

CLEVELAND—Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or snow today, slowly rising temperature. High yesterday, 47; low, 28. See Page 20.

JAPS WAR ON U. S., BRITAIN; BOMB HAWAII, PHILIPPINES; CONGRESS TO HEAR F. D. R.

PRESIDENT WILL TALK TO BODY AT 12:30 P. M. TODAY

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(UP)—The National Broadcasting Co. tonight reported from Manila that reports there said the United States transport Gen. Hugh L. Scott, formerly the President Pierce, has been sunk about 1,600 miles from Manila and that the President Harrison, which was sent to China to evacuate Americans, either had been sunk or sunk off Shanghai.

BY WALKER S. BUEL
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States went to war against Japan tonight as one nation after another of the Western Hemisphere joined forces against the Asiatic power which struck treacherously and without warning by bombing the American Pacific outposts of Hawaii, Guam and the Philippine Islands.
The great Pacific fleet moved out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to meet the enemy as President Roosevelt in night conferences with his cabinet and legislative leaders of both parties arranged to go in person before a joint session of Congress at 12:30 tomorrow, when he is expected to ask for a declaration of war against Japan.
Congress stood ready to back such a declaration to the hilt. It was predicted it would be confined to Japan and not include the other Axis powers.
Anticipating the action of the United States, Canada, Nicaragua and Costa Rica declared war against Japan, and the Congress of the Dominican Republic planned to meet tomorrow. The United States moved to solidify the hemisphere by notifying the other American republics of the "treacherous" attack by Japan, and the State Department announced that "very heartening messages of support" were being received.

Britain to Declare War This Morning

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The British Parliament called into special session for 3 p. m. today (9 a. m. Cleveland time) to hear a government statement which everyone expected would be a declaration of war against Japan which was expected to coincide with similar action by the United States.
Japan already has declared war on Great Britain and the United States last night as Prime Minister Churchill conferred with United States Ambassador John G. Winant.
In London, the Japanese ambassador here that the Japanese already had attacked "some British possessions" as well as the Pacific Islands of the United States.
The Japanese embassy, which has been inaccessible by telephone since last night, completed arrangements to quit Britain immediately, including the burning of 10 secret documents.

2,500 Planes Reported

By the Associated Press
The United States Army air force tonight was said by Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold to possess 2,500 modern combat-type planes.
The diversion of planes from the navy had 800 or more ready for use in advanced bases outside continental United States. A year ago the navy had another 1,500 planes and the marines and coast guard 400.

Hawaii's Pearl Harbor Submarine Base Bombed



A view of the Pearl Harbor submarine base, bombed by Japanese yesterday.

CITY'S DEFENSE PLAN IN EFFECT

Ness Awaits FBI Order for Enemy Alien Roundup
With the first flash of the news of the Jap bombing of Pearl Harbor, Cleveland's plan of defense, in preparation for more than a year, was put into force yesterday. Safety Director Elliot Ness announced.
Cleveland, like the rest of the nation, is in a much better position today than at any time in World War I, Ness said, because of the close co-operation between the federal government agencies and municipal authorities in making plans for the eventualities of the present crisis.
The Department of Justice, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Immigration, the army, the navy and army aviation have been in close communication with municipal authorities in making surveys leading to defense plans.
While Lee V. Boardman, agent in charge of the FBI office in Cleveland, would make no comment, it is known that the federal government agencies have under close surveillance all aliens in the community who are native of Axis countries.
Obtain Much Data
Much information along this line was obtained through the alien registration which shows 87,000 non-citizens in Cuyahoga County. This figure, of course, includes aliens from all countries. No figures are available to the public as to the actual number of Axis aliens in the county.
The first news of the attack brought a report to police that two suspicious appearing Japs were seen in an automobile at E. 78th Street and Buckeye Road S.-E. Ten cars and detective cruisers set out in search of the car, but no trace of it had been found into last night.
Ness said rounding up of enemy aliens would await word from the FBI and the immigration authorities.
"We are ready to handle that situation," he said. "All of the seven precinct stations in the city have been set aside for detention purposes should they be needed."
Orders Plants Watched
"We cannot place any person under arrest without arraignment before a United States commissioner, but we will put into effect a plan modeled after the Ellis Island system where immigrants are detained."
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JAPAN DECLARES WAR HOURS AFTER ATTACKS

TOKYO, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Japan went to war against the United States and Great Britain today with air and sea attacks against Hawaii followed by a formal declaration of hostilities.
Japanese imperial headquarters announced at 6 a. m. (4 p. m. Sunday, E. S. T.) that a state of war existed among these nations in the western Pacific, as of dawn.
Shortly afterward Domei announced that "naval operations are progressing off Hawaii, with at least one Japanese aircraft carrier in action against Pearl Harbor," the American naval base in the Islands.
The American naval base in the Islands, Japan's bombers were declared to have raided Honolulu at 7:35 a. m. Hawaii time (1:05 p. m. Sunday, E. S. T.).
Premier minister Gen. Hideki Tojo held a 20-minute cabinet (Continued on Page 7, Column 6)

Stock Exchange to Test Volume Before Opening

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Securities and Exchange Commission tonight was reported to be studying the question of whether major security exchanges should be directed to remain closed tomorrow.

Long Beach First to Be Blacked Out

LONG BEACH, Cal., Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Complete blackout of the harbor area, including San Pedro, Wilmington and a major part of Long Beach, was ordered early today by Capt. Richard B. Coffman, 11th Naval District assistant commandant.
The blackout, declared to be the first ordered in the United States, was described as a precautionary measure and was planned to be complete at 4 a. m.
At Burbank the Lockheed Air Terminal was suddenly darkened at 12:15 last night. All lights near the Lockheed and Vega aircraft plants were turned off, but night crews worked on.
Army officers said the Lockheed blackout was on the initiative of aircraft officials.

