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Canada an Arsenal, Too!



The United States is not the only arsenal of democracy. Here, in Montreal, is a mass of tanks right off the assembly line, being fitted with powerful guns throwing 2-pound shells, flame throwers and other armament. Known as "Valentines," the tanks weigh approximately 20 tons and have a top speed of 25 miles an hour.

FDR Asks Japan 'Simple Question'

President Calls for Forthright Explanation of Japan's Purposes in Increasing Armed Forces in French Indo-China.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has posed a question for Japan which—analysts believe—may hasten a final showdown in the Pacific, or bring about an armed truce that would have Thailand, temporarily at least, from becoming a Far Eastern battlefield.

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George Says Federal Taxes Near Limit

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, said today he was convinced that federal taxes had reached near maximum levels and that the cost of the defense program would have to be spread over two or more general tax increases.

George said he believed a committee of the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is chairman, agreed with him that federal taxes already were as high as to be only a little more than the maximum amount that could be drawn out of the national income "without irretrievably weakening our entire economy."

While the Georgia senator told reporters he was willing to support reasonable increases in levies and to raise production taxes, he declared the public ought to be informed that present defense outlays could only be financed by large scale borrowing which would have to be paid back over a long period of years.

30th Division To Discharge 3,595 Men

Fort Jackson, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Post authorities announced today that 1,719 men, more than 28 years old, would be honorably discharged December 10 from the 30th division and that 1,746 others having hardship or dependency cases would be released from the division by March.

Wheeler Hits Policy

Montana Senator Again Asserts Foreign Policy of Administration Leads to War.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, renewed his attacks on President Roosevelt's foreign policy today with an assertion that ultimately it was liable to mean "the obnoxious order of every fourth American boy."

"Some months ago," Wheeler said in a statement to reporters, "I said the President's foreign policy meant the playing under of every fourth American boy."

"That statement was denounced by the President, but certainly if we continue to pursue the policy that has been outlined to the President by the warmakers within and without the administration, my former prediction will come true and we will be playing them under not only in Europe and in Africa but in India and in China."

Wheeler said he was not sure why the differences between the United States and Japan should not be settled amicably.

Germans Driven Back In Ukraine;

Russians In Taganrog

Dutch East Indies Mobilized

Japs Massed In French Indo-China

Holland's Far East Colony Places Army and Navy on War Footing and Sends Troops to Stations in Outer Defenses.

(By The Associated Press.) The Dutch East Indies mobilized guards in her outer defenses today as Japan was reported massing powerful land, sea and air forces in southern Indo-China.

Dispatches from Batavia, the Indies capital, said Holland's Far East colony had placed its army and navy on a war footing and that troops had taken their stations in the outer defense sector—presumably in Boerno, Celebes and New Guinea, north of the Malay archipelago and nearer Japan.

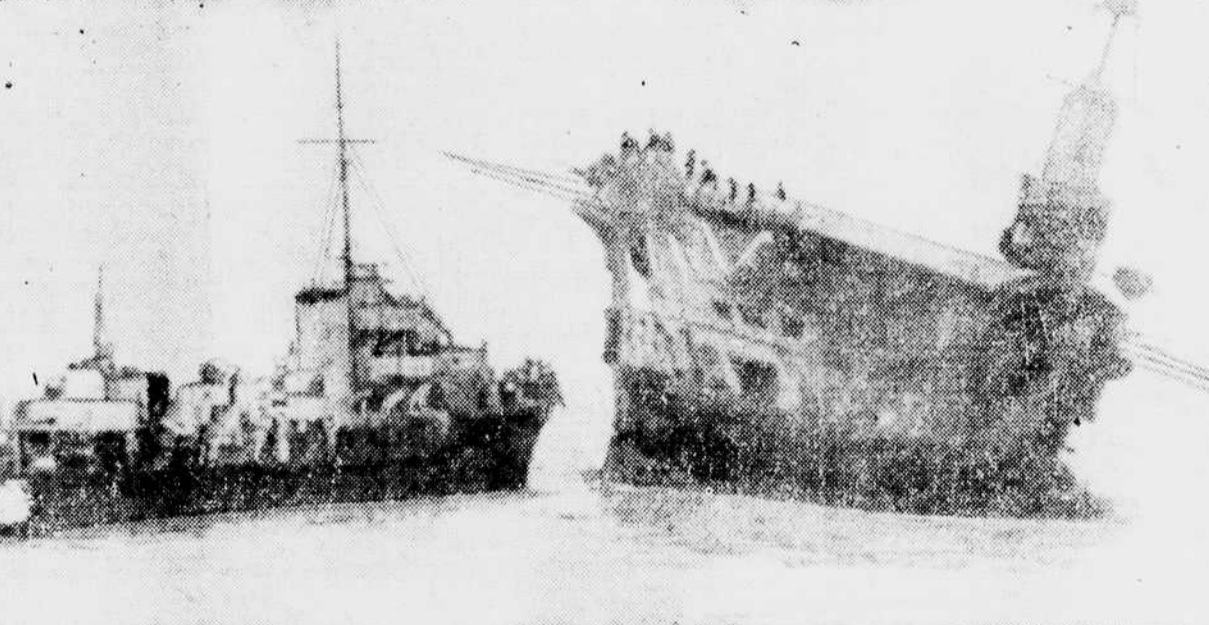
Terminating the arrival of British warships at Singapore "the last strong warning to Japan," the Indies newspaper Javabode declared.

