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JAPS CLAIM ENTRY INTO SINGAPORE CITY

Admiral Hart Relieved Of Command

Dutch Naval Officer Now Heads Fleet

Navy Announcement Gives Illness as Reason for Removal of Veteran; Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich is Successor.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that Admiral Thomas C. Hart had been relieved of his assignment as chief of allied naval forces in the western Pacific and that Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich of the royal Netherlands navy had been designated as his successor.

The Navy said Hart was ill. Hart, 64, requested to be relieved from the all important naval command because of his health, but no information as to the nature of the illness was given out.

Hart formerly was commander of the United States Asiatic fleet. This was reorganized last week, the reorganization being announced February 7, and at that time Hart became commander of the combined naval forces in the American, British, Dutch, Australian area.

Admiral Helfrich, who now commands "acting commander, combined naval forces ABDA area," is the supreme commander of the Netherlands East Indian navy. He is 55 years old, a native of Java, and a graduate of the naval college of Den Helder, the Netherlands.

Admiral Hart normally would have been retired on his 64th birthday last June, but President Roosevelt kept him in his Asiatic command because of the increasing tension of the international situation and when war actually came Hart was in the naval hot spot.

On December 17 he added to his duties as chief of the Asiatic fleet additional responsibilities as commander of the allied forces in the western Pacific.

JAPANESE PLANES BOMB NEW GUINEA

Canberra, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Japanese planes bombed Samarai, on the southeast tip of Australian New Guinea, today and also made daylight reconnaissance flights over the southeast of the island, an airforce communique announced.

The Australian radio, as heard in New York by CBS, reported the Samarai raid was carried out by four-engine flying boats.

Jap Police Held In U. S.

Two High Japanese Officers Among Score of Aliens Taken in California Raid.

Salinas, Calif., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Two high Japanese police officials, one of them a former police chief of Tokyo veiled as a Buddhist priest, are among a score of Japanese seized by federal agents in their relentless raids on a ring of Nipponese colonies in this area.

A raid of a Buddhist temple here netted three priests yesterday, along with a truckload of contraband. One of the three, the Rev. Koyo Tam-anaha, was described by officers as a former Tokyo police chief.

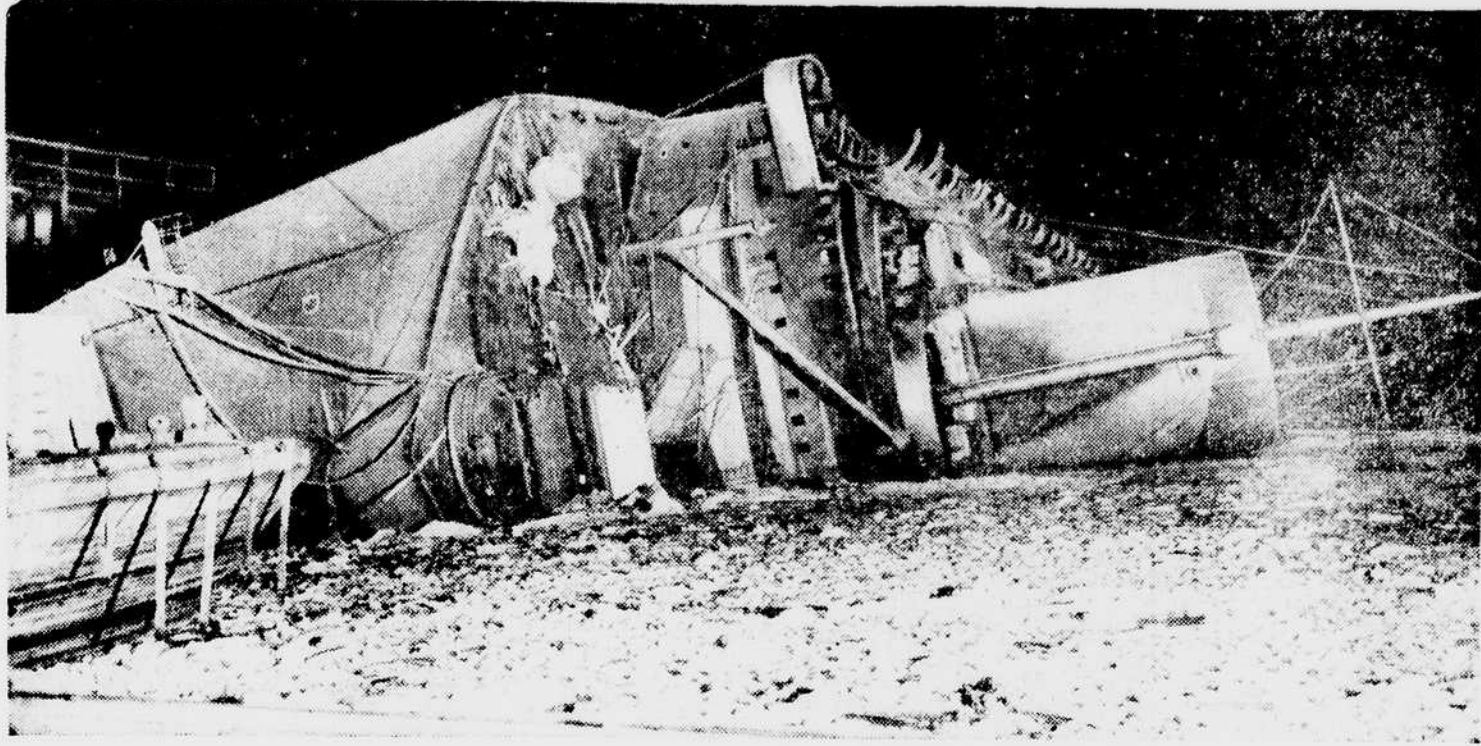
Yachi Takatayashi, the proprietor of a Salinas laundry, was identified as a former high police official of Japan and a close friend of Emperor Hirohito's brothers.

