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## JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON UNITED STATES, BRITAIN

### PITCHED TANK BATTLE RAGING IN LIBYA Fast Moving Events Mark Spread Of War

#### Both sides in search of big knockout blow

#### Advices from battle area indicate our forces have met with some success.

CAIRO, Dec. 7 (AP)—The British in Libya have been standing toe to toe in a pitched battle with Japanese tanks since noon Saturday, perhaps the make-or-break day in the desert war of armored units.

Headquarters from British general headquarters said the outcome still is in the balance but that our armored forces are doing well with some success. Military spokesmen said the British and Axis forces collided in a series of battles, with both sides on the offensive, and with both seemingly aiming for a knockout of enough tanks to decide the fate of Libya. The tank battle was the hub of a series of satellite clashes around its edges.

#### Weighten not able to sit when House meets Jan. 21

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—Senator Arthur Meighen now has insufficient time to be elected to the House of Commons before Parliament resumes Jan. 21 and will not be able to take over leadership of the Conservative group at that time because of the statutory requirement, the minimum time for a by-election in York south riding where Meighen is elected.

#### Coming Events

- Notice for Notices in this column 3 cents per word
- Wanted to buy Chicken, Poultry and Cold Storage L-219-7-9-11
- Will pay top prices, all kinds of poultry, D. M. McKinstry, 127-12-6-21
- Reserve December 22nd for Whitefire Christmas Concert L-311
- Come to Christmas Concert in Hall, Friday, December 19th, 8 o'clock after. L-311
- Mill View School Concert, Friday, December 19th, 8-10. L-312
- Reserve Thursday, December 19th, M. M. Herbert School Concert, 8-10. L-301-12-8-11
- Miss Gillis and musical group, Harrington Hall, Tuesday L-300-12-8-11
- Music Club Tuesday, December 9th, Harrington Hotel, Carols. L-299-12-8-11
- Have orders for large quantities of poultry, live, and dressed, at the Charlottetown and Moncton. L-247-12-5-31
- Collecting Hogs every Tuesday Friday, George Dingwell, name Bridge. L-184-9-15-M-Thur-f
- Annual Meeting of the Branch Farmers Institute, to be held in Charlottetown Hall on Wednesday evening, December 9th. All welcome. Herms L-302-12-8-11

#### Japanese Troops Invade Thailand

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (AP)—Japanese troops have invaded Thailand, the Tokyo Radio said tonight in a broadcast heard here by N.B.C. The broadcast also said informed sources in Japan believed Germany will declare war on the United States within 24 hours.

#### Burton Wheeler Changes tune

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 7 (AP)—"The only thing now is to do our best to lick hell out of them," Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana said today after hearing of the Japanese attack on Hawaii and the Philippines.

#### "We're in it", Comment of N. Y. crowds

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—News of the Japanese attack on Hawaii and the Philippines caused a stampede of people to gather in Times Square today and at 4 p.m. the crowd was rapidly increasing. A newspaper rushed into the square and said in screaming headlines: "Japanese attack U.S.: Hawaii, Philippines bombed by airmen." "We're in it, boys," "We didn't start it," "In newsreel theatres programs were interrupted and after a hush cheering broke out."

#### U. S. Transport Is torpedoed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The White House announced at 4:35 p. m. E.D.T. today that the United States Army transport carrying lumber rather than troops had been torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco. This placed presumed Japanese naval action well east of Hawaii, toward the mainland.

#### Sends Distress Signals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The White House announced at 4:35 p. m. E.D.T. today that the United States Army has just received word that an American vessel, believed to be a cargo ship had been sending out signals of distress approximately 700 miles west of San Francisco.

#### Jap Aircraft Carrier sunk Rumors claim

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Roundabout, unconfirmed reports from Panama and London said tonight that a Japanese aircraft carrier from which planes operated to attack Pearl Harbor had been sunk by United States Navy ships. These circulated in Panama and were broadcast from London by CBS commentator Bob Trout as having been heard there. Trout also said unofficial news bulletins in London reported the sinking of two British cruisers at Singapore.

#### THIS FROM MISSOURI

BROOKFIELD, Mo. (CP)—Charles T. Seay of Trenton, Mo., had to pinch himself a couple of times before he believed this actually happened to him: while playing golf here a fox and hound dashed between his legs.

#### BULLETINS

SINGAPORE, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(CP)—The Japanese have landed in North Malaya, it was announced today.

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies.—(Monday), Dec. 8—(AP)—The Netherlands East Indies declared war on Japan today and immediately proclaimed a state of "danger of air attack."

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(CP)—A Reuters dispatch from Shanghai today quoted an unconfirmed report circulated there saying United States-owned Wake Island had been occupied by the Japanese.

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(CP)—An authorized statement early today said the Netherlands Government considers a state of war exists between herself and Japan.