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HAWAII WITNESS TELLS OF ATTACK

Jap Planes in Surprise Attack at Dawn
(EDITOR'S NOTE—Following is an eyewitness account by an International News Service correspondent of the bombing of Honolulu.)
BY RICHARD HALLER
HONOLULU, Dec. 7.—(INS)—Japanese war planes brought sudden death and undisclosed destruction to the beautiful Hawaiian Islands in their sudden raid this morning.
A flotilla of planes bearing the rising sun of Japan on their wings, appeared out of the south while most of the city was sleeping. The planes dove immediately to the attack on Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field, the air base lying near by.
There was a deafening roar of explosions.
Our anti-aircraft units opened fire.
Three battleships were struck as they lay at anchor in the naval base.
One, the U. S. S. Oklahoma, was reportedly set afire. Another, the U. S. S. West Virginia, along with another warship.
There was no confirmation of the sinkings by officers of the 14th Naval District.
I saw 15 planes of one attacking group subjected to heavy anti-aircraft fire from batteries ringing Honolulu.
Several were shot down, according to army authorities.
I wasn't able to confirm reports that Japanese paratroops had landed. But the report spread through Honolulu like wildfire. There were rumors that a number of prisoners were taken.
From the roof top of the Honolulu Advertiser Building I saw a thick pall of smoke rising from the Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field areas. Three separate fires were raging there.
A staggering series of explosions came shortly after 10 o'clock when the attack was already two hours old.
Army authorities later reported that a direct torpedo bomb hit had (Continued on Page 7, Column 7)

HALTS SHIPPING FROM N. Y.

Order Cancels All Foreign Clearances; Harbor Patrols Doubled
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—All foreign shipping in this harbor was canceled tonight as the coast guard doubled its patrols against possible sabotage.
Coast guard patrols were thrown around the navy yard and around docks containing planes and war materials.
An order from Washington cancelled customs clearance for ships bound to foreign ports but this was considered temporary.

SURPRISE RAIDS SWEEP PACIFIC; HUNDREDS DEAD

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, Monday, Dec. 8.—(UP)—The Mutual Broadcasting System's Manila correspondent broadcast this morning that the Japanese have seized control of "their own regions" (presumably areas mainly populated by Japanese) in the Philippines, but that in other sections, all Japanese have been routed up and interned. He also claimed that Japanese parachute troops have landed in the islands.

By the Associated Press
Japan assaulted every main United States and British possession in the central and western Pacific and invaded Thailand today in a hasty but evidently shrewdly-planned prosecution of a war she began yesterday without warning.
Her formal declaration of war against both the United States and Britain came two hours and 55 minutes after Japanese planes spread death and terrific destruction in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor at 7:35 a. m., Hawaiian time (1:05 p. m., E. S. T.) Sunday.
The claimed successes for this fell swoop included sinking of the United States battleship West Virginia and setting afire of the battleship Oklahoma.
Action Comes Fast
From that moment, each tense tick of the clock brought new and flaming accounts of Japanese aggression in her secretly launched war of conquest or death for the land of the rising sun.
As compiled from official and unofficial accounts from all affected countries, the record ran like this:
UNITED STATES TRANSPORT Gen. Hugh L. Scott, carrying lumber, sunk 1,600 miles from Manila;
LINER PRESIDENT HARRISON, now a transport, seized or sunk in the Yangtze River near Shanghai;
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Other war news will be found on Pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11

WAR FLASHES

- Guard Pittsburgh Mills**
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7.—(AP)—One thousand members of the civilian defense corps and all available police were assigned tonight to guard steel mills and other vital defense plants, bridges, flood control dams and armories against sabotage in the nation's steel capital.
- Radio Cut Off**
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Globe wireless said late today that it had been notified by the navy that all radio communications with Hawaiian Islands would be off indefinitely.
- Oil Tanker Afire**
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.—(AP)—An oil tanker began blazing early today in the Wilmington port. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were summoned to the scene. The vessel's identity was not announced.
- Hong Kong Attacked**
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(UP)—The Domei News Agency reported from Tokyo today that Japanese troops started to attack Hong Kong (from Chinese territory) at dawn.
- Guard Peru Airport**
LIMA, Peru, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Peruvian aviation troops occupied Lima-lambo Airport tonight under emergency from Japanese-United States hostility protective orders arising from the situation.
- Closures Indicated**
WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8.—(UP)—Officials of the Office of Production Management indicated that commodity exchanges may be closed today or trading restricted on such vital war materials as tin, rubber, manganese and tungsten which are imported from the Far East.
- Sitka Has Blackout**
SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Thirteenth Naval District headquarters tonight said it understood a blackout was in effect at Sitka, Alaska, site of a strategic naval-military establishment.
- Mrs. F. D. R. to Fly West**
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, director of the Office of Civilian Defense, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, assistant director, will fly here tomorrow from New York to aid in organization of California civilian defense, the civilian defense regional office announced tonight.
- San Francisco to Fly West**
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Domei News Agency reported from Tokyo today that Japanese troops started to attack Hong Kong (from Chinese territory) at dawn.
- Lindbergh Ducks Press**
WEST TISBURY, Mass., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, visiting at Seven Gates Farm in this Martha's Island Village, refused tonight to see newspapermen or accept any messages.