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JAPANESE BOMB AND SINK U. S. GUNBOAT

BRITISH SHIP UNDERFIRE, SEAMAN KILLED

Two Others Wounded In Bombardment Off Wuhu

HEAVY FIGHTING

Nanking Holds Out Against Desperate Attacks

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13—(Monday)—Japan's war machine, striking at stoutly-resisting Nanking and other Yangtze River ports, today was involved in a new Anglo-Japanese crisis.

A British seaman was killed and a British naval officer and another seaman wounded off Wuhu, 60 miles upriver from Nanking, in one of several incidents arising from heavy Japanese aerial and artillery bombardments along 100 miles of the broad Yangtze waterway.

The battle for Nanking, the capital from which the Chinese Government fled three weeks ago, went into its fourth day with both sides reporting "satisfactory progress" in bloody fighting that claimed thousands of casualties.

The Japanese having thrust a foot in the door, Friday, apparently made little headway since and that little at great costs, although all available striking power in gunsplanes and tanks was unleashed against the city.

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COMING EVENTS

**Announcement are inserted in this colum at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

**Millview Christmas Concert December 17th. L-801-12-13-3i.

**Mt. Albion Christmas Concert Dec. 20. L-818-12-13-2i.

**New Argyle Christmas Concert Wednesday, Dec. 22. Admission 10c. L-785-12-11-2i.

**No. 6 Signals miniature rifle range opens this evening 7 to 10. L-819.

**Christmas Concert Central Royalty School, Tuesday, December 21st. L-797-12-13-2i.

**Hear East Wiltshire School children at North River Hall, Monday, December 20th. L-804-12-13-20.

**Bean Supper in Orange Hall, Hunter River, December 14th. L-711-12-10-13.

**Christmas Concert Granville Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. If not fine first fine night. L-821.

**Reserve Monday December 20th for Bethel Christmas Concert. If not fine Wednesday. L-796-12-13-16-17.

**Afton Hall Tuesday, December 14th Bingo, Lunches and Dance. Proceeds in aid of Hall. L-803-12-13-1i.

**School Concert Winsloe South School, Tuesday, December 21st. If not fine following night. L-799-12-13-2i.

**Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12—3. L-2091-10-M T W tf.

**Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves at Albany every Tuesday, hours 12-3. L-825-12-13-21.

**Buying live and dressed poultry Wednesday, December 15th. Paying highest market prices. Signed Matthew McLean, Bridgetown. L-693-12-8.

**Buying live and dressed chicken and fowl Wednesday, December 15th. Also dressed geese, turkeys and ducks. Signed Delaney & MacKay. L-799-12-13-31.

**We will be buying dressed fowl and chickens on a graded basis each Wednesday until further notice beginning December first. C. E. Pratt & Son. L-151-11-29-12-6-13-20-27.

**Hear Tex Cochrane, trail rider to concert Mt. Albion Hall Tuesday Dec. 14th. Admission 10c and 10c. Sale of candy. Dance after. L-820.

**Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl also dressed geese, turkeys and ducks Thursday, Dec. 16th paying highest market prices. Signed R. J. McDonald Co., Cardigan. L745-12-10-61

**Buying live poultry for balance of season on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays only each week. Only birds with empty crops wanted. J. F. Morris, Kinkora. L-765-12-11-31.

**Livestock Marketing Board is looking for a stronger market quotation on hogs today in Montreal. Sell your hogs co-operatively and if the price is higher we will get it for you.

**Livestock Marketing Board loading livestock at railway stock pens Charlottetown every Monday afternoon and Tuesday forenoon, also each Thursday afternoon and Friday forenoon, until further notice. Bring your stock in early L-826.

INSURGENTS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

Warplanes Pave Way For Advance

(By The Associated Press)

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 12—The Spanish Insurgent armies today launched their long-awaited general offensive, Insurgent authorities announced at Irun. They struck simultaneously on the Toledo, Brunete and Tereul fronts.

An Insurgent communique announced the government lines had collapsed under the offensive, which hit "like a bolt of lightning."

"The Reds (government) were unable to resist the attacks," the Insurgents declared.

MADRID OBJECTIVE

The offensive at Brunete and Toledo were directed at Madrid, Spain's long besieged capital, while the drive on the Teruel front faced toward Valencia.

Insurgent dispatches reported today massed air fleets totalling 270 warplanes clashed over the Zaragoza civil war front in one of the greatest air battles in history.

In accounts of Friday's spectacular engagement in the clouds now reaching the border, Insurgents said 25 government planes were shot down and only one Insurgent plane was lost.

