

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii—Moderate winds, cloudy with showers. Little change in temperature.

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High 6:40 a.m. 18.1 ft. 18:45 p.m. 16.8 ft. Low 0:04 a.m. 6.0 ft. 12:41 p.m. 8.9 ft.

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Two Great British Warships Sunk

ATTACKING HONG KONG, SINGAPORE

Japanese Enter Defences of Former But Are Balked—Take Malayan Air Base.

HONG KONG, Dec. 10:—Some Japanese penetration of Hong Kong defences was acknowledged in a communique today but it was declared the attack was halted though fighting continues.

British forces apparently have lost Kota Bharu, northern Malaya air base, where Japanese landed strong forces just inside the Thailand frontier, but a communique indicated tonight that they have balked Japanese drives in that area and at Kuantan, 200 miles north of Singapore.

British military authorities last night said that a number of small Japanese landing parties on Malaya had been steadily mopped up.

SOLDIERS OF MANY NATIONS SAIL WITH CANADIANS



The traditional "thumbs up" and the "V" for Victory signals were everywhere in evidence as the most recent contingent of troops to arrive in Britain embarked for the voyage from a Canadian port. In these photos are represented soldiers from many nations who formed part of the contingent.

Twenty Nations Against Japan

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 10:—Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, China, India and Canada are the latest nations to join United States and Great Britain in the official declaration of war on Japan. Twenty nations have already declared war on Japan including the Central American republics. Cuban parliament yesterday ratified its declaration.

LAPOINTE'S SUCCESSOR

Louis St. Laurent of Quebec, is Canada's New Minister of Justice.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10:—Appointment of Louis St. Laurent of Quebec as federal minister of justice and attorney general was announced today by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Regarded as one of the uppermost lawyers in Quebec, he has been sworn in to succeed Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe who died recently.

He will seek election in Mr. Lapointe's seat.

HUNS ON RETREAT

Still Falling Back Before Russians All Along Front.

MOSCOW, Dec. 10:—The Soviet army is still driving the Germans back along the whole front, particularly on the south and north.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLS NATION UP FOR LONG AND HARD FIGHT

War Must Be Waged Against "Crafty and Powerful Bandits" Until Victory Is "Final and Complete."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10:—Summoning the aid of every man, woman and child in the United States in a war which he said would be long and hard, President Franklin D. Roosevelt last night gave his first address to the nation since United States went to war.

He listed Germany and Italy with Japan as "crafty and powerful bandits" against whom war must be waged until victory was "final and complete."

Neither Pacific or Atlantic coastlines were now safe from attack, declared the president. He scoffed, however, at Japanese claims that Nippon had already won naval supremacy of the Pacific.

The attack on Sunday against United States by the Japanese had been the climax of a decade of international immorality and a treacherous violation of long standing peace between United States and Japan.

This is a "dirty war and we did not want to get into it," the president declared. But now that United States was in it, it would stay till the finish. He recognized Germany and Italy as "undeclared enemies."

Mr. Roosevelt said he had been studying wartime production, which would now have to be intensified, and announced that henceforth there would be a seven-day week and that new war industrial plants would be established.

This war was not for conquest as far as the United States was concerned but for the preservation of freedom and security as against treachery and brutality.

Declaring that aid must continue to be given to the other warring democracies, the president suggested that victory would not be complete by defeating Japan in the Pacific while the Axis won the Atlantic.

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PATROLLING OF LIGHTS

ARP Wardens Find Citizens Anxious to Co-operate With Regulations—Improvements Are Needed.

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No doubt, by tonight the black-out will be much more effective. This, of course, will be necessary if the citizens are to be allowed to retain the privilege of having electrical supply at their own will during black-outs.

Wardens were practically unanimous in complaint at the large amount of illumination thrown by automobile headlights. This was something, it was generally agreed, that tended to make the black-out effort futile.

INTENSE PATROLS

Both American and Canadian Planes From This Coast Searching for Japanese Aircraft Carriers.

VICTORIA, Dec. 10:—While Seattle reported that United States planes had taken off yesterday to sweep six hundred miles out to sea to search for two or three Japanese aircraft carriers and some submarines reported in Pacific coast waters, the Western Air Command of the Royal Canadian Air Force reported that patrols were being intensified.

Prince of Wales and Repulse Are Lost at Malaya in Largest Blow Against Navy Since War Started

JAPS' OIL RESOURCES VERY LOW

That Is Why She Is Staking Everything on Short War, It Is Believed.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 10:—Facing a grave shortage of oil supply, Japan is staking everything on a lightning war, the real objective of which is the resources of southern Asia, including the Netherlands East Indies, which she has long coveted, military observers here believe. She is concentrating now on means to eliminate British and American naval and military strength in that area.

