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Reds Are Battering At Germans

Scores of Positions of Nazis Are Overrun; Dead Left In Fields

With Things Going Their Own Way Now West of Moscow, Russians May Turn Attention to Pacific.

MOSCOW, Dec. 16: (CP)—On the Russo-German front, according to today's Soviet dispatches, General Gregory Zhukov's Red armies are furiously battering the Germans on both flanks of the Moscow defence arc, over-running scores of positions and strewing the battlefields with Nazi dead. A special Soviet communique said that more than three Nazi divisions were smashed in the recapture of Klin where huge quantities of equipment fell into Russian hands.

At the same time there are indications that Russia may soon take an active part in the Battle of the Pacific.

AIR FORCE PLANE HAS GONE DOWN

Six Or Seven Men May Have Been Lost at Nanoose Bay.

NANAIMO, Dec. 16: (P)—Provincial police today resumed an intensive search of Nanoose Bay in hopes of finding trace of a Royal Canadian Air Force plane which crashed and sank there last night after developing engine trouble.

A Stranraer flying boat was seen by residents off shore as it attempted to land in rough water where it settled, overturning and sinking.

There is no announcement yet as to the plane's crew but the machine is believed to have been carrying six or seven men.

The Western Air Command today announced that seven men were aboard the plane. They were Flight Lieutenant E. C. MacDougall of Winnipeg; Sergeant R. P. Mitchell of Strabourg, Saskatchewan; Sergeant G. H. Andrews of Abbotsford; Sergeant R. Wood of Norwood, Manitoba; Leading Aircraftman W. D. Riley of Regina; Aircraftsman R. W. Adams of Edmonton, and Aircraftsman R. A. Blakely of Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

ADJUSTING INSURANCE

War Conditions Bring Old Question of Discriminatory Rates to Fore.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16:—Readjustment of present war risk insurance premiums is expected to be made in view of the new situation in the Pacific. At present some rates are far out of line. For instance, insurance on coffee from Costa Rica to Vancouver is one-half of one percent, yet the premium asked for the same freight from Vancouver to Prince Rupert is one percent.

Bulletins

PARIS DYNAMITING PARIS—Despite the fact that one hundred hostages are awaiting execution for a previous similar incident, a dynamite bomb exploded yesterday in a Nazi-seized restaurant in Paris.

CABINET ADJUSTMENTS OTTAWA—Certain adjustments involving portfolios in the cabinet are about to be made, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King hints.

War News

PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D.C.—An investigation, called by President Franklin D. Roosevelt following a report from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, is to be made into the circumstances of the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor a week ago Sunday. It is alleged that the base may not have been sufficiently alert.

"GLORIOUS WAR RESULT" TOKYO—Premier Tojo has called the Japanese parliament into special session to receive a report on the "glorious war result."

NAZI RETREAT CONTINUES MOSCOW—The disorderly Nazi retreat before the great Russian counter-offensive continues all along the Russo-German front. It is claimed that the Red Army has recaptured 578 villages, most important of which is Klin, fifty miles northwest of Moscow.

AXIS FORCES SURROUNDED CAIRO—Main Axis and British forces established contact south of Gazala in Libya today but there has been no decisive result as yet. British troops, outflanking the enemy, have reached a point thirty miles west of Gazala which is forty miles beyond Tobruk. The British armored forces have surrounded all General Rommel's Nazi tank units, it is said. General Rommel is evidently trying to keep up a delaying action so his forces may escape to the Mediterranean, thus possibly marking the "beginning of the end" for the Axis in that area.

Situation In Far East Is More Serious

BRITISH FORCING GERMANS

Great New Battle of Tanks and Men Developing in Libya.

CAIRO, Dec. 16: (P)—Great Britain's desert armies in North Africa have swept seventy miles west of Tobruk and slashed into the heart of strongly-held Axis positions in a great new battle of tanks and men, Cairo headquarters announced today as a decisive phase in the struggle appeared under way.

