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BABY GIRL IS ABANDONED
A nurse tucked in the child's blankets for her. Held a 5-week-old baby girl found last night in an office building, and now in care of the Bureau of Public Welfare. Tucked in the child's blankets for her \$20 bills and an unsigned note: "Please, please take care of my baby... I'm sick and can't... this is all the money I have."—A. P. wirephoto.



KINGS SIGN DEFENSE PACT
King Petar II. of Yugoslavia (left) gestures as he discusses with King George of Greece the agreement they signed uniting the two countries, of which they are rulers-in-exile, for defense, foreign policy and foreign trade. Spokesmen declared the pact represents a foundation for organization of a Balkan union.—A. P. wirephoto.

TANKER ATTACKED; U.S. EVENS SCORE BY GETTING JAP LINER

Enemy Warship Strikes in View of Shore Watchers; Assault Second in Two Days on Atlantic Coast

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 15.—Enemy warships for the second time in two days struck at commercial shipping in New York waters when a tanker was attacked today within sight of watchers on the south shore of Long Island. The Coast Guard at Quogue, Long Island, said that survivors were being brought in and that some had landed by mid-afternoon. A Coast Guard plane had dropped food and whiskey to about ten survivors seen in a lifeboat and on a raft. The name of the ship was not immediately learned. Details of the attack, about 19 miles from shore, also were lacking, but it was believed the attacking vessel was a submarine. Reports from Hampton Bays, Long Island, about 75 miles from New York City, said onlookers from shore had seen the tanker during or immediately after the attack. It was learned that the attack occurred about 6:30 a. m., Seattle time, 32 hours after a submarine rose to the surface and thrice torpedoed the Panamanian tanker *Norwest*, about 30 miles from the scene of today's attack. Headquarters of the Third Naval District here had no immediate confirmation of the attack. The duty officer at the Quogue Coast Guard Station said survivors were being brought to Shinnecock Inlet, which links the Atlantic Ocean with Shinnecock Bay. It was not known at once what vessels made the rescues.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR OFFICIALS BRANDED AS LOBBYISTS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—The Senate defense investigating committee charged today that American war production had been hampered seriously by months of official bungling, labor selfishness and management greed. In a report covering its studies during the past year the committee accused government agencies of slowing war output by a mesh of "bureaucratic red tape" and declared: 1. That after two years of frantic effort America has too few planes to allow adequate flying time for its pilots and that many of the planes are "mediocre." 2. That dollar-a-year men on loan from industry were actually lobbyists for their former employers and should be eliminated. 3. That the automobile industry had been allowed to continue civilian production virtually unchecked throughout 1941, with no real conversion to military production even attempted. 4. That a concerted effort should be made to use all the facilities of small manufacturers in defense production. O. P. M. Overhaul Urged Expressing full confidence that the war could be won if proper remedial steps were taken, the committee asked a reorganization of the Office of Production Management to do away with the "dollar-a-year" officials. This recommendation was already in type Tuesday, when President Roosevelt announced reorganization of the war-production system with Donald M. Nelson, former mail-order executive, at the helm. Made public by Chairman Truman, Democrat, Missouri, the report warned that: "Carelessness and inefficiency have already cost us a great deal and, if continued, can cost us much more, even though in the long run we will win the war because of the sheer extent of our resources." The committee said prospects for future airplane production were "not too good" and added that radical changes in methods must be made to meet the military demand. "Apparently, there never has been and is not now, any real planned and coordinated program for the production of aircraft," the report said. "Our services (the Army and Navy) have merely purchased what the manufacturers had to offer instead of planning to use available facilities to produce what they needed at maximum capacity." The committee reported that the Army and Navy, "always extremely reluctant to accept and develop new ideas," were tardy in adopting multiple machine guns, bullet-proof gasoline tanks, modern gun turrets and other wartime aviation developments. The committee asserted that 19 "favored manufacturers" of airplanes had received the bulk of orders and loans, with 60 other aircraft companies unable to get any substantial contracts. In asking reorganization of the O. P. M., the committee said that "the practice of diffusing responsibility commonly referred to as the 'old Army game' must not be tolerated." It said that as of January 5 there were 255 dollar-a-year men working for the O. P. M. and 631 others employed without compensation. Because they dealt "with matters involving the class of clients by whom they were formerly employed and by whom they naturally expected to be employed in the future," the report said, they could be termed lobbyists "in a very real sense." "The committee believes that the government should not continue to accept the loss of 255 dollar-a-year and W. O. C. (without compensation) men by companies with so large a stake in the defense program."