The 17-month-old Spanish civil war was turning more and more to the air, Insurgent and government communiques showed.

ISLAND BORN PASTOR DIES

Rev. J.H.A. Anderson Succumbs Suddenly At Musquodoboit.

(By The Canadian Press)

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT, N. S., Dec. 12—Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, 62, pastor of the United Church of Canada here, died suddenly today only a few minutes after he had preached at the morning service. He was chairman of the Halifax Presbytery.

Born at St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I., Rev. Dr. Anderson entered the ministry 34 years ago.

He held pastorates at Florenceville, Saint John and Chatham, in New Brunswick, before coming here in 1930, and was well known as a contributor of articles on social reform and religious work to Maritime newspapers.

He married Flora Carson of St Martin's, N. B., who survives. Mrs. Walter Ross of Sydney, N.S., Grace in Truro, N.S., and Jean at Plaster Rock, N.B., are daughters and Mrs. W. MacDonald of Pinette, P. E.I., Mrs. Ida McEwen and Bertha of St. Peter's Bay, and Annie in Centreville, N.B., are sisters.

Eight Miners Injured In Blast

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

BECKEMEYER, Ill., Dec. 12—Eight miners were injured, four seriously, in an explosion 450 feet underground in the Beckemeyer Coal Company mine here Saturday.

Fred Beckemeyer, one of the seriously injured, was reported in a critical condition at a hospital in Breese. The other three were Alex Marshall, Malcolm Jarvis and William Brinkmann, Sr.

ITALY SEVERS RELATIONS WITH LEAGUE

Mussolini Shouts Decision To Huge Crowd Following Meeting Of Grand Council.

ROME, Dec. 11—(AP)—Italy withdrew Saturday night from the League of Nations but announced her determination to collaborate for peace.

The action, decided upon at a seven-minute meeting of the Fascist Grand Council, was proclaimed by Premier Mussolini from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia.

One of the greatest crowds ever assembled in the vast square in front of the palace, despite a heavy rain, roared its approval.

"We withdrew without regret," he shouted, "from the shaking temple where they are not working for peace but are preparing for war."

Italy thus followed in the footsteps of Germany and Japan, with whom she is joined in an Anti-Communist pact, among the leading nations to depart from the League.

Membership in the League will not end until two years after formal notice of withdrawal, given to Geneva today, but Italy for more than a year has pursued a "policy of non-co-operation" with Geneva.

This estrangement dated to May 11, 1936, when the Italian delegation walked out of a meeting of the League Council after it had voted to continue sanctions against Italy because of the Ethiopian war.

Arraigning the League in a vigorous attack, Mussolini declared:

"It was necessary to choose" whether to be in the League or out of it.

Then he cried the question: "In it?"

"No!" answered the multitude.

"Out of it?"

"Yes!" responded the throng.

Boos rebounded when he spoke derisively of the great democracies.

Assailing the League as "preparing for war" rather than working in the interests of peace, he said Italy would adhere to her policy of "collaboration and peace."

"It is simply grotesque to believe, or to have it believed, that pressure determined our attitude," he said. "There is none, and there has been none. There could have been none. Our comrades of the Berlin-Tokyo axis were—and this is the plain truth—absolutely discreet."

Immediately after the Grand Council session, Foreign Minister Count Ciano notified Joseph Avenol, Secretary General of the League of Nations, of Italy's resignation "as of December 11, 1937."

Island Student Wins Scholarship

HALIFAX, Dec. 12—(CP)—Roderick Ennis Smith of Summerside, P. E. I., Saturday was announced as the 1937 winner of the Nova Scotia Rhodes Scholarship. He is a student at King's University here.

Smith was born in London, Ont., 19 years ago, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ennis Smith, but the family has lived at Summerside for the last 12 years. He will graduate from the faculty of arts and science next spring and will study science at Oxford.

At King's he has been prominent in athletics and student activities as well as the classroom.

Windsors To Visit States In Spring

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

PARIS, Dec. 12—Friends of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor said today the couple planned to visit the United States early next spring.

They reported the couple would spend Christmas in the Riviera villa of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Rogers of New York. Then, it was said, they would spend the rest of the winter at Kitzbuehel, Austrian sports resort.

REBEL LEADER SLAIN

GUADALAJARA, Jalisco, Mexico, Dec. 12—Pablo Candelario, a rebel leader, was killed Saturday in an encounter with federal troops near Atemajac. His body was exhibited in the public square as a warning to other rebels.

