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200,000 Japs Try To Blast M'Arthur From Bataan 600,000 U. S. TROOPS MOVED WEST

CITY'S DEFICIT TURNS UP AS NEAT SURPLUS

'Maybe It's Magic,' Is View As Officials Eye Possible \$700,000 Balance.

By RICHARD LEWIS

City Hall's wizards of high finance today pulled \$274,000 out of the City's 1941 budget cashbox which was definitely empty the last time they showed it around to the public. Not only was it empty: The wizards told the County Tax Adjustment Board last fall there would be a deficit of \$150,000 or more which had to be made up in higher taxes this year.

The wizards explained their alchemy in transforming the deficit into the \$274,000 balance with some mumbly-mumbly about "rigid economies" and a few passes in the air.

Like the Old Rope Trick But this is not all. Like the ancient rope trick of the Hindus, there is more to it.

Only 12 months ago, the City was in the throes of a huge financial headache—the result of some wizardry which produced the illusion of a \$1,000,000 deficit.

The million turned out to be a bookkeeping mirage, evoked by an occult mistake in the office of City Controller James E. Deery.

\$700,000 Surplus Possible

So it now appears on the basis of the magic balance and a higher 1942 tax rate, that the wizards will have nearly \$700,000 in the cash box at the end of this year.

The full scope of the magic can be revealed in the fact that the \$700,000 is in addition to the \$8,000,000 appropriated this year to finance municipal services.

Approximately 8 cents was included in the record 1942 tax rate of \$1.43—17 cents above the 1941 rate—to pay off the deficit which the wizards already have succeeded in liquidating.

Fate Is in Doubt

This would raise about \$425,000. Add to that the \$274,000 and the \$700,000 becomes clearly visible.

What will be done with that amount the wizards won't say. They claim they don't know, yet.

However, they are pleased about it and some of them have admitted they made a mistake last fall when they told Chamber of Commerce tax experts and the Tax Adjustment Board that it was next to impossible to make up the deficit out of savings.

Tax Experts Were Right

The tax experts said the wizards could do it and today the experts were astonished to find they had been so right. The wizards did it without even finding the philosopher's stone or the magic lamp.

And today there is the same kind of wonderment in civic financial circles that appears over the faces of an audience at a magic show when the magician takes the white rabbits out of the hat.

The audience always wonders what the magician is going to do with the rabbits after he has made them appear.

That's what the experts and lookers-on are wondering about the \$700,000.

URGES COMMON MONEY UNIT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. today said that the Treasury hopes that the American republics and Canada will agree upon a common unit of currency to be used in settling export trade accounts. Any agreement reached by the American republics might be extended to all countries outside the Axis, Mr. Morgenthau said.

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Likes Bikes

Basso Ezio Pinza, Former 6-Day Rider, Sees a Comeback.

EZIO PINZA, the famous basso singer, arrived in Indianapolis by train today, convinced that the bicycle is coming back.

"I don't see why they shouldn't," said Mr. Pinza. "They're making 75,000 extra this year."

And Mr. Pinza is a man who knows a thing or two about bicycles. He used to pedal them in six-day races in Italy, but he

didn't do so well and so he took up singing, at which he's done very well. So well, in fact, that he's been employed as the leading basso by the Metropolitan Opera Co. for the past several years, finding time now and then to give a recital.

THAT WAS WHAT he was in town for today. He's to sing with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra tomorrow afternoon and Saturday night at the Murat.

A man with ideas, Mr. Pinza also has a solution to no 500-mile race next year.

"People like racing of any kind, and if they can't have automobiles, they'll probably race bicycles," said the basso.

"But I wouldn't go back to racing bicycles, because I get enough racing catching trains. I'll go back to using them, though, for short errands and pleasure."

WHEREUPON MR. PINZA straddled a bike loaned by a boy named Paul, who in his excitement was unable to give his last name. He was concerned that Mr. Pinza might be too heavy for the vehicle.

The basso stands 6-foot-2 and he packs a lot of singing muscle.

