

AMBOINA COSTS JAPS FIVE SHIPS

Dutch Forces Continue in All-Out Battle Against Thrusts at Java.

BATAVIA, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Dutch land forces fought bitterly to stem a huge Japanese pincer aimed at Java today while a Netherlands Navy communiqué revealed the sinking of five enemy ships off Amboina island since the Japanese attacked that naval and air base 10 days ago.

The Indies troops were waging an all-out fight to check the Japanese advances toward Macassar, capital of Celebes, and toward Bandjermasin, chief city of South Borneo—strategic points in the pincer operation against Java.

A Navy communiqué said Netherlands Indies mines and coastal guns sank three Japanese cruisers, a destroyer and a submarine off Amboina.

Admiral Claims Successes

The success of the Netherlands forces was announced a few hours after Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich, commanding the Netherlands navy, was named commander in chief of United Nations naval forces in the Southwest Pacific succeeding Admiral Thomas C. Hart, U. S. Navy.

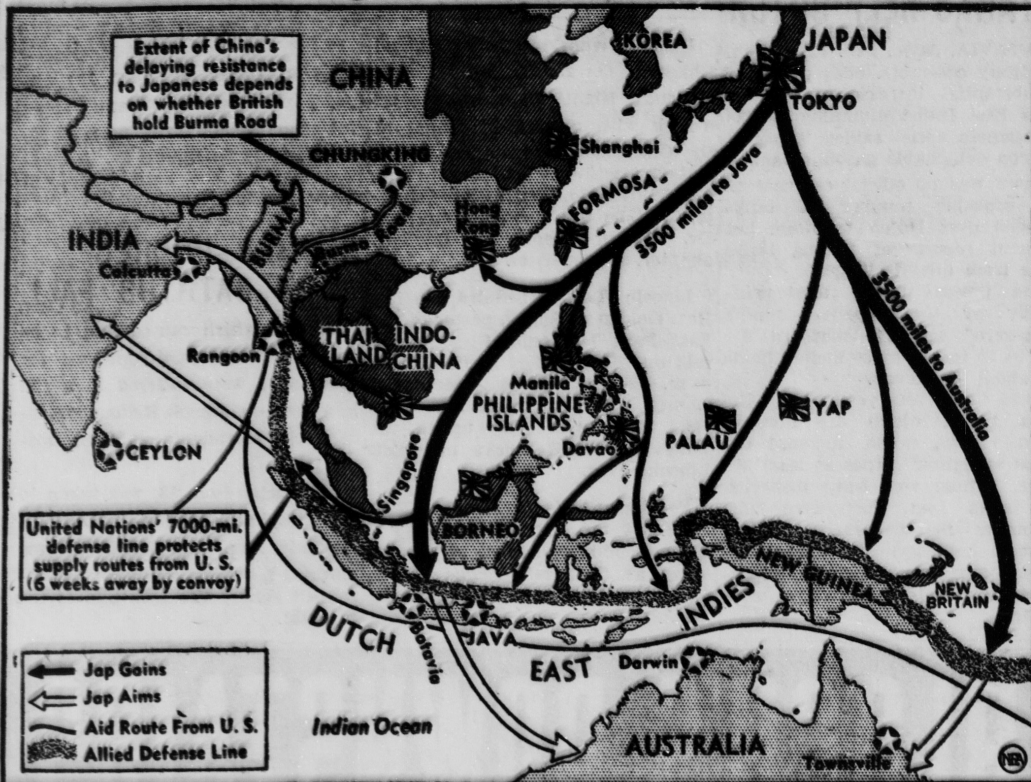
The first Japanese cruiser to enter the Amboina mine field struck a mine and sank within a few minutes, the communiqué said.

Two days later a submarine struck a mine in another field off the island, it was said, and was considered definitely sunk.

Another two days later, witnesses on the island shore saw a Japanese cruiser destroyed by half a dozen heavy explosions.

In the early phase of the fighting, 15-inch Dutch coastal guns at Amboina hit a cruiser and a destroyer, both believed sunk.

What Singapore's Fall Will Mean



Singapore completely in Jap hands would put India and the Dutch East Indies in new danger of attack, for the enemy could then pass this "hot corner" of Asia safely. This map shows the present extent of Jap thrusts.

