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Nazi Ca rophe In Russia Invasion Attempts In Malaya

Quarter Million Man NAZIS ARE Army Before Moscow Is Utterly Defeated

Vast Quantites of Materials Being Abandoned by Germans in Their Disorderly Retreat Over Frozen Plains-Is Greatest Soviet Victory.

LONDON, Dec. 13: (CP)—German set-backs in Rus- umns well in the west were caussia, typified by Soviet announcement of the utter defeat ing widespread confusion and de-of a 750,000-man army before Moscow, may develop catastrophically for the invaders, London military com- units while attempting to break mentators said today. Observers expressed the belief that the speed with which captured munitions were the speed with which captains and a would that the Germans were un-

sians and zero cold.

The German withdrawal is con-

military machine with which it | *

had been hoped to capture Mos-

visions have been destroyed. The

enemy are in disordered flight

ON FORAY

Night on Occupied France,

Netherlands and North-

west Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 13: (P) - British

Men In United

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13: (P)

-National registration in the

United States is expected to reveal

40,000,000 men between the ages

of eighteen and sixty-four includ-

ing 10,000,000 between 19 and 44

who will be liable for military ser-

States Today

Real Thing :

VICTORIA, Dec. 13: - The *

nounced today that there was .

along the frozen plains in two sec-

tors of the Moscow front.

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cow. At least twenty German di-

Heading For Mediterranean?

LONDON, Dec. 13: (P) - A + tinuing both before Moscow and + British source said today that + on the southern end of the long + the bulk of the German air + front. force, which is reportedly be- Berlin admits a break-through + ing withdrawn from the Rus- + of the Nazi lines and heavy losses + sian front, might be concen- + as the Russians smash forward 4 trating for a terrific assault 4 without regard to their own losses 4 on the British Mediterranean . Moscow says that the second # fleet. He said Axis attempts # general offensive of the Nazis with + to defend North Africa are + a view to encirclement of Moscow odomed unless the supply has completely crumbled. The * route across the Mediterran- * greatest victory of the war for the + ean is opened.

SALES TAX BEING CUT

Automobile Industry Is Being Assisted To Maintain Price Structure

OTTAWA, Dec. 13:-The form of assistance granted to the Canadian automobile industry, in order to enable it to maintain the 1941 price structure as the price ceiling Extensive Attacks Made During on 1942 automobiles, has been a writing down of the sales tax, it is learned here.

Some mystery about this matter so far unclarified by the price control authorities of the War- bombers made an extensive foray time Prices and Trade Board, has over the German-occupied conled to reports in Eastern Canada tinent last night, blasting docks that substantial assistance has at Brest and Dunkerque and had to be given to the motor car bombing an oil refinery at Donges industry to permit it to operate near St. Nazaire. The British airmen were also over northwest under the price ceiling.

The circumstances under which Germany. it was decided to grant rebates of but it is understood that motor Forty Million car production costs have gone up and Chrysler is understood to have installed 1942 improvements that justify a variation of price from the 1941 scale. What the position has been with the other two Canadian manufacturers, Ford 'and General Motors, has not been dis-

Rotary Club Sends Check for Queen's who vice. Bomb Victim Fund ‡

The Prince Rupert Rotary Club + Alarms Are has sent a check for \$102.75 to the Queen's Canadian Fund for British bomb victims. This amount includes donations received as fol-

₩ Western Air Command an- * Prince Rupert Reading Club \$ 9. Vomen's Navy Auxiliary 50. * no intention of sounding any * Centennial Rebekah Lodge ... + test air raid alarms. No such + Alex Finnie 28.75 * alarms will be given unless * Rotary Club * there is reliable information *

Jack Morrison is sailing tonight & that the Japanese are nearby. on the Prince Rupert for a trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

ENCIRCLED

British Forces Are Driving Westward Through Libya Toward Derna and Bengasi.

CAIRO, Dec. 13: (P) - British ing encircled Axis troops at Ga- collided with a British Columbia zala, British headquarters declar- Electric Railway freight train on ed today. A communique said the Marpole line south of here New Zealand forces had cut off yesterday. The killed were Arnes and said that other British col- and Steve Porkyo. through toward Derna and Ben-

said that the Germans were una doubtedly abandoning vast mili-MIDWAY tary supplies in withdrawal under twin scourges of attacking Rus-

No Interruption With Cable Communication Across Pacific, San Francisco Reports

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13: (P) -The Postal Telegraph cable department reported today it was working Midway Island without interruption. Earlier in the week Japan claimed it had taken possession of Midway, Wake and Guam Islands but it has since Russians is resulting in the utter

FOUR DEAD, TRAM LINE

B. C. Electric Freight Collides With Speeder On Marpole Branch South Of Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 13: (P) Four forces west of Tobruk are attack- men were killed when a speeder

Japanese and Their Boats, Enroute to Malaya, Smashed By Netherlands Submarines.

