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Nazis Brace For New Stand Along Polish Frontier

Defense Line
Also Built in
Pripet Bogs

One Russian Army Takes
Berdichev, Then Heads
For Rumanian Border

MOSCOW, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The German army of Marshal von Manstein has retreated into the Pripet marshes and reformed for another stand along the pre-war Polish frontier west and south of Olevsk, a customs station which the Soviets captured Monday.

This stiffened resistance on the main route from Kiev to Warsaw developed as the massive drive of Gen. Vatutin's Ukraine army swept southward toward the Dniester river, the pre-war Rumanian border, at an accelerated pace following the capture of Berdichev, a pivotal rail center 25 miles south of Zhitomir.

Advances from the front said that von Manstein had taken up positions favorable for defense with his left flank protected by the marshes and was making a determined stand west of Olevsk along the railway leading to Kovel, a city 130 miles inside the former Polish border, and also in the region southward between Gorodnits and Novorod-Volynski. Capture of the latter town, less than 20 miles from the pre-war border, was announced Tuesday.

Nazis Destroy Bridges.
After his own forces had retreated across to their present positions, the Nazi commander had an opportunity to destroy the bridges over two tricky water barriers in this area—the Ubort river which flows just west of Olevsk and the Sluch river which swings in a northwesterly direction from Novorod-Volynski.

A dispatch to the Moscow News.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is interesting:
Planes from a U. S. CARRIER TASK FORCE tackle Jap ships in or near the harbor of Kavieng, at the north end of New Ireland, sink or beach two cruisers and bomb and strafe two destroyers, probably sinking one and damaging the other.

In a similar attack on Christmas day in somewhat the same area, we sank a Jap destroyer and two cargo ships.

THIS is the point:
Up to VERY RECENTLY the Japs had OWNED the Bismarck sea, where these sinkings occurred, and our surface navy forces didn't dare to enter it. Now an American carrier task force ranges these former Jap waters and its planes shoot precious Jap ships to the bottom.

Though we can spare from the task of licking Hitler only enough strength to nibble at the edges of the Jap island empire, we're making progress.

THERE'S no change in Europe as this is written.
One Russian column is moving westward into old Poland, and another is pushing to the southwest to cut the Odessa railroad—now less than 35 miles away.

Watch this situation. It carries GREAT possibilities.

ON the Dalmatian coast of the Adriatic (across from Italy) our airmen bomb the ports of Sibenik and Split.
Watch this spot also. From Sibenik and Split, railroads lead back into the interior of Yugoslavia TOWARD TITO'S guerrilla forces—which we'd want to join up with if we should make a landing in Yugoslavia.

WE'RE bombing continuously the French coast around Calais—sometimes referred to as

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U. S. Surprise Landing Thrusts Japs Into Pincers



Thousands of Japanese face death or surrender in jungles of Northeastern New Guinea after a surprise invasion by General MacArthur's forces pinned the enemy in the jaws of an Australian-American pincers and opened the way for a full-scale American naval thrust into the Bismarck sea. Striking unexpectedly, veteran U. S. Sixth army troops swarmed ashore early Sunday at Sidor, 55 miles below Madang and 115 miles northwest of Finschhafen, and seized the harbor and airfield without loss.

Allied Air Fleet Destroys 17 Japanese
Planes, 2 Freighters, Damages Cruiser in
New Series of Forays in South Pacific

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 6.—The destruction of 17 Japanese planes and two freighters, and a direct hit on an enemy cruiser rewarded allied aerial assaults ranging from Dutch Timor to New Ireland, a Southwest Pacific command communique reported today. The allies lost four aircraft.

United States marines on the eastern flank of their expanded invasion holdings at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, took the initiative against Japanese in the Borgen bay area, using tanks and artillery with aerial support to drive the enemy farther east.

The marines there had frequently withstood Japanese attacks while other leatherneck units which participated in the December 26 landing on the northwestern tip of the island had driven ahead to capture the airfield.

The airfield captors have extended their operations to make contact at Sag Sag, seven miles southwest of Cape Gloucester, with another marine invasion force which had landed southwest of the cape.

Gen. MacArthur's communique said a direct bomb hit on a Japanese cruiser off New Hanover, north of the enemy base at Kavieng, New Ireland, was scored by a bomber. It was in this quarter that two Japanese cruisers and one destroyer were set afire by South Pacific carrier-based planes New Year's day.

