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NEWSMAN TELLS

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more than worthy of his mention.

noticed the weather as an interesting natural phenomenon on the flight out of Moscow to the front on a bright, crisp day. Toward nightfall the snow and suddenly darkness came. Snapping through blinding swirls snow in the pitch black night, the car ran slower and slower. The driver disappeared under the drifts. The car lurged into a ditch and up to the hubeans in snow. The weather became a personal foe.

The wind screamed at doors and windows and penetrated the car. The snow drifted higher. The cold grew closer and closer. Finally gray morning light filtered through the windows. An arched truck plowing through the snow from a front line. Troops were out of the ditch and a path to the highway. In the second night was clear and bright with the wind zipping snow and leaving a shimmering coat of ice. Driving to a front-line town, we came to a valley where the car could not skid up the hill ahead nor follow its path on the slippery snow. We trudged along much as would German troops trying to beat the weather.

The wind stung our faces, snow landed on our feet and the stars and planets wrought ominous shadows of strange miracles from distant galaxies to think what it might be like if the Red army was as the weather had been against us.

TOKYO—Japs claim landing on Long Island, but admit stern British resistance.

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the plane gradually lost height and was only 1,000 feet above the ground when it crossed the enemy coast. The incendiaries were still burning.

Touch And Go (Continued from page 1)

"We knew it was touch and go trying to cross the sea," the captain said. "But we thought we would take the chance rather than come down in enemy territory. So we flew on."

Twenty five minutes later, nearly three hours after leaving Berlin, the engines sputtered and failed. The gasoline had gone.

Everything had been made ready for a landing in the sea, but because of the damage to the aircraft the pilot was unable to get the tail down and the Wellington went to the water nose down.

It went underneath for practically its whole length, then the empty gasoline tanks in the wings floated to the surface again. A minute later it sank for good and in that minute the crew climbed out and got into the dinghy, all unharmed except the pilot who had been cut and his face when thrown against his instrument panel.

"We just sat in the dinghy waiting for the dawn to break," said the pilot.

Paddle All Day, Night

The crew paddled all that day and the following night. They rationed their food and drink for six days, not knowing how long they might go before being rescued.

The sea was rough on the second day and the wind came up even stronger at night. The dinghy held up and the crew kept it free from water by bailing and passed the time discussing where they would go on sick leave.

When the sun came up on the third morning, a buoy floated by and that "sort of bucked things up."

"Then we saw the coast in the distance," the pilot said. "We were afraid we were going to be carried past it so we paddled like dingbats. Whether it did any good or not I don't know. We were being taken in by the fact."

"After a time we could see people. Then, as we got nearer, we waved. We could see them waving. We paddled to within 20 yards of the shore and a big sea more or less washed us up to the rescuers who had waded out. They had reached the Isle of Wight."

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### Take Risks To Russian events May change Course of war

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mans back 45 miles from Tikhvin and freeing Leningrad from the threat of encirclement.

(British reports said that the Finnish line between lakes Onega and Ladoga was smashed and that Leningrad's 1,000,000 defenders had joined in the attack on the Finns.)

In the southwest, 80 more settlements fell in the relentless push which began with the capture of Rostov and has proceeded westward above the shores of the Sea of Azov. (British reports said the Germans had lost 6,000 men of a Viennese infantry division in fighting near Kharkov, German-occupied steel center.)

Only on the extreme southern front, in the Crimea itself, were the Germans holding the initiative. There the Russians reported they were checking a violent assault in the Sevastopol sector, and one report said 3,200 Germans had been killed in a battle of several days' duration.

Red Star, the army newspaper, outlined the general plan of the Russian campaign as one to "encircle and exterminate the enemy." Pointing out that this is still a mobile campaign, with the Germans sometimes sacrificing one position to escape another, it urged Red army commanders to disregard frontal assaults and take the risk of throwing out long salients to cut off and wipe out the enemy units.

