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KNOX REPORTS 14 ENEMY SUBS SUNK OR DAMAGED

Report Axis' Desert Army In Wild Retreat

Craft Were In Atlantic Area; Japs Attacked

Tells U. S. people not to think no action taken because of lack of reports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced tonight that up to the present United States naval forces probably have sunk or damaged "at least 14 enemy submarines" in Atlantic waters and have "effectively dealt with several Japanese submarines" in the Pacific.

In his announcement, Knox said he "could assure the public that the navy has already adequately dealt with more than one submarine which has sought to make attacks on our naval and merchant vessels."

He added that after weighing the evidence carefully he could say that in the Atlantic Ocean, United States naval forces have up to the present time probably sunk or damaged at least 14 enemy submarines.

The text of Knox's announcement, issued by the navy department, follows:

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2. The release of information of the attacks on our shipping, unaccompanied by information as to what we are doing to protect it, must not be construed by the public as an indication that the navy has done nothing about it. I can assure the public that the navy has already adequately dealt with more than one submarine which has sought to make attacks on our naval and merchant vessels. Immediate announcement of the strength and disposition of the U. S. naval forces which are combating enemy submarines, the methods that we have used, and the place and time of our attacks over the greater part of Ontario but light rain and sleet have occurred in the extreme northwest portion. The weather has been comparatively mild over the Prairie Provinces, fair in Alberta and Saskatchewan with snowdrifts or light freezing rain in Manitoba.

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Enemy unable to Make stand At Bengasi

CAIRO, Dec. 21—(AP)—The Axis' shattered army in Libya, split and in headlong flight, was pictured by British headquarters tonight as too disorganized to collect its strength for effective defence of Bengasi, the enemy's last major position east of Tripoli.

Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel's remaining armored forces had been driven to Soluch, about 35 miles south of Bengasi, and Italian infantry was virtually isolated northeast of the port.

The rapid pace of the British pursuit, despite severe dust storms, was indicated by the fact that Soluch, inland terminal of a spur railroad from Bengasi, is 160 miles southwest of Derna, whose capture the British command announced Saturday, and 280 miles west of the Egyptian frontier, starting point of the British pursuit.

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War Situation Last Night

(By EDWARD E. BOMAR, Associated Press War Analyst) The prompt initial steps taken by his foes towards a unified, world-wide strategy may well be of greater concern to Hitler than the course of the actual fighting just now in Russia or the Far East.

Two weeks after the United States entered the war, the Fuehrer's enemies appear to be well on the way toward translating their unity of purpose into unity of military action. It is not too much to hope that Axis divide-and-conquer tactics have lost their effectiveness.

By contrast, not until the last year of the 1914-18 conflict was effective allied co-ordination achieved by arming the supreme war council with more than advisory powers. Marshal Foch's appointment as generalissimo was made possible only by the imminent peril of defeat.

With President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill already in a close working relationship, the White House announced Saturday that American and British staff officers are in consultation in Washington and London, and that the scope of their joint planning is to be expanded to include Russia, China and the other governments left unanswered whether an inter-allied general staff is contemplated, a supreme war council with political as well as military powers, or a combination or variation of the two.

It may be that the war is approaching its "culminating and turning point" as Hitler told his troops yesterday on assuming supreme command of the army.

But, if so, it is likely to be the turning point of arrival at an understanding whereby the weight of the allies' greater resources will be used to best advantage.

Creation of an allied overall executive agency of some kind may reasonably be expected in view of the first-hand experience of both the President and Mr. Churchill with the discouraging failures on the rocky road to unity a quarter century ago.

Nazi Germany Hears Grim News

(By Barnett Bildersee, Associated Press Staff Writer) NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—The German nation heard its most grievous news since Adolf Hitler put on his field gray uniform Sept. 1, 1939, to wear to victory or death, when it was told tonight that its Fuehrer had cast aside the man to whom he had given command of his armies.

Field Marshal General Walter Von Brauchitsch, commander in chief of the German army, has been fired while the gray regiments are on the run for the first time in more than two years of war—both in Russia and Libya.

The implications of his displacement by Hitler himself—were inescapable.

