

# G-MEN TO GUARD PANAY MOVIE

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—A pictorial record of the bombing and sinking of the United States gunboat Panay was nearing the California coast tonight aboard the China Clipper as officials here took elaborate precautions to insure its safe delivery to Washington, D. C.

The record—4,500 feet of newsreel film, insured with Lloyds of London for \$25,000, was taken by a Universal Studios cameraman Norman Alley, who was one of the Americans aboard the river gunboat when Japanese aviators sent it to the bottom of the Yangtze.

**Police Escort Film**  
Federal agents will take charge of the film when the big Pan American air liner lands here Monday. A convoy of twelve state highway patrolmen and six Oakland city policemen will escort the armored car in which the G-men will transport the reel through the United Air Lines Mainliner, which will carry it on to New York.

The film will be developed and copied in New York and then taken to Washington, where President Roosevelt, members of the State Department and other government officials will preview it.

One report said the preview audience may decide whether the picture may be shown publicly and that there was a possibility it may never be distributed because it might be inflammatory and arouse too much war sentiment.

San Francisco officers of Universal said, however, as far as they knew the picture would be developed in New York and released on a nationwide basis by December 29.

**Japanese Bid Reported**  
Local representatives of the Universal Pictures Corporation could not confirm rumors that the Japanese government had made a tentative offer of \$1,000,000 for the film before Alley started the transoceanic flight.

From Alameda airport, mainland base of Pan American's trans-Pacific operations, the newsreel will be taken a few miles to Oakland International Airport, East Bay base of United Air Lines. At the request of the State Department, there will be no passengers aboard the Mainliner in which the film is transported to Washington. Only Alley, his wife, two Universal officials and Jack McHenry, San Francisco cameraman, will make the trip east.

**Panay Films to Be Shown Unexpurgated**  
NEW YORK, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Newsreel pictures of the bombing of the American gunboat Panay by Japanese war planes on the Yangtze River, December 12, will be released to the American public in "unexpurgated" form, Universal Pictures Corporation said tonight.

Capt. Norman W. Alley, newsreel cameraman who shot the pictures during the attack, later buried the film magazines in a mud-bank and dug them up after the survivors were rescued; will arrive with the films in San Francisco Monday.

Officials of the film company said the first showing of the films will be forty-eight hours later.

**Alley to Describe Attack**  
The first unedited edition will be dispatched to Washington immediately after Alley's arrival here, probably early Tuesday morning. The public showing will include the entire film, with no scenes eliminated. The "editing" will consist merely of script continuity, with Alley himself explaining what happened during the attack, the company said.

The picture will be released as a full-length feature, entitled "The Bombardment of the Panay."

Alley took the two film magazines, including more than 4,500 feet of film, to Shanghai aboard the American gunboat Oahu. The magazines were transported to Manila aboard the destroyer Stewart. Alley boarded a Pan American Clipper plane at Manila last Friday and "is flying back to the United States."

**Sits on Film Reels**  
The plane is due in San Francisco at 10 a. m. Monday, and Alley will immediately board a chartered Airlines plane for New York.

Alley has been sitting on the films all the way across the Pacific," Louis Pollock of Universal Pictures said.

The film shots include about 1,200 feet of the actual air raid, shots made from the shore and scenes showing the evacuation of Nanking, the film company said. It was not known whether the films also included the reported machine gun attack on the Panay by Japanese army officers.

Alley informed Universal Pictures by trans-Pacific telephone that he had buried the film magazines shortly after reaching shore when the Panay was abandoned, and later recovered them with the aid of the British gunboat Bee.

# Japan Diet To Vote War Funds

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Emperor Hirohito formally convened the Japanese Diet in its 73rd session at 11 a. m. today, its principal task being the voting of additional funds for the war in China. Parliament met Friday for routine organization, but its formal opening was delayed until today for the Emperor's address from the throne.

Late in January, when the business of both houses is in full progress, it was expected that \$350,000,000 would be voted for the army and navy.

# China's Ambassador On Secret Mission

MOSCOW, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Ambassador Ting Fu Tsiang, representative of the Chinese government, left Moscow tonight on an unexplained mission. Representatives of the Chinese embassy said Tsiang possibly had returned to China to accept another post in the government.

# U. S. Lucky It Has Yarnell, Says Admiral's Ex-Shipmate

Henry Molitor doesn't pretend to be an expert on international relations. But he'll tell you, with the ring of conviction in his voice, not to worry too much about the news of war in China. He doesn't think the United States will be forced into conflict. His reason? A man, Admiral Harry Yarnell, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Fleet.

Henry Molitor is a shoemaker now—a broad, sandy-haired, somewhat reticent man—but one can see, on walking into his shop at 2435 Seventh Ave. W., that he has not always been a cobbler. There are big, framed pictures of ships of the old white fleet—men of war, they called them in those days—on the wall.

"The country was lucky to have Admiral Yarnell commanding the Asiatic station when this trouble broke," Molitor says, leaning over his work bench. "He's the man to handle it. I know. I was quartermaster on the old destroyer Dale back in 1902 when she was the fleet leader of the first destroyers the Navy sent to China. Yarnell—he was only a lieutenant then—commanded the flotilla.