2 DIE UNDER LINE FALL

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Two men were killed and two seriously injured today when a 2500-ton pile of dehydrated lime fell on them while they were working as dynamite blasters at the Natural Products Refining Co.

I. Watt Pugh, Rent Manager At Security Trust Co., Dies

I. Watt Pugh, manager of the rental department of the Security Trust Co. and past president of the Apartment Owners' Association, died yesterday in Laredo, Tex. He had been in Laredo for several months, he had gone to Texas with his wife to improve his health.

Mr. Pugh was a pioneer in the apartment house management field here. He had a thorough knowledge of the City, its growth and development in which he took an active part. He was a director of the Apartment Owners' Association at the time of his death.

One of his first jobs was with the old Indianapolis Press years ago. He later went with the Marion Trust Co. of Indianapolis and for more than 25 years had been in the real estate and rental department of the Security Trust Co. He had been manager of the rental department several years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Louise Hupp Pugh; three daughters, Miss Audrey Pugh of Lake Forest, Ill.; Mrs. Harry B. McKee Jr. of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Miss Madeline Pugh, a student at Indiana University, and one sister, Mrs. E. Guy Robbins of Indianapolis.

TORTURE ENDS FOR 7 FORCED DOWN AT SEA

Albatross With Beady Eye Stares at Thirst-Crazed Men in Broken Plane.

By NAT A. BARROWS

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BALBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 22.

The drama of how seven Navy men survived more than a week of torture, in a disabled patrol plane far out at sea has been revealed by the survivors.

It is a story of daily prayer, frantic relays at setting up a makeshift radio set, sips of water once daily and fear that their craft would sink any minute under them.

Forced down by engine trouble, Lieut. William T. Sutherland, junior grade, of Normal, Ill., the pilot, and his six men finally were able to send out an S.O.S. which was heard almost immediately by a Federal monitor station in Pennsylvania—after five and a half days of sleepless hardship few men have survived.

Sitting in the 15th Naval Headquarters here, they looked fit and ready for another patrol despite their average loss of weight of 12 pounds.

Credit Given Radiomen

With Lieut. Sutherland were Ensign William J. Lahodney, a reserve pilot from Milton, Pa.; L. L. Weiss, radioman, of Watertown, S. D.; J. W. Miller, aviation machinist's mate, of Ashland, Ky.; Harold C. Martin, seaman, of Lynchburg, Va.; W. B. Valyou, radioman, of Burlington, Vt.; and John P. Carlson, radioman, of Olympia, Wash.

When a rescue plane sighted them and directed a surface ship to them, they all joined hands topside on the tossing, pitching wings and offered prayers of thanksgiving. Then, secure in the knowledge that their torture would soon be over, they scrambled waist-deep in the half-sunken cabin and broke out cans of fruit.

"If it hadn't been for Weiss and Valyou, my radiomen, we couldn't be here today," related Lieut. Sutherland. "All my men did a splendid job. They obeyed orders cheerfully and willingly despite the hardships. But the two radiomen worked without sleep to improvise a radio set from broken parts of our water-soaked apparatus and to rig up a generator. It took five and a half days to get it going."

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AUTO KILLS WOMAN AS SHE LEAVES BUS

Year's 11th Traffic Death At 82nd and College.

Miss Leona Bennett, 33, today was listed as the 11th traffic fatality of 1942 in Marion County.

She was struck by an auto as she alighted from a bus at College Ave. and 82nd St., outside the City limits. Miss Bennett was an employee in the home of Mrs. Blanche Robinson, 8200 Spring Mill Road.

Mrs. Robinson, waiting for Miss Bennett in a parked auto, witnessed the accident.

Mrs. Rosemary Smith, 21, of Route 6, Box 146-S, drove the auto which figured in the accident.

Reporters Join Chase

She grabbed the man. He shoved her and ran out.

"Stop him!" she cried as the man started toward the stairway leading down from the second floor of the State House.

"Get him!" cried Chief Justice Shake.

State House employees and newspaper reporters joined in pursuit of the man down the stairs, then out the north entrance of the building.

