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JAPS HIT U. S. HARD BLOW AT HONOLULU UNITED STATES DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

One Old Battleship Is Sunk And A Destroyer Blown Up In A Surprise Attack At Dawn On Pearl Harbor

Other Vessels Damaged And Large Number Of U. S. Planes Destroyed

White House Announces That Casualties Are Expected To Mount To About 3,000, Nearly Half Of Them Fatalities -- Several Japanese Planes And Submarines Accounted For.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The White House announced today that the Japanese attack on Hawaii has resulted in the sinking of an old battleship, the destruction of a destroyer, damage to other vessels and destruction of a relatively large number of planes.

This was announced as a war resolution was drafted for immediate introduction in Congress which President Roosevelt was addressing personally on the War East situation at a momentous joint session at 12:30 p. m.

Charles McNary, Democrat, Texas, of the foreign relations committee prepared the war resolution, saying he acted on his own initiative without knowing what the president had in mind.

An official White House statement, the first government appraisal of the attack here, was expected to amount to about 3,000 nearly half of them fatalities.

It was disclosed that active resistance had continued against the Japanese attacking force in the vicinity of Hawaii. Bombardments of planes are being resumed to the islands, the White House said.

The White House said Wake and Midway islands in addition to the island of Guam and Hong Kong, China, had been attacked and that details were lacking.

At least 100 Japanese planes were reported to have been shot down. The Hawaiian group Presidential Secretary said that it was the intention to shoot down every plane that came within range.

The battleship which was sunk was the USS Arizona. The ship burned over in Pearl Harbor.

Several hangars were destroyed in the bombing and many other buildings were damaged. The White House announced that the attack was a surprise.

It was reported that the Japanese fleet included several battleships, destroyers, cruisers, and submarines.

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GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR AGAINST JAPAN

The House Of Commons Cheers As Churchill Fulfills Pledge

Great Britain formally declared war against Japan today as reported Tokyo government headquarters.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, prime minister, declared that the United Kingdom was now at war with Japan.

Churchill, in a speech to the House of Commons, said that the United Kingdom was now at war with Japan.

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Japs Say Battleship Pennsylvania Is Sunk Along With Oklahoma

2 Destroyers Sunk Four Heavy Cruisers Hit And Other Ships Damaged

AIRCRAFT CARRIER SUNK BY JAP SUB

While Japanese parachute troops were landing in the Philippines today, the White House announced that the battleship Pennsylvania and the Oklahoma were sunk.

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ONLY ONE VOTE IS CAST AGAINST WAR DECLARATION

Single Adverse House Vote Is That Of Miss Rankin

SENATE FOR WAR WITH JAPAN 82-0

Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States through Congress declared war today on Japan.

The Senate voted 82 to 0 in favor of the war declaration.

The House voted 374 to 3 in favor of the war declaration.

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WANTED MAYOR TO MARRY THEM

Local Couple First To Be Married At The City Hall

Mr. Lee H. Baughman, of Troutman, N. C., had an ambition to be married in the City Hall.

The couple were married at the City Hall today.

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TO READ FAMOUS CHRISTMAS STORY

Dr. Koch's Program Has Become Part Of Christmas

Prof. Frank M. Koch, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, has made his "A Christmas Carol" program a part of the Christmas celebration.

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CALL ROOSEVELT 'FATHER OF WAR'

Berlin Blames America For War With Japan

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AUTO WRECKED NEAR HARMONY

Charlotte Girl Suffers Fractured Spine And Other Injuries

Three people were injured, seriously, in an automobile wreck which occurred about 7 o'clock this morning in the vicinity of Harmony.

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FIRST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS GIVEN

Barium Glee Club And Local Band Heard

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