lucky, you will be able to get loot to that value back past the customs officers on the American side. If not so lucky—

But why dwell on painful subjects? No living human can be more painful than an American customs officer on the prod. The pain, it should be added, is in the region of the neck.

HAVING thus duly satirized the virtue imposed by former President Cardenas upon the once bawdy village of Tijuana, let us now offer a few tardily honest conclusions.

The real people of Tijuana—that is to say, those who live there and raise their families and make a livelihood out of creative toil—are in this writer's considered opinion **BETTER OFF** in these distinctly milk toast days than in the roaring old days when Tijuana was a hell hole known from one end of the United States to the other.

Along the streets of the town, you'll find a surprising number of good American automobiles bearing Mexican licenses. More (Continued on Page Two)

NAVY REVEALS 16 JAP SHIPS SUNK IN RAID

Details of Attack on Gilbert, Marshall Islands Given

PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Feb. 13 (AP)—United States naval officers gave details today on their first major offensive of the war, the devastating Feb. 1 raid which wiped out important Japanese bases in mid-Pacific. Jubilantly but prosaically they related how units of the Pacific fleet blasted bases in the Marshall and Gilbert islands, flanking U. S. supply routes to Australia and New Zealand. (The navy department in Washington announced details of the attack last night.)

16 Ships Destroyed
Four military airbases were destroyed, 16 enemy ships—including a converted aircraft carrier, a destroyer, a cruiser and two large submarines—were sunk, and two modern military villages were leveled.

Forty-one Japanese planes, including four-engine bombers, were blasted on the ground and from the sky. American plane losses were given as only five. (The islands, some 2000 miles southwest of Hawaii and about 1800 miles from Australia, lie across the most direct route of supply between the United States and the western Pacific war theater.)

(The navy communiqué Feb. 1 announcing the attack said many enemy auxiliary ships were sunk or damaged, many enemy planes destroyed and installations ashore heavily battered, but gave no figures of enemy losses.)

It was estimated that enemy naval and merchant shipping sunk exceeded 100,000 tons. Probably an additional 50,000 tons were damaged.

Naval officers were jubilant as they described the successes of the sudden raids over an area of 350 to 400 miles. But they spoke prosaically:

"We struck precisely two min- (Continued on Page Two)

Igorots Ride Tanks Into Bataan Battle Against Japanese

By CLARK LEE

WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR ON BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 12 (Delayed AP)—Tough, wiry Igorots, their keen-edged bolos slung over their backs, rode the tops and sides of American tanks today helping Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Filipino troops launch a successful counterattack in the hilly terrain on the western flank of the Bataan front.

Despite the heroic resistance of the Igorots, a Japanese push in overwhelming numbers had driven a short wedge into the MacArthur lines. The Igorots, natives of the mountain provinces of Luzon, refused to give an inch. They fought until they were overwhelmed in their foxholes and trenches.

Pushing on over the bodies of the Igorots, the Japanese drove a short distance farther before they were halted by reinforced Filipino units.

Then counterattacks were ordered to straighten the line and despite the roughness of the country, tanks were sent to lead the infantry.

Selective Service Registration

When—Monday, February 16, 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Where—Klamath armory, other points in county previously announced. List will appear again Saturday.
Who registers—Those born on or after February 17, 1897, and on or before December 31, 1921. Those who had become 20 years of age on December 31, 1941, but had not become 45 years of age on February 16, 1942.
If you have already registered, do not register again.

Willkie Suggests MacArthur Head All U. S. Forces

BOSTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Promotion of General Douglas MacArthur to a post as supreme commander of the nation's entire armed forces, responsible only to the president, is advocated by Wendell Willkie as a move to wipe out "deadwood and red tape" in the army and navy.

A throng of 1500 diners rose to their feet, cheering, as the 1940 GOP presidential nominee presented the Philippine hero's name last night while addressing the Middlesex republican club.

"Keep bureaucratic and political hands off him," said Willkie. "Give him responsibility and the power of coordination." (Continued on Page Two)

WELDER PICKETS FIGHT WITH AFL Marchers Beaten by Workers After Tacoma Shift

TACOMA, Feb. 13 (AP)—A group of between 40 and 50 pickets of welders seeking an independent union at the big Seattle-Tacoma shipyards was beaten, manhandled, picketing signs torn from them and then chased over the tideflat in a clash with AFL welders coming off duty at 7 a. m. today.