These tactics were used at Shekino and Aleksin, in the Tula area, capture of which was announced early today.

The German 296th Infantry division was reported destroyed at Shekino with all its material and 80 per cent of its personnel.

Aleksin, northwest of Tula, was taken the same day.

On the north of Moscow, a communique said the Germans lost 10,000 men in dead alone in the rout from Kalinin, 95 miles northeast of the capital, plus at least 101 field guns, 31 tanks and about 1,000 trucks.

Believe U. S. may Blockade Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—United States submarines, moving with deadly effect into the battle of the far east, have sunk a Japanese transport, and probably a destroyer as well.

The American "pigboats" had reached the area of action near yesterday from Manila. There the headquarters of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander in chief of the far eastern fleet, said "that two of three submarine attacks had been successful."

Today the navy sparsely added the details of a transport sunk and a destroyer probably at the bottom, but following its usual custom, made no mention of specific localities or the identities of the ships involved.

The development was widely taken to mean that an effective blockade had been made at establishing a blockade about Japan intended to snap the supply lines to her distant expeditionary forces, and cut off supplies of raw materials and food.

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### INSTEAD OF LUXURIES GIVE WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES OR STAMPS THIS Christmas

A PATRIOTIC GIFT

Japanese Activity Slight In Philippines

Thirty enemy planes raid Island of Panay, Japs thrown back at Vigan Beachhead.

(By Clark Lee) (Associated Press Staff Writer)

MANILA, Dec. 18.—(Friday)—(AP)—More than thirty Japanese planes have bombed the southern port of Iloilo on the Central Philippine island of Panay in their first attack in that region, United States army headquarters here announced.

Driving the Germans before them as they drove the ragged remnants of Napoleon's army in 1812, the Russians appear to have the Nazis on the run along practically the whole 1,200-mile front.

The retreat of the Germans in Russia, coupled with the success of the British drive in Libya against Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel's German-Italian force, has led to discussion here of three possible campaigns open to Hitler.

Three Possibilities

1. A drive through Turkey in an attempt to block the allied supply lines through Iraq and Iran and seize control of the Suez canal.

2. A drive through Spain and Portugal to North Africa with the primary objective of saving the remnants of Rommel's forces but with the long-range objective of obtaining sea and air bases along with the West African coast, particularly Dakar.

3. A general attack on Britain, particularly an intensification of aerial assault, not only on British towns and cities but far out to sea in co-operation with submarine packs in an effort to break the British and Russian supply lines to Canada and the United States.

Of these possibilities, it is considered here that the most likely is a drive through the Italian peninsula, which probably would be a walk-over because of the Axis sympathies of Spanish dictator Franco who owes his job to German and Italian intervention in Spain's civil war.

Spain, controlling not only the European approaches to Gibraltar but the African as well, due to Franco taking over control of the international zone of Tangier a year and a half ago, is the most likely stepping-stone to North Africa.

Taking a long-range view, Hitler might consider it imperative for him to have a base of operations in North Africa because, if occupied entirely by the allies, an invasion of Italy might be possible at some future date and the Axis eventually shattered by striking at its weakest link.

If he could entrench himself in North Africa, particularly if he could control Dakar in French (Vichy) Senegal and the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, Hitler would strengthen his position considerably because he would have fairly effective control of the Atlantic supply routes linking the Atlantic and Pacific zones.

Failed in Russia

Meanwhile, it is an established fact that Hitler has failed on a colossal scale in Russia, a blow not only to Hitler but to Japan. Eventually, it may mean Russian intervention in the Pacific combat zone and Chinese sources say Russian large-scale manoeuvres already are being held near the border of Siberia and Japanese-controlled Manchukuo.

There can be no doubt that German losses in manpower and machines also have been on a colossal scale. That again is a blow against Japan because these great battles of Europe, Asia and Africa are part of the same war and a setback in one area weakens the whole Axis, and correspondingly strengthens the whole allied side.