Japs Pounding Last Defense Line of Malaya

Invaders Drive Into Johore; British Mine Approach to Singapore

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Chungking radio said tonight that a new Chinese offensive had been started west of Canton, South China, and now is in full swing. By Associated Press. An official Tokyo broadcast asserted late today that British authorities at Singapore had begun to mine the causeway bridge connecting Singapore Island to the mainland as Japan's invasion armies drove into the rain-washed jungles of Johore State, 100 miles north of Singapore. Domei, the Japanese news agency, said Emperor Hirohito's forces "are now conducting a terrific offensive against 30,000 British troops which are guarding the last defenses of Malaya." "The news agency had previously declared that 30,000 British had been trapped in the green-hell wilderness north of Singapore. Domei quoted "foreign reports" as saying that British forces defending the "Pownall Line," stretching 125 miles across the extreme lower peninsula, were rushing up reinforcements from Singapore "for a last desperate defense before falling back on Britain's Asiatic Gibraltar." Axis reports reaching London said Japanese troops had landed on an island in the Dutch Rho Archipelago, just south of Singapore. (Continued on Page 7, Column 4.)

SECRETARY CONVICTED OF PERJURY

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—George Hill, second secretary to Representative Fish, Republican, New York, was convicted in District Court today on two charges of perjury. The indictments grew out of Hill's appearance before a district grand jury investigating Nazi propaganda activities. Hill was specifically charged with falsely denying that he knew George Sylvester Viereck, a registered German agent, and with falsely denying that he ordered eight mailbags containing franked congressional matter placed in a storeroom assigned the New York representative. The jury deliberated an hour and 35 minutes. Under district laws the maximum penalty which could be imposed would be 20 years imprisonment. Justice F. Dickinson Letts, court officials indicated, probably will pass sentence either tomorrow or one week from tomorrow.

Lindbergh To Aid War Dept. Research Work

Ex-Colonel Will Devote Time to Technical Project, Stimson Discloses
WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh will not return to active duty with the Army Air Corps, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today, but for the present will engage in technical research on a commercial project in which the War Department is directly interested. The secretary told his press conference that Lindbergh, formerly a colonel in the Air Corps Reserve, called on him last Monday to ask whether he could be of any service to the government or the War Department. "I told him," Stimson said, "that we were always glad to receive information, help or advice from anyone who thought he could be of service, and I asked him what he thought he could do most usefully." He replied that he thought for the present he could be most useful in the line of technical experimentation. The next day, Stimson said, Lindbergh conferred with Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, and Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air. "All that I can say now," Stimson concluded, "is that he decided, with our approval, to devote his time for the present to a technical commercial project in which this department is directly interested. I think that covers all that can be said at this time."

ARMY WILL HAVE TOTAL OF 3,600,000

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, said today it would be necessary to draw from the 9,000,000 men between 20 and 44, inclusive, who will register February 16 to achieve the 1942 army strength of 3,600,000 announced earlier in the day by Secretary of War Stimson. General Hershey told a press conference that the additional 1,900,000 men to be sought by the end of this calendar year—present army strength is around 1,700,000—could be raised from present registrants, but added: "I don't think that would be public policy." Estimating that 1,000,000 of the additional men could be provided from present registrants already classified in 1-A, Hershey said he believed another 1,200,000 could be raised from the 2,000,000 men to register February 16 in the 20-to-21½ year bracket, and another (Continued on Page 8, Column 5.)

