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Australians Have Success in Malaya

Bronzed jungle-trained Australian troops were officially credited today with smashing a column of Japanese tanks and infantry in their first engagement with the Mikado's invasion hordes and Britons in Singapore thrilled to the hope that the Malayan retreat was now finally ended.

Russians Are Smashing On

Masses of Russian tanks were reported smashing today at the gates of German-held Taganrog, forty miles west of Rostov-on-Don, as Marshal Timoshenko's Red armies pressed a general counter-offensive through the Ukraine and tightened the trap on 100,000 Germans and Rumanians in the Crimea.

Free French Help British in Libya

Free French forces have arrived to support British troops in the attack on Axis hold-out positions in the rocky highlands of Halfaya on the Libyan-Egyptian border, it was disclosed today at Cairo.

Hamburg and Emden Are Attacked Again...

London reports that the German ports of Hamburg and Emden were attacked last night by the Royal Air Force for the second night in a row.

COMPENSATE PROVINCES

CANADIAN ACE DEAD

Details of Arrangement With Ottawa for Surrender of Income Tax Rights.

Italians Confirm Wing Commander Mark Henry Brown Killed in Action.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—It is costing the federal government \$100,000,000 annually to compensate the nine provinces for taking over their personal income and corporation taxes for the duration of the war.

CAIRO, Jan. 16.—A message dropped from an Italian plane over British-held territory in Libya confirms the death in action of one of Canada's most distinguished airmen, Wing Commander Henry Brown of Manitoba, who had been reported missing.

Table with 2 columns: Province, Amount. Includes Alberta (\$12,048,009), Saskatchewan (4,030,000), Manitoba (5,830,000), Ontario (28,960,000), Quebec (20,700,000), New Brunswick (3,650,000), Nova Scotia (2,900,000), Prince Edward Island (700,000).

REICH IS CONCERNED

Shortage of Workers is Causing Some Anxiety in Reich, Berne Reports

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 16.—A labor shortage is causing grave concern in Germany, according to reports here.

Student Pilot Fell 500 Feet; Is Uninjured

TUSCALOOSA, Jan. 16.—Eric Sharpe, student pilot from York-shire, Eng., fell 500 feet from a plane. He lived to tell about it. Indeed he suffered no serious injury.

CLOSE ON HALFAYA

Axis Forces Are in Danger of Being Trapped in Last Frontier Outpost.

CAIRO, Jan. 16.—British desert army forces are closing in on Halfaya Pass, last hold-out outpost of the Axis in the Libya-Egypt frontier area, and are threatening to entrap from 5,000 to 10,000 Axis troops.

There is little change in the situation in the western Cirenaica region towards Tripolitania.

WELLES IS OUTSPOKEN

Urges All Western Hemisphere to Cast Off Shibboleth of Illusory Neutrality.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16.—At the opening of the conference of Pan-American foreign ministers here yesterday Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles of the United States urged all nations of the western hemisphere to cast aside the shibboleth—the illusory fiction—of neutrality and to unite against the Axis nations.

It was not necessary, Welles said, to engage in actual warfare but certainly steps should be taken to drive out Axis agents who were carrying on under the guise of diplomatic activity.

Ten Pan-American nations have already broken with the Axis and of the ten remaining but one—Argentina—shows any disposition to retain a position of neutrality.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table of stock prices for Vancouver, Toronto, and other regions. Includes Grandview, Bralorne, Cariboo Quartz, Hedley Mascot, etc.

Five Japanese Ships Go Down Before Yanks

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HELPING TO HOLD SINGAPORE



Two natives of Malaya, ratings in the British navy, are shown manning an anti-aircraft machine-gun aboard a minesweeper near vital Singapore.

WAR IS CLOSER

Another Tanker Is Sunk Off Long Island—Only 23 Miles Off Shore.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The United States Navy confirmed today that another merchant vessel had been sunk yesterday off the south shore of Long Island.

First word of the sinking came from the United States coastguard which said that an unidentified tanker had been sunk by enemy warcraft 23 miles off Long Island and seventy-five miles east of New York.

At first the Navy Department said it had no information but later it confirmed the sinking.

This attack brings the Battle of the Atlantic fifty miles closer to the east coast of the United States than the sinking the day previous of the Panamanian tanker Norness.

Capt. Harold Hanson, reporting on the sinking of his ship, the Norness, said it was struck by three torpedoes which were fired without warning.

SUBS WILL BE BEATEN

British Convoys Will Continue To Sail Atlantic, Says Canadian Minister of Navy

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—Hon. Angus MacDonald, minister of the navy, says that convoys will keep on sailing the Atlantic supply route to Great Britain in spite of enemy submarines.

The minister reiterated the necessity of holding back information in regard to successes against enemy submarines, the final defeat of which by the Canadian navy he was firmly convinced of.

L. Holst, manager of a summer resort at Minaki in Ontario, arrived in the city on the Princess Adelaide this afternoon in the course of a trip to the Pacific Coast and will proceed east on the evening train.

BLAME PUT ON LONDON

Military Leaders at Home Responsible For Lack of Air Power in Far East, Menzies Asserts.

CANBERRA, Jan. 16.—Former Premier R. G. Menzies of Australia holds London military leaders responsible for present lack of air power in the Far East theatre of war.

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