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The Battle of the Pacific



(A) Japs made first attempt to establish a foothold in Dutch East Indies. Enemy bombers attacked airport at Medan as parachute troops were dropped 10 miles away. (B) Action in Malaya—British planes raided the main Jap air base at Patani, across Malaya border in South Thailand, burning at least 10 Jap planes. British were holding 300 miles north of Singapore. (C) Rangoon—600 civilian casualties resulted from the first Jap raid in Burma. (D) Australian bombers set fire to a Jap cruiser off Minahassa Peninsula (Celebes). (E) Philippines—fighting reported on all fronts on Luzon. Manila was bombed again. Japs landed more reinforcements.

Winant Sees Eden For Russia Report

Results of Conferences in Moscow Considered of Such Importance That Secret Session of Parliament May Hear Them.

London, Dec. 30.—(AP)—United States ambassador John G. Winant called tonight on Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to hear about his trip to Moscow, the results of which some sources regarded as so important that a secret session of parliament might be called to hear them.

Some even hinted that the foreign secretary's observations in Russia had led him to the conviction—which may be imparted to parliament—that the German war machine is in acute difficulties while still facing the three severest months of the Russian winter.

Women's Army Recommended

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Women volunteers in khaki uniforms would be enrolled as privates and officers in the United States Army under a plan approved today by the War department and now awaiting congressional action.

Heavy Taxes Proposed

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Representative Disney, Democrat of Oklahoma, member of the House ways and means committee, proposed today that Congress raise \$11,000,000,000 in new taxes and borrowings to make a \$2,000,000,000 cut in non-defense federal expenditures.

Allied Drive In Pacific Promised

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Netherlands Indies newspapers assured the public today that allied reinforcements are on the way to the Pacific and that a general offensive against Japan can be expected soon.

But the papers warned against impatience, said the drive could be launched only after thorough preparation, and stressed the "enormous difficulties" involved in having the allies take the initiative.

Sayre Says Link Forged

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Bulletin From MacArthur's Headquarters Declares

'Everything Is Quiet' British Smash Forward In Africa

Axis Loses In Violent Tank Battle

British forces push on toward Tripolitania; On Russian front, Nazis are blasted from important defenses.

(By The Associated Press.) Britain's desert armies in a violent two-day tank battle have smashed an axis attempt to make a new stand after a 120-mile retreat from the Egyptian border, front line dispatches said today, and British vanguards were reported pushing on toward Tripolitania, the western part of Libya and the last piece of Premier Mussolini's empire.

British Middle East headquarters said 42 axis tanks were knocked out of action in a battle south of Agedabia, 80 miles below captured Benghazi, and declared that "our pressure on the enemy is being maintained."

With Crete, or eastern Libya, conquered, British troops were said to be advancing somewhere along the road to El Aghaila, 80 miles beyond Agedabia.

Axis versions of the Agedabia tank battle said 74 British tanks and armored cars had been destroyed, but neither the German or Italian communiqués claimed to have halted the British sweep westward.

Survivors Reach Port

New York, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The sinking of an American freighter in the Atlantic December 3 by an axis submarine has been disclosed here with the arrival of 19 of the torpedoes' 35 survivors, who spent a week in lifeboats on rations of six ounces of water and two biscuits a day.

Chief Officer Norris Chadbourne of the freighter—the American South Africa Lines' 6,275-ton Sogadaho—said one seaman, Anthony Castro, a U. S. citizen of Spanish birth, probably had been killed in an explosion that followed the torpedoing.

The officer said the freighter's captain, Frederick Evans, and 15 other seamen had reached South Africa safely, accounting for all except Castro.

New North Carolina Industry Indicated In Mineral Report

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Sometime in the next ten days the State Department of Conservation and Development will make public a report of geologists to the effect that there is more oil and, therefore, more metalic magnesium in western North Carolina than anywhere else in the country.

MacArthur Urges U. S. Retaliation

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur urged today that retaliatory measures be taken against the Japanese for the recent bombing of Manila, which he characterized as "completely violative of all the civilized processes of international law."

The War department reported that damage in the Philippine capital extended to the great Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the historic college of San Juan Lateran, two convents, a hospital and at least five other churches and three colleges supported by religious institutions.

MacArthur's message to the War department said "enemy mercilessly bombed the open city of Manila, using 63 bombers." He added: "Damage has been severe and includes all types of civilian installations, such as churches, the cathedral, hospital, convents, business and private dwellings, a cinema was destroyed and before our anti-aircraft defense evacuated therefrom, the enemy had abstained from attempted bombing of anything in Manila except military installations."

Cigarette Price Fixed

Henderson balks effort to increase manufacturer's price of Lucky Strikes.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today balked a proposed increase in the manufacturer's price of Lucky Strike cigarettes by announcing a sales ceiling at the level prevailing December 26.

