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The Navy Department revealed that one of the submarines taken in the action at Pearl Harbor was a midget only 41 feet long, and had a cruising range of only two hundred miles. When taken, the sub contained only two men and had already traveled well over one hundred miles, wich would seemingly substantiate reports of Japanese suicide squadrons.

the Navy Department revealed that the craft which shelled Maui yesterlay was a submarine. It was a surface raider which shelled Johnson Island.

There is a growing uneasiness in Germany over the possibility of Turkey intering the war with the anti-Axis powers.

Formosa, an island off the coast of China; belonging to Japan, had a serious earthquake in which there were 354 casualties and wounded. 1,200 houses were leveled and railways and communications were wrecked. This is the first earthquake since 1936.

An Italian submarine was sunk by a British destroyer yesterday, between Tobruk and Egypt. It was reported that the Italian Navy is no longer a threat in the Moditeranean.

Russia... The newly arrived crack division of 15,000 Austrian troops was reported completely annihilated on the Moscow front. Now that the Russians have regained some of their territory they are able to reopen many huge industrial plants. There are growing indications of a starting war of words by Russia upon Japan; as Japan cannot even convince herself of a wim unless Hitler's victory is assured. Japan is not quite sure just what Russia will do should she decide to plunge into the Pacific war. It is believed Russia will strike first and explain afterward, for which nation grabs the surprise first, wins a priceless advantage as we very well know.

British authorities admitted that the situation at both Singapore and Hong Kong is grave. The garrison at Hong Kong rejected an ultimation by the Japanese two days ago, answering that they would fight to their death rather rhan surrender the city. It is quite improbable that 'British reimforcements can reach Hong Kong for a long time. However, that garrison was built for that very eventuality in case of war. The commander at Singapore is certain that his base can withstand any attack. However, no definite line of resistance has been established by the Malayan and British troops north of Singapore. The Japs are pressing slowly forward through the jungle terrain of the Malay penninsula, and admitted Japanese landings have been made at three points on the island of Borneo east of Malay.

An epidemic of dreaded Spotted Typhus threatens the German army in Poland, White Russia and the Baltic countries. This news came from Swedon, where details were given in a newspaper article yesterday. One fourth of the population in the Polish ghettos have the disease, which arises out of the conditions existing during the war and the confinement of large masses of people.

The British radio is using a new technique to break down morale in Europe....Seven distinct clock ticks are heard, following which the announcer says: "Every seven seconds a German dies on the Russian front. Is it your husband; is it your son; or is it your brother?"

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