

# LULL IN PHILIPPINES

apanese Evidently Planning for Full Dress Invasion of Netherlands East Indies-Chinese Offensive Bright Spot of Far East Picture-R.A.F. Active.

### USING MONSTER TANKS

Japanese troops, led by monster tanks, were claimed in an official Tokyo broadcast today to have driven to within ten miles of Kuala Lumpur, 240 miles north of Singapore. At the same time field dispatches claimed that a general offensive was begun early this morning in the southern part of the city. British Far East headquarters tersely announced that battle-wearied Imperial troops had withdrawn farther south from the latest defence lines north of Kuala Lumpur, but no details were given. As an ominous lull in the Philippines suggested that a zero hour might be approaching, Batavia believed that a major Japanese offensive was imminent against the Netherlands East Indies where there have been persistent enemy reconnaissance flights and outside attacks. However, the defence forces of the Netherlands East Indies are said to be well organized and there is believed to be little fifth column danger.

Prince Rupert Men, From LONDON, Jan. 10:-With British troops withdrawg further down the west coast of Malay Peninsula in eavy fighting against strong Japanese tank and infany forces, a lull continues today in the assault upon Genal Douglas MacArthur's American forces on the Philpines and there are definite indications that the enemy + are making ready for a major in-

Far East picture.

L. Marchant received a cable	Far East.
yesterday conveying the good news that their son, Allan Mar- chant, had escaped safely from Hong Kong where he had been serving with the Canadian "or- ces. JUDGE IN ADMIRALTY VANCOUVER — Mr. Justice Sydney Smith of the Supreme Court of British Columbia has been appointed judge in admir-	WASHINGTON, Jan. 10: - The steamer Ruth Alexander, for years a popular vessel on the Pacific coast run between British Colum- bia, Puget Sound and California, has been sunk by enemy action off the Dutch East Indies, the United States Navy announces. One member of the crew was kill- ed and four injured. All others escaped.
alty in succession to the late Mr. Justice M. A. MacDonald.	Rumanians With
ESCAPED FROM OKALLA VANCOUVER — Douglas Mur- ray, 18, and Ernest Buckingham, 16, escaped from Okalla Prison	Guns Executed
where they were serving time. They made their get-away while engaged in clearing snow. VANCOUVER DEATHS VANCOUVER — Funerals took	Nazi Authorities Taking Drastic Steps To Ensure Return Of Weapons In Occupied Country
place here today of Dr. W. A. McTavish, well known Vancou- ver physician and surgeon, and of Mrs. William Telford, a cit- izen of many years' standing.	

Messages From United States Are Dropped On Paris and Lille

l on the Pacific WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 10:en British Colum- A paper barrage from the sky has nd and California, been dropped on occupied France by enemy action by the Royal Air Force on behali East Indies, the of the United States. It consisted Navy announces. of a distribution of "United States the crew was kill- Leaflet No. 1" containing a mesjured. All others sage of hope and encouragement from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the Paris area 1,380,000 leaflets were dropped and at Lille

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the leaflets stressed the S L'Xecuted traditional friendship of France and United States, contained quotations from recent statements s Taking Drastic and speeches of President Roose-

velt and gave assurance that united nations would win the war and the peace.

admits that military operations of the Reich have entered not only a "serious" but a "critical" stage, all German newspapers publishing statements to this effect.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler's own press chief prepared the German nation for a jolt today by solemnly acknowledging that Nazi military operations "have reached an extremely serious and indeed critical phase" as the Russians swept on to new triumphs.

The statement came from Dr. Otto Dietrich and was published in all German newspapers as advices from "somewhere on the German frontier." It said that persistent reports of incipient revolution in Germany coinciding with the debacle on the Russian war front had impelled the German Foreign Office to issue a denial. Foreign correspondents were called from their beds one night last week and told of the reports and given the official denial. The correspondents were surprised that the stories created so much concern in Berlin.

The important city of Mozhaisk, west of Moscow, is threatened with recapture by the Soviet army as it continues its counter-offensive with increased energy against the faltering Nazi invaders from end to end of the long Russo-German front. Recapture since yesterday of half a dozen towns on the central front is announced.

With the siege of Leningrad now lifted, the Red Army has now won its way a third of the distance back to the Latvian border and is still on the advance.

To the south the German assault upon Sebastapol has now turned into a frantic retreat with 100,-000 Germans and Italian soldiers in imminent danger of being completely trapped. Nazi reinforcements are being rushed from France in the effort to stay the collapse in Russia. The British Broadcasting Corporation today quoted a Moscow announcement that twelve thousand Germans had been killed in the Volkhov and Tikhvin sector on the Leningrad front since early December. Soviet front line dispatches declared that the Red Army troops were advancing at a pace of more than four miles a day and had recaptured Mosalks, 47 miles west of Kaluga, and further tightened their vise on 100,000 Germans still holding out at Mozhaisk. Russian spearheads were reported within twenty-five miles of the Vyazma-Bryansk line where Hitler is expected to rally his fleeing armies for an attempted stand.

