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Roosevelt's Signature Puts U. S. Declaration Of War Into Effect

Huge Loss Of Life On Oahu As Result Of Jap Treachery

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Casualties on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu in yesterday's Japanese air attack will amount to about 3,000, including about 1,500 fatalities, the White House announced today.

The White House confirmed the loss in Pearl Harbor of "one old battleship" and a destroyer, which was blown up.

Several other American ships were damaged and a large number of Army and Navy airplanes on Hawaiian fields were put out of commission, the White House disclosed.

It reported at the same time that American operations against Japan were being carried out on a large scale, resulting already in the destruction of "a number of Japanese planes and submarines."

The White House statement said:

"American operations against the Japanese attacking force in the neighborhood of the Hawaiian Islands are still continuing. A number of Japanese planes and submarines have been destroyed.

"The damage caused to our forces on Oahu in yesterday's attack appears more serious than at first believed.

"In Pearl Harbor itself one old battleship has capsized and several other ships have been seriously damaged.

"One destroyer was blown up. Several other small ships were seriously hit. Army and Navy fields were bombed with the resulting destruction of several hangars. A large number of planes were put out of commission.

"A number of 'bombers arrived safely from San Francisco during the engagement—which it was said' way. Reinforcements of planes are being rushed and repair work is underway on the ships, planes and ground facilities.

"Guam, Wake and Midway islands and Hong Kong have been attacked. Details of these attacks are lacking.

Marines Interned.

"Two hundred Marines—all that remain in China—have been interned by the Japanese near Tientsin.

"The total number of casualties on the Island Oahu are not yet definitely known but, in all probability, will amount to about 3,000. Nearly half of these are fatalities, the others being wounded. It seems clear from the report that many bombs were dropped in the city of Honolulu, resulting in a small number of casualties."

Markets At A Glance

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Stocks: Weak; war outbreak hits sales.

Bonds—Lower: Federals slip in minimal dealings.

Foreign Exchange—Inactive.

Cotton Firm: Wall Street, mill and New Orleans buying.

Sugar—Higher: trade supports.

Metals Steady: steel operations rate highly.

Wool Tops—Strong; short covering and trade buying.

CHICAGO:

Wheat—Up 5 cents, the limit, war news.

Corn Closed 2¼-¾c higher.

Hogs—10-20c up, top 12c, war British influence.

Cattle — Anti-[illegible] steers and yearlings higher.

Russia Makes Further Gain In The South

Germans Are Reported In Retreat, Abandoning Their Equipment.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Russian troops have shouted and taken the important Serpukhov-Tula railway junction on the South Moscow front and the Germans are retreating to the southeast, abandoning their tanks, trucks and guns, the Moscow newspaper Pravda asserted in a special dispatch today.

The road connects Tula with Moscow, 100 miles to the north.

Front dispatches said Russians had repulsed new German attacks on Serpukhov and had turned the tables on the Germans, forcing regiment to retreat with heavy casualties.

White Winter tightened its grip on the front, the Russians reported gains in clearing temporary Nazi break-the ice on the Moscow front and at the railroad town of Tikhvin, 225 miles east of Leningrad.

The infantry regiment, supported by tanks, was put to flight across the Nara River and along the Moscow to Smolensk road and tank units stated a pincers movement with "north well-coordinated blows."

The official army organ said the Nazis evaded encirclement by abandoning tanks and equipment. Wounded soldiers, it said, were "shot in the back" to facilitate the retreat.

Cold is Intense.

(The German high command said it had held out the Moscow front made operations difficult, but claimed the Nazi assault was "making ground.")

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U. S. Must Face Japan United, Says Lindbergh

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Charles A. Lindbergh, isolationist spokesman, said today that we must meet war with Japan "as united Americans."

Gillie, Willis Would Strike Back At Japs

Congressman And Senator Abandon Traditional Stand To Support U. S. In War.