Gives Chicago Address

A block west of the State House, a man in a parking lot heeded the cry "Stop him!" As he grappled with the fugitive, Patrolman Fred Starks came up, arrested the suspect. Chief Justice Shake was right behind the policeman.

The suspect said he was John Volko of Chicago.

Miss Hear's purse, containing \$50, was recovered.

The Indiana Supreme Court handed down no opinion about the case.

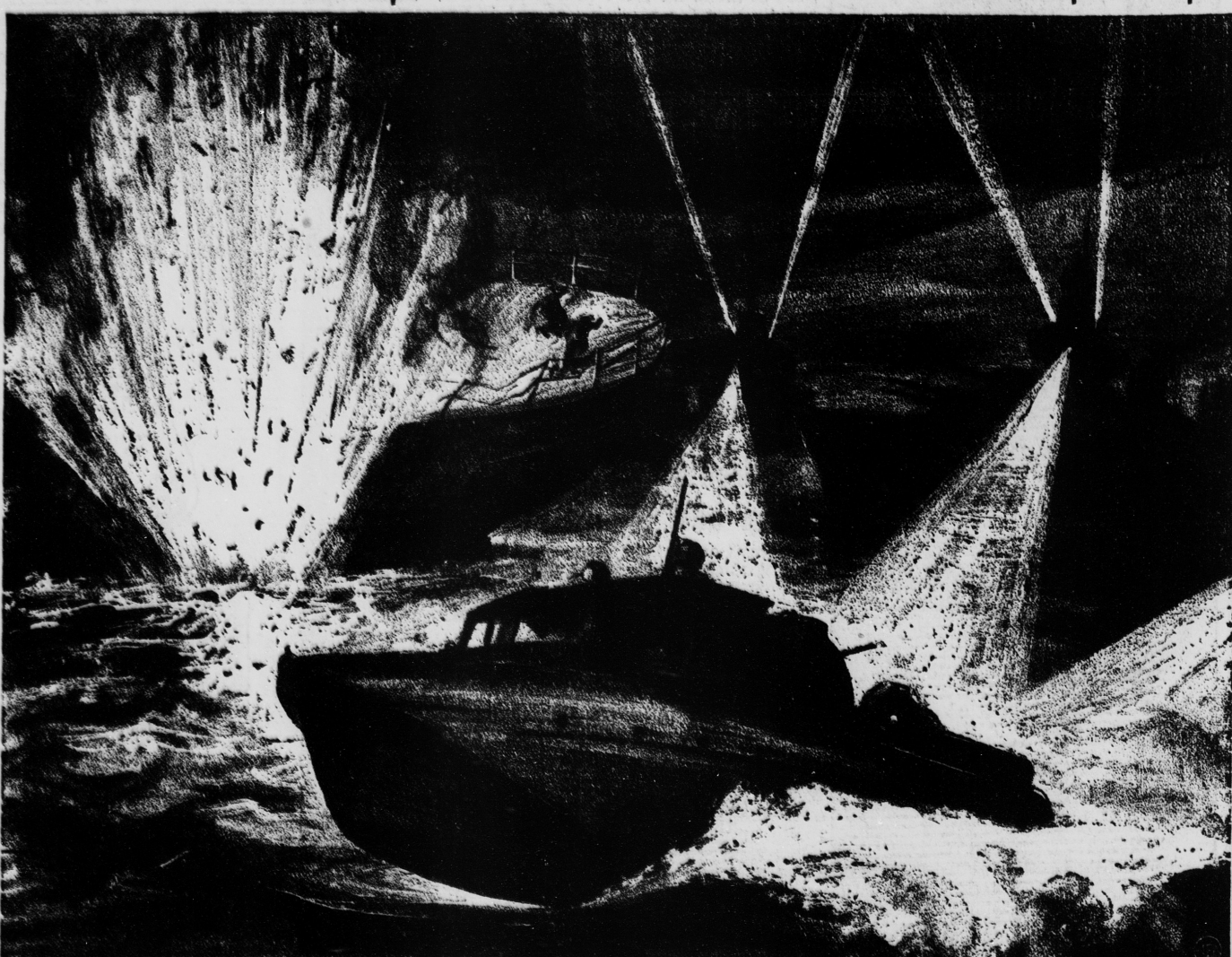
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How U. S. Mosquito Boat Loosed Death on Jap Ship



