

# DUISBERG AFIRE AFTER BLASTING BY RAF

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### Inland Port Severely Hit In 52nd Raid

Six American Bombers, 40 Nazi Planes Fall in Combats Over France

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The RAF pounded Germany's great inland port of Duisburg at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers last night in a swift follow-up to a daylight raid by American Flying Fortresses which dared swarms of German fighters to penetrate deep into occupied France yesterday.

"A strong force of our bombers attacked industrial objectives at Duisburg in clear weather and bright moonlight," the air ministry said. "The attack was heavy and concentrated and many large fires were left burning."

"Considerable damage was done, especially in the residential districts and to public buildings," said the high command communique broadcast by the Berlin radio. "The population sustained losses."

Railway engines and other objectives were reported to have been the targets of fighter command aircraft on intruder operations over France and the low countries.

The size of the force which attacked Duisburg was not immediately disclosed, but an announcement that 11 planes were lost in the assault was taken by observers as an indication that a considerable number participated.

The attack on Duisburg was the 52nd on that important communications and industrial center since the start of the war and the fifth night attack on Germany this month.

Six U. S. Bombers Lost  
Six of the big American bombers were lost, but 40 German fighters were shot down in the sweep by U. S. forces deep into France yesterday, a raid that produced sharp battles.

Last night, taking another trick out of its bag, the RAF used new Whirlwinds as intruders. One of the twin-engine, single-seater fighters, which also can be used as bombers, toppled over a railway engine and freight car in a hedge-hopping attack over Belgium.

The air ministry news service said other intruders covered a wide area, penetrated deep into France, and shot up at least eight trains. All returned safely.

The German radio reported that Nazi planes had made a

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### Airliner With 13 Aboard Missing

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—(CP)—Search planes took off at daylight today to comb the ground for a distance 80 miles east of Vancouver for a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane carrying 13 persons which is overdue on a flight from Prince George, B. C.

Walter Gilbert, Vancouver district superintendent for C. P. A., said weather yesterday was "normal" and declared the plane must now be on the ground "for better or worse." No passenger list was immediately available.

Royal Canadian air force planes are taking part in the search, which will cover the flat stretches of the Fraser valley and the forested hills around it.

Of the 13 persons aboard the plane, three were crew members and the rest passengers.

### Legislature Will Be Given Boosted Budget for Oregon

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The state legislature next month will be handed a budget for the next biennium \$928,922 higher than in 1941.

Budget Director George Aiken announced it would total \$21,989,576, although \$1,823,214 had been trimmed from original department requests.

He said it would provide an estimated surplus next June 30 of \$11,639,674 in the excise and income funds. Governor Sprague said the surplus would be available to reduce property taxes in the future.

Aiken said the surplus at present is \$688,819, despite the fact \$732,918 in deficits have been liquidated and \$500,000 provided for wartime emergencies.

The budget listed welfare expenses as the largest of state expenditures, topping state highway expenses for the first time in years.

The welfare expenditures total \$27,155,996, of which \$16,880,771 is for old age assistance. The state's share of the program is financed from liquor profits.

### Lighted Yule Candle in Window Is Prohibited

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Oregon defense council has warned western Oregon residents it would be a violation of dimout regulations to place a lighted candle in the window for Christmas.

### Bury Factional Strife, Unite in War Effort, Senate Chief Urges Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky called on the new congress today to bury factional differences in a harmonious support of the war effort which would leave the country united when the time comes to write the peace.

Republican minorities will climb to the highest point in years with the convening of the new session on Jan. 6, but Barkley expressed confidence that would make no difference toward prosecuting the war.

While he conceded it was difficult to say that any political organization or group would not be politically minded or have its eye on the presidential year of 1944, he hoped and believed that it would be possible for democrats, republicans and others to work more closely than ever in these critical times.

"The closer we come to victory and the visualization of the kind of peace we all hope for," he told reporters, "the more essential it is to have a united country."