In German minds, this sudden shift of topmost command at such a moment may rank even with the flight of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy fuhrer, as a sign of trouble in the nation's leadership.

Rumors had been current in the last week that such a shake-up was imminent. They said Von Brauchitsch had been seen in civilian clothes in Vienna and that Gen. Feodor Von Bock, commander of German forces on the Moscow front, had been relieved of his command.

On the last reports of Von Brauchitsch in the field was that he had been sent early this month to try to bolster the stalled and repulsed German offensive on the Black Sea coast.

Only Saturday propaganda minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, speaking from Berlin, said that the German army was still in the field.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21—(AP)—Watchers on the shore between San Pedro and San Diego reported today they could see a towering column of smoke near the horizon somewhere northwest of San Diego, indicating a ship was on fire.

Navy officials said they had no comment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported on excellent authority tonight to be considering the creation of a supreme war council which would subordinate only to him and would have powers even greater than those of the cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 21—(CP)—The King sent a personal message to Sir Mark Young, country home, with modern congratulating the colony's defenders on their "courageous resistance in the face of heavy odds."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson hinted today in an annual report drafted on the eve of the Japanese attack that "revolutionary" reliance was being placed on United States long range bombers for the defence of the Far East.

FAIL TO FIND BODY SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 21—(CP)—The week-end passed with searchers still unable to find the remains of Melvin Green, Eynsey, Mount Allison University men's residence last Tuesday. It was believed that flames consumed the body. Two badly charred bodies were found and identified Tuesday. A fourth death occurred later in hospital.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM OF CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Story of grim Fight hidden By silence

Three Belated Communiques Give Glimpse Of Black Friday As Japanese Land.

(By J. Wes Gallagher) LONDON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Hong Kong's grimly resisting defenders still defied overwhelming Japanese might tonight, urged on to hold their rock-levy strongholds in the island's peak by an exhortation of its governor: "The eyes of the Empire are upon you! Be strong! Be resolute and do your duty!"

Defence force of Europeans and Chinese.

The story of the struggle, which has been waged in part behind a barrier of long distant silence, was filled in for Britons today by three belated Hong Kong communiques.

The communiques told this graphic story of that black Friday on Hong Kong: "The enemy shelled the residential area of Victoria (the capital city) at dusk yesterday (Thursday) even though the British forces refused even to speculate how long its resistance could last."

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18 escape When naval Craft grounds

SHELBURNE, N. S., Dec. 21—(CP)—The 18 men aboard the small Canadian naval craft Adversus escaped Saturday night as the vessel struck a shoal off this port in a snowstorm.

Only casualty was the ship's master, Captain Cloutier of Quebec, who suffered four fractures in one arm. No one else in the crew was hurt, though several had to swim to shore through heavy seas.

Names of the crew were not revealed, but one of them told this story of the stranding: "We were driving along in the face of a heavy gale. It was rough, really rough, and the water was breaking all over us. We couldn't see a thing, the snow was so thick. Before we knew where we were, she struck, bow on. She plied into the rocks."

"Some of the boys succeeded in launching one of the lifeboats. Others, partly dressed, jumped into the boiling sea and made ashore, only a short distance away. The first to reach land turned and helped the others. Their clothes started to freeze to them as they stepped ashore."

A count of heads later determined all were safe. The ship is expected to be a total loss.

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However, it was indicated that American patrol craft, either surface or aircraft or both, had been on the trail of the submarines sufficient to determine their exact and profitable by weather forecasts.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 21—(CP)—Arthur G. Racey, prominent Canadian cartoonist, died today in his home at suburban Westmount. He was in his 72nd year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—The actual replacement took place on Dec. 19, it was said. "When the Fuehrer on Feb. 4, 1938, assumed commanding power over the whole armed forces this was done out of concern for the then threatening military struggle for the freedom of the German people," the announcement said.

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"Only thus could preparations for resistance succeed, a resistance which it was known would lead to a total war even more than did the world war of 1914-18, forced upon the German people by the same enemy."