This artist's conception shows a U. S. motor torpedo boat loosing the death blast against a 5000-ton Japanese vessel after rocketing into enemy-held Binanga Bay in the Philippines under cover of night. For this daring exploit Lieut. John D. Bulkeley of Long Island City, N. Y., has been commended by the Naval Department.

JUSTICE SHAKE JOINS IN CHASE

Helps Capture Fugitive Suspected of Stealing Secretary's Purse.

An alleged purse thief who invaded the very stronghold of law in Indiana—the office of Chief Justice Curtis G. Shake of the State Supreme Court—was captured today in a chase in which the chief justice was among the pursuers.

The "chase" a 40-year-old man took the purse of Miss Charlene Heard, secretary to the Chief Justice, out of a drawer in her desk.

Miss Heard, taking dictation in an adjoining room at the time, heard a bang on her desk, rushed out to investigate.

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Army Under 'Ace' General Smashes at Luzon Forces

By HARRISON SALISBURY United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—The War Department revealed today that Japan has thrown her entire 14th army, aided by additional forces and a stream of heavy reinforcements, into a ferocious attack designed to blast Gen. Douglas MacArthur from his strong lines in Bataan Province.

The Japanese forces, estimated at possibly 200,000 to 300,000 men, are commanded by a crack Japanese military figure, Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, a bluff, robust general, who is well known both to American and English Army circles.

The huge Japanese forces, said the War Department, are hurling themselves in unrelenting attacks directed particularly against the left and center sectors of Gen. MacArthur's lines.

The communique did not state how well the heavily outnumbered American and Filipino forces are withstanding the hammering of the Tokyo forces, but it seemed evident that the crisis of Gen. MacArthur's stand in Bataan may be at hand.

The Japanese were revealed to be pouring quantities of new troops onto Luzon, landing their fresh forces on Subic Bay, just north of Bataan and on Lingayen Gulf 100 miles to the north, which was the scene of the original major Japanese landing effort on the island.

These forces, it appeared, are rushing up to the front and charging into action against the small body of tired troops which have been holding off constant Japanese attacks for 47 days.

Presumably the large forces being landed on Subic Bay are striking (Continued on Page Four)

War Moves Today

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE United Press War Analyst

The German retreat from Moscow has developed into one of the great single victories of the war for Russia. The Germans, their winter line cracked at Moshaisk, were fighting desperately today at or beyond Borodino, scene of Napoleon's triumph in 1812.

The Germans cannot yet be said to have been routed and presumably will eventually make a firm stand, even if they have to fall back to Smolensk, on the upper reaches of the Dnieper, which Hitler already has abandoned as his field headquarters. An important Borodino action is that it dispels definitely the German-created fiction that their armies are making an orderly, planned retreat to prepared positions.

It is now obvious that they had planned to hold Moshaisk, 63 miles west of Moscow. The advancing Russians found that the Germans had built strong positions for a long stay and the city was taken only after bitter fighting.

History Is Repeating?

History seems to be almost repeating itself. It was at Borodino, six miles west of Moshaisk, that Napoleon won his final victory in his campaign for Moscow. After that, his way to the capital was unimpeded.

The only difference in the modern parallel is that the Germans regarded Moshaisk as their final victory and proclaimed that Moscow was in their grasp.

The Russians of 1942, unlike their forebears of 1812, turned the tide without losing the capital. The net result is the same. The Germans are retreating along the same main highway from Moscow to Smolensk that Napoleon took in his disastrous rout.

From indefinite military information, entirely from Russian sources, (Continued on Page Four)

JAPAN THRUSTS NEAR AUSTRALIA

Fleet Near New Britain; British Planes Smash Foe in Malaya.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS United Press Foreign Editor

Japanese air and naval forces thrust at the strategic island of New Britain northeast of Australia today as Allied forces fought intensified enemy drives in Malaya, Burma and the Philippines.