About a dozen policemen on duty at the yards were unable to stop the fighting. Some pickets took refuge in nearby coal cars and freight cars and some were chased blocks. One of the AFL welders, arrested and placed in a patrol wagon, was freed by his fellow-workmen.

The fighting started when the shift left the yards about 10 minutes after the day shifts of hundreds of men went through the picket lines to work.

The picketing welders, assembling 200 or 300 feet outside the yard's gates at 6:30 a. m., erected a big banner and carried numerous signs. The signs said: "Don't pay tribute to the AFL," "We want to work for our country but not for the AFL," and "Pay dues to Uncle Sam and not to the AFL."

American Federation of Labor unions have refused the demands of welder's for a separate international union and the AFL unions have closed shops employment contracts with the shipyards.

U. S. Seeks to Get Rubber From Brazil

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)

Everything that can be done to get vital rubber out of Brazil is being done, President Roosevelt declared today.

He made the remark at a press conference in response to a request that he discuss the progress of cooperation with Brazil in obtaining rubber. The total that could be obtained relatively easily, he said, would be a minimum of some 15,000 tons.

Anything over that, Mr. Roosevelt said, must come out of the jungles and a considerable problem arises in getting people into the jungles and getting the rubber out.

How much rubber might be added to the 15,000 tons is anybody's guess, he asserted, and the figures have ranged from 30,000 to 70,000 tons.

DEFENSE KEEPS JAPS OUTSIDE GATES OF CITY

Reuters Reports All Hands Determined To Hold Out

SINGAPORE, Feb. 13—Heavy fighting continues west of Singapore city along a line running from Pierce reservoir to Bukit Timah and Jurong and ending at Pasir Panjang on the south coast, about five miles from the city.

It is understood that British positions have been stabilized and that British counter-attacks in the Jurong area, about seven miles northwest of the city, have met with some success.

Hopes Higher
An unusual atmosphere prevailed this morning. Almost everyone seemed buoyant and full of hope that the ordeal through which the city is now passing would soon end successfully for the defending forces.

Coffee shops and food stalls opened early and did a brisk business, many large commercial houses remained open as usual.

Heavy punishment which British guns are inflicting on the enemy evoked great demonstrations of enthusiasm.

The Singapore Free Press—the only newspaper still being published here—carried this (Continued on Page Two)

Battle Flares Again Around Paan in Burma

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 13 (AP)—Heavy fighting has broken out again in the area of Paan, 30 miles from the mouth of the Salween river, where the Japanese are attempting to force a subsidiary crossing in their drive toward Rangoon.

Today's army communiqué stated: "On the Salween front heavy fighting has broken out again in the area of Paan. The situation on this front is obscure. Further south the situation is quiet at the moment."

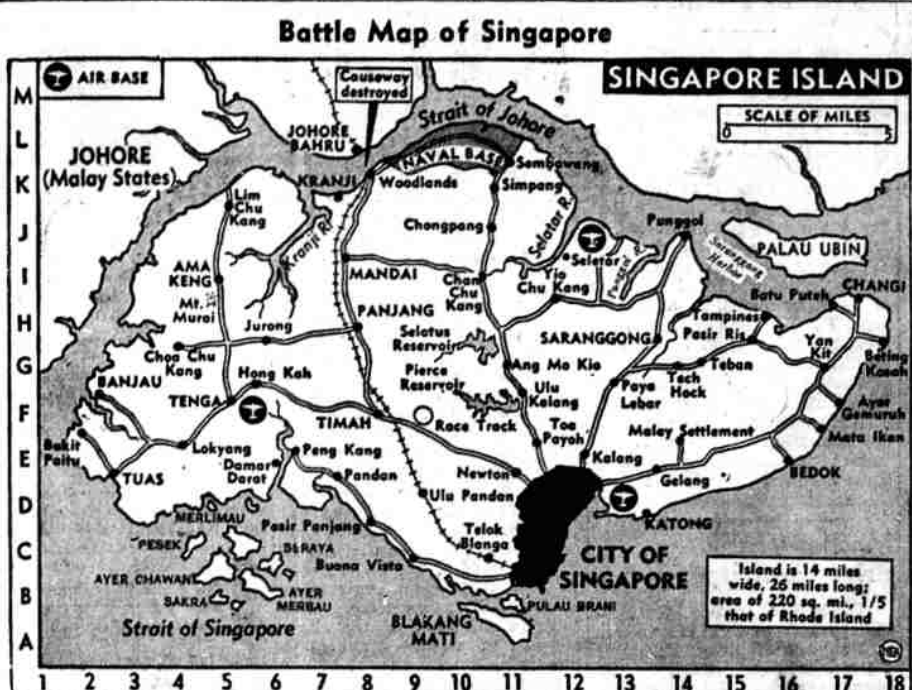
Earlier, the picture presented was of the defenders clinging steadfastly to consolidated positions along the Salween despite the Japanese conquest of Martaban, at the river mouth.

