War News

VANCOUVER SHIP MISSING

SAN FRANCISCO—Sudden appearance Axis submarines preying on Pacific Coast shipping war for the Canadian freighter Rosebank, than twentyfour hours overdue. The home port of t is Vancouver. She was enroute to a California port bu States Navy had no information regarding her.

PHILIPPINES HARD PR

MANILA-American and Filipino defender Islands are faced with a grave new invasion thr anese. Already battling with strong invasion. miles north of Manila, they have now to cope with a ne and powerful disembarkation of the enemy 75 miles southeast of Manila. Resistance is being continued but the enemy are landing more and more forces and the defenders are fighting against great odds on both fronts. A communique today was far from optimistic, admitting that the American forces were far outnumbered and that the Japanese were continuing to hurl large new forces ashore. There was a heavy bombing raid on Manila today and the defenders were considering declaring it an open city in the hope, under international law, of saving it from further destruction.

HONG KONG HOLDS OUT

HONG KONG-The situation at besieged Hong Kong was little changed today. If anything, news appeared to be a little more hopeful. The British, Canadian and Indian garrison was still holding out against desperate odds. Pressure of Chinese attack from the rear, it appeared possible, might be having some effect. Chungking said that the withdrawal of the Japanese to the number of some three or four thousand had been forced at one point.

RUSSIANS PUSHING WESTWARD

MOSCOW-All the way from Finland past the Leningrad and Moscow fronts through to the Black Sea, the Red Army continues to push the Nazi forces westward in the great counter-offensive. There is particularly heavy fighting in the Crimea with the Germans renewing their attempt to capture Sebastapol. Further important points have been recaptured by the Russians to the west of Moscow. All Russians from 18 to 50 years of are are being registered for military service. They will be used to keep up the ofiensive against the Nazis with the object of inflicting the maximum possible losses during the winter.

LITTLE CHANGE IN MALAYA

SINGAPORE-Except for some skirmishes on the northwest front of Malaya, little change in the situation in that area is reported today.

ROYAL AIR FORCE BUSY

LONDON-British bombers attacked the naval base and German warships at Brest and objectives at Cologne last night, it was announced.

MESSAGE TO CHURCHILL INTERVIEW WASHINGTON

of Two Nations at Washington.

smoking the traditional cigar, did Curtin expresses concern over the most of the talking and was heart- situation in Malaya and declares ily cheered by the two hundred or that Singapore must be held at all so newspapermen.

Mr. Churchill said that Great send air help. Britain and United States would co-operate in defence of Singapore until naval co-operation LANDINGS IN

The British prime minister had nothing to say in answer to questions as to the possibility of an invasion attempt of Great Britain next year.

Mr. Churchill said that, while internal collapse in the enemy countries would be welcome, he believed victory could only be achieved by external defeat.

JAPS LOSE DESTROYERS from Manila, indicating the pos-sibility of a new thrust in that region.

Off Sarawak, Tokyo Admits.

tanker have also been lost.

Joint Press Conference by Leaders Premier John Curtin of Australia

Says Singapore Must Be Held at All Costs.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 24:- WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 24:-Prime Minister Winston Churchill In a message to the conference and President Franklin D. Roose- here of Prime Minister Winston + velt gave a press conference yes- Churchill of Great Britain and terday.
The British prime minister, the United States, Premier John All Strikes costs. Australia was preparing to

Japanese Now Putting Heavy Forces Ashore South of Manila to Split Up Defenders.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 24: (P) -The United States War Department announced today the arpearance of enemy troopships off Batangas on the southern tip of Ralston and Howe to Represent Luzon Island, about sixty miles from Manila, indicating the pos-

The enemy has landed a heavy ister William Lyon Mackenzi Transports and Tanker Also Sunk force near Atinoman, seventy-five King is expected to send Hon. miles southeast of Manila, and L. Ralston, minister of nationa the new threat would give the defence, and Hon. Clarence TOKYO, Dec. 24:-Japan admits Japanese two points, apparently Howe, minister of munitions an the loss of two destroyers off trying to decoy General Douglas supply, to Washington to repre Sarawak. Three transports and a McArthur into splitting his de- sent Canada at conferences fending force.

MR. PATTULLO'S MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS is always a season for rejoicing for even in the midst of distress and death there is ever present a great truth which inspires solace and strength.

Through your courtesy I wish to extend Christmas greetings and good wishes to all.

