

JAVA INVASION FORCE SUFFERS THIRD DEFEAT

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The flaming day and night battle on which may hinge the fate of Java and a whole new phase of the Far Pacific struggle—The Indies command announced proudly.

"At 1 p. m. today (10:30 p. m., Friday Pacific war time), no Japanese landings on Java had taken place."

Java is the last allied stronghold in The Indies and the final barrier guarding the approach to Australia. Twice before, Japan's sea-borne invasion hordes had been defeated in the battle of Macassar strait and Lombok strait off Bali.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch said the Java sea battle was the biggest naval engagement of the war in the Pacific.

An N.E.I. communique reported losses on both sides, with the extent still unknown.

Night-Long Battle
United States, Dutch and British warships and submarines, supported by American, Australian and Dutch planes, rushed out to meet the huge Japanese invasion armada yesterday afternoon as it approached Java's northeast coast.

After nightfall, dazzling flashes of gunfire lit the waters and a bright tropical moon enabled planes to remain in the battle.

A great cheer was lifted on the beleaguered island when official word came that the troop-laden enemy convoy had turned back in flight. Thousands of American, British and Australian reinforcements stood ready to meet any landing attempts.

Other developments included: Philippines — A bulletin from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said fighting had dwindled to "relatively minor patrol skirmishes" after American and Filipino troops in a surprise counterattack drove the invaders back as much as five miles on Bataan peninsula.

"Our troops are holding advance positions during the last few days of combat," the communique said. "The Japanese are still holding their main battle positions."

Burma — Japanese infantry suffered 2000 casualties in a series of bull-like rushes to capture a British-held bridgehead on the Sittang river, but the British acknowledged that the situation was "very serious."

Japanese troops were reported massing for a renewed smash toward the Burmese capital, which already has been put to the torch.

Dutch Indies — N.E.I. headquarters reported that Dutch troops inflicted serious losses on Japanese invaders of Timor island, at the extreme eastern tip of the Indies archipelago.

The communique also reported Dutch successes in fighting on southern Celebes island, northeast of Java, and in central Sumatra.

Australia — Army Minister Francis Forde extended military rule to cover the whole northern territory of Australia as the battle for Java raged toward a climax. The fall of Java would give Japan a green light for invasion of the huge but thinly-populated Australian commonwealth.

With a curiously belligerent tone — since Russia and Japan are, at least nominally, friends — the Japan Times and Advertiser pointed out in a dispatch broadcast by the Tokyo radio that Singapore's fall put Japanese warships in a position to prey on American and British shipping northward from the Cape of Good Hope and "destroy the whole Anglo-Soviet plan of material cooperation."

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In Memorium



Three young Klamath Falls men who have given their lives in service to the country will be honored at memorial services Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Klamath Union high school. The three are pictured above. Top left, Charles T. "Tommy" Pritchard; lower left, Warren Clayton Gillette; and right, Paxton Turner Carter. Carter and Gillette were killed at Pearl Harbor on December 7. Pritchard's death in foreign service was reported here February 16.

CANNED FOOD PRICE CEILINGS ORDERED

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vegetables at the canners level had increased about 20 per cent since last August while retail prices had advanced about 10 per cent in the same period.

"Unhealthy Condition"
In addition to price increases, he explained, consumer hoarding and over-buying by wholesalers and retailers had produced an "unhealthy condition which the price action will do much to alleviate."

OPA pointed out nearly all of the 1941 fruit and vegetable pack had now passed out of growers' hands and that they would not be affected by the order. For most commodities covered by the ceiling, the 1942 crop will not be ready for marketing until the July-September period.

OPA said it was also studying canning industry costs and that the permanent price ceiling, when adopted, would take into account the situations resulting from the agriculture department's all-out program for increased production of canned fruits and vegetables this year.

The OPA ceiling order on canned fruits and vegetables will work a hardship on Klamath Falls jobbers, Charles F. Scharfenstein of Mason Ehmman and company said Saturday. He said that none of the local jobbers have followed the market religiously but have been quoting prices based more on original cost than on present prices to them.

He indicated that inasmuch as growers' prices have been creeping steadily upward, wholesalers' prices of the February 23-27 period have not been a true reflection of costs at that time but rather on lower costs of previous purchases.

Scharfenstein said the OPA ruling will have a deterring effect on pending negotiations with local labor officials which are scheduled for next month. Nearly all present contracts between Klamath wholesalers and the AFL Teamsters' union expire on April 1.

Scharfenstein said that until the OPA's permanent ceiling is established it will be impossible to definitely determine wage scales for the coming year.

Earl Edsall, business agent of the Teamsters' union, de-

Klamath Tire Quota Boosted For February

Klamath rationing board on Saturday received authorization for additions to the February quota, including 47 truck tires, 29 passenger tires and 28 passenger tubes.

The board announced that all of these tires and tubes had already been allocated to eligible applicants, subject to additional allotments on the February quota.

DRIVING SCHOOL PLANS UNDER WAY

C. D. French, state driving instructor from the office of Secretary of State Earl Snell, was here Saturday to complete arrangements for a series of driving schools to be conducted in this county.

French announced that schools will be held each Friday for the next six weeks at three high schools, as follows: Henley, 9 a. m. Merrill, 11 a. m. Klamath UHS, 3 p. m.

High school students will be given fundamental instructions in good driving at these schools. French said that over the state there is a tendency to increase the number of students learning to operate motor vehicles, because of the probable need of more young people for running trucks and other vehicles under war conditions.

He is also considering giving advanced training for defense organization motor corps, through the cooperation of Elizabeth Baker, Red Cross secretary, and Mrs. George Merryman Jr., who has organized a women's motor corps. Dates for the advanced training and other announcements will be given later, he said.

clined to comment on the Henderson order, saying he would await further developments.

