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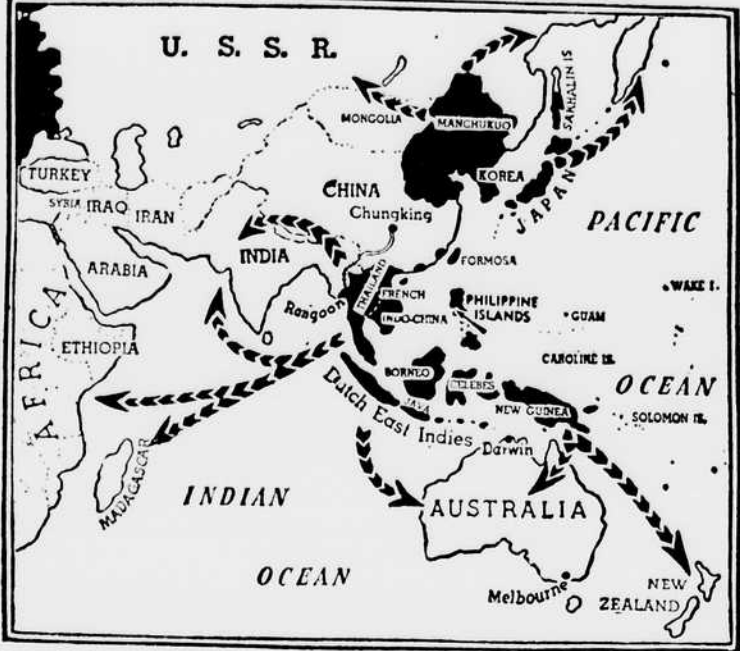
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Japs Invade Solomon Islands GERMAN FORCES KEPT ON DEFENSIVE

Are These Tokio's Next Moves?



In a little more than three months the Japs virtually have gathered in all the areas belonging to their "greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere." This map shows where Japs may make one of three moves: attack Australia through New Zealand; drive into India; smash at Russia, the ancient enemy on the north. Other possibilities are a thrust towards Africa, at Hawaii or against Alaska and Canada. (Central Press)

British-Red Drives Find Hitler Slow

British Air Forces Batter at German Bases as Timoshenko's Armies Batter Way Across Donets Basin in Ukraine.

(By The Associated Press) Germany's springtime offensive waited today on the calendar, propitious circumstances and Adolf Hitler, but Britain's and Russia's offensives—in the air and on the land, respectively—were in full swing.

The British announced a fire-raising raid on the great German naval base of Kiel while the Red army, having beaten Hitler to the springtime punch, was battering its way across the Donets basin.

Via Stockholm came word that Marshal Semen Timoshenko and his southern army of from one and a quarter to one and a half million men had forced the enemy to draw once more on reserves being prepared for Germany's own offensive effort.

The Germans admitted they still were on the defensive against "strong enemy forces" in the Donets region—gateway to the Caucasus.

London observers held that the objectives of Timoshenko's 90 divisions was the Dnieper bend, natural defense line in the heart of the Ukraine.

Unofficial reports have placed them only 30 to 40 miles from this goal. Although by the calendar spring is but a week away, snow on the Staraya Russa front, below Leningrad, was reported so deep that ski troops still had to carry the burden of the fighting against the entrapped 16th German army.

The British admiralty indicated Germany was exerting her full U-boat force in the battle of the Atlantic.

Three submarines reported on January 3 to have been sunk in an attack on a British convoy, the U-131, U-134 and U-574, all were commissioned in 1941, six months before their doom.

Intelligence from the U-boat prisoners, the admiralty announcement said, showed that in a half-year of action the aggregate success of the trio was the sinking of a merchant ship and the destroyer Stanley, formerly a United States vessel.

It took a quarrel among officers abroad one of the riddled submarines to force the commander to blow her tanks and go to the surface for surrender.

Railroads Asked Not To Increase Freight Charges

Office of Price Administration Official Makes Request for Suspension of Authorized Freight Rate Increases.

New York, March 13.—(AP)—The office of price administration asked the nation's railroads today to suspend approved freight rate increases on large groups of commodities, including petroleum, lumber and pig iron. It also urged that "contemplated" rate increases be suspended pending cancellation of the rate increases.

A second Price Administration Department official said today that the OPA, while the request in a speech prepared for a meeting of the railroad executives on 21 news, he said the increase would "completely disrupt the scrap iron price ceiling and several other price control efforts of OPA."