"He's a cool fellow. Not the sort to do anything rash. The Russo-Japanese war was going on when we first went out to the Orient. We were within twelve miles of the naval battle of Chemulpo. Part of the Russian fleet came out of the harbor where the Japanese had bottled them up, and ran for it, while one Russian ship, a first-class cruiser named the Askold, took the brunt of the fire.

"A little while later a Japanese cruiser and some destroyers started chasing us, thinking we were Russians. There wasn't any wireless on ships in those days.

"When they told Lieutenant Yarnell he just lit a pipe and chuckled a little and said, 'Well, if they've got so much coal to burn let's make them burn some.' So he kept just out of range for three hours, and the Japanese finally discovered who we were and turned away.

"Whenever I read about his flag-



HENRY MOLITOR  
An admiral's ex-shipmate

ship lying out in the river at Shanghai. I think of him on the Dale, dressed in dungarees and smoking a pipe while he took a torpedo apart. He was an expert on torpedoes and when one needed fixing he got into his old clothes and did it himself. He's that sort of man.

Molitor served four years under Yarnell in Asiatic waters and was a chief petty officer on the battleship South Dakota during the World War.

# Text of Secretary Hull's Latest Reply to Japan

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—The text of a note dispatched by Secretary of State Cordell Hull today to the Japanese government replying to the Japanese government's explanations and assurances regarding the Panay incident, follows:

"The government of the United States refers to its note of December 14, the Japanese government's note of December 24 in regard to the attack by Japanese armed forces upon the U. S. S. Panay and three American merchant ships.

"In this government's note of December 14, it was stated that 'The government of the United States requests and expects of the Japanese government a formally recorded expression of regret, and undertaking to make complete and comprehensive indemnifications and assurance that definite and specific steps have been taken which will insure that hereafter American nationals, interests and property in China will not be subjected to attack by Japanese armed forces or unlawful interference by any Japanese authorities or forces whatsoever.'

**Statements Reaffirmed**  
"In regard to the first two items of the request made by the government of the United States, the Japanese government's note of December 24 reaffirms statements made in the Japanese government's note of December 14, which read: 'The Japanese government regrets most profoundly that it (the present incident) has caused damages to the United States man-of-war and ships and casualties among those on board, and desires to present hereby sincere apologies. The Japanese government will make indemnifications for all the losses and will deal appropriately with those responsible for the incident.'

"In regard to the third item of the request made by the government of the United States, the Japanese government's note of December 24 admitted responsibility, expressed regret and offered amends.

"The government of the United States regards the Japanese government's account as set forth in the Japanese government's note of December 24 of action taken by it, as responsive to the request made by the government of the United States in this government's note of December 14.

"With regard to the facts of the origins, causes and circumstances of the incident, the Japanese government indicates in its note of December 24 the conclusion at which the Japanese government, as a result of its investigation, has arrived. With regard to these same matters the government of the United States relies on the report of findings of the court of inquiry of the United States Navy, a copy of which has been communicated officially to the Japanese government.

"It is the earnest hope of the government of the United States that the steps which the Japanese government has taken will prove effective toward preventing any further attacks upon, or unlawful interference by Japanese authorities or forces with, American nationals, interests or property in China."

# More Japanese Letters Seized; Navy Tightens Coast Patrol

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—The Navy tightened its patrol of California waters tonight and customs officials made new seizures of consignee mail aboard Japanese liners, giving impetus to rumors that the federal government actively is investigating a possible widespread espionage plot.

Packets of approximately four hundred letters were reported seized by customs officials aboard the Hokkai Maru, the Kinai Maru and a third Japanese vessel at Los Angeles.

The consignee mail had not gone through regular postal channels, but was included with company papers in packages handled only by company agents.

Postal authorities here held several letters taken from the Tatsuta Maru. Reports that the letters were suspected of containing espionage information concerning activities at the Bremerton Navy Yard were not confirmed.

# Issue Clouded, Say Pacifists

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Proponents of the Ludlow amendment to require a national referendum before the United States can declare war tonight charged opponents with attempting to "cloud the main point at issue."

Five peace organizations backing the proposed constitutional amendment issued a joint statement after Chairman Sam McReynolds, Democrat, Tennessee, of the House foreign affairs committee attacked the petition which assured the passage of House consideration. McReynolds said the signing had been "very detrimental" to the State Department in its foreign relations.

**Announces Discussion**  
At the same time, Miss Josephine Schain, chairman of the national committee on the cause and cure of war, announced that legislative proposals looking toward a maintenance of peace would be discussed thoroughly during the committee's annual conference here from January 18 to January 21.

She pointed out that the committee is a record in favor of legislation requiring this country to "consult with other nations signatory to the pact of Paris, whenever there is a threat to peace," and amendment of existing neutrality laws to permit the President to lift embargoes on a warring nation "which, as the result of the consultation, is agreed to be a victim of the aggression."

"The Ludlow amendment," she said, "is a simple question involving in the war referendum proposal," the peace societies' joint statement said.