Dutch-manned Mitchell bombers and RAAF Beauforts blew up

Sen. McNary Recovering
From Tumor Operation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator McNary of Oregon who was operated on Nov. 15 for a brain tumor, is making satisfactory recovery at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., his office reported last night.

The minority senate leader was operated on at naval hospital here and on advice of navy physicians will remain another month or two in the south. His wife and daughter, Charlotte, are with him.

Food Program Meeting
Scheduled in Roseburg

A series of meetings pertaining to the details of Oregon's 1944 food production program have been scheduled for this month, according to a report from Oregon State college.

two enemy cargo ships of 2,000 and 4,000 tons and shot down a bomber in a raid on Koepang, on the coast of Timor island northwest of Australia. One allied plane failed to return.

Foe's Supplies Set Afire.

Catalinas manned by Royal Australian air force fliers bombed Kavieng airdrome's supply areas Monday night, starting many fires, and the next day American Liberator bombers blasted shipping in the harbor there and shot down three of 19 Japanese interceptors which tried to interfere with the Liberators' chores.

Six enemy fighting planes were shot down over Rabaul, Japanese plane base on northeastern New Britain, Monday by South Pacific allied warbirds. Five other of the 20 Japanese fighters which attempted to prevent the strafing of Rappo airdrome probably were destroyed. Two of the raiding planes were lost.

Troops of the American Sixth army are patrolling extensively inland and along the coast from the invasion point established Sunday at Sidor, on the north coast of New Guinea. Japanese aerial interference cost the enemy two bombers and there fighters. The allies lost one plane.

An enemy fighter and a reconnaissance plane were destroyed by an American fighter patrol over Wewak, enemy coastal air and supply base northwest of Sidor.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A Tokyo broadcast heard today by Reuters said "our forces in New Britain now are inferior to enemy forces which have landed on the island."

American troops are steadily pushing inland after winning two bridgeheads on the western end of this island. At the opposite end is the important Japanese base of Rabaul.

Air Raids Force Berlin
To Abolish Famous Zoo

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The German-controlled Vichy radio said today that all the animals remaining in the once-famous Berlin zoo had been removed after the last heavy raid on the German capital the night of January 2. Most of the animals were sent to Barcelona, Spain, said the broadcast.

Previous reports from Berlin through neutral sources said that many of the animals had escaped from the zoo during the heavy bombing and that they had been hunted down by soldiers armed with tommyguns.

N. Y. City Enters Field
For G. O. P. Convention

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A test of strength between prospective presidential candidates appeared developing today on two issues the republican national committee is expected to settle at its Chicago meeting next week—the site of the party's nominating convention and control of its important arrangements committee.

New York City's belated entry into the bidding gave elements of the party favorable to Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 presidential nominee, a talking point to force the convention away from Chicago, where so-called isolation sentiment has been strong in the past.

There were indications, too, that controversy may arise between the different presidential camps over the complexion of the arrangements committee, which traditionally picks the convention's keynote speaker and handles other details, including distribution of tickets to the galleries.

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Slaying, Robbery Seen
In War Veteran's Death

UNION, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Roy Beebe, 50, of Union was found dead last evening near Dewatto, east side of Hood Canal, his floating body tethered to a rowboat, Coroner Charles T. Wright announced today.

Wright said he believed Beebe was slain yesterday afternoon during a robbery, as the World War Veteran had cashed a \$50 pension check, but no money was found in his clothing.

Beebe, a widower, was active in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Boyington Downs 26th Japanese Plane;
Courage, Skill Win Over Odds in Combat

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington of Oskanogan, Wash., has his 26th Japanese plane and that puts him all even with Major Joe Foss, another marine and the war's ace of aces to date.

"Pappy" has been after that 26th plane—and he got it in a raid over Rabaul, New Britain, three days ago—for some time. He is at the advanced age—for a fighter pilot—of 30, and is about ready for a staff job on the ground. His rank and seniority also make him aware his fighting days may be numbered.

His record, released here with pride by marine headquarters, includes six Japanese planes knocked down when he was with Chenault's Flying Tigers and 19 with the marines.