Generous Response Will Insure Their Happiness

"Let us not miss one lonely needy child
Because the Christ was born in Bethlehem;
For all the gifts that we would bring to Him,
He bids us take to them."
—Grace Noll Crowell.

Opportunity knocks but once is a proverb heard occasionally. But opportunity has been knocking at the door of Santa Pals for the past week; and will continue to knock until Christmas, or until the needy children on our list have been assured of a visit from an alias Santa Claus.

Helping in this work has a two-fold result. It brings happiness to the children and it brings satisfaction to the Santa Pals who enjoy their own Christmas more fully in the knowledge of a good deed done.

Adults forget to some extent the thrill Christmas gave them when they were children. The writer had it brought to his mind vividly a very wet Saturday at the beginning of this present season.

He had occasion to go up to the second floor of an office building in the afternoon and there in the hall grouped shivering around a radiator, were three little urchins, all under five years old. Water dripped from their drenched clothing and spread in streams across the floor. They had removed their shoes and stockings and were attempting to dry them on the radiator. "We're waiting to see Santa Claus down at ——'s store, mister," they replied to the writer's amazed question as to what in the world they had been doing out on such a rainy day. "Please let us wait here," they pleaded.

What compelling absorbing interest they must have had in Santa Claus to brave such a day. And it is the stockings of just such little children that will be empty when their small owners behold them in the early dawn Christmas Day—unless Santa Pals fill them. That is the purpose of this Department, to seek out the needy through the clergymen and make it easy for kind hearted citizens to assist.

Meanwhile the time is getting short. Would-be Santa Pals have but a few days left in which to assist. Turn to page 8 of this issue, select the child you wish to be a pal to, and telephone your reservation to the Guardian, 133. Or have you more work to do before Christmas than you have time for, as so many have? Then send in a money donation; the Santa Pal Department will buy your gift.

Turn to page 8 then before you forget. We would like to impress on Santa Pals the need for immediate action. A great deal of work is necessary in preparing and assigning parcels by members of the Santa Pal Department and Santa Pals can help greatly in the work by sending in their contribution promptly.

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

Joan Wood.
David Wood.
Jim Wood.
Mt. Mellick W. I.
Billie Bourke.
Viney Watts.
Lois Watts.
Is and Securities Co., Ltd.
Wildey Lodge, No. 27.
Helen Moore.
Jean Moore.
Miss Eliza Webster.
Lilian, Helen and Billy McLean, Mt. Edward Road.
Allan and Junior Doyle.
Miss Marjorie Doyle.
A Friend.
A Friend.
Anita Gill.
Geo. J. Rogers.
Tom N. Rogers.
Rosemary Rogers.
Mrs. Geo. J. Rogers.
Corrine Walker.
Mary Walker.
John Walker.
Helen and Everett Cutcliffe.
Harold Messervy.
Joan Williams.
Mrs. Lorne E. Burleigh, Ellerslie.
Elwin Mill, Clermont.
Mrs. A. J. Matheson, O'Leary.
Jimmie MacNeill, Kensington.
Donald John MacNeill, Kensington.
Past Noble Grands Club, Rebekah Lodge.

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May Announce Opening Date Of Parliament This Week

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—Opening date of the forthcoming parliamentary session will probably be announced this week with the third or fourth Thursday in January as the likely selection.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King starts back from his Florida holiday tomorrow or Tuesday and will be in Ottawa the last of the week, possibly in time to preside over cabinet council at the regular Thursday meeting.

No definite date for the Prime Minister's return has been announced but it was believed he would desire to celebrate his birthday at home and that anniversary comes Friday.

Only one cabinet session was held last week with Justice Minister Lapointe acting for the prime minister. Last Thursday's session was cancelled but a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

Many ministers have been out of Ottawa in the past week, including Agriculture Minister Gardiner, Defence Minister MacKenzie, Transport Minister Howe, Secretary of State Rinfret, Works Minister Cardin and Fisheries Minister Michaud.

Mr. Howe will go away again this week, filling a speaking engagement in Boston Wednesday. It is not expected he will return until after the Christmas holidays. In Boston he will be among his home folks, having been born in Waltham. He will address the Boston Canadian Club Wednesday.

Note Improvement In Steel Industry

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12—(AP)—Marked signs of improvement in United States industry were evident during the past week, the magazine "Steel" said today.

Both eastern and western centres reported a slightly better volume of orders from miscellaneous sources, and in some cases important sellers booked the best tonnage in six to eight weeks.

Buying was still in small lots for immediate delivery, but indicated inventories were being depleted, a harbinger of larger buying after the first of the new year.