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(AP)—Germany's first official reaction to the war in the Pacific was given early this morning in a statement saying "the warmonger Roosevelt has reached his aim."

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 7 (AP)—Costa Rica declared war on Japan tonight.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (CP)—The Japanese embassy tonight burned secret documents and completed arrangements to leave Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The White House announced early tonight that the navy had advised the President that Japan had attacked the Island of Guam.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The State Department said tonight all other American Republics had been informed of the "treacherous attacks" by Japan on the United States and that the United States had received "very heartening messages of support" from other American Republics.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (CP)—A broadcast from Tokyo said tonight that Hong Kong had been bombed for a second time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Navy Department announced tonight that a censorship had been placed on all outgoing cablegrams and radio messages from the United States and its outlying possessions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—Word reached Ottawa today that a British declaration of war against Japan would be issued Monday afternoon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—A pro-Axis Shanghai radio station reported tonight that Japanese naval forces had boarded a United States gunboat lying off Shanghai and hoisted the flag of the Rising Sun. Presumably, the ship was the Wake, although the broadcast, received here by CBS, did not give the name intelligibly.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(AP)—The Japanese army and navy seized the international settlement today and sank the British gunboat, Peterel. The United States gunboat, Wake, lying not far away from the Peterel suffered no immediate harm. All hands are believed to have gone down with the 310-ton Peterel whose normal complement was 55 men.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Tokyo radio reported tonight in a broadcast picked up by N.B.C. Japanese naval ships had surrounded the Island of Guam and that an oil reservoir and hotel had been set on fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—The B.B.C. broadcast an unconfirmed report tonight that Bangkok, capital of Thailand had been bombed.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(AP)—Japanese landed in Northern Malaya, 300 miles north of Singapore and bombed the naval stronghold, causing small loss of life amongst civilians and property damage. The landing was made after a first attempt had been repulsed by small arms. The British forces were engaged, latest report said. The Japanese were filtering inland, towards the Kotabaru airfield.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(AP)—N.B.C. reported from Manila early today the United States transport, General Hugh L. Scott had been sunk 1600 miles from Manila. (N.B.C. reported also from Manila the liner President Harrison, now a transport, which had been sent to China to evacuate Americans had been either seized or sunk in the Yangtze River near Shanghai.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Berlin radio tonight broadcast a Tokyo claim that the United States battleship West Virginia had been sunk and the battleship, Oklahoma set afire in an engagement between the Japanese and the United States and British navies. The broadcast asserted that the battle was "still going on" and that altogether three United States ships were hit. The third was not named. The broadcast was heard shortly after 11 p. m. tonight.

#### Governor of Hawaii tells of casualties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Governor Poindexter of Hawaii talked with President Roosevelt late today, reporting heavy damage to property and life in Honolulu, and saying a second wave of Japanese planes was just coming over. This wave was over Honolulu at about 6:30 p. m. A.S.T. In making this announcement the White House also cast doubt on the authenticity of earlier reports that the Japanese had bombed Manila. Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said that since the report of the attack on Manila, the war and navy departments had attempted to get confirmation on substantiating report but had been unable to reach army or navy commanders in the Philippines.

"I suppose they are busy," Early explained. "The President is disposed now to believe and is hopeful that the report of the bombing of Manila is at least erroneous." (An Associated Press dispatch from Manila said that at 5:25 p. m. A.S.T. today there were no signs of war and Manila was quiet.)

#### Announcement Made after Cabinet meets

State of war will exist between Canada and Japan as from today.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced tonight that Canada is at war with Japan.

The announcement was made at a press conference held after a lengthy meeting of the cabinet.

The Prime Minister said that a declaration of a state of war has been drawn up for submission to the King for approval. It is worded to take effect as from today.

Mr. King said that he had talked by telephone during the day with Conservative House leader Hanson; John Blackmore, New Democratic leader; and M. J. Coldwell, acting house leader of the C.C.F., outlining the situation in the Pacific arena and informally talking of the necessity for calling Parliament.

All were agreed, he said, that summoning of Parliament would not be necessary.

The Prime Minister said that "all necessary security measures" for the defence of Canada have been taken.

He said that Japanese diplomatic representatives in Canada will be given their passports and permitted to leave the country as soon as arrangements have been completed for getting Canadian diplomatic officials and trade commissioners out of Japan.

The decision to go to war against Japan today, a state of war would exist with Hungary, Rumania and Finland.

Only last night the Prime Minister in a broadcast address to the Canadian people announced that, effective at 12:01 a.m. E. D. T. today, a state of war would exist with Hungary, Rumania and Finland.

#### Soviets break Nazi lines at Moscow front

Toughness of Russians described vividly by Berlin radio.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Moscow radio announced tonight that the Russians had broken the German line at two points on the Moscow front.