San Vittore
Battle Rages
Hand-to-Hand

Americans Win Half Of
Italian City, Converted
Into Maze of Pillboxes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mud-caked American troops, opening a long-awaited Fifth army offensive with British troops on a 10-mile front in driving sleet and rain, have smashed and battered their way inside the pillbox maze of San Vittore where they are fighting the Germans hand-to-hand for possession of the remaining half of the town, allied headquarters announced today.

The American and British ground forces, supported by wave upon wave of American invader dive-bombers which twisted through low hanging clouds to lay salvos of bombs on the enemy's gun positions, advanced an average of a mile in the first day of their offensive on the 10-mile front, allied headquarters said.

The advance was on a front five miles wide on either side of the Via Cassina, the main road to Cassino and Rome.

The British surged forward in the five-mile southern half of the sector from a point west of Rocca, while the Americans swept down from the heights around San Vittore on the north side of the road west of Venafro.

Entire Town Fortress

San Vittore, six miles from Cassino, had been converted into a fortress with every house a pillbox and with the Germans dug into wine cellars where the terrific battering of allied artillery could not reach them. The entire town was a system of fortifications and tank traps.

But by noon Wednesday the Americans had driven through the outer defenses and taken half the town.

Violent hand-to-hand conflict was taking place for the other half.

Dispatches from the front said the Germans opened up the fiercest artillery and mortar fire in many weeks as the British and Americans rose from their positions and began their offensive.

"The Germans are fighting

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More Snow, Cold Are
Forecast for Oregon

(By the Associated Press)
The second general snowfall within a week loomed as a possibility for Oregon today following a night in which the mercury plummeted to a low of 5 degrees at Klamath Falls and 8 at Baker.

A general mercury drop throughout the state was predicted for tonight by the weather bureau, with clear weather to be succeeded by gathering clouds.

Dean of Women
Writers Passes



Ida M. Tarbell, BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Miss Ida Minerva Tarbell, dean of American women writers, died today at Bridgeport hospital of pneumonia at the age of 86.

Miss Tarbell gained a top-notch place among American writers with her books on Abraham Lincoln. She first gained wide prominence early in the century with a series of critical articles on John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and the old Standard Oil company.

Sea-Air Power of
U. S. Leads World,
Naval Aide Reports

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—American shipyards, working at high speed and doubling the size of the navy in a year, built 65 aircraft carriers of all types in 1943.

James Forrestal, undersecretary of the navy, disclosed this record figure on carrier production today.

"The United States navy," Forrestal said, "now has in being forces which constitute the greatest sea and air striking power in history." "No other nation on earth could have come within a fraction of last year's accomplishments in terms of time, quantity and quality."

"What shall we do with this power when the war is over?" he asked. "Shall we destroy it as we did a quarter of our combatant tonnage in 1922 and go back to bed for another 20 years?"

Quoting the statement of Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa that "peace without power remains an empty dream," Forrestal asserted Smuts said "In substance, that peace was obtainable only if guaranteed by the power of nations who want peace."

"Naturally, he included the United States as one of those nations," he said. "And I would like to add to his remarks my own conviction that far into the future our own national security must have as its first foundation the maintenance of the great sea and air power which the United States navy is now in the process of building."

When his plane was fixed, he characteristically made a bee-line for Kahili and, only 40 feet above the amazed Japanese on the landing strip, strafed a pair of bombers in their revetments. Before finishing the run home, he attacked an enemy destroyer and emptied his guns in a barge filled with Japs.

Boyington got the urge to fly after a hop with Clyde Pangborn, the round-the-world flier, when he came to the little town of St. Maries, Idaho, in 1928. The youngster tossed handbills over the side of the plane for Pangborn.

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Lend-Lease
Flow Ebbing,
F. R. Reports

U. S. Aid Enables Allies
To Repel Axis; Decisive
Blows in '44 Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a report placing total lend-lease aid to America's allies at \$18,608,000,000 through November 30, declared today that 1944 "will be a year of decisive actions in the war."

He declared the United Nations had increased their powers to defeat the axis and had "beaten back our enemies on every front."

At allied war councils at Teheran and Cairo a few weeks ago, the president said, plans were made for major offensives which will speed victory.

"With the closer unity there achieved," he asserted, "we shall be able to strike ever increasing blows until the unconditional surrender of the nazis and Japanese."

