

Reds Lift Moscow Pressure

Expect Great Battle at Mariupol Within Coming Two Days

Compiled from Cable Dispatches

Smashing forward in powerful counterattacks despite temperatures close to 20 below zero, the red army was reported today to have brought the Nazi offensive to a standstill on key Moscow fronts and to have won bridgeheads in the south which cut off Nazi forces on the Taganrog peninsula.

Radio Moscow reported the Fifty-sixth Russian army, driving in from the north, is approaching Taganrog after cutting the route of retreat for large German forces.

The roads from Taganrog to Mariupol were said to be jammed with Nazi forces and supply columns under constant attack by Soviet dive bombers while Russian Cossack troopers slashed away at the retreating enemy columns.

See Battle Soon

The latest indications this morning, according to military commentators on the Moscow radio, point to the imminence of a great battle at Mariupol within the next 48 hours, in preparation for which the Germans have been bringing up large forces from the Crimea, despite almost continuous bombardment of their route by Russian planes.

Whatever the German plans at Mariupol may be, however, Marshal Semeon Timoshenko, as commander-in-chief of the southern front, apparently has plans of his own. Strong reinforcements, rushed up to assist the Donets push, during yesterday's fighting, enabled further "important" gains, notably in the neighborhood of Gal, about 40 miles northwest of Mariupol.

Here, the main Russian effort was directed toward forcing a passage through to the coast before "Continued on Page 6, Column 1."

Store Fire Ties Up Traffic Half Hour

Traffic was tied up for nearly a half hour last night in the neighborhood of the Union Outfitting company, Sixteenth street and Jackson, when a small fire and some smoke scared patrons from the store and attracted hundreds of spectators.

All downtown fire engines answered the call at 6:30 p. m. Fire Chief Art Olsen said the fire apparently was started by a lighted cigarette tossed in a rubbish box in the shipping room, first floor. A sprinkler plug shortly was set off in the room. David Levine, president and treasurer of the firm, said damage was slight.

Mild Temperature Expected to Prevail

Fair and warmer weather was predicted for Nebraska today with continued mild temperatures Monday.

The mercury got up into the fifties yesterday after hitting an early morning low of 9 above zero at Sidney. The day's highs included Sidney 58, Valentine 57, North Platte 55, Grand Island 50, Omaha 48.

Nebraska weather was good early today. Skies in central and eastern Nebraska were overcast while western sections were clear. Temperatures included Sidney 29, Big Spring 28, North Platte 30, Hayes Center 37, Overton 39, Grand Island 39, Lincoln 38 and Omaha 36.

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Every Penny Spent for Food and Rent, So Shirley's Christmas May Be Very Slim

This is the story of Shirley, a blond-haired, blue-eyed, quiet little miss just 4 years old. It is a true story, told here in the interest of hundreds of Shirleys in Omaha, and the Shirleys' brothers, sisters and mothers.

Shirley is the youngest child in one of the families on The World-Herald Good Fellows' list. She has a brother, 13, two sisters, 14 and 16. Her father is a paperhanger, but he was injured while working about two months ago. He has been in the Veterans' hospital at Lincoln six weeks.

Wants a Tricycle
Shirley's only plaything is a 2-year-old doll, still clean and uncracked. Her eyes brighten when she sees it, and she is happiest when it is clutched under her arm. Her only wish for Christmas is a tricycle, but it doesn't look like she'll get one. Shirley's father, who is 48, has been on WPA at intervals, but he always got back to private work as soon as he could, because he's the kind of a man who doesn't like being "on relief." He left the WPA last May to take a part time paper-hanging job.

Although he seldom made more than \$17 or \$18 a week, his little family has a comfortable, clean, small home. Shirley's mother makes over clothes to dress the children, and is an efficient, economizing household.

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Shirley... "And please, God, let my daddy come home soon, I'm so lonesome for him."

U. S. Orders Finn Vessels Taken Over

Six Are Known to Be in American Ports, 24 in Hemisphere

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6 (AP)—The United States tonight ordered Finnish ships in American ports put under protective custody—finally and reluctantly taking the view her one-time close international friend was now part and parcel of the axis.

Announcement of the action was made through the navy department which said it had instructed the coast guard to take over Finnish merchantmen tied up in ports of this country. The order was timed to fit the hour at which Great Britain formally declared herself at war with Finland, Hungary and Rumania—one minute after midnight, British time.