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS

The United States Navy announced one of its submarines sank a 17,000-ton Japanese liner; Secretary Stimson disclosed a United States Army of 3,600,000 men is in the making. Corregidor Fortress' anti-aircraft guns brought down two heavy Japanese bombers and hit others in flight of nine making an attack on the Manila Bay stronghold. Japanese invaders were reported by Tokyo to be pounding at a new British line of defense in Johore State, 100 miles north of Singapore and the last Allied defense bulwark between the Japanese and Singapore. Berlin admitted Russian reinforcements were pouring into the Crimea. Hitler's High Command asserted the Reds were making a new drive toward Taganrog. The British pressed attacks on Halfaya Pass in Libya. (See Page 8 for details.)

Long-Missing Bomber, With 7 Dead, Found
SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Wreckage of an Army bomber which disappeared over Riverside, Calif., was found today with seven occupants dead. Two of the crew of nine who were in the plane when it vanished in stormy weather December 30, were reported missing. In announcing the discovery of the plane and recovering the bodies, the 4th Air Force Command reported the plane had been definitely identified as the missing B26. There was no fire and all military armament, which had been closely guarded, was recovered. The plane was found near San Bernardino halfway between Lakes Arrowhead and Big Bear.

No Plans Made Yet To Move MacArthur
WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference today that no plans have yet been made to evacuate Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his forces from the Philippines. "If I may borrow an expression from President Lincoln," Stimson said, "we'll cross that bridge when it comes and it hasn't come yet." He offered the same response to inquiries whether MacArthur would be instructed to leave Luzon if his position becomes hopeless.

Crash in Arizona Kills R. A. F. Cadet

MESA, Ariz., Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—William Burke, 20 years old, a Royal Air Force cadet, was killed last night when his advanced training plane crashed about a mile and one-half from Falcon Field. Squadron Leader W. T. Holloway said the cause of the accident "might have been motor failure." Burke was the son of Thomas Burke, Liverpool.

Cripple Awakens Wife, Just Saves Self as House Burns

(See Page 3 for photograph)
Overcome by heat while fighting a fire in his home at 3 o'clock this morning, Fred Botts, a semi-invalid, suffered burns on his head and arms and barely escaped by crawling to safety. His wife, Charlotte, escaped uninjured after he warned her of the blaze. A steel brace, which Botts wore because infantile paralysis crippled one leg, was lost in the fire. The Botts home, at 11842 Des Moines Way, was destroyed by the fire, which Botts said started from an electrical defect. Botts, a 33-year-old barber, was taken to Harborview County Hospital. Awakened by the fire, Botts went into the living-room and found it aflame. He went to the kitchen for a bucket of water, but was overcome and was burned while crawling back to the bedroom to arouse his wife. They escaped out a window. "A few minutes more and we wouldn't have been able to make it," Botts said today. The couple saved only the nightclothes they were wearing. They said the house was not insured.

Senators blame O. P. M. for lag in metal production.

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Bomber crashes; 5 saved; 2 die.

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Pennies And Nickels May Be Eliminated

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Lessing Dosenwald, chief of the Office of Production Management's bureau of industrial conservation, today said there was a possibility that pennies and nickels might be taken out of circulation to conserve metal for war needs. Dosenwald, in an address to the National Retail Dry Goods Association convention, urged upon the nation's merchants economical practices and warned them of shortages that may occur. While there is no prospect of any food shortage, he said, the problem of eliminating pennies and nickels is now being worked out. He added: "I don't know what substitutes might be used."

Enemy Aliens To Be Hired On City Projects

The Municipal Board of Public Works a few weeks ago barred employment of aliens of Italy, Germany and Japan on city construction jobs, only to learn today that there aren't enough United States citizens available for the work and that important projects might be held up if aliens were not put to work. So the board today set a policy of allowing aliens with first citizenship papers who are passed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to work for contractors on city projects and instructed its secretary, G. W. Roberge, to carry out the policy. The unusual development came to the board's attention when L. Paul Florito, executive of the Northwest Construction Company, which is widening Airport Way, protested he can't find enough men without using eight or ten aliens.