A fleet of 11 Japanese ships, including warships, was reported in operation off the Rabaul sector of New Britain and communications with the British base ceased after another heavy bombing attack, indicating that the defense forces had evacuated.

"Never before in history has Australia faced such a serious predicament," War Minister F. M. Forde declared as the nation mobilized its resources for an expected battle on the home front.

Peril Allies' Supplies But the Japanese thrust, in which three aircraft carriers were said to be participating, also was aimed at control of the Allied sea routes north of Australia—vital routes for American and other supplies to the East Indies and Singapore—and at a foothold for invasion of New Guinea.

With Rabaul as a base, Japanese airplanes and warships might be in a position to battle for dominance of the entire island north of Australia and cut off Allied supplies.

The Japanese, however, have failed to eliminate the threat to their flank provided by American (Continued on Page Four)

ASKS 100 MILLION FOR HOME DEFENSE

F. D. R. Seeks New Cash Raid Protection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for an emergency appropriation of \$100,000,000 for protection of American civilians against air raids and other war hazards.

The appropriation was authorized in legislation which received final Congressional approval Monday. The legislation authorizes expenditure of the funds by the Office of Civilian Defense, now headed by New York Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

The civilian defense bill was approved after the House reversed itself in demanding that civilian defense be made a responsibility of the War Department.

Charges Japs Broke Pledges

Turning to the Far Eastern and southwestern Pacific situation, an official explained that the United States was not entirely unprepared because just such a contingency had been under study for 20 years.

In 1921, at the Washington disarmament conference, he recalled, this country made every effort to stabilize relations with Japan, and prevent encroachment on China, whose stability is the cornerstone of the Far East.

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WAY IS PAVED FOR ADDING TO PACIFIC FORCES

Defenses of Hawaii and Coast Stronger Than Before Japs Struck.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—A high Government official said today that vast emergency military steps, invoked immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, have resulted in strengthening of our entire West Coast defenses and Hawaii to unprecedented levels, and have paved the way for reinforcements in the Southwest Pacific.

A huge operation, involving the movement within the continental United States of some 600,000 troops, was carried out with a minimum of confusion and delay, the official said.

West Coast Defenses Lagged

Large numbers of Army planes and men were moved quickly into their stations on the West Coast, from California to Alaska, to meet the threat when it appeared that Hawaii had been endangered and damaged more than actually proved to be the case, he said.

This official said that bombers were flown and pursuit craft were shipped immediately to Hawaii, with the result that it is now far stronger than before the surprise raid.

At the same time, this source said, steps were being taken to send reinforcements into the southwestern Pacific.

In describing the "inside picture" of how our Army went into action immediately after the initial Japanese attack, he said that first reports, fortunately exaggerated, had made it appear that Hawaii was terribly crippled with the result that the entire West Coast would have been left stripped of the protection of that outlying defense bastion.

Bombers Plugged Leak

He explained that the American defense program had been based on reliance on the strength of Hawaii, and that West Coast defenses, themselves, had lagged during the past year and a half.

He said that the emergency revealed the flexibility of air defense. It looked he said, as if we had lost control of the seas for the time being. To meet this situation, the Army threw in its big two and four-engine bombers to plug the defense leak in the West, he continued.

He said that our production had been coming up steadily in aircraft, and we fortunately have sufficient bombers and pursuit ships to meet the emergency.

Job Termed Miraculous

The big job at the outset, he continued, was to build up immediately West Coast anti-aircraft and interceptor defenses. Huge numbers of men and planes were moved to the coast during the operations.

He said he had been told by a prominent railroad president that the job of moving about 600,000 troops in a few weeks was "miraculous." It was facilitated, he explained, by advance preparations a year and a half ago for emergency storage yards in ports of embarkation. Thus, the United States was ready for the job at the outset of the war instead of being obliged to build these facilities after hostilities began, as was the case in World War I.

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