(Special To The News-Sentinel)

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8.—Sen. Raymond Willis, of Indiana, and Cong. George W. Gillie, of the Fourth Indiana District, both Republicans, today abandoned their traditional stand against intervention in the European conflict, and declared for immediate support of the United States in war.

"There is only one thing to do," Senator Willis said, "and that is to declare and prosecute unremitting war against Japan."

A short time after he issued the statement, Senator Willis, Congressman Gillie and the entire Indiana Congressional delegation voted to declare war against Japan.

"Our shores have been attacked and our citizens in peaceful pursuits have been murdered by a dastardly bombing without warning," Senator Willis said. "There is only one thing to do and that is to declare and prosecute an unrelenting war against Japan."

In language more vigorous than he normally employs, Congressman Gillie demanded in Congress today that America "strike back" at Japan

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First Things First

(An Editorial)

OUR AMERICA is at war.

That grim fact supersedes and eclipses every other fact today.

It concludes every controversy and resolves all the major differences that have been dividing our people.

It melt-fires American purpose into one indissoluble amalgam.

It welds our people into one impervious phalanx.

It unifies our people and galvanizes their determination toward one common and identical objective.

It charts a course which must and will be followed by 130 million Americans as they lay aside their usual badges of distinguishment to march in the uniform of one common devotion toward a single goal.

Our America is at war.

That grim fact has, within the past 24 hours, served as the clear signal for a closing of ranks in an instantaneous creation of the most rugged solidarity.

For, war has come to America—despite the fervent prayers and earnest resolutions of her majority—not through any act of American violence or through the pursuit of any American policy of aggression.

War has been brought to America by an unexampled act of savage treachery and barbarous fiendishness on the part of the armed forces of Japan.

And Americans will return to that vicious assault the only answer which decency and manly courage could conceivably counsel.

That is to say, Americans, united in an unshatterable trust, will direct the full might and magnitude of their resources toward crushing this Asiatic arrogance and reducing it to that abysmal oblivion which every law of God and Man decrees.

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THE UNSPEAKABLE BRUTALITY, the utter lack of honor or fair-play, displayed by those double-yellow harpies who hurled from Hawaiian skies death and devastation upon American encampments under the American Flag has terminated the long controversy over "foreign policy."

Through this craven cowardice of Japan, every argument advanced on either side of that "foreign policy" controversy is now rendered obsolete and inapplicable.

First of all, this is no "*foreign* war"—for it has been waged against our soil, our Flag, our boys, without the slightest military or naval provocation.

Therefore, in making appropriate answer to that unpardonable and foully murderous affront, the President of the United States will violate no personal or platform pledge. This is clearly a "case of attack"—an attack against the United States and its people.

So there is no longer a division between "interventionists" and "isolationists."

Japan has done the "intervening" here—to give her murderous madness the mildest name.

Nor can the American conscience be "isolated" against the powerfully-magnetic pull of such a challenge.

This newspaper is in complete agreement with that great Massachusetts Democratic "isolationist," Sen. David I. Walsh, when he says that it is pointless now to consider whether pursuit of another line of diplomatic policy might have avoided this dark tragedy which, coming out of the ancient East, has spanned the Pacific to loom upon our own western horizon.

For this is not a diplomatic crisis—it is starkly military.

Japan, unjustified by any act of force or violence on the part of any American citizen, high or low, has unquestionably menaced our very existence as a Nation.

And that menace challenges us—say, compels us—to do what another great Democratic "isolationist," Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, has proclaimed as America's imperative necessity: To "kick the hell out of 'em!"

In similar vein, various distinguished Republican "isolationist" Senators—including Taft of Ohio and Vandenberg of Michigan—have joined their Democratic colleagues in calling for that closing-of-ranks which has invariably characterized Americans' reaction to every comparable crisis and will certainly characterize their reaction to this one.

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THUS, THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE of yesterday has been supplanted by the Number One issue of today.