Burma:

RANGOON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—The air forces of Great Britain and Japan traded blows along the Salween River today in the growing battle for Rangoon and the survival of China's life-line—Burma Road.

An R. A. F. communiqué issued today said that enemy aircraft attacked British forces in the Martaban sector while the R. A. F. bombers raided enemy positions and attacked forces at Moulmein.

The aerial thrusts were only one phase of the fighting, which was mounting in intensity as the Japanese, who had crossed the Salween and occupied Martaban, drove northward toward Thabon.

Unofficially, it was reported that low level bombings started fires at Paan, which the Japanese occupied last week and from which they were trying to cross to the west bank of the Salween. British pilots also said they started fires on the docks at Moulmein.

The apparent Japanese strategy was to close a pincer first on Thabon, a key railroad center 28 miles northwest of Martaban, and then drive directly for the Rangoon-Mandalay railroad portion of the Burma road only 70 miles from Thabon.

The first hints of a general allied counter-offensive came from the north of Burma where Chinese troops for the first time were reported in battle with the Japanese and forced Thai troops to withdraw "to the Indo-China frontier."

British Empire Defenders Battle Nipponese Pincers Drive In Burma

RUSS POUNDING AT KEY POINTS

Batter at Gates of Orel, Kharkov and Rzhev; Advance Slower.

LONDON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—The Russians were reported battering at the gates of Kharkov, Orel and Rzhev today against German resistance stiffened by fresh reserves.

Radio Moscow said Russian ski troops were smiting last summer's conqueror over a wide area, even behind their own lines.

However, military observers here thought the Russian offensive was slowing, probably because of heavy snow, although the Germans reported rising temperatures in southern sectors were creating transport problems.

WPB 'AMBASSADORS' CO-ORDINATE BUYING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson is establishing his own lieutenants in various government purchasing agencies to co-ordinate the war buying program with war production.

These Nelson "ambassadors," mostly successful business men, are individuals known and respected by the WPB chairman.

Latest in the list of appointments is James MacPherson, Larkspur, Cal.

Advance on Smolensk

Radio Moscow reported that guerrillas recently blew up two bridges on the Minsk-Smolensk railway, and that a German general in a train crossing one bridge was reported killed.

Fifteen divisions which the Germans had intended saving for the spring offensive were in battle on the southern front, the Russians said.

German, Rumanian and Croat soldiers fighting in the Donets basin sector have driven back Russian forces despite tenacious resistance. Berlin radio reports claimed.

TIED MR. HULL TO TAKE A REST

Plans Southern Vacation; Build-up to Pearl Harbor Attack Revealed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Secretary of State Hull, said by his associates to have been very tired and dispirited since the outbreak of war, today plans a southern vacation of several weeks.

An attack of grippe has kept him from his desk for more than a week.

His absence may revive reports that the 70-year-old secretary is contemplating retirement. They were current last spring when he went to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for a rest.

While Hull is away, Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles will be acting secretary.

Felt Pearl Harbor Blow

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a tremendous blow to Hull because he had foreseen such a development.

It is now possible to reveal the background of references to the State Department in the Roberts report which fixed responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster upon naval and military commanders.

The report referred to a warning to U. S. authorities about a possible attack upon Pearl Harbor as far back as January, 1941. That information, it is now learned, came originally from highly placed sources in Tokyo.

The information, highly confidential, was regarded as entirely trustworthy and was promptly passed along to Hawaiian authorities.

The Roberts report also refers to a warning of Oct. 16, 1941. That also had its origin in Tokyo.

U. S. Was Warned

This Government was informed during last September that if the Konoye Cabinet were replaced with a Cabinet headed by a military personage, it could be taken as an unmistakable indication that Japan had decided to act.

In mid-October the Konoye Cabinet was replaced with one headed by Gen. "Razor" Tojo. To State Department officials it was a clear signal of danger ahead.

The War and Navy Departments were notified. A grim race to prepare against Japanese attack began. The Japanese seemingly sensed it and decided to strike at once.

MOTHER IS HELD IN KILLING OF 3 SONS

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Authorities today prepared to place a murder charge against Mrs. Madie Messerly, 40, pending her recovery from a rifle wound self-inflicted in the fatal shooting of her three young sons yesterday on their Ohio River houseboat.