Martaban is on the west bank and Paan on the east. Rangoon, across the gulf of Martaban, goal of the Japanese, is the port of entry for shipments to the Burma roadhead at Lashio and the Burma road is in the principal lifeline to China.

Two Killed, Five Hurt in Explosion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The navy reported today that two men were killed and five injured, one seriously, in an explosion at the naval magazine at Bellevue, in southeast Washington.

The explosion occurred in a TNT packing house at 2:10 p. m. (EWT). The badly injured man probably will die, the navy said. There were seven men working in the structure, a frame building eight feet square, at the time.



Important points in the battle of Singapore island are shown on the above map. The Japanese were reported only two miles from the city in some places although the British reported stiffening defenses.

POLITICAL FIGURES TO VISIT KLAMATH Primary Pot Starts To Simmer With Talks Slated

Candidates and potential candidates for high political office in this state were scheduled visitors in Klamath county this weekend, as activity picked up in advance of the spring primary campaign.

Lowell Stockman of Pendleton, a candidate for the republican nomination for congress, arrived Friday. He was to attend a meeting of the county Pomona grange at Henley Saturday.

Farrell, Snell Coming
Robert Farrell, speaker of the state house of representatives and potential candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state, was due here Friday and was scheduled to address the Eagles lodge Friday evening.

Earl Snell, secretary of state and candidate for the republican nomination for governor, will come here Monday to address the annual meeting of the Malin chamber of commerce that evening.

It was believed Charles Leach, state democratic chairman, may visit this county in a few days (Continued on Page Two)

Grant Wood, Well Known Painter, Dies in Iowa

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 13 (AP)—Here in the heart of the farm belt, where he found subjects for many of his best known paintings, Artist Grant Wood died last night after a long illness.

He entered a hospital Nov. 24, and underwent an operation Dec. 9. Had he lived until today, he would have been 50.

Wood's most widely known works included "American Gothic," depicting an austere farm couple from his native midwest; "Daughters of Revolution," which drew harsh criticism from D.A.R. members; and "Parson Weems's Fable," in which he paid his respects to the story of George Washington and the cherry tree.

One of his earliest paintings was the "Woman With Plants," a portrait of his mother. His most recent were "Spring in Town" and "Spring in the Country," completed last summer in Clear Lake, Pa.

Wood joined the staff of the school of fine arts at the State University of Iowa in 1934, and held a professorship from June, 1941. He was elected to the national academy in 1935.

He was born of Quaker parentage on a farm near Anamosa, Ia., and when his father died, he began at the age of 10 to share the responsibilities of supporting the family.

Senator Asks 'Frills' Ousted From Defense

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Senator Norris (Ind.-Rep.) proposed today that the senate take immediate steps to eliminate "frills" from the civilian defense effort and to repeal congressional pension legislation.

Two points of controversy he said were undermining the faith of the American people in their government in a critical time.

Norris, who is the dean of congress by virtue of his 29 years in the senate and 10 years in the house, said he was amazed at the public indignation which had been aroused by the controversy over the employment of entertainers to direct certain activities of the office for civilian defense.

Likewise, he said he seldom had received such violent and sustained protests as had been occasioned by congress action (Continued on Page Two)

Camouflage Coup Seen in Escape Of Nazi Warships

PENDELTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Quentin Reynolds, ace Collier's war correspondent, commented here today that "perfect German camouflage" must have made possible the escape of the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and cruiser Prinz Eugen from Brest.