The American Tobacco Company had announced Saturday that the price would be increased 37 cents a thousand to \$7.19. Henderson claimed the increase was sought to maintain earnings, at the current level in the face of higher taxes, but the company declared that increased manufacturing costs exclusive of taxes necessitated the rise.

FARM BENEFIT LAW IS SIGNED BY FDR

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed into law today a five-year extension for two major phases of the administration farm program—soil conservation payments and price supporting loans. These activities were scheduled to expire with the end of this year.

ROCKY MOUNT WOMAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Rocky Mount, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Thekla B. Pike, 35, operator of a luncheonette on the Wilson highway a few miles from Rocky Mount, was fatally injured last night in an automobile accident in Nash county.

Food for Japanese Flyers



This collection of concentrated food items was found in Japanese planes shot down during the action over Pearl Harbor. Among them were bottles of whiskey, cider pop, calorie candy, chocolate paste impregnated with whiskey, hardtack, tooth powder and chop sticks.

Japs Seek Junction South Of Manila

Lindbergh Volunteers Services

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Army air corps said today Charles A. Lindbergh had volunteered his services.

Lieutenant General H. R. Arnold, chief of the air force and deputy chief of staff of the Army, said "Lindbergh's act indicates a definite change from his isolationist stand and expresses a deep desire to help the country along the lines he trained himself for many years."

There was no indication on how soon there might be action on Lindbergh's offer.

Japs Warn Other Cities Face Bombing

Tokyo, (Official broadcast recorded by AP), Dec. 30.—A Japanese military spokesman declared today that operations in the Philippines were moving according to schedule and predicted the fall of Manila before January 10.

At the same time the spokesman warned that Calcutta or any other Far Eastern city would be bombed by the Japanese if it were converted into a supply base for the Chinese government at Chungking.

because of reports that plans were to transfer Burma Road transportation facilities and personnel from Rangoon to Calcutta.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Increasing cloudiness and warmer snow, followed by light rain or sleet beginning in the mountains late tonight

Japanese Standstill Indicated

Tokyo Military Spokesman Advances Deadline for Capture of Manila From New Year's Day to January 10; Losses Are Heavy.

(By The Associated Press.) A three-word bulletin from U. S. Army headquarters indicated today that Japan's invasion armies had been fought to a standstill within 36 hours of the deadline of their boast that they would capture Manila "before New Year's."

"Everything is quiet," said General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the briefest communique of the war.

From the nearest point, the invaders still had more than 50 miles to go to reach the Philippine capital.

A Tokyo military spokesman asserted that operations in the 24-day old battle of Luzon island were moving according to schedule, but changed the New Year's date for the capture of Manila. This time he predicted its fall "before January 10."

Simultaneously, a Japanese naval communique said Japanese naval aircraft had sunk a U. S. destroyer and two submarines and damaged 76 merchant ships in Luzon waters between December 22 and 28.

Bloody Japanese troop losses in land fighting at Mauban, 60 miles southeast of Manila, were reported in dispatches from the Philippine capital.

American and Filipino shore defenders there were said to have slaughtered the Japanese in great batches as they swarmed ashore on Christmas morning. Ending waves of Japanese reinforcements ultimately compelled the defenders to fall back to new lines.

Some observers expected that a synchronized land and sea drive on Manila was imminent and that Japanese naval forces would attempt to silence the big guns of Corregidor island fortress at the entrance to Manila harbor, then sail directly up the bay to the capital.

Manila dispatches said the two-hour aerial assault on Corregidor yesterday in which four Japanese bombers were shot down was generally regarded as the opening salvo in an attempt to silence the fortress.

Meanwhile, Australian newspapers said British Prime Minister Winston Churchill has advised Australian Prime Minister John Curtin that Britain and her allies have decided on a definite plan of action in the Pacific which will enormously improve their striking power against the Japanese.

On the Malayan front, British Far East headquarters reported that Japanese invasion columns striking through the jungles had made a strong attack on British lines north of Singapore but suffered heavy casualties.

The British said Japanese losses ran as high as 40 to one in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

A British communique reported that Japanese warplanes raided Singapore four times during the night, inflicting "some damage."

Churchill Gives Canada Victory Pledge

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The prime minister of Britain reported to the Canadian people today on the free nations' war against the axis.

Standing before Canada's leaders in the house of commons, Winston Churchill pledged the fight would go on whatever the odds until the united efforts of the free peoples of the world were crowned with victory.

Government To Appoint Tire Boards

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Governor Broughton has received nominations from 97 of North Carolina's 109 counties for the personnel of local tire rationing boards and probably will announce appointment of the boards either tonight or tomorrow.

The boards will assemble in district meetings on Friday and Saturday, when they will receive final instructions from the state council on rationing. Rationing will become effective January 5, with the removal of the present ban against all sales.