

30 Jap Planes Attack Vital Philippines Port; British Lose Penang To Inv.

MANILA, Friday, Dec. 19.—(P)—More than 30 Japanese planes have bombed the southern port of Iloilo on the central Philippine island of Panay in their first attack in that region, U. S. Army headquarters here announced today.

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Upper House Passes 19-44 Active Service Bill; House Reconsiders

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DUTCH TAKE OVER PORTUGUESE ISLE

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Dec. 18.—(P)—Netherlands and Australian troops landed in full occupation of Timor, moving into the Portuguese half of the mountainous island and thus forestalling Japanese seizure of a potential base 450 miles from Darwin and at the tip of the Dutch East Indies.

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Social Service League At Hut To Accept Gifts For Boys At Camp Davis

Mrs. T. D. Love, president of the Social Service League, announced Thursday night that representatives of the league will be in the Woodrow Wilson building all day Friday and Saturday to receive gifts from local citizens to the soldiers.

Axis Forces Claimed In Full Flight On Both Russian And Libyan Fronts

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(P)—The British radio said tonight that reports from Helsinki this (Friday) morning say that "all German troops have been withdrawn from Finland in a great hurry." The broadcast was heard here by CBS.



Laura Ingalls. She 'Overreached Herself'

LAURA INGALLS NABBED BY FBI

Famous Aviatix Charged With Acting As Agent For German Reich

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(P)—An adventure in which Aviatix Laura Ingalls said, "I guess I overreached myself," brought her to jail today on a charge of failing to register as an agent of the German government.

SANTA TO VISIT DAVIS CHILDREN

Two Christmas Parties Set With Decorated Trees And Presents

Camp Davis will celebrate Christmas with traditional parties for the children of the camp's personnel. There will be a Santa Claus for all children who have not reached their 13th birthday, when presents will be distributed Monday and Tuesday of next week, from two large Christmas trees profusely lighted and decorated.

ONLY 13 ATTEND RAID CONFERENCE

Maffitt Explains Measures Against Saboteurs And Bomb-Set Fires

McKean Maffitt, chief Wilmington air raid warden, Thursday night expressed disappointment at the turnout of building owners and superintendents called to organize a raid-watcher service for the business district.

Coast Artillery Chief To Visit Davis Today

Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, chief of Coast Artillery, will arrive from Washington Friday morning for a one-day inspection of the Barrage Balloon Training center and school at Camp Davis.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS ASKED TO MOTOR CORPS MEETING

All Wilmington women who want to become members of the Motor Corps of the Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross should attend the organization meeting at 1516 Princess st. at 3 p. m. Friday.

5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy Christmas Seals

Deadly American Subs Add Jap Transport, Destroyer To Victories; U. S., France Reach Naval Accord

PLEDGE ASSURES NAZIS WON'T GET MARTINIQUE BASE

Vessels In Atlantic Also Immobilized From Axis Use Against America

WILL SUPPLY FOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(P)—American and French authorities in Martinique have reached an accord, it was learned authoritatively tonight, under which the neutral status of French possessions and naval vessels in the Western Hemisphere will remain unchanged.

ORDNANCE PLANT BLAST HURTS 2

Sandusky Arms Explosion Unexplained By Army Second In Week

SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 18.—(P)—An explosion was heard at the \$40,000,000 Plum Brook ordnance plant near here tonight and two injured men were brought to Providence hospital.

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Gen. Dargue, 7 Others Feared Lost On Flight

Plane Missing Six Days; High Air Corps Officer Recent Visitor Here

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TIMID SHOPKEEPER REALLY JAP MAJOR

Soda-Pop Salesman On Isle Of Vigan Turns Out To Be Disguised Officer

MANILA, Dec. 18.—(P)—An "Excuse, please" murmuring little Japanese shopkeeper, named Hara, who for the past few years sold loaves of bread and soda pop to residents of Vigan, was unmasked today as Major Hara of the Imperial Japanese Army.

WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy and continued mild Friday. SOUTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy; Friday, slightly warmer in coastal sections.



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There's 6 Big Days Left To Fill Empty Stockings!

The Empty Stocking Fund drove closer to the mark Thursday as donations from Christmas-minded Wilmingtonians pushed the total to \$1,038.90.

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