No one could forecast when

### Sedition Charged to Cult Leaders



Accused of disseminating false reports and attempting to interfere with the war effort, 16 leaders of "Mankind United" were rounded up in California by the FBI last week. Pictured above are two of the prisoners, George C. Ashwell, left, and Arthur L. Bell. The cult is alleged to have ridiculed U. S. government officials, condemned the purchase of war bonds and stamps and defense measures and advised evasion of military service by false representations. Conviction, under the sedition laws, carries a maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.



### New Guinea Trap Drawn Tighter by Advance of Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA Dec. 21.—(AP)—Allied tanks and infantry smashed today at dwindling Japanese forces trapped in a hosiery pocket in the Buna mission area of New Guinea, and allied headquarters said the enemy commander, Lieut. Gen. Horii had been reported killed in action.

The bloody trap was drawn tighter with the capture of the Cape Endiader region Friday by Australian shock troops, and General MacArthur's command announced a general attack, spearheaded by tanks and artillery, was now under way against the Japanese remnants of this right flank. A communique declared the "enemy's position is deteriorating."

It was the first time that the allies had used tanks in a general attack on this front. Field dispatches identified the tanks as light American made "General Stuarts" manned by Australians.

The enemy is believed to have landed troops Saturday night at Andang, 300 miles northwest of Buna, and consolidated bombers blasted that area with 500-pound bombs.

The Mikado's men at Buna mission represent one of the last two remaining pockets of enemy resistance on the Papuan peninsula, after successive allied capture of Gona, Buna and Cape Endiader. The other pocket is at nearby Cape Sanananda.

No details were given of General Horii's reported death. He appeared on the New Guinea sector in November and was known as a specialist in landing operations.

The Japanese still hold, the big strongholds of Lae and Salamaua about 180 miles further up the New Guinea coast.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21.—(AP)—United States airmen operating from Chinese bases yesterday attacked the Japanese airbase at Lashio on the old Burma road, starting fires visible 60 miles away, Brig. Gen. Chennault's headquarters

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And C—, who would sit bolt upright in a chair, an hour at a time perhaps, with his hands folded sedately in his lap, and apparently asleep; only to open his mouth suddenly (but not his eyes) and shout "YOU!" at the top of his voice. To the uninitiated, the effect was extremely startling.

Then there is G—, who spends his time sitting in a chair, face to the wall, preferably in a corner, eternally making queer, staccato sounds with his lips, and, occasionally leaning forward, with his eyes upturned, carries on an earnest conversation with some imaginary companion. From time to time he stops talking, and grimaces in a terrifying manner.

But, enough of this. I have no desire to draw too depressing a picture of my experiences and observations. There were many brighter and more agreeable moments, and a vast amount of interesting detail waiting to be absorbed. I will tell you more, later.

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## U. S. Defrauded in Wire Buy by Use Of Trick 1st, Indictment Asserts

### Charge Hits Anaconda Co., Five Officers

Complaints Include One From Russia; Material Banned From War Use

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced today the indictment of Anaconda Wire and Cable company, in what he called "one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors."

The justice department said the Marion (Ind.) company was charged with turning out defective wire in meeting \$6,000,000 in government orders. Some of its wire went to Russia, and an official said, resulting in a soviet complaint, while the U. S. army had ordered that communications wire from the Anaconda company be used only for maneuvers—not for combat.

Besides conspiracy to defraud, Biddle said the indictment of the company and five officers, returned at Fort Wayne, Ind., charged conspiracy to present "false claims in the production and sale of wire and cable used by the armed forces for combat communication purposes."

"I can conceive of nothing more vicious, or treacherous than deliberately supplying our armed forces with defective war material; and I am informed that only the alertness of government inspectors and the promptness with which the war frauds unit and the FBI investigated complaints in this case has prevented enormous quantities of defective wire and cable from being transported to our troops overseas," Biddle declared.

