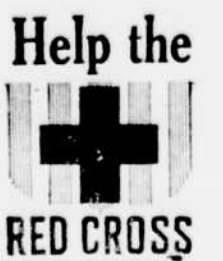




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Japs Try Philippine Landings Two Of Britain's Mightiest Ships Sunk By Japanese

Japs Claim Ships Sunk In Air Raid

35,000-Ton Prince of Wales and 32,000-Ton Battle Cruiser Repulse Sent to Bottom off Malaya; No Word on Loss of Men.

London, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Britain lost two of her mightiest capital ships today—the powerful new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton battle cruiser Repulse—both sunk by the Japanese off Malaya in the most disastrous single blow struck to the British navy in the whole war.

The loss was announced by the admiralty without word of how they were sunk or the fate of their crews, although more than 1,000 were reported to have been rescued.

A Japanese communique said they were destroyed by air attack. This, it confirmed, would be the first known sinking of any warship of the size either of the Prince of Wales or the Repulse by aerial bombardment.

Prime Minister Churchill made public the announcement in a terse statement before the shocked House of Commons.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(AP)—DNB quoted Japanese naval authorities today as announcing they had reason to believe that the 35,000-ton British battleship King George V also had been sunk with the Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse in air attacks on Britain's far eastern fleet.

The Prince of Wales, only recently launched in the Pacific, was the largest of her class. Britain had never before encountered an enemy ship of this size.

Previously, in more than two years of war, Britain had lost only two of her capital ships, the USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma.

British Join At El Adem

London, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British announced a reinforcement of their forces in the Western Desert, joining the British and Commonwealth troops at El Adem, a strategic point about 40 miles west of the frontier, the communique said.

The British had been in the area since the start of the campaign against the Italian army in the Western Desert, and had been in contact with the Commonwealth forces since the start of the campaign.

Japs Seize Kota Bharu

Singapore, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The British apparently have lost Kota Bharu, the northern Malaya air base where the Japanese have landed their forces just inside the Thailand frontier, but a communique indicated tonight that they have been driven out of the area.

The communique mentioned Japanese tanks for the first time, saying seven were trapped and destroyed yesterday in the Kota Bharu area.

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Declaration of War on Japan

Seventy-seventh Congress of the United States of America, At the First Session
Begin and held at the City of Washington on Friday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one
JOINT RESOLUTION
Declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial Government of Japan and the Government and the people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same.
Whereas the Imperial Government of Japan has committed unprovoked acts of war against the Government and the people of the United States of America; Therefore be it
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of war between the United States and the Imperial Government of Japan which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared, and the President is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Imperial Government of Japan, and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate
Dec 8 1941 4.10 p.m. E.S.T.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

This is a copy of the original declaration of war against the Japanese Empire, which was voted by Congress after listening to President Roosevelt. The resolution was first signed by Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn of Texas and Vice President Henry A. Wallace, as president of the Senate, and then by the President.

Building Of Ships Will Be Expanded

34 Nations Now In War

(By The Associated Press)
Thirtysix nations are at war today. Divided into two camps, they are: European war, Germany, Italy, Finland, Rumania, and a small number of other nations; on one side, the United States, Britain, Canada, Union of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Ethiopia and China, on the other.

Japan and its puppet state of Manchukuo on one side. The United States, Britain and her dominions, Netherlands and Netherlands East Indies, China, Luxembourg, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Ethiopia and China, on the other.

Hemispheric Conference Proposed

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull today proposed a conference of American foreign ministers to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the first week in January. Hull's call for a conference to discuss the new war menace which confronts the western hemisphere was disclosed today by the State department.

12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy Christmas Seals

Tokyo Radio Shouts News Of Sinkings

Jubilant Throngs Hear Reports and Claims of Preparations to Control Air and Water of Pacific, Indian and Antarctic.

Tokyo (Official radio picked up by AP), Dec. 10.—(AP)—Loud speakers shouted Japan's most tremendous news of war successes so far—the sinking of two of Britain's mightiest capital ships and the landing of Japanese forces in the Philippine Islands—today to jubilant throngs of war-stirred Japanese.

Announcing that Britain's new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse had gone down in the Pacific off Malaya under bursts of Japanese air bombs, imperial headquarters declared "the British far eastern fleet has been obliterated."

Japan already had claimed naval supremacy of the Pacific after her Sunday air smash against the United States fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and imperial headquarters today proclaimed her prepared to seize control of both the air and water of the Pacific, Indian and Antarctic oceans.