"I have talked with British pilots who have carried out many of the bombing attacks with these ships as targets, and they were certain that they had put them out of commission," Reynolds said. "The only explanation I could offer is that the Germans were able to camouflage their battleships in other positions at Brest harbor so they were able to escape the devastating British raids. You have to give the Nazis credit. This will make England's job more difficult."

Americans Home From Singapore Rap British for "Carelessness"

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 13 (AP)—Twenty-eight Americans, the first to reach here from Singapore since the siege there, arrived today with critical remarks about what they termed the "unbelievable carelessness" in the British defense of Malaya.

Mrs. Harry Benson, a Seventh Day Adventist missionary, said every American ship arriving at Singapore carried planes "but they stayed in their crates at the air field because nobody could put them together. Over Penang the Japs had the skies to themselves." She came home with her husband, another missionary, after 36 years in Japan.

Elliott H. Simpson, secretary of an American rubber importing firm, who was trapped when the British withdrew from Penang, said he would go to

SOVIETS STAB INTO WHITE RUSSIA AREA

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (AP)—The red army's far-ranging ski troops have knifed through German lines into white Russia, which lies next to the old frontier with Poland, a dispatch said today, while in the Arctic submarines of the northern red fleet reported sinking five German transports, a tanker and a trawler.

The dispatch from the western front announcing the penetration of white Russia, one of the socialist soviet republics long in German hands, specified neither the position nor the strength of the operation. Indications were that it was a patrol action on a large scale.

Ski soldiers, who maneuvered across heavy snows, were aided by guerrillas and probably by parachute troops in the thrust to win back white Russia and wipe out German communication lines across it.

Where the entry was made was not specified, but it could have been accomplished by advance units operating both above and below Smolensk, key German base on the Dnieper river 250 miles west of Moscow.

(Before soviet authorities closed down recently on the announcement of specific gains in the offensive, red army spearheads were reported operating from Toropets, about 65 miles above the northern tip of white Russia, and soviet troops were massing in the Kiev area, 80 miles from the eastern border. The Dnieper flows through eastern areas of the republic.)

Native Prisoner Treks Over Snow To Summon Aid

BETHEL, Alaska, Feb. 13 (AP)—Without food or sleeping bag—sometimes a winter death sentence in the far north—a native who trekked 60 miles for aid for a marooned airplane party waited today to see what penalty a court has for him.

The native, a prisoner, was being flown from Marshall to Nome accompanied by Deputy Marshal Christian O'Leary when the plane was forced down on the Chitana river eight days ago. He was the best snowshoer in the party. He volunteered to try to get help.

He knew the country well and the marshal released him. Pilot Nat Browne, a veteran flier, gave him the plane's motor cover for a parka and he set out. In a greatly weakened condition, he got to Marshall two nights ago, word reaching here said, and after reporting about the party, surrendered to a United States commissioner.

No word was known here what his crime was. Meantime, the lost party, including another prisoner, were found from the air by Pilot Ray Petersen, who dropped supplies. Yesterday, Pilot Ralph Whaley of Nome landed nearby and flew them out to civilization.

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OFTEN-BOMBED SHIPS EVADE DOVER'S GUNS

British Public Irked By Coup Against Air Forces

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Germany's audacity in parading three of her most valuable ships of war past Britain's guarded front door shocked these islands today.

There was instant clamor to know how a second-rate navy could do that against his majesty's sea guardians and the press began shouting for scalp.

By now the 26,000-ton German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton Prinz Eugen probably have reached the haven of German waters in the Helgoland light after running the length of the English channel with an escort which slipped past the narrow corridor's defenders and knocked 42 British planes out of the sky.

Not only the blow to Britain's air and naval prestige, in which the empire's pride is highest, but also its consequences disturbed the British.

With the British fleet involved in the Mediterranean and far Pacific, the Germans now have earned an opportunity to join those powerful ships to their other battle forces and, possibly, heavily weight the scales of naval power in the Atlantic.

It was a gamble that risked freedom for the 26,000-ton battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, to rove the seas again as lethal raiders of Britain's commerce, against their loss as the price of failure.

And the British ruefully acknowledged this black Friday that, so far at least, the Germans had engineered a shrewd and skillful coup under the muzzles of Britain's home defenders.

To many political observers it also meant that the government of Prime Minister Churchill has only a slim chance of riding out the storm of popular indignation. Churchill might explain the defeats in Africa and in the Pacific, these sources said, but the (Continued on Page Two)