Hjalmar Procopé, Finnish minister, had called at the state department a few hours earlier and presumably the decision was made known to him at that time.

Six Known in Port
The navy announcement listed six ships known to be in American ports at this time.

The navy announcement listed this accounting of Finnish ships: Olviva, known to be at Boston December 4.

Kurtanes, and the motor vessel Saimaa, both of which were at New York December 5; Aavane, at Philadelphia December 5.

Advana, at Baltimore December 5; motor vessel Aurora, at Newport News December 5. Tonight coast guardsmen boarded the Olviva at Boston and the Kurtanes and another vessel at Elizabeth, N. J.

Eleven Under Panama Flag
Maritime commission officials said Finland had 24 ships operating in the western hemisphere under a safe conduct guarantee by Great Britain. Eleven are under the Panama flag, 12 under the Finnish flag and one in Cuban registry.

Maritime sources said the Finnish vessels under Panamanian registry were subject to seizure by Britain as "enemy" vessels in view of the announcement by Britain on June 22 that she would not recognize transfer from Finnish registry.

Up to tonight, the United States had seized or taken under protective custody about 80 foreign flag ships. Virtually all of these vessels, with the exception of 11 French merchantmen, have been requisitioned for the maritime commission. The French ships, including the big liner Normandie, are still in protective custody of the coastguard.

RCAF Plane Damaged in Landing on River

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 6 (AP)—A twin-engine patrol boat of the royal Canadian air force was damaged today in a forced landing upon the Kankakee river, near Wilmington. Flight Lt. L. G. Virr, in command, said the landing was made after motor trouble had developed on the ship's flight from Montreal to Vancouver, B. C. It was estimated that perhaps a week would be required for repairs.

Women Doctors Ask for Service in Army

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6 (AP)—Directors of the American Medical Women's association sent resolutions to President Roosevelt today asking that women doctors be admitted to the army and reserve corps on the same basis as men.

Although the army does not specifically ban women doctors, the navy does, and there are no women members of either reserve, directors pointed out at a meeting here.

South Omaha Lauds Council

Praises Quick Action on Street Job

Remember 'way back in September when there were rumors South Omaha was going to secede? Any rift that might have remained was sealed, handsomely and effectively, by a letter which Mayor Butler and the city council received Saturday. It follows:

"The retailers' committee of the South Omaha Merchants association wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the entire city council for the quick and efficient manner in which the Twenty-fifth street by-pass in South Omaha was completed.

"This thoroughfare will unquestionably contribute much toward relieving the congestion on the main street, and marks a vital step forward in solving our traffic problems. We prize the courteous consideration you have always given us, and the co-operation you have always demonstrated."

The letter was signed by C. J. Petersen, chairman, and F. R. Ackerman, secretary.

King Leopold III of Belgians Weds for Second Time

London, Dec. 6 (AP)—A report broadcast by the German radio that King Leopold III of the Belgians had married Mary Lelie Baels, daughter of a former Belgian cabinet minister, was termed by Belgians here tonight as "incredible" and "strange," but in Stockholm the sister-in-law of Leopold's late wife confirmed it.

The German broadcast said the marriage of the king and Mlle. Baels on September 11 would be



King Leopold III... his marriage was confirmed.

announced in Belgian churches tomorrow in a pastoral letter by Bishop Van Roey of Belgium.

The broadcast said the letter would state children from the king's second marriage will be illegitimate to succeed to the throne, that right being reserved for Leopold's two sons and one daughter by his first wife, Queen Astrid, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1935. In Stockholm, Princess Elsa Bernadotte, wife of Prince Charles, who is the brother of the late Queen Astrid said Leopold had married a well educated, simple woman named Baels.

Garbo Film Is Held Up

No New Bookings Till Get Catholic Okay.

New York, Dec. 6.—Until Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures and the Roman Catholic legion of decency agree on revisions for Greta Garbo's latest film, "Two-Faced Woman," no more showing dates for the picture will be accepted, Vice-President J. Robert Rubin of M-G-M said tonight.

Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Catholic archbishop of New York, on November 26, condemned the picture.

Rubin said "We are working with the legion of decency to satisfy them in regard to the criticisms and suggestions they have made for the film's revision."

The film, he declared, would not be discarded.

Melvin Douglas plays the leading male role in the picture which has been shown in several cities but has not opened in New York.