Tricked Japanese?

In many quarters here, the German retreat in Russia is regarded as more than a strategic one and when the whole history of it is written it may be established that Hitler tricked the Japanese into declaring war by telling them Moscow was the key to the taking of the Caspian, to Tikhvin in the north, the key to Leningrad, the Russians pushed ahead.

Today the Russian advance continues and the impression has been formed here that what started as a strategic retreat to shorten communication lines and consolidate defensive positions for a static winter campaign has turned into something approaching a rout with the Russians applying too much pressure to permit the Germans to make a determined stand.

PILLS BY THE MILLION

The Medical Section of the Department of Munitions and Supply bought 17,290,570 pills of various formulae in a three-month period.

Begin Conference On Income Tax

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(CP)—Finance Minister Isley said tonight that "gratifying and satisfactory progress" was made at today's conferences with provincial government delegations on transfer of income taxing authority exclusively to the Dominion for the war's duration.

The Minister would not comment on the attitudes of the provinces but emphasized that there was a multitude of angles to the proposal and each province had opinions which it desired to discuss.

His budget address last spring Mr. Isley imposed record income tax rates and suggested the provinces vacate this field in favor of the Dominion, accepting compensation from the federal treasury which he estimated at about \$40,000,000.

Since that time there have been conferences with the provinces, individually and collectively. The meetings opening today were designed to complete final drafts of agreements with each province for legislative sanction.

Mr. Isley said he expects the negotiations will be completed tomorrow and that he has no reason to believe any of the provinces will fail to enter into the proposal.

Questions of amounts of compensation and dates on effectiveness of the restoration of provincial taxing rights at the end of the war were among the particular questions under discussion behind the closed and guarded doors of the Commons railway committee room.

Six provincial premiers are included in the delegations which aggregate 36 ministers and advisers. Ontario sent the largest party—11 delegates headed by Attorney-General Gordon Conant and Highways Minister T. B. Mc-

QUESTIONS

Premiers W. J. Patterson of Saskatchewan, Thane Campbell of Prince Edward Island, John Hart of British Columbia, J. B. Nair of New Brunswick, and A. S. MacMillan of Nova Scotia headed their own delegations, all but Mr. Campbell bringing a party of assistants.

REPORTS RESCUE

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much as a drop of water during the four days. On one of the rafts there were 34 men, one gallon of water and a can of sea biscuits. This was the only raft that had any provisions whatever.

"The men told me how some of them had stayed on the raft for a couple of days, then suddenly got up and said 'goodbye' and dove overboard."

Bresson said the seamen told him "there was time to lower only one boat" before the cruiser sank after the enemy submarine's first torpedo struck.

"Although it was built to hold 50, in the rush 120 men got into it with the result that it went right down."

"A second torpedo," Bresson said he learned, "blew the stern off the ship and set off its magazine and depth charges."

"The last one seen to leave the ship was the captain. He slid down the side of the ship and was almost walking on the bottom when it turned over and sank."

(The Admiralty gave the captain's name as R. S. Lovatt, O.B.E., R.N.)

about 10 minutes, then submerged, leaving everyone to his fate," Bresson said he told.

RECRUITING MEETING PLANNED

MONTGOMERY, N. B., Dec. 18.—(CP)—The first public recruiting meeting here since the outbreak of war will be held Sunday afternoon.

DRASTIC CUT

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**HOLMAN'S SHATTERED**

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there still are many more strong defences between Timni and Bengasi. The R. A. F. is bombing these positions.

Military observers also said there was a possibility that Axis plane reinforcements still are crossing the Mediterranean in an attempt to keep the British troops away from Bengasi, or Tripoli, far to the west and next to French North Africa.

If past British strategy is employed some of the allied troops now will cut southwest across the "hump of Libya," in an effort to pin the Axis troops against the curving Libya coast.

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