British armored forces, have now outflanked and brought to battle all remaining German tank units in Libya, it is announced.

Imperial troops have driven thirty miles beyond Gazala, which is forty miles west of Tobruk, and are "continuing the thrust against enemies' reserves and rear."

Nanaimo Teacher Appointed Here

Miss Hazel Smith to Succeed Miss Molly Winslow.

Miss Hazel Smith has been appointed to the Junior-Senior High School teaching staff, replacing Miss Molly Winslow. Miss Smith has been teaching at Nanaimo.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto, listing various stocks and their prices.

Nephew of Local Man Is Officer At Hong Kong

G. R. S. Blackaby, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, has a real personal interest in the Japanese siege of Hong Kong for the very good reason that he has a nephew, Lieut. Girth Blackaby, in the thick of the fighting there. Lieut. Blackaby is with the London Rifles Regiment and is the son of Mr. Blackaby's brother, Norman Blackaby, a Midlands bank manager in London. The young officer's father also served in his day with the London regiment as a non-commissioned officer.

JAPAN ISOLATED WITH HER ENEMY ALL AROUND

Population of British and U. S. Allies Five Times That of Axis With New Partner—Japan's Population According to 1938 Census, 72,222,600.

The Japanese Empire, in declaring war upon the British Empire and the United States, has aligned herself as an ally of Germany and Italy against a group of peoples whose combined populations aggregate a figure in excess of 1,200,000,000. The total population of the Islands of Japan according to a 1938 census was 72,222,600. The populations of the countries with which she now is at war are: British Empire, 590,000,000; China, 400,000,000; United States, 150,000,000; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 180,000,000, making a total of 1,230,000,000.

Japan's No. 1 ally in her war against the democratic nations is Germany whose total population in 1933 was 65,000,000 but has risen to about 103,000,000 by virtue of the territories occupied since the present war began. The population of Fascist Italy is 42,000,000. Thus a combination of 1,230,000,000 is at war with three nations whose combined population is only 217,000,000. This figure includes 40,000,000 citizens who are only under German rule today because their countries have been invaded and occupied.

Canada is concerned commercially because until the last few years when her trade with all countries has considerably diminished she has carried on a considerable trade with Japan. Exports from Canada averaged an annual value of \$15,000,000 worth of Canadian goods in the years from 1935 to 1939.

Sino-Jap War

A state of war has existed between Japan and her 72,000,000 people on the one side and China with her population of 400,000,000 on the other since 1937. Japan declared war on China on July 7, 1937. Intensive fighting has taken place between the two peoples since that date.

Japan has not formally declared war on Russia but in 1936 signed a mutual-assistance pact with Germany directed against the so-called Third Internationale Communist organization, with headquarters in Moscow which, in fact, has long since ceased to exist. Japan, Germany and Italy on September 27, 1936, signed another mutual-assistance pact which guaranteed support from one another in the event of necessity either in the European or Sino-Japanese theatres.

It is doubtless in obedience to Hitler under the provisions of that pact that Japan now has entered the world conflict to ease the pressure by Russia against Germany in her attempted conquest of Soviet Russia. Thus Japan is also virtually in a state of war with Russia.

Empire Preparations

Canada, Australia and New Zealand are units of the British Commonwealth of Nations with an immediate concern, apart from trading or commercial interests involved, from their defensive points of view. Australia and New Zealand as well as other British possessions in the Far East have long apprehended Japan's entry into the war and have been preparing for it on an intensive scale. Hence the secret but hurried departure some weeks ago of Canadian troops now in Hong Kong and at other points in the Far East.

The western coast of Canada including Vancouver Island is strongly garrisoned and, of course, powerful units of the British Navy

Promotion For General Stuart

Announcement of Officer's Elevation Is Made By Minister of National Defence.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16: (P)—Promotion of Major General Kenneth Stuart, chief of general staff, to the rank of lieutenant-general was announced today by Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence.