BATAVIA, Dec. 13: (P)-Nethlands submarines were credited today with the destruction of about four thousand Japanese soldiers and four transports off southern Thailand and another naval force was said to have liquidated a Japanese settlement on the east coast of Borneo.

The transports were smashed as Japanese reinforcements were been learned that such was not being moved to the Thailand front. smashing of the huge German **************************

War News

DARING LIBYAN EXPLOIT

ALEXANDRIA-Sweeping within point blank range, a British cruiser heavily shelled Derna on the Libyan coast in a daring surprise attack yesterday and safely emerged from one of the biggest dive-bombing assaults since Crete. Axis shipping and harbor installations were heavily damaged. Meanwhile, the British forces on land are steadily moving forward against the Axis west of Tobruk. A point fifty miles west of Tobruk has now been reached.

AIR ATTACK ON MANILA

MANILA-There has been a fierce air attack on Manila and Nicholls air field beyond but the American military authorities state that damage has not been serious, defences proving effective. Japanese forces have been landed on Luzon Island, but the situation is well in hand.

MALAYA AND HONG KONG SINGAPORE-Japanese forces landing on north Malaya are engaged in fierce fighting through the jungle with the British defenders. At Hong Kong, according to Japanese claims, the defences have been penetrated a distance of fifteen miles.

SECOND ITALIAN CRUISER SUNK LONDON-The Admiralty announced today that another Italian cruiser had been sunk by British destroyers in the Mediter-

ranean, making the second to be sunk in two days.

CATASTROPHE FOR NAZIS LONDON-British military authorities here predict that the Nazi retreat before the Russians west of Moscow will develop into a catastrophe for the Germans. Berlin itself admits reverses, although claiming that these are only of local character. The second general offensive of the Nazis against Moscow is being completely routed, Moscow asserts, declaring that no less than 85,000 Germans have been killed between November 16 and December 10 with twenty-three out of fifty-one divisions wiped out. Enemy tanks numbering 1434 have been completely destroyed with 5416 lorries, 675 guns, 335 trench mortars and 870 machine guns.

GUAM CAPTURE PROBABLE WASHINGTON - The United States navy announced today that it was unable to communicate with the Pacific island of Guam by either radio or cable and added that capture of the island by the Japanese was probable. There is no confirmation here of reports that Honolulu was bombed six times during the first nine hours following arrival there of Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY WASHINGTON - French sailors have been removed from French vessels in American ports. This action has been taken for their own safety. French ships are still in a state of "protective custody" and are still flying the French flag.

and Philippines Are Checked; Hong Kong Being Hard Pressed

Bulletins

ARE OFF TO TTAWA

Hart and Attorney General R.

wa to confer with the federal

government on terms of settle-

ment of Dominion - provincial

EXPLOSION AT TRAIL

pital, one injured seriously, as a

in the Consolidated Mining &

DISTINGUISHING BUTTONS

buttons are to be issued to Chi-

nese to distinguish them from

Japanese. The buttons will car-

ry the Chinese flag and the

McCOY VS. ZIVIC

Young Kid McCoy fought to a

ten-all draw last night. It was

a very fast bout. Referee Art

Donovan took the fifth round

JUGO-SLAV ARMY

made for the training of a

OFFER TO WASHINGTON

States government has under

consideration an offer from

Canada to give the United States

the use of three munitions

Unidentified Planes Reported to

Have Passed Over Again-

Florida City Also

Alarmed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13:-

land, had a two-and-a-half hour

blackout beginning at 7:25 last

evening. Air raid alarms were

sounded and unidentified planes

were reported to have passed over.

dents in the dark and consider-

able disorder developed.

alarm last night.

There were many traffic acci-

Jacksonville, Florida, also had a

two-and-a-half hour air raid

plants in the Dominion.

WASHINGTON - The United

OTTAWA - Plans are being

from Zivic for a low blow.

Jugo-Slav army in Canada.