Jan. 10:-Ruman- NEW STAND n ordered to do so **BY ROMMEL** rces of occupation, lered executed.

600.000.

Nazi Forces in Libya Expected to Fall Back on El Agheila-To Break Up Hold-Outs.

CAIRO, Jan. 10: (P) - Marine supply efforts of the Axis indicate Rallying to A.R.P. Duties that Lieut. Gen. Erwin Rommel, falling back to El Agheila at the

## Elevator

Destroyed

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SUPERIOR, Wisconsin, Jan. Great Northern Railroad's El- + evator X, giant grain storage plant, today with loss estimated at \$2,250,000. Seven + way lead direct to Singapore. The persons were injured in fighting the blaze.

# **CONSCRIPT** EVERYTHIN

rold Winch, C. C. F. Leader, resents Amendment To Throne Speech in Legislature

VICTORIA, Jan. 10:-Speaking the Legislature yesterday, Hard Winch, Leader of the C. C. oposition, urged mobilization of pied portion of Malay Peninsula, material and financial re- doing much damage in blasting ources as well as manpower for and firing shipping, railway lines ar. He presented an amendment and military buildings. Particuthe reply to the Speech from larly have British fliers pounded

the Slim River sector of the Ma-\* layan front above Kuala Lumpur was not disclosed. Thousands of MISSION 0: (P-Two explosions fol- + was not disclosed. Thousands of lowed by a fire destroyed the + little brown soldiers are swarming through the jungle, their immediate objective being Kuala . Lumpur whose railway and high-

> Japanese infantry is being paced + by heavy tank forces with bombing planes overhead. Dive bombers are already said to have devastated Kuala Lumpur. The British are putting up stiff resistance by artillery but the Japanese are

reckless of the toll of life, leaving thousands of dead and dying in the jungle as they move south-

There were two air raid alarms to an end by the appointment of tee; Inspector Ernest Gammon. last night at Singapore but no General Sir Archibald Wavell to provincial police and Fire Chief H. bombs were dropped. One enemy the southwest Pacific command. plane was shot down.



The men of Prince Rupert, old and young alike, there as supplies by sea can be vasion thrust on the Netherlands elderly business men down to fuzzy school boys, are tak- assured. East Indies. The new Chinese ing seriously the responsibility of being identified active- The Axis retreat from western offensive is the bright spot of the ly with civilian protection (A.R.P.) service. This was Cirenaica has become so rapid

ther At Singapore Following

Appointment of Wavell To

Command

Oldsters to Fuzzy Youths,

The extent of today's with- apparent from the size of a general meeting held at the + drawal by the British forces in Canadian Legion Hall last night for the purpose of im- tion, it was announced today

some 150 or so men in attendance, ganized and ready for useful service in the event of emergency Duff Cooper Is Not Required Fur- arising.

The large and enthusiastic meeting further advanced plans for the better carrying out of air raid LONDON, Jan. 10: (P)-Capt. Al- ties in view of possible developfred Duff Cooper, cabinet co- ments.

ordinator of Far Eastern affairs J. S. Wilson, chief A. R. P. war-

at Singapore, has been told to den, was in the chair and others "wind up his mission," it was an- taking part in the proceedings nounced today. The statement were J. J. Little, chairman of the VICTORY said his mission had been brought local civilian protection commit-

T. Lock. All the speakers stressed

the necessity for enrolment of more A. R. P. wardens to rein-

force those already enlisted, also Former Prime Minister of Austhe advisability of immediate ac-UIRED tion in perfecting and co-ordinat-ing the organization.

In opening the meeting chairman Wilson reviewed briefly the spade work that had been done

inner-most curve of the Gulf of Sirte in Libya, may make a stand

that British advance forces are unable to bring the enemy to acparting instruction, issuing equip- Only light ground fighting menment and enrolling new A.R.P. tioned was between British vanwardens. There were probably guards and enemy rearguards covering the retreat from Agedabia all, apparently, anxious to be or- toward El Agheila. The Axis army appears to be in full flight along the coast of the Gulf of

Cirte into Tripolitania.

Meanwhile three hundred miles to the east units of the British Navy have joined land artillery precautions and necessary activi- and air forces in an effort to destroy Axis hold-out forces in Halfaya Pass area along the Egyptian

TODAY'S STOCKS MEIGHEN (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Vancouver CRITICAL Grandview Bralorne Cariboo Quartz IS NEAR Thinks System of Voluntary En-Hedley Mascot listment Has Brought "Absurd Pend Oreille Situation" in Canada. Premier Privateer TORONTO, Jan. 10:-The Contralia Believes His Country .13 2 servative leader, Senator Arthur Reno Will Be Subjected to Sheep Creek Meighen, speaking here last night, Physical Attack. Oils said that the system of voluntary enlistment in Canada had brought Calmont about an "absurd situation" al-CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 10: C. & E.

