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On Cold Soviet Western Front



This picture, just received from Europe, gives an idea of the intense cold of the Russian-German battlefront. Red army machine-guns were photographed in the firing line as they slowly press the Germans back. (Central Press)

Ontario's Premier Scorns U. S. Navy

Hepburn Declares U. S. Fleet 'Is In Hiding' and That 'Japan Has a Much Better Navy Than The United States.'

Toronto, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario, noting he had been criticized at Ottawa for saying that the United States fleet "is in hiding," declared today that "the trouble is that we can't face the facts—the Japanese have a much better navy than the United States."

"The Navy Secretary (Colonel Frank Knox) said the Navy was seeking contact with the enemy. If they haven't been able to find them, they tell where they are," Hepburn said at Toronto gathering.

To Negotiate War Contracts

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The war production board plans to place all war contracts by negotiation rather than by competitive bidding. Douglas MacKenzie, purchase director, notified the Senate defense investigating committee today.

Sub Sinking Total To 25

Three Survivors of Standard Oil Tanker Reach Port; 35 Crewmen Still Missing.

New York, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The toll of ships officially announced as sunk or attacked off the United States and Canada thus far in the war stood today at 25, after the Navy reported the 6,182-ton Standard Oil tanker W. L. Steed was sent to the bottom by an enemy submarine off New Jersey February 2.

India Offered Higher Status

London, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A government spokesman disclosed today that the government of India has been offered representation at Britain's war cabinet and on the Pacific war council.

Canadian Youths Riot

Anti-Conscriptionists Shout Sentiments in French; Several Are Arrested.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Rioting anti-conscriptionists, shouting their sentiments in French, injured several policemen and several civilians and shattered many windows in a one and one-half hour demonstration which led to a number of arrests here last night.

Mrs. Roosevelt To Quit Post

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today she had "always intended to resign from the office of civilian defense" and added she expected it to be completed "very soon."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Slightly colder tonight.

Its Defenders Scorning Demands For Surrender,

Singapore Holds Out

Manpower To Be Mobilized

McNutt May Head New Board

Group Would Have Authority to Muster Nation's Workers for Maximum Factory Output; Order Submitted to President.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A manpower mobilization board authorized to muster all workers necessary for maximum war factory output was reported being formed today, with Paul V. McNutt as the probable head.

The white-haired federal security administrator, former governor of Indiana, and one-time high commissioner to the Philippines, was said to have been selected by President Roosevelt over Sidney Hillman, head of the war production board, long division, and Secretary of Labor Perkins, who have been mentioned for the post.

It was learned that an executive order creating the board was submitted to President Roosevelt a few days ago, but that the President had asked for a new draft to eliminate certain points to which he objected. Government sources said the order would be issued soon, but union labor officials said they thought Mr. Roosevelt would wait until he had consulted again with the six-man CIO-AFL committee with which he met last Friday. A second meeting is scheduled for February 20.

Miss Ingalls Takes Stand

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Laura Ingalls, aviator on trial for failure to register as a paid agent of the German government, told a federal district court jury today "it was wonderful what Hitler had done for the German people."

Miss Ingalls reviewed her history as a flier, said she had studied aerobically flying intently because "that is the basis of all combat flying" and then was drawn by her counsel, James F. Reilly, into the story of her alleged statements concerning the German government.

VANCE CONVICTS GRANTED PAROLES

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Among prisoners paroled today by Governor Broughton were: James K. Gordan and Fred Dickerson, who were convicted in Vance county last July 23 of morality charges and sentenced to 18 months each on the roads.

Babson Warns Of Hard Times To Follow After War's End

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright—1942—Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 12.—I have recently been studying the catalogs of colleges—especially those for women. I find the inclusion of certain first aid and other war courses; but otherwise the subjects covered are the same as if no war existed. I find almost no courses—other than secretarial—which prepare students to secure an income for themselves after the war.