Fall of Hong Kong—

FACE FACT IT CANNOT HOLD OUT

British Press Warns Public to Be Prepared for News to This Effect.

Japs 400 Miles From Singapore

First Landing Is Made on British Borneo—Little Change in Philippines.

SINGAPORE IN DANGER

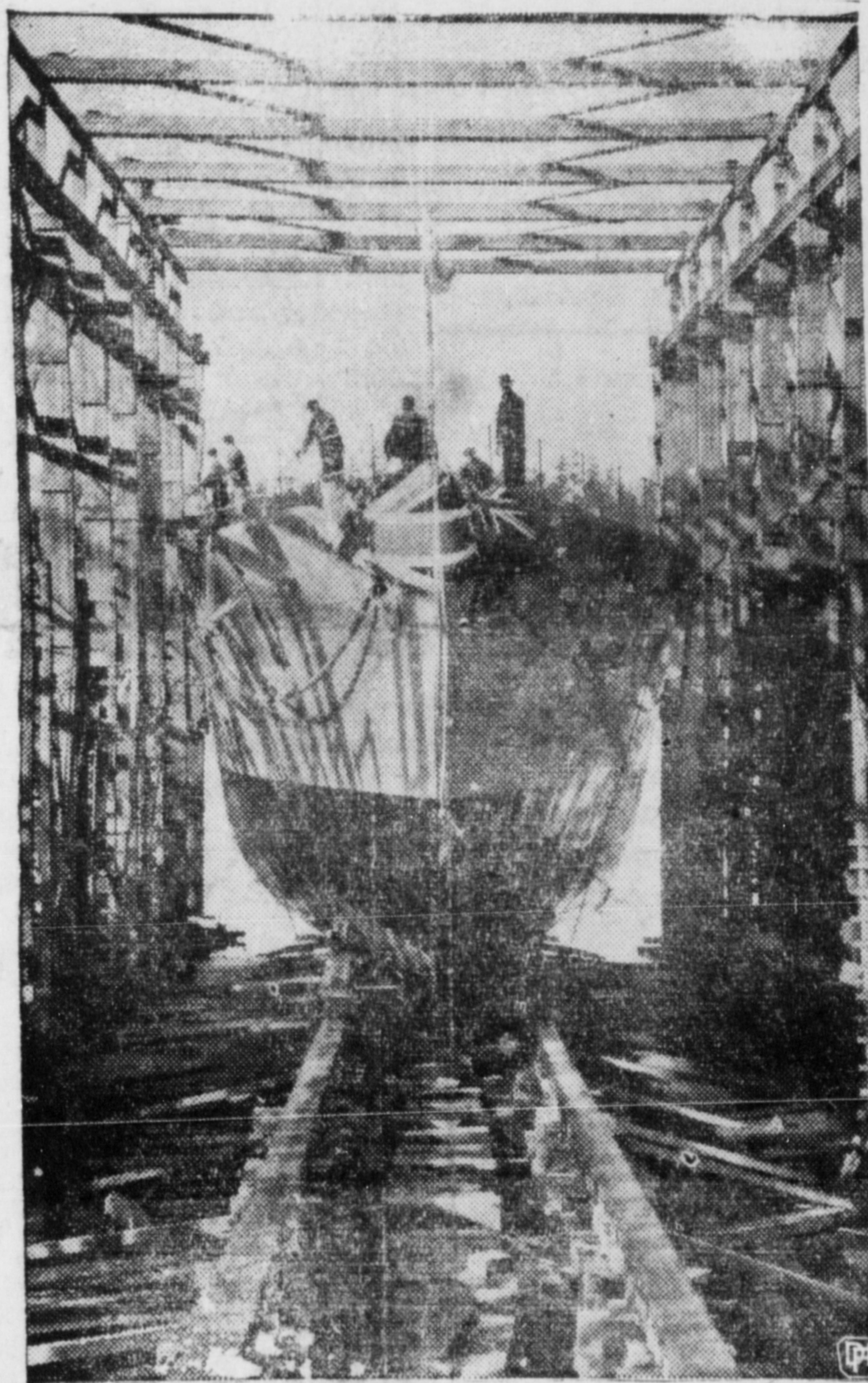
LONDON, Dec. 16: (P)—An informed source said today that Hong Kong might have to be evacuated and that a serious threat to Singapore had developed in land fighting on Malay Peninsula. The source said that "British lack of naval supremacy has changed the entire situation in northern Malaya. The British land defence was planned on a basis of naval superiority but both British and United States fleets have suffered hard blows. Now the naval situation has allowed the Japanese to develop an offensive on a large scale. There definitely is danger—a real threat to Singapore by land." Several British quarters expressed doubt that Hong Kong could hold out indefinitely against concentrated Japanese attack. The German radio quoted Tokyo reports tonight as claiming that Japanese forces have invaded points on Hong Kong island.