T. D. PATTULLO.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides 7:04 a.m. 18.8 ft. 19:14 p.m. 16.4 ft. 0:14 a.m. 6.4 ft. 13:09 p.m. 8.5 ft.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

OVERDUE

Five Attacked But

Escape.



Called Off :

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. ♣ 24: (P) — United States labor ♣ and management representa-* tives agreed today to forego * strikes and lock-outs for the * duration of the war and to * settle all strikes by peaceful *

Canada at Churchill-Roosevelt Conferences.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24:-Prime Min connection with the visit of Frin Minister Winston Churchill 位置 Great Britain to the United State

NAZI RUSE : Send \$100

Nothing to Confirm Invasion of Spain Or Resignation of Marshal Petain.

LONDON, Dec. 24; (P) - A For- + The eign Office commentator today + Federal Union last week + from Bengasi is being cut off. labelled rumors of an impending & cabled the sum of \$100 to Rt. & Phillippe Petain had resigned as & the Old Land. head of the Vichy government.

Customs Duties Between Canada and United States.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24:-Hon. J. L. VICHY, Dec. 24:-In protest a Ilsley, minister of finance, yester- German violation of armistice day announced two orders-in-sterms with France, Marshal Henri council to facilitate trade between Phillippe Petain is reported to Canada and the United States and have resigned as chief of state.

dumping duties on fruits and veg- ish Foreign Office said today there

Removal of trade barriers between countries fighting against the Axis is provided for.

Christmas Fund in a typical war of nerves.)

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To Britain ;

PETAIN IS

Two Orders - in - Council Relaxing Resigns As Chief of State of France Because of German Treaty Violation.

Admiral Jean Darlan has already One of the orders suspends taken over, it is said. (The Britwas nothing to confirm reports that Petain had resigned or that a German invasion of Spain was impending. Rumors of a move against Turkey were also treated with reserves. Such rumors were possibly being spread by Germany

OCCUPYING

Axis Forces Still On Run In Libya -Barce Has Been Captured By British

CAIRO, Dec. 24: (P) - British forces, rapidly completing the occupation of Ciremaica, have captured an important Axis airdrome twelve miles from Bengasi and the stronghold of Barce, forty miles farther east, it was announced to-

An Imperial headquarters communique indicated that the Axis army was in headlong westward retreat and was showing signs of disintegration.

The retreat of General Romlocal Fish Packers • mell's German forces southward

German invasion of Spain as a + Hon. Ernest Bevin, British + There will be no regular editions Nazi ruse and said there was noth- minister of labor, to assist in of The Daily News on either ing to confirm either such a move + the providing of Christmas + Christmas or Boxing Day-Thursor a report that Marshal Henri & cheer for workers' children in & day and Friday. The next regular issue will appear Saturday

* Regain At Hong Kong

OTTAWA, Dec. 24: (P) - * * Some ground lost by the Hong * * Kong garrison Monday night * * was recaptured yesterday, ac- * * cording to report received by & defence today. It was said & * and there were indications of * meeting. * increasing Chinese pressure * on the Japanese rear.

or for economic advantage. There ligible. would be no room for military | The Royal Air Force raided Dun-

Conference On At Singapore

tain said.

planes roared to the attack after

the submarine had shot at the

tanker and then sent a torpedo

into its stern. Each plane drop-

ped depth charges and the sec-

ond "may have hit her," the cap-

SINGAPORE, Dec. 24: - British, American and Netherlands representatives are meeting in Sing-* the Department of National * apore to consider the situation in the Far East. President Franklin that hard fighting continues + D. Roosevelt had suggested the

Luftwaffe Over England and RAF Over France.

LONDON, Dec. 24: - German VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24:-Pope raiders made very light attacks on Pius, in a Christmas Eve message southeast England coastal areas to the world today, declared in during the night. There was althe new post-war world there so an attack in East Anglia. Damwould be no place for aggression age was slight and casualties neg-

force or armed persecution. There kerque, Calais, Boulogne and Brest must be equality of rights for all. in occupied France, also Cologne His Holiness referred to the grave and other points in western Gerresponsibilities of statesmen today. many.

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OUR MEMBER'S GREETINGS

OLOF HANSON, M.P., extends to the people of Skeena riding his sincere best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year Season. We are now on the "Front Line" but we have much to be thankful for. Be of good cheer and high courage! We shall win through towards lasting peace and perpetuation of our privileges and ideals.

OLOF HANSON.