GUARD SLAIN IN ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 12—(AP)—A machine gun company of National Guardsmen fired tear-gas shells today to subdue six convicts who stabbed a prison guard captain to death and barricaded themselves in the captain's office in a desperate attempt to escape from the State Penitentiary.

The victim, Captain Olin Sanders, was stabbed five times after the felons had defied a dramatic two-hour plea by Governor Olin Johnston to give themselves up.

The youthful Governor shouted to them, through the door of their barricaded refuge, urging them to submit to avoid bloodshed and obviate the necessity of calling out the National Guard.

"Get us a car. Open the gates. Otherwise it'll be too bad for Sanders," one of the felons retorted.

Two hours later, the troopers arrived. Another plea as made by Adjutant General James Dozier, commanding the Guardsmen. Again the convicts refused, announcing they would stay there "until hell freezes over."

Governor Johnston made one final effort to persuade them.

"If you boys will walk out of there and let Captain Sanders walk out first, I'll see that nothing goes against your record."

Hoarse rumble of defiance replied, and Governor signalled the Guardsmen.

"Go ahead, boys—let them have it."

A barrage of tear-gas brought quick surrender. Gasping and choking, with tears streaming down their cheeks, the desperadoes emerged, one by one, with their hands

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RESCUE SHIPS REACH SIDE OF STRICKEN LINER

Passengers Of President Hoover, Leaking In Forward Holds, Landed On Islands.

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

MANILA, Dec. 13—(Monday)—Aid reached the ship-wrecked passengers of the Dollar liner President Hoover today when the United States destroyers Barker and Alden, bucking heavy seas and high winds, arrived at Hoishoto Island, off the Formosan east coast.

Conditions at the scene remained undisclosed to the outside world because of the silence maintained by ships there, but the passengers, presumably numbering 380 to 400, were known to be ashore on Hoishoto and a neighboring island, Hayake.

Last available reports indicate the $8,000,000 liner, which ran onto Hoishoto's rocks early Saturday morning, was leaking in her three forward holds, which contained 90 per cent of her 7,000 ton cargo.

At Dollar Line headquarters in San Francisco, Hugh McKenzie, company executive, said the Dollar Steamship President McKinley also had reached the scene; that the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia and three tugs were on the way, and there was no sickness or injury among the passengers.

McKenzie said 200 of the passengers had been moved to Hayake Island because it had wooden houses, Hoishoto, a semi-tropical isle, was said to have only palm-thatched dwellings offering inadequate shelter in case of heavy rains.

It was indicated an attempt would be made to put the passengers aboard the McKinely at daylight, and that one or both of the destroyers might be used if the McKinely had insufficient room to accommodate all of them. They were destined for Manila.

Two thousand bags of mail, including much Christmas postage, were in the leaking holds, and reports reaching here indicated some of the liner's 408 crew members had moved it up between decks to prevent water damage.

How the liner's crew took the passengers ashore safely puzzled maritime circles here. It was assumed the vessel was sufficiently near the shore to permit the lowering of lifeboats on the leeward side and allow them to make shore in the shelter of the hull.

Radio messages from stranded passengers to relatives in Manila said they were all safe. The stricken liner sent some messages but accepted none addressed to passengers.

Unique Operation Proving Success

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12—Hopes mounted today that Frank Chabina, young Albany, La., farmer would be able to see through the cornea of an elderly man's eye which was transplanted to his own left eye last Wednesday.

Dr. George Haik, the operating surgeon, replaced the bandages yesterday and said the operation "looks good." "Whether Chabina will be able to see," he added, "will not be known for some time."

The bandages were to be removed every two or three days so that the surgeon might watch the progress of his patient.

Chabina lost the sight of his eye through an accident and Dr. Haik replaced the cornea with the one from the left eye of John Amos, 68, another patient whose eye had been removed because of a cataract.

Drop Is Shown In Fish Receipts

BOSTON, Dec. 12—(CP)—A drop of 1,000,000 pounds in the ground fish receipts at the Boston fish pier last week compared with the same period last year was noted today and officials also announced a drop of 3,000,000 pounds from the first of the year, compared with the corresponding period of 1936.

Only 83 vessels arrived last week as against 123 vessels for the same week last year.

On the other hand, Rodney E. Peyler, director of sea and shore fisheries for Maine, announced the State's lobster catch for this year would total 6,000,000 pounds, 1,000,000 better than 1936.

Fishermen were paid an average rate of 23 cents per pound for lobsters, he said.