Agents said the three "priests" and Takatayashi had come to this country in the last few months.

The roundup of Japanese included aliens who had lived and worked on the very fringe of Fort Ord and other military zones.

Considerable ammunition, guns, binoculars, radios and motion picture equipment were seized in a Watsonville sporting goods store operated by Bunkiehu Torioze, who was described as a former bootlegger, once convicted of receiving stolen property.

Normandie Capsizes After Six-Hour Fire



The \$60,000,000 former luxury liner Normandie, recently taken over by the Navy and renamed the Lafayette, is shown resting on her port side after rolling over at her Hudson River pier in New York City. She had been listing precariously from the thousands of tons of water pumped into her hull to extinguish the blaze that gutted her. The rising tide lifted her from the river mud that gripped the keel and caused her to capsize. No one was aboard at the time. Approximately 200 persons were injured in the fire that swept the luxury liner. (Central Press)

GERMAN RESISTANCE STIFFENS

Bataan Area Is Quiet

Movement of Japanese Troops Indicate Renewed Attack Against Defenders.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Movement of enemy troops indicate an early resumption of an attack in force against General Douglas MacArthur's forces in the Philippines, the War department reported today, although the fighting on Bataan peninsula and enemy air activity have lessened.

There have been intermittent exchanges of artillery fire between the American island fortifications at the entrance of Manila Bay and Japanese batteries on the Cavite shore of the bay, the department said.

The war communique also said that six of the seven enemy planes reported shot down yesterday were destroyed by American fighter planes over Cavite province in one of the most spectacular air battles in the Philippine campaign. One American plane was reported missing.

CHINESE FORCES CLASH WITH JAPS

Chungking, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Chinese forces taking part in the defense of Burma are understood to have clashed with the Japanese invaders for the first time, Major General Dennis, head of the British military mission in China, announced today.

Dutch Planes Rout Attack

Batavia, N.E.I., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Netherlands Indies fighter planes intercepted and broke up a Japanese bombing formation before it could reach its objective, the Soerabaya naval base, the Indies high command announced today.

The communique, issued through the news agency Aneta, acknowledged a direct attack on Macassar, the capital and chief port of Celebes on the island's southwestern arm, in saying the Japanese had carried out landings there, at Balangina across the peninsula, and at Dimpemonto.

But the Dutch asserted that "the destruction which had been previously ordered" in the Macassar area "has been thoroughly executed."

Dutch troops were said to have inflicted "losses" on Japanese units advancing on Maro, north of Macassar, while four Indies soldiers were wounded slightly in a machine gunning attack by an enemy plane.

War Contracts Profiteering Charged Against Brokers

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A congressional committee charged today that defense brokers have amassed "untold millions" profiteering on war contracts, and demanded immediate steps both to get the profits back and to prevent exorbitant commissions in the future.

In a report based upon weeks of investigation and public hearings, the committee told Congress it had uncovered evidence that commission brokers—some of them without previous experience in the work—had obtained commissions ranging from 3 to 75 per cent on defense subcontracts.

French Lines Will Claim Indemnity

Vichy, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The French Lines maintained full claim for indemnity for loss in the burning of the Normandie. It was authoritatively stated today as news of the mishap for the second day crowded war and other news from the front pages of French newspapers.

Doubts were expressed here over American optimism that the huge ship can be salvaged and restored in view of French failures on similar occasions with warships and the liner Paris, which sank in Le Havre harbor. Since the liner was in American hands when she was burned, America will be expected to indemnify it, it was said.