"We hope Tokyo is not yet too blind to understand the warning," dispatches from Bangkok, the Thai capital, said reports of warlike preparations on all sides of Thailand caused deepening anxiety there and officials expressed surprise at a statement circulated by the Japanese news agency (presumably Domei), which said:

"Even a Japanese attack on Thailand is not expected to lead to war between Japan and the United States."

Thailand has repeatedly warned Japan as well as other nations that she would resist any attempt at invasion.

VIEWS OF AIRCRAFT CARRIED ARK ROYAL SINKING



A destroyer working up along the coast of the British Isles. The Ark Royal was sunk off the coast of Norway. Only 1,575 officers and crew were left in the sinking.

New Defense Battle For Libya Fund OK'ed Loses Momentum

House Appropriations Committee Recommends \$8,245,839,031 In New Outlay.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—An additional \$8,245,839,031 appropriation—almost entirely for defense but including lend-lease funds for a vast increase in production of tanks and guns for British and Russian forces—was approved today by the House appropriations committee.

The large new outlay would bring the total of cash and contract authorizations provided for defense since July 1, 1940 to the staggering sum of \$67,999,454,096.

In recommending the new expenditure, the committee turned down a request by the War Department for a transfer of \$2,500,000 from the Army's general fund to the Navy's general fund.

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Another Nazi Shot In Paris

Paris, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The German command in Paris announced today that a German medical corps officer had been shot last night and immediately imposed a 6:30 p. m. curfew on the arrondissement.

The announcement said the curfew would continue indefinitely and specified that German authorities "reserved the right to take graver measures" later.

Smith Bill Vote Today

House Expected to Express Self on First of Half-Dozen Anti-Spike Measures.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A bill to amend the Federal Food and Drug Administration act to prohibit the sale of food and drugs containing certain toxic substances is expected to be voted on today.

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Both Sides Reported Grouping Forces for Next Phase; British Declare Axis Positions and Forces Will Be Smashed.

Cairo, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The British declared today that the battle of Libya has slackened, with empire forces withdrawn and reorganizing for a new test against the strongly held axis triangle formed by Rezegh, Bir el Hamed, and Zaaran, astride the broken corridor to Tobruk.

On both sides, the British general headquarters said, troops and tanks are being regrouped for the next phase of the fight in which positions have shifted like the desert sands.

British and aerial activity continued during the night with the desert forces showing no sign of any deserting from their positions.

Despite the German jab which brought Marshal Erwin Rommel's two best divisions together southeast of Tobruk, British military sources expressed an opinion today that axis positions and forces would be smashed.

(In London, Captain L. D. Gamman, commanding general of the "Explain" (Explain) units, is expected to be promoted to the rank of major general.

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Reds Report Wild Flight From Restov

Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, Commander in Chief of Entire German Army, Reported Sent to Ukraine.

(By The Associated Press.) Russian's Ukraine armies, pressing a triumphant "counter-offensive," were reported today to have advanced into the suburbs of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, and driven the Germans out of 40 villages, while on the blizzard-swept Moscow front, other Soviet troops sent the Germans reeling back 12 to 24 miles.

A Soviet radio broadcast announced that "bloody battles were fought yesterday evening in the suburbs of Taganrog."

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch said the Germans had fallen back 36 miles in three days in the retreat from Rostov.

On the central front, the nazis were apparently suffering further reverses.

Quoting latest advices from Moscow, the British radio said the Russians had sent the panzer forces of Colonel General Heinz Guderan spinning in reverse.

A communique from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters claimed fresh gains in violent tank and infantry battles before Moscow but the Russians said the Germans had been thrown back in two key sectors and generally painted a brightening picture of the two months old battle for the capital.

In the Ukraine, Soviet dispatches said Red armies counter marching back through the Donets river industrial basin were finding the frozen bodies of Germans wrapped in flimsy blankets, huddled in roadside ditches, and that to save themselves from the bitter cold the nazis were fighting with suicidal fury to hold villages where they could find warmth and shelter.

A London broadcast said Hitler had rushed Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, commander in chief of the entire German army, to the Ukraine in an attempt to "stop the rout at all costs."

German armored reinforcements were reported hurrying along the Mariupol road to combat the Russians' sweeping counter offensive, which so far appeared to have hurled the Germans back more than 75 miles from their furthest eastward thrust.

According to Soviet reports, the Germans are falling back somewhat between Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, and Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov.

The \$25,000,000 TVA fund recommended by the House appropriations committee today to initiate a new Tennessee Valley Authority defense power development, but ignored President Roosevelt's personal approval for inclusion of Douglas dam in Tennessee.

In including this dam, on the French Broad river near Dandridge, the full committee would the action of a subcommittee which voted unanimously against the dam, opposed by Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, and a group of farmers and owners in the Dandridge area. Another group of farmers had indicated they would not support the dam.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Cloudy with rain tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.

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