NEW YORK ON ALERT

Atlantic Coast Stirred Up By Reports Yesterday That Attack Was Imminent

NEW YORK, Dec. 10:—There was varying unconfirmed reports of imminent attack by hostile planes as the great metropolitan area of New York was put on air raid alert twice within an hour shortly after noon yesterday.

The first alarm sounded at 1:25 p.m. Eastern Standard Time with the all clear twenty minutes later. At 2:05 p.m. the second alarm sounded but it was found to have been given in error.

Authoritative sources at Portland, Maine, said today it was reliably reported hostile forces were an hour outside of Boston at 2 p.m., the same time as Secretary of State Cordell Hull warned the United States to be ready for a sudden Axis blow.

Later Army officials said the New York alarms were just tests.

Use Only One Room of House

This Is What Mrs. Roosevelt Suggests During Black-Outs Or Air Raids.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 10:—Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, urges housewives of the United States to occupy only one room of their houses during air raid alarms and black-outs.

TELL IT TO THEM

The U. S. Marines have been referred to as "Webfoot Soldiers," "Soldiers of the Sea," "Devil Dogs" and "Leathernecks."

Ontario Aid Is Accepted

OTTAWA, Dec. 10:—British Columbia has accepted an offer of fire-fighting equipment to be used in the event of air raids and it will constitute equipment for a fire-fighting force of between eight and ten thousand men.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of pensions, announced today.

Were Victims of Air Attack by Japan—Prime Minister Promises Early Statement on General War Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 10:—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that he had bad news which he felt should be imparted without delay. "H.M.S. Prince of Wales and H.M.S. Repulse have been sunk while carrying out operations against Japan on Malaya," he said. Both were sunk by air attack.

The prime minister promised a brief and early statement on the general war situation which had undergone both favorable and adverse changes during the last few days. Lord Moyne gave a similar statement to the House of Lords.

The Commons was shocked with the solemn announcement by Mr. Churchill that the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse had been sunk in the Pacific in Great Britain's biggest naval loss of the war. The Prime Minister's statement was as follows:

"I have bad news for the House which I think I should impart at the earliest possible moment. Report has been received from Singapore that H.M.S. Prince of Wales and H.M.S. Repulse have been sunk while carrying out operations against a Japanese attack on Malaya. No details are as yet available except those in a Japanese communique claiming both ships were sunk by air attack.

TOBRUK IS JOINED UP

Movement of Axis Forces Westward Across Libya Desert Has Been Accelerated.

CAIRO, Dec. 10:—The British Command today announced rejoining of hands of the Tobruk garrison with British forces at El Adem in the Libyan Desert and declared that the westerly movement of Axis forces has "now apparently accelerated under vigorous pressure of our forces."

British forces have recaptured Gambut, forty miles east of the fortress of Tobruk, the communique added.

CORVETTE IS SUNK

H.M.C.S. Windflower Is Lost in Collision—One B. C. Casualty.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10:—Hon. Angus Macdonald, navy minister, announced today that H.M.C.S. Windflower, a corvette, had been sunk in collision and twenty-three members of the crew are missing and must be considered lost at sea.

The only British Columbia casualty was Ordinary Seaman Alfred E. Whitney of Vancouver.

Orme Stuart Formerly On H.M.S. Repulse

Lieut. Orme Stuart of this city was some time ago aboard H.M.S. Repulse which has been sunk at Malaya, but more recently has been on one of the American destroyers which was turned over to the British navy. As far as is known, he is now on the Atlantic.

TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS Pte. Paul F. Christmas of Camp Walters, Texas, says he's getting fed up with his sergeant's gags about his name.

MANILA IS HIT AGAIN

Parachutists Capture Vigan, 200 Miles North of Philippine Capital.

MANILA, Dec. 10:—Two waves of Japanese bombers raided Manila and suburbs this afternoon, hitting hard around military centres.

The Philippine constabulary reported today that enemy parachutists had captured Vigan on the coast two hundred miles northwest of Manila.

EXCURSION FOLKS HERE

Some Fifty Interior People Arrive on Annual Pre-Christmas Shopping Trip.

Some fifty interior people arrived in the city from various points as far east as Prince George on the annual pre-Christmas shopping excursion last night. Some will be returning home this evening while others will be here until Friday night.

Only 12 Shopping Days Until Christmas. Illustration of a Santa Claus figure.

NOTICE To Telephone Subscribers The public is requested not to use their telephones during BLACK-OUT PERIODS, POWER FAILURES or any other EMERGENCY unless it is absolutely necessary, as it is impossible to handle the traffic during these periods and attend to the necessary emergency telephone services. The co-operation of the public is earnestly requested during this time of national emergency.