Trick Device Used.  
The justice department charged the defendants "secretly installed," behind sliding panels under test tables, mechanisms that enabled the passing of inferior or defective materials.

In addition to the company, the justice department said defendants named in the indictments were Thor S. Johnson, gen-

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STRIKING news: Rommel's retreating army (estimated at from 50,000 to 50,000 men and an unknown number of tanks) was cut 65 miles west of El Aghella by a British flying wedge that got in between his rear guard and his main force.

His trapped rear guard, trying to fight its way out, is said to have suffered heavy losses, including much armored equipment.

NOT only that, but the encircled rear guard is believed to include a large part of Rommel's famed Afrika Korps, which has been the backbone of his strength.

THE news is important, indicating that Rommel is really running for his life and not doing too well at it.

If he had been able to get to Tunis in good order, adding his 50,000 to 60,000 battle-hardened veterans to the axis forces already in northern Tunisia, our job there would have been made MUCH harder.

As it is, there is reason to hope that whatever remnant of his army may get to Tunisia, or even to Tripoli, will be badly disorganized by the time it gets there.

DARLAN, the mystery man, breaks into the news again in a big way.

Talking to allied correspondents

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### Primrose Path of Byron D. Chandler, Broadway's 'Million Dollar Kid,' Ends in Suicide on Florida Estate

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The life of Byron D. Chandler, made glittering in his days as Broadway's "million dollar kid," ended here yesterday. A justice of the peace said it was suicide.

The body of the 62-year-old man who squandered two million dollars along a primrose path in a spendthrift career that began in the early 1900's was found yesterday floating in Lake Worth. There was a bullet wound in the chest.

Justice of the Peace T. H. Riekards, who said Chandler had shot himself, deemed an inquest unnecessary. Police Chief L. O. Ecklund said the shooting apparently took place on a dock at Chandler's Palm Beach estate, and the body fell into the water. A newsboy discovered it.

Chandler was said to have been despondent because of ill health and a conviction at Miami last year on a charge of sending a lewd letter through the mails. He was fined \$1,000 and given a suspended sentence of a year and a day.

Chandler was married four times, each wife an actress and each marriage ending in divorce. Nor were these four all who would have been willing to have thrown their lot with the aging "million dollar kid." At one time,



Byron D. Chandler

he was sued by the mother of Miss Alice Booth of his own New Hampshire town and later was defendant in a \$100,000 breach of promise suit brought by Joan Sawyer, an actress.

He was born at Nashua, N. H., of a banking family and inherited a million dollars from his father and another million from his grandfather. At 23, fresh from Harvard, he began his spectacular career on Broadway.

### Ex-Mayor, Serving Term for Murder, Flees From Prison

BOISE, IDAHO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Duncan M. Johnston, former Twin Falls Mayor convicted of killing a Utah jewelry salesman, and who fled from the Idaho penitentiary grounds last night, returned voluntarily this morning, and was placed in solitary confinement. He gave no immediate explanation of his escape.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Duncan M. Johnston, former Twin Falls mayor convicted of killing a Utah jewelry salesman, escaped from the Idaho penitentiary grounds last night, Warden C. Van Clark reported today.

Clark said "Johnston left a dummy in his bed" in a small house outside the prison walls, walked, to the Boise residential area a few blocks away and was "contacted by an automobile."

The warden said Johnston was missed 15 minutes after he fled and expressed belief the hunt would be short. Johnston, middle-aged, was a prison trusty.

The bullet-pierced body of George L. Olsen, Salt Lake City salesman, was found in a parked automobile beside a Twin Falls, Idaho, hotel on May 24, 1938.

Johnston, a jeweler, was arrested after some of Olsen's samples were discovered in his basement.

Convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, Johnston appealed and won a new trial. Once more he was convicted and sentenced, entering the prison June 6, 1941.

The state pardon board only recently turned down his plea for clemency and Johnston was slated to make another appearance this week.

