

WASHINGTON

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to be dictator. The youthful King Peter is already being thimble-rigged! He didn't have a chance from the beginning.

Hard Fight Ahead on Luzon

THE LANDING on Luzon was relatively easy and our loss in ships was negligible, but there's a great deal of hard and bloody fighting ahead for Gen. Krueger's 6th army.

The Japs have many troops there; they also have land-based planes, and their supply source in Formosa is only about 500 miles away.

We have been plastering Formosa, but we still do not have deep-water ports to supply our troops.

And don't think the Jap navy is done for. Our men look for another tough scrap with it—maybe it's going on now.

THE NEW German submarine threat could be serious to our supply lines in the European theater of operations but it isn't yet. So far subs have been operating chiefly in channel waters, concentrated in December were about twice what they were in November.

The Nazis may have from 200 to 300 submarines.

Fact that they're able to get enough trained crews to operate them causes surprise here. Trained undersea teams are considered more difficult to provide than first class trained airmen.

Federal Spending

TREASURY DEPARTMENT and congress tax experts, in estimates soon to be released, will predict a lapse of five years after Germany's defeat before normal peace time budget can be reached.

They estimate first year's budget at 74 billions (assuming Jap war is still on), second year at 44 billions and announced shortly. Of 1300 educators polled, a majority opposed army/navy plan for military training; 48 per cent wanted national service law.

THERE'S A chance that when the May "work or fight" bill reaches the house floor, probably week-after-next, one of the major fights will hinge on whether new 18-45 men forced into war industry will have to join unions.

It's been a hotly debated issue in house military affairs committee hearings and unless the committee can find some solution, it could start a bad labor union fight on the floor.

Odds now are the labor battalion section of the bill, which would force physically deferred draft registrants into non-combat military service if they balked at getting into war industry, will be tossed out.

The "fight" part of "work or fight" will be a misnomer. Civil penalties like those of original selective service act probably will provide.

Our draft legislation for nurses, Chairman May of house military affairs committee says mail and telegrams being received are mostly favorable—including resolutions passed by National Nursing Council for War Service, of New York.

Airlines Suffering

COMMERCIAL airlines felt the German offensive; release of transport planes for their use tightened up at once. Now, however, planes for airlines are again

CLEVELAND'S POWER NORMAL

Service Resumed as Men Return to Work Under U. S. Flag.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13 (UPI)—Normal power service was restored to a five-county area in and about this important war-manufacturing center today.

Striking employees of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. returned to their jobs under orders of the army to "work or be fired."

Col. E. A. Lynn, head of the Cleveland district army ordinance department, announced that 90 per cent of the strikers had reported for work.

As power service was restored, Col. Lynn rescinded a request to householders and merchants to keep use of electricity to an absolute minimum.

Walk Out Yesterday

The strikers walked off the job yesterday. They were ordered to terminate their wildcat walkout after President Roosevelt directed the army to take over the company's facilities to prevent further curtailment of war production depending on electric power from the C. E. I.

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