NEW YORK-Fritzie Zivic and

TRAIL-Four men are in hos-

taxation relations.

Smelting Co. plant.

word "China."

DESTROY ITALIAN FLOTILLA

Have Been Disposed of by Allied Submarine Attack

LONDON, Dec. 13: (P) - A pack of British and Netherlands destroyers pounced suddenly on two Italian destroyers in the Mediterranean and left another burning, the Admiralty announced today. With an Italian cruiser sunk by a British submarine yesterday, an entire flotilla of three Italian cruisers has, apparently, been destroyed.

GAS RATION NEXT SPRING

After Then It Will Be Supplied Only On Production Of Rationing Coupons

OTTAWA, Dec. 13:- Rationing of gasoline will go into effect in Canada next April 1, it was announced yesterday. There will be no gasoline supplied after that date without rationing coupons. Restrictions will be placed on the supplies to drivers of non-

essential private cars. Commercial vehicles will be supplied on the basis of their normal requirements.

Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board says that rationing of other goods in Canada may soon be expected.

JAP ENEMY TO RUSSIA

Soviet Ambassador to United States Does Not Pay Very Complimentary Respect to Nipponese.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13: (P) - Maxim Litvinov, Russian ambassador to the United States, today characterized Japan as "our common enemy" and called the Japanese "Axis gang-

Litvinov told a press conference "complete understanding exists or will be arrived at" between powers opposing Axis aggressino.

NEW PRICES FOR WHEAT

OTTAWA, Dec. 13:-Consideration of western wheat prices in view of the new price ceiling policy will be before Ottawa authorities this week, it is expected.

The question whether the precedent already established with respect to Ontario soft wheat followed with respect to western hard wheat may be decided soon. The new price ceiling on Ontario soft wheat has been defined as \$1.26 a bushel, on a Montreal basis, which means an average of \$1.12 to Ontario farmers to whom however wheat growing is a minor

administrator of prices for the Shopping had been slowed down Wartime Prices and Trade Board, owing to the blackout at the first with respect to grains.

Spectacular Dogfight Over Manila-Domei News Agency Claims Capture of Kowloon-Better News Fram Singapore Today.

Sea-borne Japanese troops, which gained a foothold at Lingayen on the west coast of Luzon Island in the Philippines, 100 miles north of Manila, have been wiped Gazala in a drive from Tobruk K. Aho, Ernest Hillyer, John Dyck Three Axis Cruisers Believed to Out, it was reported officially today as United States fighter planes pitched into waves of Japanese bombers in a spectacular dogfight over the Philippine capital.

United States strength in the Philippines arena of war is gathering strength daily. There have been no new gains and no new landings by the enemy during the past twenty-four hours.

Several Japanese planes were shot down during today's air VANCOUVER - Premier John raids. Fifth columnists, who are said to have fired red flares to L. Maitland were here today on attract the enemy bombers, are the way from Victoria to Ottabeing rounded up.

A Domei broadcast dispatch from Saigon, French Indo-China, asserted that British troops defending Hong Kong had withdrawn from the first line of defence following Japanese capture of Kowloon on the mainland facing the British naval base.

result of an explosion yesterday In London authoritative quarters acknowledged that British troops might have withdrawn from Kowloon but said there was no confirmation of the Japanese claim VANCOUVER - Ten thousand that Kowloon had been occupied.

> Chinese declared today that their troops had recaptured Senchuan, strategic point north of Hong Kong, in hard efforts to relieve pressure on the British Hong Kong garrison.

Royal Air Force reinforcements are being sent both to Malaya and Hong Kong.

At Washington the War Department reported that the Japanese had bombed Cebu in the Philippines and said "the enemy plan is now clearly revealed as an attempt to secure improvised air bases outside the area encompassed by our ground defences."

Tonight's British communique from Singapore indicated that Japanese invasion of upper and middle British Malaya had been

Bulgaria Declares War on Gt. Britain IN 'FRISCO And States-Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 13: - The Berlin radio says that Bulgaria has declared war on Great Britain and the United States. Last month Great Britain severed diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

San Francisco, Alameda and Oak- Blackouts Now Suspended

SEATTLE, Dec. 13:- Blackouts in Washington and Oregon are being discontinued indefinitely, civlian defence authorities announced yesterday.



Xmas Shopping VANCOUVER, Dec. 13:-Vancou-

ver merchants are preparing for The Wheat Board is acting as a real rush of Christmas business. of the week.