LONDON, Dec. 16:—The Daily Express warned the British public today that it must be prepared for the fall of Hong Kong. The Daily Mail said that the loss of Hong Kong had long been expected. It would be "sad but not serious." The Daily Mirror said that it should be remembered that, while Hong Kong was the nearest striking point to Japan, it was also the most vulnerable. From Kowloon, only a mile away, Japanese artillery has started battering Hong Kong which has scant hope of reinforcements. Chinese forces have been intensifying the assault from the rear and are harassing enemy communications between Canton and Hong Kong. Meanwhile in Malaya Japanese mechanized forces, supported by dive bombers, have pushed the British a distance of fifty miles to a point four hundred miles from Singapore. The British are fighting desperately against better Japanese equipment.

There was a new air attack on the United States naval base at Manila today but it was, apparently, light for there was no air alarm in Manila. Japanese landing forces have been apparently halted in the Philippines, the American defenders, according to reports last night, having them bottled up at three points. "There is no change in the situation," said a terse military communique today. Tokyo claimed today that the first Japanese expeditionary force had been landed in British Borneo.

At Washington the war department of the United States, stating that enemy air activity on the Philippines was now of a minor character, announced that United States army bombers had renewed attacks on Japanese vessels off Legaspi on the Island of Luzon, seriously damaging enemy transports.

OFF TO ATLANTIC BATTLE



Another Corvette slides down the ways of a Canadian shipyard to join the large fleet that has already been turned out by Canadian workmen. To date, Canada has launched 77 corvettes, 59 minesweepers, 11 patrol boats, 19 motor torpedo and crash boats, and some 700 smaller craft. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, has announced that additional contracts are being negotiated for 55 more corvettes and 25 minesweepers of a type substantially larger than those constructed so far. Sixteen trawlers are also on the schedule.

are located everywhere in the broad Pacific.

In summing up Japan's position created by her entry into the war it is important to recognize that she is a remote group of four or five islands isolated in the Far East and completely surrounded by enemy nations—by the United States, China, the Soviet Union, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Those nations represent no fewer than 1,230,000,000 people of the democracies now compelled to become the enemies of a small group of islands inhabited by only 72,000,000.

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Blood Plasma For Hospital

New Service To Be Instituted Here — Dr. Large Donates Nucleus Of Equipment

At the suggestion of Dr. R. G. Large, the hospital board decided last night to proceed with the organization of blood plasma service in connection with the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Dr. Large has already made the necessary nucleus of equipment available to the hospital as well as an initial supply of plasma. The idea is to have a supply of dried and chilled blood always on hand for transfusion purposes in case of emergency. Before plasma was devised, there was the process of transferring blood direct which, in some cases, resulted in undesirable delay.

Arnold Flaten was anxious that it be made clear that the establishment of a plasma bank by the hospital would be a separate undertaking altogether from what might be done by the Red Cross along similar lines.