The increase authorized by the interstate commerce commission, but not yet in effect, provides a 6 per cent boost on most industrial freight and a 9 per cent on farm products. It was intended to compensate for cost increases resulting from wage increases.

Besides the ten industrial items on which the rate increase suspension was asked, Keenan said OPA expected later to consider decreases in certain rates on foods which price officials believed to be excessively burdensome. The ten products immediately concerned are:

- Cement; copper ores and concentrates; iron and steel scrap; lead ores and concentrates; lumber and lumber products; pig iron; rubber; scrap; sulphur; petroleum and petroleum products, including gasoline and asphalt products; and scrap, including copper and lead.

CONVICTED MURDERER PAYS WITH HIS LIFE

Montgomery, Ala., March 12.—(AP)—Edward Washington Gibson, 32, convicted of burning his wife to death and accused of destroying his five children in the same fire, died in a hospital here today after a long illness.

Before he died, Gibson told witnesses: "I have five babies already gone and I want to see them. I have all my babies my restoration."

ITALIAN SINGER DETAINED BY FBI

New York, March 12.—(AP)—The whereabouts of the Italian singer, who was reported to have fled to the United States, was determined today by the FBI. He was detained in New York.

\$25,000,000 Slash Made In Farm Bill

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—The House tentatively slashed \$25,000,000 from the agriculture appropriations bill today, cutting in half the allotment for administrative expenses and grants in the farm rehabilitation program.

The cut in the appropriation came on a vote of 142 to 119 as President Roosevelt was reported reliably as considering a veto of the entire measure.

Representative Hays, Republican, Kansas, said the \$25,000,000 cut would put the rehabilitation program "out of business." But Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, told the House that administration of the program "has no alternative to get these people to work and take the money" offered as "subsidization grants."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Warmer, scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight.

34 Days On a Raft



For 34 days Anthony Daniels, 34, crossed the Pacific Ocean on a raft, carrying his family and supplies. He was rescued by the U.S. Navy today.

Move May Be Thrust For New Zealand

In Second Chief Theatre of War With Japan, British Imperials Join Forces for First Time With Chinese In Irrawaddy.

(By The Associated Press) Japan's offensive against Australia, still taking form in the westerly of islands curving along the vast northern shore of the continent, has spurred off in a tangent of naval penetration of the Solomon islands.

In the second chief theatre of the war with Japan, the British imperials withdrawing north of the line have for the first time joined Chinese troops, attempting to consolidate a front between two main routes out of Rangoon, 60 to 80 miles from the abandoned port city of the Irrawaddy delta.

Japan's Solomon island move was evidently given a hint to distract attention from establishment of New Guinea bases for the prospective line to Australia or actually a thrust toward the New Hebrides and New Zealand along the island chain pointed at the United Nations sea route to Australia, ahead of direct attempt to invade the continent.

The move was disclosed by Australian reconnaissance over the Australian-occupied part of the Solomon group. The warship force was sighted three days ago off Koro, on the Buka island, a stepping stone from New Britain to the Solomons. Australian bombers smashing at the potential island route toward New Zealand attacked the enemy-held air field at Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, yesterday.

The Japanese offensive was crippled to some extent in the sinking of seven ships by air attack last Tuesday. Closer at home for the enemy, a single United States submarine has picked off four vessels, boosting to 19 the total of Japanese ships destroyed or damaged by U.S. forces.

The United States submarine action was the latest of a series of blows against Japanese craft in Asiatic waters.

The Navy department announced the operation near Japan late yesterday. The victims were identified as "three enemy freighters and one passenger liner."

Japan's imperial headquarters said a Japanese destroyer sank a British minesweeper in the course of clearing up operations in the neighborhood of Japan, and that Japanese fleets had been off heavy toll in raids yesterday in the Pacific, capital and other ports of New Guinea.

Sixteen allied planes were said to have been shot down and important military objectives were declared damaged at Port Moresby.

RAF OVER PARIS; NO BOMBS DROPPED

Paris, March 13.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force was over Paris today, but there were no bombs dropped. The French capital was the target of a raid at 3:15 p. m. (AP) (By AP).

Five Japanese planes were shot down today.

Five Japanese Planes Downed In New Guinea

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—The War department reported today that five American army heavy bombers destroyed five enemy planes in a raid two days ago on Japanese air bases at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea.

A communiqué said all buildings were destroyed, heavy damage inflicted on railways and a direct hit made on the pier in the harbor of Lae.

All the American bombers escaped damage in the fight with a formation of Japanese pursuit planes, which suffered the loss of five craft. Meanwhile the situation on the Bataan fighting front in the Philippines was reported unchanged.