The issue of war-or-peace, as previously premised and predicated, has disappeared before the impact of the issue of our survival or degradation.

The Number One issue of today is this:—

Whether America, brutally assaulted on her own territory, is to be beaten down by the conquests of a perfidious pagan power; or whether she is to survive as a custodian of Christian civilization and elemental justice.

And so, there is no choice of "foreign policies" as affecting America and Japan. Americans today agree upon just one foreign policy. Its name is VICTORY.

To that end, *The News-Sentinel* appeals to every reader for persistence in the purpose assuredly activating every mind in every race and party and section of this country today—the purpose to see this thing through to a triumphant conclusion.

This means the performance by every single citizen of every duty which the common conscience may prescribe through the duly constituted processes of government.

It means deferment of consideration and diversion of attention from every occasion for bitterness or grievance which may have plagued us and engendered rancor or resentment. It means placing first things first, and subordinating everything else to the necessity of vanquishing the vainglorious adversary who has had the impudent presumption to assail us.

It means an avoidance of excited and hysterical emotionalism. It means a square-chinned, calm, cool, level-headed approach to one of the biggest jobs ever assigned to any people in any hour of history.

It means an emulation of our fathers' reverend petitions for divine guidance in an enterprise too large for human energy unguided by supernatural wisdom.

It means our own valorous response to the same appeal made by Calgacus to the ancient Britons: "Think of your forefathers—and think of posterity!"

One Vote Cast In Congress Against Accepting Japan's Challenge In The Pacific

Britain Now Formally In War On Japs

Churchill Keeps Promise To Join U. S. In Its Pacific Strife.

Other Nations Join In War Against Japan

(By The Associated Press)

In addition to the United States and Britain, the following countries are now at war with Japan: Canada, Australia, Dutch East Indies and the exiled Netherlands government, China, Cuba, Honduras, Haiti, Dominican Republic and San Salvador. Poland and Egypt have severed diplomatic relations. Panama is rounding up all Japanese but has not yet severed relations.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Great Britain declared war on Japan today, allying herself with the United States.

Prime Minister Churchill, beginning a statement as soon as he entered Commons, summoned in a special session to hear his declaration, said:

"As soon as I heard last night that Japan had attacked the United States I felt it necessary that Parliament should be immediately summoned."

The House of Lords also had been called to sit simultaneously to hear the British Prime Minister's historic pronouncement.

Churchill told Commons that the war declaration against Japan was

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Japs Declare U. S. Navy Is Heavy Loser

Sinking Of Two Battleships And Airplane Carrier Reported By Tokyo.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The Japanese radio claimed today that Japanese naval forces have sunk two American battleships and an aircraft carrier and damaged four other U. S. battleships, four U. S. heavy cruisers and inflicted other widespread losses on American sea forces.

The broadcast heard by the United Press listening post claimed that the chief blows to the American fleet were inflicted in the air attack on Hawaii.

Attributing its information to the general naval headquarters, the Tokyo radio said the Japanese bombs did eight:

A large number of American planes, it was claimed, were destroyed on the ground at Pearl Harbor, Manila.

The American aircraft carrier, it was claimed, was sunk by a Japanese submarine off Honolulu but it was admitted that the information "has not yet been confirmed."

The U. S. minesweeper Penguin had been sunk by Japanese planes in an attack on Guam early today.

"Many enemy merchant ships" and

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THE WEATHER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1941

FORT WAYNE AND VICINITY: Cloudy with a few more flurries tonight and Monday; colder tonight with lowest temperature 25 to 30 near South Bend; another storm approaching Tuesday night; fair and colder Monday; moderate to fresh gale warnings tonight.