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Japanese Armada Seen Off Luzon

MANILA, Dec. 22—(Monday)—United States army headquarters announced a huge enemy flotilla of some 80 transports was sighted off Lingayen Gulf, on the western Luzon coast, this morning and that undoubtedly this was a major expeditionary drive aimed at the Philippines.

The port of Lingayen, which lies 110 miles northeast of Manila, on the gulf of the same name, was the scene of one landing by the Japanese since the Pacific war began but they were pushed back into the sea by defending land forces at that time.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters has anticipated an attempted landing in force there and preparations have long been completed to meet just such an eventuality.

Red Troops Re-take Important Locations

Places on both Leningrad and Moscow fronts named

MOSCOW, Dec. 21—(CP)—The Soviet information bureau said Russian troops occupied a number of important localities in continued advances today in the Leningrad sector and on the fronts west, northwest and southwest of Moscow.

Boboich, southwest of Tikhvin in the Leningrad front, Gruzino, near Chudovo on the same front, and Krapivno, southwest of Tula in the southwestern Moscow front were mentioned as places taken by the striding Russian army.

The occupation of the burned and wrecked town of Plavsk, an important junction on the Tula-Orel highway south of Moscow which served the Germans as a supply base and reserve concentration point, was reported by a correspondent of Izvestia, government newspaper.

The Moscow radio broadcast the report and added that the correspondent told of "fresh success" by Russian troops in the direction of Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow.

With Soviet forces counting vast spoils and mounting numbers of German dead, pursuit of disordered Nazi divisions routed in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow, was said to be gaining momentum. There the wreckage of German transports and war material littered the snows, the commander said.

Mockingly referring to German claims that the weather largely was responsible for their reverses, the announcement said: "The Germans still are complaining about the snow on the Russian front which, however, makes no difference to the Russians."

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21—(AP)—A mysterious anti-Nazi radio broadcast tonight from German-occupied central Europe said Hitler's military reverses had created unrest in Germany and that hasty measures were being taken against feared demonstrations.

The announcer reported barricades were being built on many German roads, machine-gun nests installed at important highway junctions and SS (Black-Shirt Elite Guard) garrisons heavily reinforced everywhere.

MACDONALD, Man., Dec. 21—(CP)—Hon. D. L. Campbell, Manitoba Minister of Agriculture, Saturday presented air gunners' Canadian Air Force No. 3 bombing and gunnery school here.

Airmen from Eastern Canada included: New Brunswick—Thomas Tonner, Saint John; Augustine Coorane, Bath; Joseph Ouellette, Grand Falls; Nova Scotia—Raymond Eisenhauer, Halifax County; Allan Macdonald, Inverness County; Clyde Best, Berwick; Prince Edward Island—Irvine Cowan, Montague.

JARVIS, Ont., Dec. 21—(CP)—A large group of wireless air gunners and air observers received their wings and sergeant's stripes in graduation ceremonies at No. 1 bombing and gunnery school here Saturday. The class had previously graduated from the Guelph wireless school and its members were first course graduates to complete their course at the Jarvis school as air gunners.

Among the graduates were G. A. Leamington, Saint John, N.B., and J. P. Perry, Georgetown, P.E.I.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 21—(CP)—Two cars of the Canadian National Railways' westbound Maritime Express were badly damaged by fire which broke out when the train was 11 miles west of here today. The train was backed into Campbellton, where the local fire department extinguished the blaze.

A passenger car, filled with soldiers enroute home on leave, was practically destroyed. Many of the soldiers lost articles of clothing and equipment. Heavy damage to an express car, ahead of the coach, included most of the contents.

Cause of the fire was not definitely established by railway officials.

10,000 PRISONERS CAIRO, Dec. 21—(AP)—British authorities said today that 10,000 prisoners, including 4,000 Germans, have reached prison camps in the Nile Valley from the Libyan battlefield.

"About five weeks ago Thai military and political officers were shown over the Singapore defences," Sir Charles said. "This was a fantastic error."

Notice—Owing to Xmas falling on Thursday, next receiving date for hogs will be Monday 29th. All day Albany and Emerald. In the stormy Tuesday 30th. A. C. & G. Green. L-8-12-22-31.

Hitler takes Command of German Army

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