INVASION OF PHILIPPINES

Six to eight Japanese divisions—eighty to 100,000 men—strove for a foothold today on the Island of Luzon, 150 miles from Manila, and were engaged by American and Filipino troops who "more than held their own." The Japanese invasion force was carried toward the Philippine beaches by eighty troopships under strong naval and air escort. The mother ship ut a host of 150-man barges into the water and these sv & ward shore under a hail ef defence fire and into a mi of of hand and tank combat on the beaches. Latest & don today indicated that Hong Kong still held out un siege and direct attack by land and air on Hong Kon Malaya defence forces three hundred miles north of 32 50 shed heavily at the Japanese gathering for a push to 3 ortant tin mining centre of Inoh.

HITLER TAKES C

Chancellor Adolf Hitler opened a new see of the war in Russia by taking direct command of Nazi armies there after removing Field Marshal Waltzer von Brauchitsch. This dramatic step came as the Soviets were rolling up new gains in what appeared to be nut a German netreat but a rout. Russian war dispatches said that Red advances on Moscow and Leningrad fronts are keeping the Germans from forming any kind of permanent winter line.

SURPRISE BRITISH STAB

A patrol far out in the front of Great Britain's rapidly advancing aimy in Libya has made a bold surprise stab against an Axis garrison 150 miles in Tripolitania, British general headquarters disclosed today in a communique which for a third successive day indicated main British forces were pressing westward at top speed. The exact site of the daring sweep where an entire garrison was accounted for although it out-numbered the attackers six to one and where at least twenty-four Axis planes were destroyed on the ground was not given. The main line of Britain's army hotly pursued the shattered Axis African corps and had driven beyond the highlands of Eastern Cirenaica last night, the communique said. It was said that one force was pressing back Axis units holding covering positions east of Bengasi while others were operating against enemy forces withdrawing southward towards Agebadia.

ATTACKED OFF CALIFORNIA

Three and possibly four vessels were attacked by Japanese submarines off the California coast at the week-end. One submarine attacked without warning and shelled the large American oil tanker Emidio Saturday twenty miles off the coast, 200 miles north of San Francisco. Incomplete reports listed two of the crew as killed, five missing and five injured. Five injured and twenty-six others were rescued. Several hours earlier another American tanker, the Agwiworld, escaped from a submarine off Cypress Point, 100 miles south of San Francisco. Although eight shells were fired at the Agwiworld, the tanker zig-zagged her way to safety in a thirty-minute chase. This attack was also only twenty miles off shore. Later Saturday the steamer Samoa was attacked off California coast. The tanker L.P. St.Clair was reported to have escaped from an attack by slipping into the Columbia River estuary.

Battle of Libya-

AXIS ROUT IS FORCED

ward Nearly to Algerian Frontier - Defenders Moving Out of Bengasi

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chasing the main Axis army in & distance ninety miles long & bombs yet being dropped. Damage headlong flight out of Cirenaica + near recaptured Klin is de- + was reported to have not been exinto Eripolitania. Two-thirds of + scribed as a "graveyard of + tensive. the part of Libya which the Brit- & German war machines." ish took a year ago from Italy has now been recaptured although + + + + + + + does not believe there is any hope there are some pockets of Axis resistance yet to be cleaned up.
Since the latest westward advance of the British began it is estimated that over five hundred enemy aircraft have been destroyed. Thousands of prisoners have been taken and heavy quantities of Axis war materials captured or destroyed.

More than ten thousand Axis prisoners-6,000 Germans and 4,000 Italians-were brought to the coast during the week-end by the

British columns have reached a point but sixty miles east of the important port of Bengasi from which Axis defenders are already believed to be moving southward, indicating that they have decided to abandon resistance.

With the air force playing a prominent part, the British advance against the broken German army in Libya continues without let-up. The Royal Air Force, now in complete control of the air, is spreading out to close to the Algerian border. Lorries loaded with enemy troops were attacked from the air force not far from Algeria, causing heavy casualties.

