

100,000 JAP TROOPS INVADE LUZON

CRISIS NEAR REACHED IN GERMAN WAR

Dismissal Of Officers Of
High Rank Taken As Se-
rious Step In Nazi Op-
erations

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Adolph
Hitler's self-appointment as com-
mander-in-chief of the German
army and his summary dismissal
of high-ranking officers can mean
only that a crisis has arisen in
Nazi war operations.

This fact is being stressed by
neutral observers, who point with
particular emphasis to Hitler's
plea that the troops "defend
our front in the East with fan-
atical determination".

Actualities of a crisis is further
accentuated by continued suc-
cesses of the smashing Russian
offensive on the Moscow front
where the Nazis were hurled
back 70 miles in two weeks and
lost several of their best divi-
sions.

Hitler admitted in his radio
speech that it the Russian drive
continued to gain momentum,
Germany itself would soon be
in danger of invasion.

Hitler's speech, coupled with
the one delivered by Paul Goeb-
bles, his propaganda minister,
lead the Allies' diplomats to
hope that the Red successes may
be even greater than they appear
to be.

Dismissal of Field Marshall
Walther von Brauchitsch con-
stitutes an almost unprecedented
wartime switch in commands.
The fact that Hitler assumed
command himself and did not
give it to someone else suggests
that all the other generals sided
with Brauchitsch.

Italy expressed alarm through
Virginio Gayda, Fascist editor,
who said in a sensational article
that the battle of Libya would
decide the fate of Italy.

MASONS TO HONOR DISTRICT DEPUTY

The district deputy will be
honored tonight at a meeting of
Anchor Lodge.

All members are urged to at-
tend. The session will start at
7:30 o'clock and will be follow-
ed by the serving of refresh-
ments.

Extreme Violence Marks Week End Here Before Christmas

The week-end before Christmas
was marked by extreme violence.
Two colored men were severely
wounded, one seriously, in knife
affrays, and several others were
arrested following a series of alter-
cations.

Henry Lee Moses, colored, was
stabbed in the breast by a large

dirk. The knife just missed pierc-
ing the heart.
Deputy Harry Baker was as-
signed to investigate the report of
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**Shopping Days
till Christmas**

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MASONIC NOTICE

Anchor Lodge, No. 182, F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in honor of the district deputy who will be present.

Signed,
JOHN C. PARK.

The Assault On Pearl Harbor---An Artist's Conception



HANK BARROW, AP artist, reconstructs the bat-
tle at Pearl Harbor from information provided by Sec-
retary Knox. One battleship, the U. S. S. Arizona, (right
center), was sunk by a bomb that "literally passed
through the smokestack." Another battleship, the U.

S. S. Oklahoma, (left center, capsized. It can be re-
paired.

Three destroyers (one in right foreground), an old
target ship, and a mine layer also went down. Other
ships were damaged, many U. S. planes were destroyed

on the ground. Almost 2,900 servicemen died. The at-
tackers lost three subs (one midget sub is at extreme
right), 41 aircraft.

Knox said that after the initial surprise, American
men fought with "magnificent courage and resource-
fulness. . . . The men's will to resist was tremendous."

DRAFT EXTENSION BILL SIGNED BY PRES. ROOSEVELT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—
The draft extension bill has
been signed by President
Roosevelt and is now ready
for operation.

All men between the ages
of 18-64 will have to register
but it will be some time be-
fore they will be asked to
fill out questionnaires.

The Selective Service
Board said today that 2,000-
000 will first be chosen from
the 17,000,000 already reg-
istered. This new army will
be taken from the list of those
who have not yet been called,
and those between the
ages of 28 and 35 who were
reclassified recently.

Navy Secretary Knox Says U. S. Dealing Adequately With Submarines Of Enemy

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Both
the east and west coast felt more
secure today after digesting the
report of Navy Secretary Frank
Knox which revealed that 14
enemy submarines had been sunk
in the Atlantic.

He told the country bluntly
that the navy has already "dealt
adequately with more than one
submarine which has sought to
make attacks on our naval and
merchant ships."

"In the Pacific," he disclosed,
"our naval forces have already"
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REPLACED



Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch

BRADY FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY

Funeral services for James H.
Brady, age 78, who died at his
residence, 1215 Varela street, late
Saturday night, were held 4:00
o'clock yesterday afternoon from
the Lay Memorial church, Rev.
Wm. E. Bryant officiating.
Survivors are the widow, Mrs.
Charity Brady; a son, John D.
Brady; six grandchildren and six
great-grandchildren.
Pritchard's Funeral Home was
in charge of arrangements.

Major Encounter Develops In Malay; Hong Kong Holds Out

(By Associated Press)
SINGAPORE, Dec. 22.—The
Pacific war entered its third week
with a new, major encounter de-
veloping in northern Malay and
the gallant garrison at Hong Kong
still holding.

Tokyo acknowledged that this
100-year-old bastion of the British
empire had not capitulated with
a communique which averred that
its capture had not been an-
nounced because its fall was as-
sured.

Although the valiant effort to
defend this small, hilly island
fortress was admittedly hopeless,
the garrison continued to offer
organized resistance to greatly
superior enemy forces.