TEMPERATURES IN FORT WAYNE

Central Standard Time

1:00 p.m.	36	7:00 p.m.	31	1:00 a.m.	31
2:00 p.m.	36	8:00 p.m.	31	2:00 a.m.	31
3:00 p.m.	36	9:00 p.m.	31	3:00 a.m.	31
4:00 p.m.	36	10:00 p.m.	31	4:00 a.m.	31
5:00 p.m.	36	11:00 p.m.	31	5:00 a.m.	31
6:00 p.m.	35	12:00 a.m.	31	6:00 a.m.	31
7:00 p.m.	33	1:00 a.m.	31	7:00 a.m.	31
8:00 p.m.	32	2:00 a.m.	31	8:00 a.m.	31
9:00 p.m.	32	3:00 a.m.	31	9:00 a.m.	31

Extremes of temperature:

Highest during the 24 hours, 36.

Highest on this date last year, 36.

Lowest during the 24 hours, 31.

Lowest on this date last year, 24.

Highest since the first of the month, 36 on the 8th.

Lowest since the first of the month, 24 on the 5th.

Relative humidity also:

8:30 p.m., 77. 4:30 a.m., 100. 12 noon, 89.

Barometer, reduced to sea level readings:

8:30 p.m., 30.07. 4:30 a.m., 30.10.

Precipitation (inches):

Total for the 24 hours, 0.00.

Total since the first of the month, 0.81.

The stage of the Maumee River at 7 a.m. was 2.8 feet.

WAR BULLETINS

MANILA, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—The Japanese radio at Taihoku, Formosa, reported in a broadcast today that Japanese warships have surrounded Guam and said all big buildings on the island were ablaze.

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—All schools in metropolitan Oakland were ordered closed today as an air raid precaution on reports that a Japanese airplane carrier may be off the Pacific Coast.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Press dispatches reported that 100 to 200 troops, 60 of them Americans, were killed tonight when Japanese warplanes raided Iba, on the west coast of the Island of Luzon, south of the Olongapo naval base.

In Berlin the official German News Agency reported from Tokyo that 40 American planes were destroyed on a road on Iba and that 50 planes were wrecked when the Japanese raided Clark Field, air base at Fort Stotsenburg, 100 miles from Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Federal agents arrested 736 Japanese aliens during the night in the United States and Hawaii, Attorney General Biddle announced today.

The Japanese are being placed in custody of immigration officials after arrest by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Attorney General said that hearing boards would be set up to pass on evidence gathered by the FBI and determine the "future status" of the aliens.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—A Nazi military spokesman said tonight that Germany had abandoned attempts to capture Moscow for this Winter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The United Press listening post today heard radio Vichy broadcast Tokyo reports that a great naval battle was in progress off the Philippines Coast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(I.N.S.)—The United States aircraft carrier Langley is unofficially reported in Manila to have been damaged during today's engagements with the Japanese, NBC reported from Manila.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(I.N.S.)—The United States base at Guam was heavily strafed by Japanese dive-bombers "almost from ground level," Reuter's (British) Agency reported from Manila today.

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 8. — (A.P.)— Thailand, after brief resistance to Japanese invasion from the sea and across the French Indo-China border, ceased firing today and opened negotiations with the invaders.

The details of the negotiations were expected to be announced shortly.

TOKYO, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Army and navy sections of the Imperial headquarters announced today 50 or 60 American planes were shot down in air combats over Clark Field, in the Philippines and 40 more over Iba, 80 miles northwest of Manila. Domei broadcast the announcement.

The announcement said two of the Japanese planes were shot down.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The National Broadcasting Company's correspondent at Manila reported today that "Manila is now under Japanese bombardment."

MANILA, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Naval authorities announced today that United States Marines of the Peiping and Tientsin garrisons, isolated when Japan attacked the United States, had been captured by the Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The Singapore radio heard by a United Press listening post here today reported that two American-built Hudson bombers operating off the Northern Malayan coast had scored direct hits on two Japanese troop ships and another Hudson bomber had scored a direct hit on a large loaded with Japanese soldiers.

Measures Invoked To Keep Fort Wayne War Industries Rolling

Every effort to keep Fort Wayne war industries rolling at top speed is being made by city officials and industrial leaders, who are taking strong measures to curb possibility of sabotage.