In one break-through, north of Moscow, two German divisions were said to have been wiped out.

In the other, near Kalinin, 90 miles northwest of the Russian capital, a village was said to have been recaptured.

At some places on the front, a Kulyshay military spokesman was quoted as saying, tank-led German advance forces broke into Russian lines gaining six to eight miles.

A statement that "all the enemy's attempts to develop an offensive on the central front were frustrated" was taken, however, to indicate that no such gains were made by the Germans at approaches to the Soviet capital.

In the south the Russians continued to push the Germans back along the Sea of Azov from the approaches to the Caucasus oil deposits.

The toughness of the Russians in defence of their capital was best described by the Berlin radio itself which said the most frightful artillery pounding the Germans could bring to bear on the Russians left

This was the only sign of war here at 5:25 a.m. (5:26 p.m. A.S.T.)

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#### Japan announces State of war

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Monday)—(AP)—Japan went to war with the United States and Great Britain today with air and sea attacks against Hawaii followed by a formal declaration of hostilities.

Japanese Imperial headquarters announced at 6 a. m. (5 p. m. A.S.T. Sunday) that a state of war existed among these nations in the western Pacific, as of dawn.

Shortly afterwards Domei announced that "naval operations are progressing off Hawaii, with at least one Japanese aircraft carrier in action against Pearl Harbor," the United States naval base in the islands.

Japanese bombers were declared to have raided Honolulu at 7:35 a. m. Hawaii time (2:05 p. m. A.S.T. Sunday).

Premier-War Minister Hideki Tojo told a 20-minute cabinet session at his residence at 7 a. m., and shortly afterwards it was announced that both the United States ambassador Joseph Grew, and the British ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had been summoned by Foreign Minister Togo.

The foreign minister, Domei said, handed to Mr. Grew the Japanese government's formal reply to the note sent to Japan by the United States Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, on Nov. 28.

In the course of the diplomatic negotiations leading up to Sunday's events, the Domei agency had stated that Japan could not accept the premises of Mr. Hull's note.

Sir Robert Craigie was summoned by the foreign minister 15 minutes after Mr. Grew was called.

At the brief cabinet meeting Premier Togo reported on the progress of the plans against the British and American forces, according to Domei, and outlined the Japanese government's policy.

#### Freighter grounds Off N. B. Coast

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7 (CP)—A freighter struck a ledge on the New Brunswick coast Saturday afternoon and remained hard aground tonight after some of her crew of 41 had been removed by men from a lifesaving station.

The captain and officers remained aboard. Residents opened their homes to the crew.

Rough weather held up refloating attempts by a tug from Saint John. Water was reported entering three holds and flooding the engine room. A favorable opportunity to resume refloating operations was awaited.

The grounding occurred while the coal-laden freighter, after a westward crossing, was groping her way through Wreck fog.

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#### Tells Of Jap Raid On Pearl Harbor

### 350 killed at Hickman Air Field; U. S. Battleship Oklahoma set afire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Japanese warplanes killed 350 men at Hickman Field and set fire to the United States battleship Oklahoma today in a sudden raid on Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, an NBC observer radioed direct from the scene today.

Two other ships in the harbor also were attacked, he reported. The first news of the attack came about 8 a. m. Honolulu time, (2:30 p.m. A.S.T.) he said.

This was when a private plane owner reported he was given a salute of machine gun bullets by the Japanese planes. His craft was damaged but he managed to land.

The private flier was Ray Bunker, an attorney, the announcer said. The attacking planes seemed to come from the south, the observer said.

#### Bombs Begin To Fall

He reported two radio stations announced the attack but that residents still were skeptical until bombs began falling in various parts of Honolulu and at air force and naval bases.

Heavy anti-aircraft gunfire greeted the attackers, the NBC man said.

The first Japanese planes, he said, attacked Ford Island at Pearl Harbor.

Several squadrons swept in from the south over famous Diamond Head and dropped explosives and incendiary bombs in the city. One man was killed by a bomb

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 7—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—	
Dawson	47B 44B
Victoria	39 48
Edmonton	23 33
Regina	28 33
Winnipeg	20 29
Toronto	16 30
Ottawa	13 27
Montreal	21 26
Boston	25 34

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and cold over a large part of Ontario but it has been milder with light snowfalls in extreme northwest portion. Light snow has fallen in Manitoba where it is becoming colder but it has been generally fair with moderate temperature in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

BOSTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Forecast for northern New England fair and continued cold Monday; increasing cloudiness and warmer Monday night; Tuesday snow, not quite so cold.

High tide this afternoon at 2:07 and tomorrow morning at 1:21. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:26.

Last quarter moon Dec. 11, 2:48 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE  
Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M.  
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY (DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS)  
Leaves Wood Island 6:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.  
Leave Caribou 8:15 A.M. 11:45 noon and 3:15 P.M.

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