Farm Supply Bill Faces Likely Veto

President Roosevelt Considering Veto Because Measure Bans Sale of Government-Held Stocks at Less Than Parity.

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—A high administration source said today that President Roosevelt was considering veto of the \$895,000,000 farm supply bill because it bans disposal of government-controlled stocks of farm products at less than parity.

The President was beaten both in Senate and House on his plea that the measure, carrying money for the administration's farm programs beginning July 1, would be returned to Congress for further consideration. Legislators said that it would have to be approved in some form soon after that date to avoid suspension of farm benefit payments.

A strong economy bloc late yesterday slashed a total of \$21,259,264 from the funds the bill provides for the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act, and then attempted to trim an additional \$25,000,000 from the administration's rural rehabilitation program.

PULLMAN CHARGES TO BE INCREASED

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—The inter-tariff commerce commission authorized the Pullman company today to increase its rates, fares and charges by ten per cent.

The company was authorized to put the increase into effect within ten days after filing the necessary tariffs with the commission.

Relaxation Of Hours Law Gains Support

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—Bi-partisan efforts to limit overtime pay in war industries were pressed in Senate circles today despite opposition from Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, asked Chairman Nelson of the war production board to recommend legislation on overtime and ways of putting more shifts on the job. While Senator Keim, Republican, Kansas, urged early action on a measure to increase the work week from 40 to 48 hours before any pay is allowed. The law now provides for time

Fire Put Out On Normandie

New York, March 13.—(AP)—A fire apparently originating in rubbish aboard the flame-ravaged \$60,000,000 Normandie was quickly extinguished today.

Workmen engaged in salvaging the 83,423-ton craft sent an alarm that brought 100 armed Coast Guardsmen, a fireboat and an engine. They brought the blaze under control in 15 minutes.

Politics Out, FDR Declares

Washington, March 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that this is a war and politics is out.

He said his remarks applied to Congress as well as the press. We need too much politics in the papers these days. And these articles talk in terms of the past, he complained.

Mr. Roosevelt made that remark when asked whether he thought there could be a greater concentration on the war effort by political groups, newspapers and others.

Political Apathy Extends Even To Likely Candidates

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, March 13.—With only eight days left in which candidates for State offices may file, the books of the State Board of Elections are as bare as old Mother Hubbard's cupboard. If it was not for Dick Fountain, Marvin Blount and one or two others there would be almost no reason for holding an election this year, the constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

The political apathy on the part of the voters of North Carolina apparently has extended to the prospective candidates themselves. Dozens of men—men who would have made good races—have changed their minds.

\$75 to file for re-election but he has no opposition. Nor is any in sight. The same goes for Associate Justices Michael Schenck and Emory Denny.

The Congressional spotlight is on the first district where three men have posted their \$100 fees to run for Congress. Herbert Bonner of Washington and Marvin Blount and Jack Edwards of Greensboro are all definitely in the race. Bonner is the favorite but this race will attract statewide attention.

John Kerr in the second district and Graham Barden of the third have filed and neither has an opponent who yet has come forward with \$100 worth of intention. Neither Harold Cosley, the incumbent, nor anybody else has filed for the fourth district. But H. H. Hurd's hundred will be forthcoming. No opponent is in sight. In the fifth John Folger has opposition from Dr. D. C. Spens of Winston-Salem. Both have filed. Carl Durham, Baynard Clark, and W. O. Burgh, representatives from the sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively, have filed and put up. No opponents to date. Bob Doughton, the champion of the ways

Chief Justice Stacy has put up his

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Angel of Mercy



Ruth Hurley
Recently graduated as a member of the Washington Red Cross nurses aides. Ruth Hurley poses in her new uniform. She is daughter of Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, special American envoy to New Zealand and secretary of war in the Hoover administration. (Central Press)

Deserters Captured

FBI Agent Killed and Another Seriously Wounded in Taking of Deserter Pair.

Abingdon, Va., March 13.—(AP)—Two army deserters who shot and killed one FBI agent and wounded another yesterday were captured in a abandoned house on the outskirts of Abingdon this afternoon.

Agent William J. Thomas, 23, was shot and killed. Agent Charles L. Tamm, 29, was wounded. Five times they were shot at by the FBI men who were in the house.

The FBI men were in the house to take a deserter, but they were surprised to find two deserters.

W. H. Morgan, chief of the FBI office in Abingdon, said there that the pair had a week. Outdoors sentry kept before, as wandering the houses.

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