City officials and other members of the Fort Wayne Defense Council also were to meet with Mayor Henry W. Maier today to adopt a program of close co-operation among all production and protective units in the Fort Wayne defense area.

Fire Chief Carter W. Benner called a meeting of all officers of the department for this afternoon, at which time plans will be completed for instituting a revised system for returning to duty on short notice all men or officers off duty, for establishing a better watch service, particularly as regards men on duty at night, effecting a closer co-operation with industries, setting up group inspection against sabotage, and making arrangements to reduce the number of false alarms.

Asks Co-operation Of All

"I am not allowing for the co-operation of our citizens in this crisis," Mayor Maier declared today. "because I know that it will be given without asking. I know that Fort Wayne citizens have met such commendably every emergency of war or other calamities from the time our city was established as an American fort by General Anthony Wayne in 1794. The fine co-operation offered me today by industrial and civic groups assures me that any attempt to curb production in the Fort Wayne defense area through sabotage can and will be dealt with successfully by the good citizens who are around key industries and utilities, working in co-operation with

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Still Going Up!

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NOVEMBER, 1941

Highest circulation in the history of THE NEWS-SENTINEL

Unexpected Attack On Philippines And Hawaii Brings Speedy Action.

Nippon's Action Is Branded 'Dastardly'

U. S. Mobilizes Resources To Crush Japan For Bombing U. S. Islands.

The text of President Roosevelt's message to Congress appears on page 8 of this issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The United States this afternoon accepted Japan's bloody challenge in the Pacific, and began all-out preparations to avenge the treacherous lightning attack on Hawaii, the Philippines, Guam, Wake Island and other U. S. possessions in the Far East.

At 4:10 this afternoon President Roosevelt signed the declaration of war which had become passed immediately after he appeared [illegible] and asked for that action. [illegible] signature made the declaration effective.

The Senate passed the measure unanimously, with 15 Senators absent. The House passed it by a vote of 388 to one, the only dissenting vote being cast by Rep. Jeannette Rankin (R., Montana) who also voted against U. S. participation in the First World War.

Speed Is Amazing.

The amazing speed with which Congress responded to the President's request, indicated to American soldiery in making conquest of Japan's unprovoked Pacific assaults, and it further reflected the determination of the American people—as asserted by the President—to "overcome this premeditated invasion" and to "win through to absolute victory" over the Nipponese empire.

Although the processes of democracy are renowned slow, it required but 45 minutes for the President to ask that Congress declare war on Japan and for House and Senate to approve the war resolution. The President left the White House for

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Trio Hurt In Crane Mishap

Pennsylvania Railroad Men Injured In Accident In East Yards.

Three men were injured when a passing locomotive struck a crane which was hoisting a wrecked locomotive in the east yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Gay Street at 2:40 p.m. today. All were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in the city ambulance.

Most seriously injured probably was Thomas Hilty, Jr., New Haven Avenue, who suffered a severe cut on the right temple and a possible concussion of the brain. James Tennyson, 46, 347 West Willdwood Avenue, suffered a back injury. Neither examinations were made at the hospital to determine the extent of the injuries of both men. Hilty and Tennyson are both mechanics.

After Hilty and Tennyson were taken to the hospital, the site employee crew was directed back to the scene of the accident and took Harvey Hoolemann, 38, 2705 Sixth Street, a workman, another workman, to the hospital. Hoolemann suffered an injury of the left arm and no X-ray examination also was made of his injury to determine if he suffered a fracture.

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Official Text Of Congressional Declaration Of War Against Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—The text of the joint resolution adopted by Congress today declaring war on Japan follows:

Declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial Government of Japan and the Government and the people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same.

Whereas, the Imperial Government of Japan has committed repeated acts of war against the Government and the people of the United States of America, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial Government of Japan which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Imperial Government of Japan; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

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