It declared that previously reported occupation of the United States Pacific Island of Guam had been confirmed and that Japanese navy and military forces now were securely established there.

Against all these successes, the communique said, Japan had lost not one warship.

RAID WARNING TO WINTER LINES ON MOSCOW FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(AP)—German military forces have withdrawn to winter lines in sector after sector along the Russian battlefield, military spokesmen asserted today.

Raid Warning In New York

New York, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A raid warning was sounded in New York at 8:15 a. m. EST. It was similar to warnings issued last week along the coast. The all-clear was given at 9:30.

State Guard To Be Called To Active Guard Duty Soon

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY BOB THOMPSON
Raleigh, Dec. 10.—The North Carolina State Guard probably will be ordered out for active guard duty soon, perhaps by the end of the week.

Real Blackout In Two Raid Alarms At San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Two air raid alarms early today plunged San Francisco into a blackout almost 100 percent effective.

The alarms were accompanied by reports that a half-dozen flames had been dropped over the city, presumably by enemy planes.

The Army interceptor command sent no information was available concerning the flames, which were unlikely they had been dropped from U.S. Army planes.

The first alarm was about 1:15 a. m. EST. Five minutes later the all-clear signal was sounded.

2,303 Enemy Aliens Now Under Arrest

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle said today that 2,303 Germans, Italians and Japanese had been seized by the federal bureau of investigation and were being held temporarily by immigration officials.

Biddle said at a press conference that the aliens would be given an opportunity to leave the country, but that the federal bureau had been determined by the cabinet to hold them in custody.

The "enemy aliens" seized included 904 Germans, 147 Italians and 1,252 Japanese.

U.S. Newsmen Ordered Home In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(AP)—United States newspaper correspondents were dismissed from the daily press conference today and instructed to return to their homes.

SPANISH PRESS QUOTES GERMANS

Madrid, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Spanish press today quoted German military spokesmen as saying that the German army had captured the city of El Alamo, a strategic point about 40 miles west of the frontier, the communique said.

Tax Parley Is Called

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Treasury department today called a parley with the congressional leaders to discuss the proposed new tax bill.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clearing and colder tonight with freezing to the coast; Thursday fair and colder, much colder on coast.

One Attempt Fails; One Is Success

U. S. Army and Navy Forces Blast Sea-Borne Attack Against West Coast of Luzon; Landing Affected on North of Island.

(By The Associated Press.)
The United States Army and Navy forces have blasted a sea-borne Japanese attack against the west coast of Luzon island in the Philippines, the War department said today, but other Japanese troops have effected a landing on the north end of the island in the first full fledged enemy landing on American soil since the War of 1812.

Dispatches from Manila quoted the Philippine constabulary as saying the Japanese paratroopers landed and captured Vigan, on the coast 200 miles northwest of Manila.

Two waves of Japanese bombers raided Manila and its suburbs, pounding military centers including Nichols airfield, Fort McKinley and the Nielson airport district. This was shortly after noon, Wednesday, Manila time.

Manila dispatches said American and Filipino troops had gone into a swift action against Japanese invaders who landed at Apariti, on the far north coast.

U. S. Army headquarters reported that Japanese troop transports and naval forces in great numbers were hovering off the north coast on a 150-mile stretch from Vigan to Apariti.

In Washington, the War department, issuing its first communique of the war, said the Army and Navy had successfully detected a Japanese attack on still another section of Luzon—northwest Vigan, and San Fernando to the south.

The War department's communique said that "information received last night" from Manila, but in view of the 18-hour time difference between Manila and Washington, it apparently referred to action of Wednesday morning, Manila time.

Nazis Driven From Tikhvin

Moscow, Dec. 10.—(AP)—German troops have been driven from Tikhvin, 110 miles west of Leningrad, in a battle which cost them 7,000 men and whose success has been hailed as a major victory.

The Soviet government said that the German troops had killed 1,000 men and had burnt villages in the Tikhvin sector, 95 miles northwest of the capital, and wiped out many that had been in wintering here.

Japs Break Forward Wall At Hongkong

Hongkong, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Some Japanese penetration of Hongkong's defenses was acknowledged in a communique today, but it declared that the attack has been halted even though fighting continues.

The communique said: "The Japanese launched a heavy attack on our positions. Some penetration of our forward defenses occurred, but the attack, for the moment, is halted. Fighting is continuing."

In spite of poor visibility, our artillery was effective. Last night we inflicted severe casualties on a Japanese company on patrol, one of our own patrols in a hand to hand encounter wiping them out with tommy guns, rifle bullets and bayonets."