18 Aboard Panay Unaccounted For Following Attack

Japanese Navy Quickly Assumes Responsibility For Grave Incident—Rescue Ships To Scene.

—BULLETIN—

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—(AP)—The Navy Department received word tonight that one sailor was killed and two officers wounded when the United States gunboat Panay was bombed by the Japanese in the Yangtze River.

(By The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13—(Monday)—Japanese bombs today sank the United States Gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river 25 miles above Nanking.

Eighteen Americans were unaccounted for.

There were 54 known survivors, some of them wounded.

The gunboat's normal complement was 55 officers and men. In addition the "mercy ship" carried at least nine American refugees, including four embassy officials.

Several Standard Oil Company ships were also sunk at the same time.

The Japanese Navy quickly accepted responsibility for the grave incident.

A Japanese communique pledged immediate steps to place the blame on military units responsible, and regretted the bombing "most deeply."

Earlier, British naval reports said Colonel Hashimoto, senior Japanese officer, declared he had orders to "fire on every ship on the river."

REPLY TO PROTEST

His statement was made in reply to a British protest against shelling of the British gunboat Ladybird at Wuhu. A British seaman was killed and two other Britons wounded there.

The Panay, a small river gunboat, 170 feet in length, was commanded by Lieutenant-Commander J. J. Hughes of New York City. The other officers aboard were Lieut. A. F. Andrews, Ensign Dennis H. Biwerse, a former resident of Wisconsin and Medical Lieut. C. G. Grazier, formerly of Pennsylvania.

Brief Message

The brief message reporting the tragedy said that the Panay fired several rounds from her anti-aircraft battery at the attacking plane, but that apparently it failed to find its target.

Four members of the American embassy staff had made it a practice during the last few days to take refuge aboard the Panay for rest and sleep during their hours off duty.

How many of them were aboard at this time and how many of the 15 American civilians who still were in Nanking was not stated in the message.

Telephone Report

Navy officers said, however, that the first fragmentary report of the incident was made in a telephone message from Nanking to Shanghai and relayed since to Washington.

This message was signed by Atcheson (George Atcheson, Jr., second secretary in charge of the embassy in Nanking).

Last reports received here were that both embassy officials and American civilians still in Nanking had made it a practice to take refuge aboard the boat during periods of stress. They included newspaper correspondents and medical missionaries.

Soviet Maasses Parade To Polls

MOSCOW, Dec. 12—(AP)—With bands playing and red banners flying, the Soviet masses paraded to the polls today and elected a Supreme Soviet with Joseph Stalin, their undisputed leader, the unanimous choice for one of the seats.

The first secret, direct election in the history of Russia brought out most of the 90,000,000 qualified electors. The voting for 1,143 members of the two chamber parliament virtually was a ratification of nominations made a month ago. Few candidates were opposed.

Will Form Board When Work Resumed

OTTAWA, Dec. 12—(CP)—Labor Minister Rogers disclosed tonight a Board of Conciliation under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act will be established to deal with the labor dispute in the Minto, N. B., coal fields when the men return to work and make application as contemplated by the act.

CONDUCT AIR RAID TESTS

LONDON, Dec. 12—(AP)—The War Office and air raid experts are mightily pleased, they have just blown up Piccadilly—a dummy Piccadilly built to test the results of bombing.

There were no buildings, but this "typical London street" was fully equipped with underground pipes and cables. Water, gas, and sewer pipes, and electricity, telephone and telegraph cables were installed at regulation depths.

Tests were carried out over three months, and the experts say they are "well satisfied" with the resulting information.

Experiments in protection against gas attacks were equally successful, the experts say. They built typical houses, put animals in them, and subjected the houses to "prolonged gas attacks."

The protection provided "consisted merely of pasting paper over the cracks of windows and between the floorboards, and stuffing paper up the chimney."

The precautions were found to give "entire protection against the four types of gas used—chlorine, mustard-gas, phosgene, and tear gas."



METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

Toronto, Dec. 12 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria	46	48
Edmonton	12B	2
Winnipeg	6	18
Toronto	13	29
Ottawa	12B	12
Montreal	6	12
Quebec	14	18
Saint John	28	30
Halifax	32	34
Charlottetown	32	36

Maritime East: Strong west and northwest winds; partly cloudy and a little colder with snowflurries.

High tide this morning at 8.0[illegible] and tonight at 8.02.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.1[illegible] and rises tomorrow morning at 7.31

Full moon Friday, Dec. 17, at 1.52 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m
Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m., 2.35 p. m.