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RADIO STATION DESTROYED BY PARACHUTISTS

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a dispersed force of German guards.

Early this afternoon a military spokesman in London said it was not yet known whether ships bringing the raiding parties back had yet landed in England.

The spokesman said the possibility of a major air battle between German bombers dealing an aerial counter-stroke and the RAF fighter umbrella "can not be denied."

(Apparently this meant that possibly German bombers might be attempting to destroy the ships carrying the homeward bound troops in the English channel and were meeting stiff opposition from British fighter planes.)

Some British sources predicted that this feat by hard-bitten parachutists and infantry might be the opening gun of a series of stabs against the Germans' long, exposed flank from the Arctic circle to the Bay of Biscay.

The attack, against a radio post which presumably was used to detect British bombers crossing the channel, was the first major British raid on northern Europe and also the first reported use of parachutists since the raid on southern Italy, February 14, 1941.

BERLIN. (From German Broadcasts), Feb. 28 (P) — The German high command reported today that British parachute troops overcame weak coastal defenses on the northwest coast of France last night and said they withdrew by sea two hours later "under pressure of German counter measures."

Mrs. F. R. Quits Public Positions

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (P) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt says she will not take any more government positions while her husband is president.

Asked whether she would be associated with a proposed women's auxiliary air corps, as had been reported, the first lady said in an interview that she would not become the head of that organization "or otherwise take public office again."

MARRIAGE LOOMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (P) — Betsey Cushing Roosevelt, former wife of the president's eldest son, James, and John (Jock) Whitney will be married in a week or two somewhere in the south, the Daily News said today.

Motor vehicles consumed about 22,000,000,000 gallons of gasoline produced in the United States, or about 90 per cent of the entire total.

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second as a rehearsal for a possible landing in force.

MEANWHILE, keep your eye on what is happening in northern Russia.

A German army, supposedly of about 96,000 men, is said to be practically surrounded in the area just south of Lake Ilmen. (Consult your map.) The Russians claim to be closing pincer jaws BEHIND the Germans, who are said to be desperately rushing in reinforcements by transport planes — which the Russians claim to be shooting down.

If the situation here pans out as the Russians hope and this German army is CAPTURED, Hitler will have reason to look at his hole card.

(NOTE the "ifs." In this war, it isn't wise to count chickens until they are actually hatched.)

REDS SHOOT DOWN BIG NAZI PLANES

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frustrating repeated Nazi efforts to get such troops through and to drop supplies and ammunition to more than 96,000 Germans virtually doomed within the tightening red army ring.

The German position was imperiled further by an outward thrust from the red army's position at Leningrad and by the activity of guerrillas there who were said to have killed 10,480 Germans, including two generals in the past six months.

BERLIN. (From German Broadcasts), Feb. 28 (P) — Strong Russian forces supported by tanks and aircraft simultaneously attacked German positions in front of Sevastopol and on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea, with fighting still in progress, the German high command said today.

Another strong Russian attack, supported by tanks, was stopped on the Donets front, the communique said. It added that the Russians had repeated attacks in other areas but gave no results of these actions.

War Powers Bill Passes in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (P) — The house passed the far-reaching war powers bill today after revamping it to exclude draft board members from provisions of the Hatch no-politics act.

Approval came on a voice vote, and the measure went back to the senate for action on several changes, with the likelihood that it will land next week in a joint session.

Toastmasters — The Toastmasters' International will meet at 6:15 o'clock Monday night in the Willard hotel. All members are requested to be prepared to read a selection of prose or poetry not to exceed five minutes in length.

JURY HANGS, RE-TRIAL OF PARKS LIKELY

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for their endeavor, and discharged them.

Foreman Barton told the jury it looked as if it would take "three weeks" to make a start toward agreement. Judge Vandenberg grinned and said he wouldn't keep the jury three weeks.

Returned to Cell

A juror later said the 12 men were split, 6 to 6, on the question of guilt or acquittal, through most of their long session.

One report was that the nearest they ever came to agreement was a ballot of 7 for acquittal and 5 for conviction, with no chance of further change.

Parks, brought from the county jail to hear the jury's report, was returned to his cell by Sheriff Lloyd Low.

The jurors took the case after hearing vigorous arguments by opposing counsel in the Buffalo lunch killing case, and after hours of testimony highlighted by Parks' declaration that he had no part in the armed hold-up of the suburban eating house last March 16, which was followed by the shotgun slaying of Dr. David.

State's Attorneys L. Orth, Ssemore and Clarence Humble

asserted to the jurors that their chain of testimony against Parks was such that "by no stretch of the imagination" could the damaging evidence be regarded as coincidence. Just as vigorously, Defense Attorneys U. S. Balentine and E. E. Driscoll asserted the state's case as inconclusive wholly inadequate as a basis for a verdict for anything but acquittal.

Circuit Judge Vandenberg read lengthy instructions to the jurors, including five possible verdicts—first degree murder without recommendation, which means the death penalty; first degree murder with a recommendation for life imprisonment; second degree murder; manslaughter, and acquittal.

Boy, 3, Listed As Baby-Slayer

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 28 (P) — Police listed a three-year-old boy today as a killer, saying he had admitted after hours of coaxing that he twice slammed a baby to the floor "because I don't like children; they cry too much."

The dead baby was Albert Ross, eight-day-old son of Mrs. Margaret Ross, who had brought him home from the hospital Thursday. Police said the three-year-old, who lived in the same house, killed him yesterday. Police returned their "prisoner" to his parents. Both families involved were negroes.

Truck Fire — City firemen were called to 915 Huron street Saturday morning to quell a blaze in a truck belonging to C. G. Reymers. The blaze, which caused little damage, was reported to have started from defective wiring.

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