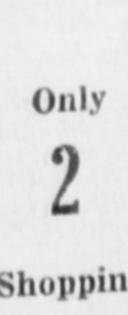
Berlin Radio

BERLIN, Dec. 22:-For the first time in years, the Berlin radio failed to close its broadcasting last night with the customary "Heil Hitler," simply wishing listeners

United States Navy Getting Re- the mountain forts. sults, Statement of Col. Frank Knox Indicates

series of attacks had been made | ualties upon the enemy. teen enemy submarines had been sunk or destroyed in the Atlantic and in the Pacific several of the enemy being set afire. Japanese submarines had been disposed of.

been submarine activities on both sides of the United States.





War News The Daily Aews

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides

... 5:08 a.m. 20.1 ft. 16:55 p.m. 19.1 ft. . 11:06 a.m. 7.7 ft. 23:24 p.m. 4.9 ft.

Enemy Is Coming Nearer

Fuehrer In Supreme Command

All Out for Philippines—

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HONG KONG HOLDS OUT FIERCELY

Japanese Increase Their Invasion Force on Luzon and Mindanao -Fighting in Malaya.

SITUATION SUMMARIZED

LONDON, Dec. 22:-The garrison at Hong Kong is still holding out today and Chinese forces, harrassing the Japanese from the rear, are reported to have moved to a point within seventeen miles of Hong Kong while endeavouring to work their way into Kowloon.

The Japanese are continuing their desperate drive on the west of Malaya Peninsula-one along the coast and one in the interior-in two lines towards Singapore which is settling itself down to siege.

The enemy are endeavouring to increase their landing strength both on Luzon and Mindanao Islands of the Philippines with particularly heavy fighting on Mindanao.

While Hong Rong is still holding out today and the British have established a new line of defence n the Malayan Peninsula 350 miles north of Singapore, the Japanese started a new all-out attack upon the Phillipine Islands, anding or attempting to land housands of troops on both Luzon and Mindanao Islands. American and Finpino defending troops are eported to be more than holding heir own in fierce fighting. The main Japanese invasion attempt MOSCOW, Dec. 22:-Every- has been essayed at Lingayen Bay * where from Finland to Cri- * on the west coast of Luzon Island mea, further advances are be- * where many of the landing boats + ing made by the Red Army + were destroyed with heavy toll of Air Force Spreads Offensive West- + on the Russo-German front. + enemy casualties as the American + Two hundred more villages + defences attacked numerous Niprare estimated to have been ronese transports bringing thousrecaptured over the week- ands of troops while Japanese + end. Nazi casualties continue + land forces aim to move south-+ heavy and great quantities of + wards towards the capital with air CAIRO, Dec. 22: - The British arms and ammunition are be- support. There were two air raids army of North Africa was today + in left behind in flight. A + on Manila today, the heaviest

> ♣ Despite the brave resistance and + the stubborn holding out, London of Hong Kong being saved. In message to the defenders, Governor Sir Mark Young said: "The eyes of the Empire are upon you. Be strong. Be resolute." Tokyo said

the defenders. anese cruisers and two transports, against nearby British North Bor- after being threatened with at- slightly shook houses in this also dealing blows at Nipponese neo.

WEEK-END SUMMARY ed out from Hong Kong in twen- transports off Sarawak. ty-four hours, Governor Sir Mark On the Malayan front the Jap- Submarines off the Atlantic + be three or four quick explo-Young on Saturday reported the anese were driving down the road coast have also been reported. sions and then silence follow- ergency was declared in southern Far East citadel was still holding to Singapore with the British comout. Japanese dispatches pictur- mand announcing a slight with- activities of enemy submarines off

COMMANDS SECOND DIVISION



Major General H. D. G. Crerar is here shown behind the sight of an anti-tank gun during an inspection tour at Petawawa training camp. General Crerar has recently been appointed commander of the 2nd Canadian Division overseas, succeeding Maj.-Gen. Victor W. Odlum, who becomes Canada's high commissioner to Australia. Maj.-Gen. K. Stuart succeeded Gen. Crerar as chief of general staff.