Whitney, Ex-Broker, Works in Bomb Plant

Hanover, Mass., Dec. 6 (INS)—Richard Whitney, former president of the New York Stock exchange on parole from Sing Sing, has found a job in a defense plant as a "beginner" the National Fireworks company disclosed today. The plant is manufacturing bombs.

Quiet Omaha Boy Made Slight Impression on Neighbors, Now U. P. General Manager

President W. M. Jeffers of the Union Pacific had an informal reception Saturday afternoon at his home, 303 South Fifty-sixth street, to introduce to Omahans the new Union Pacific eastern district general manager, F. C. Paulsen.

In a way, the situation was peculiar, because Fred Paulsen was born and raised in Omaha, obtained all his schooling here, and had held important Union Pacific posts before leaving Omaha 13 years ago.

But to the relatively few—outside railroad circles—who knew Fred Paulsen it was natural. For Fred was always a "quiet boy" in school and at work, never one to draw attention to himself. And the manner in which he obtained his schooling wasn't one to make an impression on schoolmates.

To Union Pacific in 1903 One of Fred's early jobs was carrying a Walnut Hill milk route, and in those days a milkman was not an impersonal noise at 5 o'clock in the morning. The milkman walked right into the kitchen with his can and measure, and poured the



F. C. Paulsen... surprises the home town.

FDR Sends Tokio Note as 2 Jap Convoys Seen Steaming Toward Thai

'America's Appeasement Is a Cropper'

Japan's Navy Is Built from U. S. Materials, Sent in Peace Hope

By Owen L. Scott

Consolidated News Features

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Japan probably is better supplied with reserves of vital war materials than any other nation. She is reported on very good authority to be prepared to fight for between one and two years on the stocks of oil and metal machinery that she stored up.

The bulk of this material was supplied by the United States at a time when this country's own war industries were being allowed to deteriorate.

A Japanese navy that now might move out to fight the United States navy would be a navy built largely of American materials. The armor plate of Japanese battleships often was made in this country. The oil that drives the engines of Japan's navy is largely American oil. The aviation gasoline that provides fuel for Japan's airplanes is largely American gasoline.

Japan's war industry today is using scrap iron and scrap steel from immense stockpiles built up through purchases in this country. The American steel industry is suffering from shortages of scrap. The machinery used in Japan's war industry is American machinery to an important extent.

Tried to Buy Friendship
It is almost as though this country, by its policies of recent years, built up an army, navy and air force in Japan, only to find that its own creature was turning out to be an enemy.

All of this was done by Japanese friendship. That effort obviously did not succeed. When Japan joined up with Germany and Italy a few months ago, President Roosevelt finally decided that the time had come to stop selling her the vast quantities of oil and gasoline and steel and machinery and copper, so that Japan could build immense stockpiles of war materials.

Then it was too late. Japan had built her navy up to its present peak strength.

She had fortified many of the Pacific islands that she had agreed not to fortify.

Japan at Peak Strength
She had moved into positions that threatened to flank the American outpost in the Philippines.

She was in a position to strike at the one remaining supply line into China.

Yet, to show again this country's patience, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull agreed in the last few days to (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

Mexico City Rations Gasoline to Cabbies

Mexico City, Dec. 6 (AP)—Mexico, one of the world's greatest oil-producing countries, has rationed gasoline to its capital taxi drivers and ordered them to stop cruising to save fuel and tires for national defense.

The edict by the government of the capital district restricted taxis to between two and one-half and four gallons of gasoline a day and established parking zones where drivers could wait for fares.



Japan's Emperor Hirohito... was sent a personal message by President Roosevelt.

British Smash at Axis Stores

New Tank Battle Is Seen on Way

Cairo, Dec. 6 (AP)—British desert forces seized the initiative tonight in the western desert and smashed hard at axis supply columns and stores depots in apparent preparation for a new battle to break the power of Gen. Erwin Rommel's armored corps.

Powerful flying columns of British armored and mechanized forces prowled the western desert in close co-ordination with royal air force raiders.

They smashed at a series of axis supply columns moving up toward the forward German-Italian positions along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier and inflicted heavy losses.

Authoritative sources believed a new major tank encounter might blow up at any time in view of the apparent German decision to stand in the desert and wage a battle of annihilation.