Norwegians in Open Defiance of Nazis



That the Norwegians are still defying the Nazis is shown in this picture smuggled into England. It was made in Dobruk, a resort outside Oslo. The Germans ordered all inhabitants to turn out to listen to the military band. Only a few responded to the command and some of them turned their backs on the band. (Central Press)

Philippine Front Quiet

Japanese Believed Reorganizing Forces and Awaiting Reinforcements.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A lull in the Philippine fighting was reported today by the War Department, which said the enemy evidently was reorganizing forces and awaiting reinforcements before resuming the offensive on the Bataan peninsula front.

YELLOW FEVER SHOTS GIVEN ALL SOLDIERS

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—All Army officers and men were ordered today to be immunized against yellow fever, making the quickly available for service in the tropics.

FOUR BELIEVED DEAD IN CRASH OF PLANE

McChord Field, Wash., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A plane, believed to be a bomber from McChord field, crashed last night in swamp land near Tolt about 20 miles east of Seattle.

BRITAIN WILL GET SYNTHETIC RUBBER

London, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Minister of Production Lord Beaverbrook told the House of Lords today that the Washington combined raw materials board planned to produce 40,000 tons of synthetic rubber annually, of which Britain expects to get 2,000 tons.

Nazis Claim Gains On Ukraine Front

NAZIS TO EXECUTE MORE FRENCHMEN

Vichy, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Nazi authorities in occupied France have ordered the execution of 45 Frenchmen as hostages if the instigators of two recent attacks on Germans in the occupied areas are not delivered within the next two days.

Smithfield Murder Trial In Second Day

Smithfield, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A steady parade of witnesses took the stand for the State today in the trial of Herman Allen, 35-year-old farm laborer charged with the slaying of his wife, her brother, and a friend.

Hitler Pays Honor To Todt

Berlin, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Major General Fritz Todt, Adolf Hitler's munitions minister and number one builder, was honored by the Fuehrer today as one of his truest colleagues and friends—the greatest road builder the world has known.

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Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The national war labor board today narrowed the differential between wage scales in northern and southern plants of the Aluminum Company of America by granting CIO workers in two southern plants a seven cents hourly minimum wage increase.

German Claim of Initiative Is First in Many Weeks; In North Africa, British Report Victory Against Tank Force.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's high command asserted today that German, Rumanian and Croatian troops had driven back the Russians on the Donets river front where the Red armies have been storming at the gates of Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburg" in the Ukraine, and other key cities.

Five Army Fliers Killed

Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Five Army aviators were reported dead today and a sixth was reported missing in the crash of their military transport plane on a foggy flight yesterday between East Grandy and Toronto, a task west of Bradley Field here.

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Heavy Toll Of Japanese Is Exacted

Japanese Planes Pour Bombs on Fleet of Evacuation Ships in Harbor of Tattered Stronghold; Other Pacific War News.

(By The Associated Press.) British defenders of Singapore launched four desperate counter attacks against Japan's siege armies today and the Singapore radio told empire listeners—with much—that radio communications were still in British hands at 8:30 p. m. (9:30 a. m. EDT).

Dispatches reaching London said one of the counter attacks was successful. The other three failed.

The Rome radio, whose reports have often been premature, broadcast a Tokyo claim that the Japanese flag was flying over Raffles Square in the center of Singapore.

Simultaneously, a Tokyo broadcast said Japanese troops in the northwest suburbs of the city had launched an attack to drive out the British "remnants" from the island.

The Tokyo report implied that there had been a halt in the offensive while the British rejected a demand for capitulation and that the battle for the city had not yet been won.

C. Yates McDaniel, of the Associated Press, the last foreign correspondent remaining in Singapore, said British infantry charged the Japanese and drove them back at several points.

McDaniel's dispatch, filed from a ship off shore, said the battle lines were moving steadily closer to Singapore.

The Tokyo radio, declaring that the conquest of all Singapore island was "only a matter of hours," asserted that Japanese forces were pushing deep into the city itself after occupying the famous Singapore race track in the northwest suburbs.

Virtually unopposed in the air, Japanese dive-bombers were blasting British troops and rescue ships in the harbor.

Domestically, Japanese news agency said the ships were preparing to rescue trapped British forces. Direct hits were scored on ten ships.

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