Subs Off Coast-

AMERICAN

SHIPPING

One Tanker Crippled And 22

Members Of Crew Believed Lost

Others Flee Safely Into Port

MORE ATTACKS

(P)—The United States Navy an-

nounced today that the steam-

ship Samoa was attacked by a

submarine off the coast of Cal-

ifornia during Saturday night

and that the steamship La-

haina was shelled and sunk by

an enemy submarine on Decem-

Francisco. A torpedo exploded

damage. Far-ranging Axis sub-

off the California coast during

the week-end were being hunted

along the length of the Pacific

coast today.

the Pacific coast.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 22:

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

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	Vancouver	
	Grandview	.151/2
	Bralorne	9.00
,	Cariboo Quartz	1.70
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,	Pend Oreille	
,		2.04
,	Premier	.56
1	Privateer	
5	Reno	
f	Sheep Creek	
1	Oils	
	Calmont	15
•	C. & E.	1.12
e		2.45
	Royal Canadian	
r	Teronto	
S	Beattle	.92
t	Central Patricia	
e	Consolidated Smelters	
-	Hardrock	
	Kerr Addison	4.00
d	Little Long Lac	1.22
n	McLeod Cockshutt	1.65
e	Madsen Red Lake	.481/
a	McKenzie Red Lake	
	Moneta	
16	Pickle Crow	

Rangoon reported today that It was a desperate race against three other life-boats destroyed by oceans. Up to the present four- British planes had raided a Jap- time with the Japanese strongly gunfire. The hull of the Emidio anese airdrome in eastern Thai- entrenched on the mainland and was blasted by the torpedo. land, plane and gasoline dumps rapidly tightening the ring of The tanker Agwiworld was at-

Six of ten Japanese planes In the Philippine theatre Unit- submarine off Cypress Point on which attempted a raid on the ed States army headquarters and the Monterey coast 100 miles south Burma Road at the end of the nounced that heavy fighting was of San Francisco. The vessel raced week were shot down by the Chi- developing at Divao on Mindanao into Santa Cruz in a damaged nese international air force, it was Island, 600 miles south of Manila, condition. Eight shots were fired announced today, with no losses to where four enemy transports land- at the Agwiworld but all missed. Batavia reports that Netherlands day. Mindanao is strategically ported at Seattle to have fled into + Dec. 22: (P)-Loud explosions + over. bombers have struck three Jap- important as a base for operations the mouth of the Columbia River + off-shore rattled windows and +

While, in the first word flash- blows on Jap warships and troop have shown up off the California 4 lasted more than an hour and 4

Involved In Libyan War ‡

* Italy's Fate

ROME, Dec. 22:- Virginio * & Gayda, authoritative Fascist & deditor, said yesterday that the de * fate of Italy depends on the * outcome of the Battle of Lib-🏕 ya. On its issue will be decid- 💠 red not only the colonial but * * the world war.

Bulletins

SAN DIEGO SILENT SAN DIEGO-San Diego radio stations were ordered shut down for a time early this morning. "BAKERY" ROBBER ARRESTED

VANCOUVER - Charged with the hold-up of seven bakeries recently, a man has been arrested, the police announce. NEW COMMANDER OF NAVY

WASHINGTON - Admiral Ernest J. King has been appointed commander - in - chief of the United States Navy in succession to Admiral Husband E Kimmell who is under suspension as a result of the Japanese "sneak" attack on Hawaii.

LOGGING CAMPS CLOSED VANCOUVER - Most of the

larger logging camps on the coast have been closed for the Christmas holiday season which will be much shorter than usual this year.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

VANCOUVER - Nine persons were injured, none seriously, as a result of traffic accidents in Vancouver over the week- end.

Joseph Stalin Is ber 11 while on the way to San there were no casualties and no Sixty-Two Years marines that slashed at shipping Of Age Sunday

MOSCOW, Dec. 22:- Premier Joseph Stalin celebrated his sixty-SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22:-The second birthday yesterday. There

Explosions Are Heard

* Maryland resort city today. * Air Attack On & a half. He said there would &

Admiral Greenslade reported the 4 ed by other outbreaks.