In Malaya, the British beat off
isolated Japanese land and air
thrusts and dug in along a 30-mile
line 250 miles northwest of Singa-
pore to defend two strategic
passes. It is here that the decisive
battle for Malaya may take place.

The Japanese are being forced
to divert divisions to repulsing
Chinese troops which are harass-
ing them on the railway between
Canton and Kowloon.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands
East Indies was making good use
of its small navy and air force.

From Batavia came an uncon-
firmed report that Dutch subma-
rines sank two troop trans-
ports while a Dutch fighter plane
damaged a third.

Sarawak, British territory on
the north coast of Borneo, is re-
ported still holding out. Japanese
losses are said to be heavy.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

This company will not be open
for business on

Wednesday and Thursday
in observance of Christmas
holidays.

STRUNK LUMBER YARD

C. OF C. TO HELP IN PLANNING MAPS

The Heft Printing Company of
Miami, which plans to publish a
series of maps of the Florida
Keys, was promised assistance
today by the Chamber of Com-
merce.

The request for information
and assistance was relayed to
the local Chamber by E. M. Dun-
can, general manager and chief
engineer of the Overseas Road
and Toll Bridge District.

PROPOSALS

Sealed bids will be received by
the Board of Public Works, City
of Key West, Florida, until 7:30 P.
M. Monday, January 5th, 1942, for
furnishing the following equip-
ment:

One—Motor Grader, approxi-
mate weight 6000 lbs., over-all
length 13 ft., moldboard 10 ft., 4
cylinder engine equipped with
electric starter and generator.

One—200 gallon Road Oil Dis-
tributor for both semi-solid and
emulsified oil, with either hand
spray, or spray bar attachments,
or both. Gasoline driven pump of
not less than 50 gallons per
minute. Fuel tank and heating
torches.

One—6 to 7 ton gasoline prop-
elled Road Roller, with com-
pressed air scarifier attachment.

Bidder may submit bids on both
new and used equipment, stating
conditions of used equipment, and
subject to inspection by a repre-
sentative of the Board of Public
Works.

Bidder will state terms.

The usual right is reserved to
reject any and all bids.

HAROLD PINDER,
Clerk.

REDS DRIVE DEEP WEDGES INTO NAZI FIGHTING FORCES

BRITISH FORCES PRESSING
AXIS TROOPS HARD ON
TWO FRONTS, CAUSING
HEAVY RETREAT

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The
Russians have driven such deep
wedges into Nazi ranks and Brit-
ish imperial forces are pressing
Axis troops so hard in Libya that
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Leblond Building On Duval St. Badly Gutted By Fire

Firemen were summoned twice
to subdue a stubborn blaze which
badly gutted the Leblond Build-
ing on Duval street Sunday night
and early this morning.

Damage was considerable. The
Monroe County Health Unit,
which occupied the top floor of
the building and four stores were
all damaged by the flames which
were fanned by a brisk wind.

The first fire broke out at about
10 o'clock on the ground floor.
The exact cause remains unde-
termined, although firemen are in-
clined to believe it may have started
from a short circuit.

Apparatus from Stations 1 and
3 responded and fought the fire
for more than an hour. At about
3 a. m., the fire broke out anew in
the building.

The structure which extends
from 208 to 216 Duval street is oc-
cupied by the B. and W. Electric

U. S.-FILIPINO UNITS BATTLE AGAINST JAPS

One Hundred Transports
Used To Land Forces In
Greatest Land Engage-
ment Of War

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
MANILA, Dec. 22.—Amer-
ican tanks, manned by Amer-
icans, were thrown into bat-
tle for the first time as
Japan's expeditionary force of
100,000 troops tried to estab-
lish a bridgehead on Luzon.

American bombers and
fighter planes were also
thrown into action and they
levelled a withering fire on
the Japanese army which
was attempting a planned
movement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—
Two more ships have been
torpedoed off the California
coast, the navy department
revealed as it issued its six-
teenth communique of the
war this afternoon.

The loss of life was light.
The vessels were identi-
fied as the Steamship Le-
haina, shelled and sunk on
Dec. 11 and the Steamer So-
ma, attacked by a subma-
rine during the night of Dec.
20.

Thirty survivors have
landed on Hawaiian Island.

(By Associated Press)
MANILA, Dec. 22.—A
Japanese army of 100,000
sea-borne troops are being
repelled on Luzon by United
States and Filipino forces in
the biggest land engagement
since the start of the Nip-
ponese war two weeks ago.

The War Department's
bulletin this morning that a
huge enemy flotilla of some
100 transports was sighted off
Lingayen Gulf on the
western Luzon coast has been
supplemented by a communi-
que released this afternoon
that Gen. Douglas MacAr-
thur's army was smashing
the attack.

The Japanese expedi-
tionary force, largest yet
hurled at the Philippines is
being subjected to murderous
fire from land batteries.

One Japanese unit has
been hurled into confused re-
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PALACE

JUDY CANOVA in
PUDDIN' HEAD

NEWS AND SHORT SUBJECTS