Heavy fighting was in progress in the Ed Duda salient where the strong British Tobruk garrison wiped out the German forces which had been nibbling away at their escarpment positions.

The total of axis prisoners brought back to rear bases was announced as more than 7,500, including three thousand Germans and 4,500 Italians. Other prisoners still are held at forward positions or are streaming back along the British lines of communication.

Credit U. S. Planes with Great Victory

Cairo, Dec. 6 (AP)—American-built Tomahawk fighter planes were responsible for the RAF's biggest victory over the German air force in the Libyan desert yesterday when two squadrons shot down 17 Nazi bombers, RAF officials said tonight.

The flaming wrecks fell near British troops in the battle area which the Germans had been attempting to bomb. One Messerschmitt fighter and two Italian planes were also destroyed in the battle while at least 20 other enemy aircraft were damaged, officials said.

Menuhin in Narrow Auto Crash Escape

Los Gatos, Cal., Dec. 6 (INS)—A narrow escape from death or serious injury by Yehudi Menuhin, young world acclaimed violinist, in a head-on automobile crash was disclosed this afternoon by his father, Moshe Menuhin.

The elder Menuhin said that while he, Yehudi and the latter's accompanist were returning early yesterday from a concert in San Francisco, another car swerved into the path of the Menuhin machine near Saratoga. Both automobiles, he said, were completely demolished. No one was injured.

Nazis Send Red Front Wounded to Norway

Toronto, Dec. 6 (AP)—Norwegians who arrived here recently for training in the Free Norwegian armed forces said today that as many as 35 carloads of German wounded have arrived in Norway daily from the Russian front.

Manchukuo Mobilizing, Rome Says

MacArthur Flying to Quezon to Prepare Philippine Defense

Compiled from Press and Cable Dispatches

The state department announced last night President Roosevelt was sending a message to the emperor of Japan, and at the same time disclosed new reports of heavy Japanese troop concentrations in Indo-China.

Approximately 125 thousand Japanese troops are reported concentrated in Indo-China, the state department said, and two large and heavily-escorted Japanese convoys were seen steaming yesterday morning toward Thailand's Gulf of Siam.

The convoys were mentioned also by the British radio in a broadcast reported by CBS within an hour after the state department's release.

Contents Undisclosed
Contents of the Roosevelt note were undisclosed. The Associated Press said it was interpreted in Washington "as a reflection of the president's dissatisfaction with Japan's explanation" Friday that troops were being massed in Indo-China to guard against Chinese "threats."

The Chicago Tribune Press Service said "it was widely believed the president demanded an explanation rather than bent his knee in a peace plea" while the United Press said "authoritative quarters described the message as an appeal to the emperor, over the heads of the Tokyo cabinet, to prevent a general Far Eastern explosion."

In Japanese history, Nipponese armed forces sometimes have acted without the knowledge of the emperor and it was believed the president's message was prompted by a desire to use every possible method to prevent Japan from causing a conflagration.

Three-Hour Conference
The terse state department announcement was made public after Secretary Hull conferred with advisers for more than three hours.

The announcement said reports reaching the state department show the Japanese troops being assembled are estimated at 25 thousand in south Indo-China, 25 thousand in the north and 18 thousand on 21 transports in Camranh bay.

The note was unusual in the annals of the state department because the Japanese consider their ruler as a god and beyond ordinary channels of communication.

Shortly before the outbreak of the European war Mr. Roosevelt sent a personal appeal to Adolf Hitler in an effort to avert that conflict.

Manchukuo Mobilizing

The Far East batted down for the war that appeared imminent.

The British radio said the Thai national assembly granted Field Marshal Luang Biplu Songgram, Thailand's premier, absolute powers for one year, making him virtual dictator.

The Rome radio reported Japanese-dominated Manchukuo (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

Shippers' Group Will Have Special Train

Response to the call for delegates to the Central West Shippers' advisory board meeting in Sioux City next Wednesday has assured a special train from here.

More than 125 reservations have been made, W. M. Wharton, Chamber of Commerce traffic manager, said. The train will leave at 7 a. m.

Massive Moth

In Guatemala there is a certain moth that attains a wing spread of over a foot. Must be a hebe-moth. We learn, however, that it is known as the Thysania moth and therefore increase our knowledge of entomology. What good it does us we don't know. We learned something that profited us in dealing more when we deal the economy and pull of a Want Ad.

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