MISS INGALLS CITED HITLER IN SPEECHES

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A federal court jury heard today that Laura Ingalls, noted American aviatrix, used excerpts from Adolf Hitler's writings at rallies sponsored by the American First committee last fall.

The government introduced a letter written by Miss Ingalls to Julia Kraus, a Washington friend and star government witness, in which the flyer said she was quoting from Hitler's "My New Order" in America First speeches.

Miss Ingalls is being tried on charges of acting as a Nazi agent without registering with the State department.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rain in east, possibly drizzle in central portion; slightly lower temperature in interior tonight.

Red Armies Drive Ahead

Fighting increases in Violence Along Entire Eastern Front; No Change in Africa.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's invading armies, thrown back nearly 200 miles in some sectors, were reported "definitely stiffening" their resistance today as the paralyzing grip of winter abated and fighting increased in violence along the entire 1,200-mile front.

London military quarters said the Germans now were making a determined stand. General Soviet dispatches, however, indicated the Red armies were continuing an advance, capturing a number of villages and German fortifications on the Ukraine front.

For the second successive day, Hitler's high command cited new Russian attempts to break out of Leningrad, and declared they had been repulsed.

On the north African front, a German communique reported "strange" enemy reconnaissance forces were "thrown back" while British headquarters reported no change in the general situation.

The absence of Italian troops recently has been explained by a declaration that Italian communication lines are disrupted and Adolf Hitler's high command might profit from information immediately.

BRITISH BOMBERS SLASH AT JAPANESE

Rangoon, Feb. 11.—(AP)—British bombers have smashed at Japanese concentrations in Chungking in the far north of Thailand, where the Japanese have been gathering momentum for an attack on the sector of the Burma Road defended by Chinese troops, it was announced today.

An RAF communique said British bombers, with lighter escorts, also slashed at "enemy positions in the Mairabhan sector."

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The Senate foreign relations committee approved unanimously today President Roosevelt's nomination of Rear Admiral William H. Standley to be ambassador to Russia, and of Patrick J. Hurley, former secretary of War, to be minister to New Zealand.

BREMEN RAIDED

London, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The RAF carried out raids over Germany last night, with the port of Bremen as the chief objective, the air ministry announced today.

Rationing Of Rereads February 19

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Jap Planes Blast City With Bombs

Reports Reaching London Declare Desperate Eleventh Hour Rally Staged by Defenders; Women and Children Evacuated.

(By The Associated Press.) A Singapore radio broadcast shortly after 11 p. m. Singapore time (12 noon EDT) conceded that the situation was "very serious" but said it had "not deteriorated in any way."

(By The Associated Press.) Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted today that Japanese troops entered "the city area" of Singapore at 8 a. m. local time, even as reports reaching London declared Singapore's defenders were staging a desperate, eleventh hour rally.

With a population of more than 750,000, the "city area" extends at least four or five miles from the heart of the island metropolis.

A German broadcast said the invaders had penetrated the western part of the city while waves of low-flying Japanese planes blasted the downtown district.

London heard that British troops were slashing back at the Japanese siege armies in two violent counterattacks which had netted some initial success.

Dispatches from the beleaguered island said waves of rising sun planes subjected the city to almost constant raids this morning.

Simultaneously, London quarters said Singapore's outnumbered defenders were counter attacking furiously, and a Singapore radio broadcast declared the city was still holding out.

Heavy fighting was in progress on Singapore island this morning, the broadcast said tersely.

Dispatches from Batavia said the British and Netherlands royal navies were rushing in and out of Singapore harbor to evacuate women and children, ignoring the peril of incessant air and land bombardment and lurking submarines.

All useful stores and installations at the great Singapore naval base were reported blown up to prevent them from falling into the hands of the invaders.

Would there be a respite to the disaster included.

Washington — Military quarters agreed that the fall of the \$400,000,000 British defense establishment and at least a year to be lost in the Pacific conflict.

Australia — An atmosphere of shock and gloom pervaded. It is difficult to believe official assurances only a few days ago that Singapore would be held for a month by the British.

London — Some quarters predicted.

WILMINGTON MAN DECLARED SUICIDE

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Nelson Mueller, 46, industrialist and member of a prominent Wilmington family, died last night at his home in a Wilmington suburb of a bullet wound.

Copier A. W. Allen said it was suicide.

Stock Prices Are Stronger

New York, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Stocks yielded a little more ground today but in some areas the market showed signs of stabilizing after the sizeable decline since the end of last week.

Modest recovery moves after a lower opening were taken by analysts to indicate that to a large extent the market had discounted the fall of Singapore as an immediate influence. Selling thinned out after the start and in a few departments small gains were posted. Prices were mixed near the fourth hour.