* * * * * * HITLER IS ARMY BOSS PERSONALLY

Fires General von Brauchitsch to Assume Commandership-in-Chief Himself.

LONDON, Dec. 22:-The "best news that has been received in some time" was the way in which certain British quarters vesterday described the announcement that Chancellor Adolf Hitler had taken over personal command of the armies of the Reich. The Daily Express says that typical Hitler frenzy may now be expected and it may result in a shorter war.

BERLIN, Dec. 22: - Chancellor Adolf Hitler yesterday announced that he had removed Field Marshal von Brauchitsch and had himself become supreme commanderin-chief of all the armies of the Reich. Henceforth he will personally make all essential military decisions in all theatres of war. Dissatisfaction with the failure of the campaigns in Russia and Libya are believed to have actuated Der Fuehrer in his momentous decision which came into effect last Friday.

Hitler, in his statement, said that the army must be prepared to resume the offensive in Russia in the spring. Meanwhile, he exhorted his troops on the eastern front to fight on in the east with

"fanatical determination." The Fuehrer spoke of "other measures" which would now be taken. This, it was thought, might mean a move either by way of the Balkans, Italy or through Spain and Portugal to North Africa.

Hitler gave no specific reason for the "firing" of von Brauchitsch and the assumption of personal command himself. Three reasons are suggested in speculation:

First, the German reverses in

Second, a serious rift between army leaders and party chiefs on military policy.

Third, a feint or trickery which may be prelude to sudden attempt to invade Britain or move southward toward North Africa.

ment Telling Why It Was Necessary To Move In

LONDON, Dec. 22:-The British government has issued a state-Capt. W. H. Crocker is leaving ment explaining why it was necbeen negotiating an arrangement for the protection of this important island when Japan went to war with Great Britain and the United States. Then, in view of "immediate danger" on account of Japanese submarines being in the vicinity, it became necessary for the British to move in without delay. Assurance was given that British forces would be withdrawn ed a swarm of troops at dawn to- The tanker L. P. St. Clair is re- OCEAN CITY, Maryland, Immediately the emergency was

Italy Feared

1 Italy and Sicily last night. Air attack by the British from North • • • • • • • • • • • Africa was feared.

Not "Heiling"

a well deserved night's rest.

Russians Are Going Strong

For the second day there had

Shopping Christmas.

ed the island's capital as in flames drawal.

that victory at Hong Kong was as- and declared that the Japanese surred and the Japanese forces flag was flying over Hong Kong were now taking things easily. harbor. At the same time Hong Japanese planes continue to bomb Kong defenders drew deep tribute from Domei (Japanese) News Singapore is expecting a grand Agency which said in a broadcast: assault to be attempted by the "The expected fall of the colony American tanker Emidio was tor- was no message of best wishes for British Government Issues State-Japanese but there are strong de- has been staved off by the stub- pedoed, shelled and crippled at the dictator and his people as fences in the area to meet any born defence." While the British 3:30 Saturday afternoon by an there had been previously on this WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 22:- attacks that may result from a garrison battled apparently hope-While stating that it was not break through to the north. To- less odds, Chinese headquarters Japanese—20 miles off Cape Men- Hitler. advisable to reveal the activities day, however, it was reported that announced that Chinese troops, docino, 300 miles north of San of United States naval forces in a new British line of defence, after driving along the Canton-Kowloon Francisco. Thirty survivors—five any details Secretary of the the losses of last week in northern railroad in an attempt to relieve seriously injured—were picked up Navy Frank Knox did disclose Malay, had actually assumed the Hong Kong, had smashed their by a lightship from two lifeboats. on this evening's train for his essary to occupy the island of in a statement last night that a offensive and inflicted heavy cas- way into Schumchum on the Twenty--two members of the crew home at Prince George to spend Timor northeast of Australia. mainland border of Hong Kong. are missing and believed lost in Christmas.

siege around the island defenders. tacked but not torpedoed by a

landing parties in North Borneo. Netherlands bombers were re- There is speculation as to the A garage owner, Henry Burported to have inflicted smashing base of these submarines which & bage, said that the explosions &