

FIGHT IN STREETS OF SINGAPORE CITY

Japanese Claim 25 Ships Are Bombed and Damaged in Harbor; London Says Defenders Still in Action.

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dispatches indicated that much equipment had not been destroyed.

Changi fortress apparently was the main center of resistance as it was under heavy attack by Japanese airplanes which are attempting to silence the long-range British guns that still were hammering at Japanese lines on the Johore coast.

The Japanese, their landing operations across the strait from Johore now unimpeded, were known to be using medium as well as light tanks and it was admitted that they undoubtedly were now using the dynamited causeway which connects the island with Johore.

A London "Daily Mail" correspondent, in a dispatch dated from a rescue ship which left Singapore Tuesday, said 900 British women and 500 children were "packed" aboard "this great North Atlantic liner now acting as a rescue ship from Singapore."

Try to Bomb Refugees

The liner originally landed Indian reinforcements at Singapore, the dispatch said, but left soon afterward with evacuees, some of whom were living on deck, sleeping in hammocks "slung from all conceivable supports."

A Japanese bomb fell 30 yards

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The harbor of Singapore is reproducing the tragedy of Dunkirk. British and Dutch naval vessels as well as merchantmen of the two countries are desperately attempting to evacuate large numbers of British troops and their arms. The British troops are thrown into utter confusion.

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New Burma Pressure

Increasing Japanese pressure on the Burma front was reported with the occupation of Martaban. A British commentator said that in northern Burma Chinese troops carried out "a most successful engagement against Thai troops."

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from New Delhi, India, reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, on an official visit to India with members of the Chinese general staff, was likely to abandon his plan to meet Mohandas Gandhi, nationalist leader, and tour Bombay and other cities so he could return promptly to China "in view of developments in the international situation."

Alice Malone Is Dead Here at 72

MRS. ALICE MALONE, a resident of Indianapolis for the last 29 years, died yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ross Patrick, 34 W. Woodland Drive. She was 72.

Born in Tennessee, Mrs. Malone was a member of the Edwin Rae Methodist Church for many years.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Patrick, are another daughter, Mrs. Warren Lucas; two sons, Dayton Springman and Wallace Malone; 18 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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to schoolchildren and to clerks, stenographers and other employees of banks and brokerage offices who receive a holiday on his birthday.

But the banks did close as required by law.

At Batesville, Ind., Rep. Earl Wilson, the Hoosier Republican who has stirred up the national capital by demanding that Government stenographers stop frittering away the Government's time, addressed the Republican organization of Ripley County.

Place Wreath on Grave

A lonely, windswept hilltop in Spencer County was the scene of one of the most touching Lincoln Day exercises in the nation. On that hilltop sleeps Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the woman who bore in a Kentucky log cabin a son destined to be the savior of the Union. A wreath was placed on the simple stone marking her grave, and it was recalled that her greatest tribute came from her great son, when he said: "Whatever I am, whatever I hope to be, I owe it to my mother."

Col. Richard Lieber, chairman of the executive committee of the Indiana Lincoln Union, and Hugh A.

Barnhart, director of the State Department of Conservation, participated in the ceremony.

In a brief address at the Lincoln memorial ceremonies, Mr. Barnhart said that "here today we must take renewed devotion to that cause for which he who lived here gave the last full measure of devotion."

Today we assemble on the 133d anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and place this wreath on his mother's grave to exemplify our pledge to them that this Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from this earth."

Spokane in Spotlight

Kentucky, Lincoln's native state; Indiana, his home in the early years of his life, and Illinois, whence he journeyed to the White House, always lead the nation in the observance of Lincoln Day. But this year Spokane, Wash., takes some of the spotlight because a replica of a Lincoln statue in that city appears on awards given to Boy Scouts attending Lincoln pilgrimages.

Pilgrimages to the larger cities in America have been arranged by the Lincoln National Life Foundation, which has headquarters at Ft. Wayne.

SCATTERGOOD IS OPTIMISTIC

Sees Successes for G. O. P.
As He Fights to Keep
2-Party System.

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Kelland is enthusiastic. He says the G. O. P. chances for gaining control of the House are excellent.

"They are even better than they were before Pearl Harbor," he said.

"And the trend is continuing."

Mr. Kelland said the change in sentiment started manifesting itself in the last three weeks and "the two-party system is making a strong comeback."

"It is the emergence of the people from the bewilderment of Pearl Harbor," he explained. "They are settling down now to good American thinking. You can knock the American people off balance only so long. And I believe the Republicans will be in increasingly better shape as events manifest themselves."