Billy Messerly, 12, was killed instantly. Joseph, 9, died upon arrival at an Evansville hospital. Edward, 10, died several hours later.

The triple filicide occurred while deputy sheriffs pounded on the door seeking the custody of the three children for welfare officials who had declared the houseboat unsuitable as a home for the boys.

U. S. TROOPS GUARD DUTCH W. INDIES OIL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—American soldiers are guarding vital oil supplies in the Dutch West Indies islands of Aruba and Curacao today in conformance with President Roosevelt's expressed policy of sending troops wherever their service are needed most.

United States forces previously had been assigned to the Netherlands possession of Surinam, on the north coast of South America, to guard important bauxite mines.

On Curacao and Aruba, which are off the northern coast of Venezuela, are some of the world's great oil refineries. With the supply of oil in the Dutch East Indies threatened by Japan's smashing southern drive, the West Indies are more than ever essential to the allied war effort.

The State Department announced the arrival of the American contingent in the Dutch islands. The forces were dispatched, it was said, at the request of the Netherlands Government, and they will assist Dutch armed forces.

The Americans will be under the general supervision of the Governor of Curacao and will be withdrawn when the emergency has passed.

The State Department reported that Venezuela had given its wholehearted approval of the agreement between the Netherlands and United States Governments. The wells which supply oil to the refineries on the Dutch islands are in Venezuela, near Maracaibo.

EX-POLICE OFFICIAL DEAD

NEW CASTLE, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Chauncey H. Burr, 74, former Henry County sheriff, State police lieutenant and New Castle's first chief of police, died yesterday at his home at Middletown after a long illness.

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Philippines:

Scarcity of Food Supplies Hindering Enemy in Luzon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U. P.).—Stubborn resistance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops and an increasing scarcity of food supplies, due to the Japanese harsh treatment of Filipino farmers, today slowed down the invaders' preparations for an attempt to deliver a "knockout" blow in Bataan.

A War Department communiqué announced that the Japanese, slowly extending their hold over other parts of the sprawling Philippine archipelago, have occupied the small island of Masbate, lying between Luzon and Mindanao and north of Cebu.

On the Bataan battlefield an ominous rumble over the jungle and mountain fighting lines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur again warned, in his report to the War Department, that the respite may be short-lived, with a "knockout" enemy assault expected at any time.

Food Growing Scarce

The communiqué indicated that the scarcity of food for the invading hordes, estimated to total 200,000 men, has become so acute that the Japanese commander, Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, has been forced to urgent measures.

Gen. MacArthur reported that Filipino farmers, driven from their homes by the Japanese, have crowded into Manila or taken refuge in the desolate mountains "to escape harsh treatment at the hands of the Japanese soldiers."

"The great scarcity of laborers to tend the crops and the consequent shortage of food supplies so alarmed" the Japanese military authorities that Gen. Homma has issued a proclamation to the Filipinos warning them that they will "die of starvation on the roads" unless they return immediately to their crops, the communiqué said.

'Starvation' Threatened

The Japanese commander sought to assure the Filipinos that the invaders meant no harm to them, providing they remain at work.

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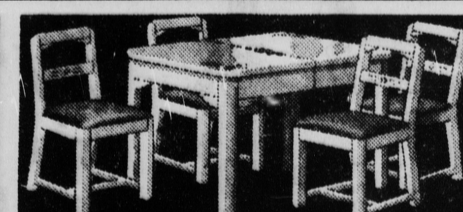
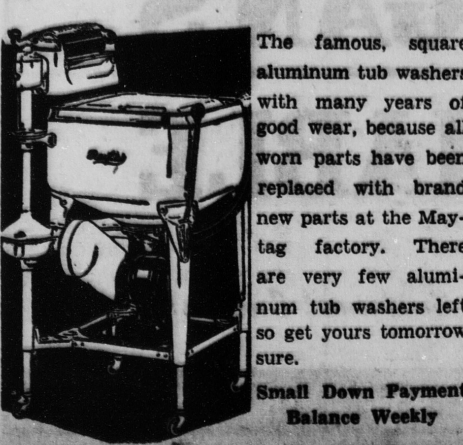
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