

In the Services—

**SHELBY TROOPS
GET FURLoughs**Christmas Holiday Plans
Unchanged, Gen. Sultan Announces.

CAMP SHELBY, Miss., Dec. 9 (U. P.)—The Christmas holiday furlough for men in the 38th Cyclone Division, composed of 18,000 Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia soldiers, will go through as scheduled, headquarters of Maj. Gen. Dan L. Sultan, commander, announced.

CAMP SHELBY, Miss., Dec. 9.—Eight Indianapolis men, serving with the 151st Infantry Regiment, are to be released from service because of the 28-year-old limit.

They are: Sergt. William A. McAfee, 401 W. South St.; Privates Harry R. Sims, 1739 Ludlow Rd.; Eugene B. Kirklin, 1918 Roosevelt Ave.; Lawrence A. Wingle, 2154 Avondale Place; Maurice F. Irvine, 6135 Burlington St.; Charles W. Rubley, 5811 Madison Rd.; Van W. Blythe, 705 E. North St., and Floyd R. Perryman.

WALTER BRENNEMAN of Waukesha, graduate of Indiana Central and one of the stars of the championship Greyhound net team last year, will leave for Visalia, Calif., Friday to enter the flying cadet training school.

RICHARD JARVIS STOCKRAHN, 4510 Schofield Ave., has enlisted in the Regular Army at the Indianapolis recruiting station. He has as yet been unassigned.

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**JAPS' ECONOMY
CALLED SHAKY**Decrees Indicate Need of
Vital Raw Materials,
Experts Maintain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (U. P.)—Government economists doubted today that Japan's economy could withstand a long war with the United States.

Information received by the Commerce Department and a series of recent Japanese Government decrees indicated that she sorely needs vital raw materials.

Since midsummer the three major sources of Japan's raw materials—the United States, the Netherlands Indies and the British Empire—have been cut off.

These three countries previously supplied the bulk of Japan's requirements for scrap and other iron and steel, lead, zinc, aluminum, copper, various ores, tin, machine tools, automotive products, petroleum, wool and raw cotton.

Industry Disrupted

"Cessation of trade with these countries, accordingly, has seriously disrupted industrial activity and all business transactions in the island empire," said one of the Commerce Department's leading experts on Japan.

Japan is now primarily dependent on the resources of the areas within the yen-bloc (including Manchukuo) and occupied China.

Prospects of early attainment of yen-bloc self-sufficiency, however—particularly in such essential items as special steels, high-speed machine tools, ball bearings, aluminum, copper and lead, among other essentials—are not bright. There are no facilities for processing raw materials even if these were readily available in large quantities."

The blockade which America, Dutch and British naval sources undoubtedly are establishing, officials said, will cut off the Japanese from Latin America, its only other raw materials source outside the Far East.

The Government of Panama, adjoining the Canal Zone, ordered all Japanese nationals arrested. It was expected that a blackout would be enforced nightly.

The Canal Zone was blacked out except for automobile headlights.

All United States outposts in the Caribbean were on a wartime footing.

Squeezes Began July 25

Japan first began to feel the real squeeze on raw materials after President Roosevelt ordered the "freezing" of all Japanese assets in the U. S. July 25. British Empire areas and the Dutch East Indies took action in sympathy with the United States.

This resulted in a virtual suspension of all Japanese trade with these countries, which normally accounted for about 75 per cent of Japan's import and export business with foreign-currency countries.

As far back as mid-October, Commerce Department observers in Japan reported "apparent further declines" in that country's industrial production.

Transportation of supplies presented serious problems because of the increasing shortage of gasoline and oil, the poor condition of motor vehicles, and a large number of serious train wrecks, the experts said.

SENATE CLERK HAD
SIMILAR ROLE IN '17

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (U. P.)—The man who typed out the declaration of war in 1917 rushed to the White House yesterday with the congressional declaration of a state of war between the United States and Japan.

He is Garrett Whiteside, now clerk of the Senate Committee on Enrolled Bills. As he hustled about with the 1941 declaration, having it printed at the Government Printing Office and returning it to the Capitol for signature there, he reminisced:

In 1917 he was called from his desk in the House bill clerk's office to take dictation from Chairman Hal Flood (D., Va.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Mr. Flood read to him from notes, the war declaration.

The British Ambassador, Cecil Spring-Rice, looked on as Mr. Flood dictated. When Mr. Flood had finished, he turned to the envoy and asked whether he thought the resolution was "all right."

In his capacity now as clerk of the Senate Committee on Enrolled Bills, it was his duty to have the resolution printed and to take them to Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Henry A. Wallace for signature. He then delivered the resolution to the White House.

FIRST 60-TON TANK
DELIVERED TO ARMY

EDDYSTONE, Pa., Dec. 9 (U. P.)—The first American-built 60-ton heavy tank was delivered to the Army by the Baldwin Locomotive Works yesterday after a two-hour demonstration of its power and maneuverability.

The demonstration, before War Department officials, 350 leading industrialists and several thousand Baldwin employees, was followed by a mock battle in which the heavy tank was pitted against two medium and three light tanks.

"This tank represents but one of many mechanical weapons being added to the military equipment of our Army," said Brig. Gen. G. M. Barnes of the Army Ordnance Department.

JUNIOR HIGH FOUNDER DIES

SEYMOUR, Dec. 9 (U. P.)—The founder of Indiana's junior high school system, Thomas Abbott Mott, 84, Seymour, died yesterday at his home. He was a former president of the Indiana State Teachers Association, and both the Northern and Southern Indiana Superintendents Associations.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

**U. S. Rounding Up Barrage
Balloons for Army's Use**Times Special
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Uncle Sam is rounding up a herd of "meli-anchoy elephants" for the army. That, if you don't know, is what the British call the lumpy barrage balloons which are so valuable a part of London's anti-aircraft defenses.

With the nation now at war, we will not only need barrage balloons for its coastal cities, but also to guard locks in the Panama Canal, Welland Canal, Sault Ste. Marie, for ship anchorages, vital bridges, ammunition plants and other national defense industries.

Army officials have set aside a acre tract of land seven miles southeast of Paris, Tenn., where officers and enlisted men can be thoroughly trained and formed into barrage balloon units. Finishing touches are being put on a school which will have six and twelve-week courses in the technique. The school, accommodating 7000 men, is expected to be completed by Jan. 31, 1942.

Barrage balloon units formerly

belonged to the Air Corps, and have been transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, but the Air Corps is still charged with procurement of equipment.

Two barrage balloon units were formed last summer, and four more are being organized. Until Camp Tyson, near Paris, is completed, training will continue at Camp Davis, N. C.

For safety's sake, most balloons in this country are inflated with non-inflammable helium gas. Inflammable hydrogen gas, which will be used later because there won't be enough helium to go around, is used in some balloons for training purposes so the men will learn all of the necessary precautions.

In England most of the balloons are sent up from parks and other open spaces. Army officials here

are planning to attach some to the tops of skyscrapers in big cities like New York to give the balloons added altitude. Normally, the balloons soar about 9000 feet overhead.

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**TIME FOR UNITY,
LINDBERGH SAYS**Country Has Been Attacked
And We Must Retaliate
By Force of Arms.

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