"I don't want to be too critical, but the people are becoming a little suspicious that things have not

been handled by the New Deal as efficiently as they could be."

"We are a realistic people. When told that we have a job to do, we jump in and do it. But we don't get excited unless we are told the facts. The people deserve the whole truth, but they are not getting it."

Asked if the acceptance of high positions in the war effort by Republicans leaders indicated a breaking down of the two-party system, Mr. Kelland said emphatically:

"It is the best indication that the system is working efficiently. The talents of both parties should be utilized fully by the nation at war. Our country comes first, to every Republican as well as Democrat."

Midwest Prospects Bright

National Democratic Chairman Edward Flynn's recent speech in which he said that giving the Republicans control of the House would be worse than a military defeat, has brought the Republicans out fighting and aiding their cause.

Prospects are brightest in the Midwest, Northwest and East, according to the party's national publicity director. One of his jobs here today will be to look over the Indiana situation and the chances for increasing the Hoosier G. O. P. Congressional delegation.

Mr. Kelland's duties as combina-

tion executive director-publicity director for the national G. O. P. will be to help Mr. Martin with organization matters and do whatever he wants me to."

His chief regret, of course, is that he will be away from his 30,000-acre cattle ranch (which is 35 miles from the nearest telephone) and his 20-acre date farm. He will talk about the wonderful climate and natural beauties of Arizona as long as you will listen.

But he's certain that giving all this up for the time being will be well worth the effort.

3 WARSHIPS ADDED TO 2-OCEAN NAVY

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12 (U. P.)—Three warships, described by the Navy as "new emancipators" for the nation's fast-growing two-ocean Navy, slid down the ways into the Delaware today.

The 10,000-ton cruiser Montpelier, which had been on the ways only 14 months, was launched at the Camden, N. J., yards of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. It is of the Cleveland class, of 32 cruisers planned by the Govern-

ment. The destroyers, Butler and Gherardi, being rushed to completion four months ahead of schedule, were launched a few minutes apart at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Dawson Still Holds 'Honeymoon' Home



The "honeymoon" cottage at the Fair Grounds . . . still under control of Lieutenant Governor Charles Dawson, who says "it is not available" to Guy Cantwell, new State Fair boss.

DAWSON STILL HOLDS COTTAGE

Won't Yield 'Honeymoon'
Home Occupied by
Ousted Manager.

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have to be a showdown on the exact powers and duties of the Board in relationship to those exercised by the Commissioner.

Such a showdown is expected to come at a meeting of the relations committee of the Board with Governor Schriener and Mr. Dawson next Tuesday.

Relations committee members are P. L. White, John Bright Webb, O. L. Reddish and William H. Settle.

Mr. Dawson said today that

"everything was apparently pre-arranged at yesterday's meeting for Mr. Dunn's ouster. They came to the meeting with their resolutions already written out."

He said that one of the members leading the fight for Mr. Dunn's ouster had told him that they would talk to Governor Schriener before taking action, but that this had not been done.

Mr. Cantwell, the new Fair boss, was candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1940—the nomination won by Mr. Dawson—but he withdrew before the convention.

He has been a member of the Fair Board for 20 years. From 1930 to 1932 he was on the Indiana University extension staff as a tax specialist and from 1932 to 1934 he was on the Purdue University extension staff. He has been a director of the agricultural center of the Fair for many years.

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Hoosierdom Honors Lincoln And Mother on His Birthday

Today's War Moves

By LOUIS F. KEEMBLE
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Singapore having been written off as lost, the defense and delaying action of the United Nations in the Far East now falls back on the Indies and Burma.

Facing cold reality, allied commanders must count on the possibility of losing both. The question in that case is how long they can be held.

It may be weeks before a clue to the answer be-

comes apparent in the case of the Indies; perhaps sooner in Burma. The battle for the China's supply line is apparently in full swing.

Several factors enter into the defense of Burma:

1. The size of the force which China can throw into the battle. It is not impossible the Chinese can throw in enough troops to offset Japan's superiority in manpower.

2. The amount of aid which can be sent from India, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been discussing methods of co-operation.

3. The strength of the American and British air squadrons, and whether they can be reinforced. It is apparent that the aerial defense of Burma is stronger than was that of Singapore.

The fall of Singapore will release many Japanese planes, fighting men, guns and machines for use in Burma or the Indies, or both.

The defense of the Indies will center on Java, where the remain-

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