"That question is, have the people a right to vote on whether they will go to Europe or Asia or Africa to take part in a war between foreign countries? Opponents of the amendment talk about demagogues but in demagogic fashion try to make the amendment seem what it is not."

The organizations joining in the statement are the National Council for Prevention of War, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Peace Ways, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Emergency Peace Campaign.

"The amendment does not imply, as opponents of the amendment have said, 'that we never fight,' they said. 'It does not prevent the people of the United States from fighting any war they want to. What it does do is to give the people the chance not to fight the foreign wars they do not want to fight.'

**Hold Law Ignored**  
"It does not hamper the Executive or State Department in following any line of policy except a line of policy likely to lead to a war over some issue that the people will not think it worth while to die for. The opposition is alarmed over the probable effects of passage of the amendment on the current Japanese situation. If the neutrality law passed by Congress had been carried out and our ships withdrawn from the war zone, the situation would not be what it is. If laws passed by Congress can be set aside, then measures giving the people protection against foreign wars must be embodied in the Constitution itself."

**Would Save Amendment**  
Senator Arthur Capper, Republican, Kansas, said the United States government should accept the Japanese note of apology in the Panay incident and at the same time he supported the Ludlow resolution, but he asserted that "the bombing was unjustifiable and without provocation."

"The attitude of the Japanese forces has been intolerable, and I hope that the Japanese government is sincere in its protestation and that the future will not discredit its promises," he said.

"I believe that this bombing incident has been handled very properly by President Roosevelt and the State Department. I think that it is still a serious matter and that the future turn of events will depend on the actions of Japan."

# Match Folders From Many Places Collected by Youth



DAVE PIERCE and his match folders  
He gets a new one every day

Four years ago Dave Pierce, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Pierce, 3047 E. 98th St., felt the urge to become a collector. Stamps were interesting, but soon ones were few and far between. Other things were too expensive.

He decided to collect match folders.

Today he has more than 2,000 folders, from many different states and some from foreign countries. Each folder is different from its mates in the red shoe box in which he keeps them neatly packed.

"Friends of the family in other cities send me folders," he said, "but most of them I got myself. The best places to look for them are railroad stations and bus stations and along curbs and sidewalks. After every train comes in you can usually find match folders from different cities and states on the floor of the railroad station."

In four years the boy has averaged one new type of match folder a day. He knows instinctively now, he says, whether a folder he finds is duplicated in his collection.

# Queen Marie Weakening, Vienna Hears

VIENNA, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Despite optimistic official reports from Rumania, the Dowager Queen Marie is slowly weakening, according to reliable reports reaching Vienna tonight.

Her illness has entered a more or less stationary stage and pains have ceased. The doctors permit her to leave her bed daily for several hours but the Queen is soon exhausted by moving about the room. As a result of her illness, her left eye remains half closed but the sight is unimpaired.

She continues to show a lively interest in art and literature and also in recent political events. She can read only a very little, however, but likes to discuss developments with frequent visitors.

**Kiwanis Board to Meet**  
Officers and members of the board of the Kiwanis Club of Seattle will meet tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the Hotel Gowman. The meeting will be followed by a dinner at 6 o'clock.

# Merrill of G. M. C. Called by Death

DETROIT, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Thomas S. Merrill, 59 years old, secretary of General Motors Corporation, died today. He had been ill almost a week of pneumonia.

Merrill became secretary of the corporation when it was organized in 1916. He is survived by Mrs. Merrill, two sons and a daughter.

# 3,649th Ocean Dip Taken by Briton

FOLKESTONE, England, Saturday, Dec. 25.—Henry J. Bull, a grocer, celebrated Christmas today by taking his 3,649th consecutive morning dip in the ocean. He expects to break the record of 3,683 established by another resident here some years ago. A dozen all-year bathers accompanied Bull on his plunge today, including two women.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday are now legal holidays in France.

# JAPAN SETS UP PEIPING PUPPETS

PEIPING, Saturday, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Efforts to eradicate anti-Japanese activities were gathering headway in North China today with the formation of the Hsin Min Hui or New Citizens' Society, headed by Chinese under the direction of Japanese army leaders.

The aims of the new group, explained to foreign correspondents by Chang Ying-Ching, vice president, a graduate of the Tokyo Peers School and the Imperial University, are chiefly propaganda in support of the Japan-sponsored "autonomous government."

The society desires to convey the people's opinions to the government and also to lead the people to cooperate with the Japanese forming an iron line against Communism, Chang said. It hopes to "penetrate the spirit of the farmers," he declared.

Asked the source of huge funds needed by the society to carry out its program he said that it was hoped that the new government, when formed, would support the society.

Meanwhile "interested persons are promulgating the society's ideas" and furnishing cash. A college has been established for training new government officials. It was also believed that many of Peiping's Chinese newspapers would be closed soon to make way for an official newspaper.

**Classical Body to Meet**  
The northern section of the Classical Association of the Pacific States will hold its annual meeting Wednesday at the University of Washington. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a. m. in Denny Hall. Dr. Thomas K. Sider of the University department of classical languages will be one of the speakers. About forty delegates will attend. The public is invited.

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