### Hangs Himself After Wounding Hunting Pal

LaGRANDE, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Fred Lanning, 45-year-old barber, hanged himself here a few hours after accidentally wounding James O'Neal, about 70, on a duck-hunting trip. O'Neal was in a critical condition.

### Portland Grocery Store Bandit Takes \$1,500

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An armed man held up two girl employees of a grocery store here last night and escaped with two days' receipts, estimated at \$1,500.

### Soviet Drive Taking Heavy Toll of Nazis

More Than 43,000 Slain Or Captured; Offensive Shows No Slackening

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The red army's middle Don offensive, its third of the winter, rolled on to the edge of the Ukraine and toward the vast coal, iron and hydroelectric regions of the Donets basin today.

Showing no signs of slackening, the Russians moved at a pace which rivaled the eastward sweep of Hitler's forces last July over the same ground.

Caught before the red army onrush and in the cruel grip of the wind-driven snows of the Don Cossack steppes was a mounting toll of dead and captured Germans—more than 43,000.

Adding new villages to the 300 already recaptured, the Russians occupied many of the airdromes on the steppes from which the Germans have been flying huge transports to supply 22 trapped divisions in the Don-Volga corridor at Stalingrad.

The Germans were being forced progressively to move these bases back toward the Rostov area, 250 miles from Stalingrad. As the aerial supply route lengthened, the German transports faced increasing danger from soviet fighters which were officially reported to have shot down 94 of the big carriers in the past week.

Slaughter Unchecked  
The Germans were reported counter attacking fiercely in an attempt to slow this new onslaught, but the mid-day communique said the enemy, under

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### Idle Tires Turned In to Govt. Total 10 Million

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Motorists have turned in about 10,000,000 tires under the government's idle tire purchase plan, the office of price administration announced today.

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### J. K. Henninger's Death Subject of Official Inquiry

Funeral services for John Kenneth Henninger, 27, Coquille, a native and former resident of Douglas county, were reported today to be awaiting the outcome of an autopsy and official inquiry into his death, which occurred Saturday at Coquille, Coos county, Oregon. George Maynard, 46, a retired major of the U. S. marine corps, was being held in custody in the Coos county jail pending the inquiry, which is expected to determine whether Henninger's death was the result of injuries suffered in an alleged scuffle with Maynard or was due to natural causes.

Henninger's police report stated was a member of a group of residents gathered Friday night at the Maynard home at a meeting of the Coquille Bridge club. During the course of the evening Major Maynard and Henninger were reported to have engaged in a scuffle during which Henninger collapsed, according to the statement issued by Sergeant Irving Larson of the state police. His death occurred several hours later.

Dr. Joseph Beaman, state police pathologist, has been summoned to Coquille by Coroner W. O. Campbell to conduct an autopsy, which will precede a coroner's inquiry.

Mr. Henninger was born at Oakland, Oregon, April 22, 1915. He opened the Henninger food store at Coquille six years ago and had since been engaged continuously in business in that city.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Karen Lee; his mother, Mrs. E. L. Henninger, Roseburg; three brothers, A. G., C. S., and L. E. Henninger, all of Roseburg, and five sisters, Mrs. Stanley Short, Wilbur; Mrs. Ralph Hunsaker, Eugene; Mrs. B. H. Williams, San Francisco; Mrs. Floyd Watson, Oakland, and Mrs. Fred Vedder, Roseburg.

Private funeral services will be held and interment will follow in the family burial plot at the Oakland cemetery.

### Duck Hunter Drowns in Klamath River

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A duck hunters' boat overturned in the turbulent Klamath river near Keno late yesterday, drowning Lyman Eugene Arney, 23. Three others in the boat were rescued. The fifth occupant swam ashore.

No wonder his behavior is likely to be eccentric, at the best, degradingly vicious at the worst and, I must admit, ludicrous at times.

Some of these poor fellows I

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT... BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS