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FORECAST—Light to moderate northerly winds, mainly fair and cool today and Saturday.  
Sunshine yesterday, 2 hours 6 minutes.

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## Strait Of Juan de Fuca To Be Mined U.S. Marines Still Hold Wake Island

### Nearby Waters Designated As Defence Area

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt today announced the designation of eight defensive sea areas on both coasts of the United States. Restrictions on navigation will apply to these areas. Presumably they will be mined.

The areas include the Strait of Juan de Fuca, off Victoria, B.C., and Puget Sound, the waters near Portland, Me., Portsmouth, N.H., Boston, Narragansett Bay, San Diego, San Francisco, and the entrance to the Columbia River.

Mr. Roosevelt in a talk with reporters also disclosed that Prime Minister Churchill and Lord Beaverbrook had sent him a telegram offering to help the United States to meet material shortages in any way possible, and specifically offering the output of three ship plants in Canada. This offer is being studied.

The Treasury reported that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday defence bonds sold in banks totaled \$5,592,000, up 126 per cent over the corresponding period of last week.

The "Remember Pearl Harbor" drive to gear the entire nation to total war went forward today with realistic recognition of the fact that Thursday had officially added Germany and Italy, Tokyo's two axis partners, to the country's foes.

The government ordered a sharp new reduction in the production of passenger cars and began studying whether to halt entirely the production of automobiles for civilian use, thereby freeing skilled mechanics and materials for the war effort.

Another \$10,000,000,000 appropriation was ready for a vote in the Senate, which had tacked an extra \$2,000,000,000 on the amount approved earlier by the House. Of the additional sum, \$500,000,000 in contracts authorizes war materiel for more navy planes.

### Premier Hart Informed On Jap Situation in B.C.

Lt. Col. Macgregor Macintosh, member of the Standing Committee on Oriental Affairs, British Columbia, today called on Premier John Hart to inform him in detail of the situation regarding Japanese nationals and Canadian-born Japanese.

The Premier will discuss the matter with Dominion government officials on his forthcoming visit to Ottawa.

### Col. Macintosh came from Vancouver today and left later for his home on Salt Spring Island. He has been conferring in Vancouver since Sunday with other members of the committee, Mayor F. J. Home, chairman; Lt. Col. Sparling, Professor H. F. Angus and F. J. Mead, assistant commissioner, R.C.M.P.

### Rubber Factories Halted By Order

OTTAWA (CP)—No crude rubber or latex may be started into process between midnight tomorrow and Jan. 2, 1942, Alan H. Wilkinson, controller of supplies in the Department of Munitions and Supply, ordered late today.

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DAYLIGHT? NO. JUST SAN FRANCISCO AT 3 A.M. DURING A BLACKOUT—Oddly enough, these are night views of San Francisco, when blacked out during an air raid alarm. Each picture a time exposure. Left, made from business district toward Twin Peaks



shows radiance of a bright moon, searchlight beams and lights from mysterious flares. Right, looking toward Market Street from a Mission Street roof, shows an almost day-light appearance—and a few windows lighted.

### Final Bulletins 17 Germans Slain By French

NEW YORK (AP)—The BBC said 17 German soldiers or officers between occupied and an occupied France have been killed by French patriots. The broadcast, heard here late this afternoon by CBS, was in German and beamed to Europe.

### Hold-Midway

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy late this afternoon said Midway Island still was in U.S. hands.

### Haiti Declares War

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Haiti declared war today against Germany and Italy.

### Australia Digs In

MELBOURNE, Australia (CP)—Workers were digging trenches in the parks of Sydney and building pill-box defence posts in the streets of Brisbane today as Australia made ready to meet any possible Japanese invasion.

### Buttons for Chinese

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver's Chinese will be supplied with lapel buttons made completely from Japanese, Q. P. Jack president of the Chinese Benevolent Association, announced today.

### Puppet Does Bidding

BERLIN (Berlin radio received by AP)—The government of Slovakia declared the existence of a state of war with the United States today.

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MOSCOW (AP)—Russia claimed a sweeping victory to night on the winterbound Moscow front with 85,000 Germans killed, 20 divisions smashed, put to flight or surrounded, and strategic positions recovered on both the northern and southern flanks of the German line of siege.

(The reports indicated a success even more spectacular than the recent rout of the Germans on the southern front at Rostov and if the advantage can be clinched, probably a definite lifting of the threat to the Russian capital.)

Victory was proclaimed in two communiques issued by the Soviet information bureau and broadcast by the Moscow radio. LOSS 85,000

Thirty thousand Germans were said to have fallen in recent actions, with 85,000 the total for operations between Nov. 16 and Dec. 16.

In those 22 days the Russian front forces alone were said to have captured or destroyed 434 tanks, 5,416 trucks, 675 field pieces, 339 trench mortars and 375 machine guns.

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Prior to his enlistment for active service he was for some years employed in his father's business, the Ocean Stevedoring Co., and was well known up and down the coast. His young wife predeceased him shortly after Christmas last year.

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In addition to Cologne, other points in western Germany were attacked, as well as docks at Le Havre and Brest, ports of German-occupied France, the Air Ministry said. Mines were laid in German waters.

### GAINS IN CRIMEA

NEW YORK (AP)—Russian counter-attacks at Sebastopol have forced part of the German forces in the Crimea to withdraw toward Perekop at the isthmus entrance to the peninsula, the BBC said in a broadcast heard here late today.

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## Philippines Attacked From Several Directions; Japanese Warships Flee

Associated Press  
 President Roosevelt today said the Wake Island garrison so far as was known, still was holding out. He told reporters the small group of marines there was doing a magnificent job.

The United States War Department announced today the Japanese were attacking the Philippine island of Luzon from several directions, on the east as well as the west coast.

In a communique, the department said Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported enemy concentrations at Legaspi and off the west coast of Zamboanga. Legaspi is the major Philippine port on the Pacific side of the island, about 220 miles from Manila. Zamboanga is the peninsula north-westward toward the entrance to Manila Bay.

The communique also said the Japanese were "augmenting" their forces at Aparri and Vigan. There had been no previous substantiation that the enemy had established itself at Vigan though a landing at Aparri had been admitted and an army spokesman had acknowledged the Japanese had improved their strength in northern Luzon.

As to other regions, the communique said:  
 "Hawaii: No operations reported."  
 "West coast: No change in the situation."

The American Federation of Labor said today it had been told by the navy that about 700 workers were captured by the Japanese at Midway Island and about 400 at Guam.

Later an official navy spokesman, asked about the A.F.L. report, said the navy had no information. The island had been lost at St. Francis Bay. The Postal Telegraph cable department reported it was unable to relay a message halfway across the island without interruption. This would indicate Midway was still in American hands, for communications officers would be among the first seized by invading forces.

From Manila came word that Japanese warships fled from United States surface ships in the first encounter of the two fleets since the war began and darkness prevented the Americans from renewing the action.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U.S.



### U.S. Coastguard Seizes Normandie

NEW YORK (AP)—The 600,000,000-French liner Normandie, tied up here since the beginning of the war, was seized today by the coastguard.

### Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty announced today that a British submarine torpedoed and "probably sank" an Italian cruiser in the central Mediterranean.

### Explosion at Trail

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TELLS HOW JAP WARSHIPS AVOID ACTION—Admiral T. C. Hart, commander-in-chief of U.S. Asiatic fleet.

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 DID YOU HAVE THE PERFUME TO SUIT?  
 Buy Christmas Seals

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 The night's operations cost the R.A.F. three planes.

HOW SEATTLE TREATS THOSE WHO FAIL TO BLACK OUT—A mob incited by failure of some downtown Seattle stores to cooperate with a total blackout ordered smashed windows of the Brookman Clothing Store in the centre of downtown Seattle. Damage reached many thousands of dollars. Over 3,000 persons joined in the demonstration.