He credited lend-lease with increasing the power of allied offensives, emphasizing tremendous increases in shipments of munitions.

It was his thirteenth report on lend-lease since the program began in March, 1941.

Flow Is Lessening.

Up to the end of November, the program, which was described as "an essential element of United Nations strategy," took 13.5 cents out of every dollar of American war expenditures.

Although the first eleven months of 1943 accounted for \$10,356,000,000 of the total of lend-

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Chemical, Arms
Makers Faced By
Anti-Trust Suit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP) A civil suit charging E. I. du Pont de Nemours and the Remington Arms company, and Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., giants of the United States and British chemicals and arms industries, with maintaining an international cartel agreement in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, was filed in New York today by the justice department.

Attorney General Biddle said the complaint alleged restraint of trade in the manufacture of chemical products, fire arms, and ammunition.

The complaint described du Pont as the largest manufacturer of chemical products in this country with total assets of about one billion dollars, including the ownership of approximately 23 per cent of the stock of General Motors corporation; Remington as the largest manufacturer of sporting arms and ammunition in the United States, and since 1933 controlled by du Pont; and Imperial Chemical Industries as having a virtual monopoly of the chemical industry in Great Britain.

World Marts Divided.
It was alleged that sometime prior to 1920 du Pont and ICI reached an understanding with each other for the elimination of competition in the sale of explosives in all parts of the world, and that by this understanding, du Pont was allocated the United States and Central America as its exclusive sales territory and ICI was allocated the rest of the world with the exception of Canada, Newfoundland and South America.

"Both companies were to refrain from manufacture in or export to each other's exclusive markets while Canada, Newfoundland and South America were to be shared by both companies on a non-competitive basis," the complaint stated.

"It was further agreed that profits from the sale of commercial explosives in South America were to be divided equally; and in Canada the firm of Canadian Industries, Ltd., jointly owned by both, would be utilized to eliminate competition between them."

Berlin Also
Given Fresh
Hammering

Previous Raid on Reich,
France Costs Allies 25
Planes, Germans 95

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Stettin, Germany's biggest port on the Baltic, was blasted by the RAF's town wreckers last night and Berlin was bombed by Mosquito raiders in a double-edged assault calculated to disrupt the emergency supply system of the battered capital and shatter an important maritime lifeline to the Russian front.

The air ministry, in announcing the Stettin attack, said the assault was carried out in bright moonlight on a heavy scale with the storm of bombs well concentrated on the objectives.

Besides hitting Berlin for the second night in a row, thus allowing the bomb-pitted capital but one night's respite since Sunday, the Mosquitos directed other blows at targets in western Germany and northern France.

Fifteen aircraft were lost in the assorted attacks which included the 1,300-mile round trip raid on Stettin.

The latter port, a city of 280,000 which is 75 miles northwest of Berlin, was last hit on April 20 when 90 buildings of a mammoth chemical factory were destroyed and severe damage done to edible oil factories, barracks, and ammunition stores.

Vital Traffic Disrupted

Besides being an important marine and railroad terminal for supply of Germany's Baltic front in Russia, Stettin is a key peg in Hitler's industrial structure where many submarines and small ships are turned out.

With extensive damage in the last few weeks to communications into Berlin and the disruption of the commercial center of Leipzig to the south recently, it was likely, too, that such emergency traffic—including the shipment of bread—into Berlin had been diverted to routes through Stettin.

The bombing of the port city may therefore have been another blow in the battle of Berlin.

Reports from Switzerland yesterday said the German capital was now half destroyed and that another 25 per cent of the city was badly damaged.

The RAF's thundering night fleet took off early in the evening for the long journey and did not get back until dawn. But the losses were appreciably less than last April when Stettin and Rostock were raided and 31 bombers were lost in the joint attack.

Danish broadcasts said Copenhagen anti-aircraft batteries opened fire as the planes passed overhead.

Score Favors Allies

Meanwhile, the Stockholm Aftonbladet reported that the arsenal and the important Deutsche Werke naval shipyard at Kiel were almost completely destroyed in yesterday's bomber raid in which airfields at Bordeaux and Tours in France and other industrial targets in western Germany were hard hit. The shipyard built the pocket battleship Luetzow, the battleship Gneisenau and the aircraft carrier Graf Zepplin.

The U. S. bombers and escorting fighters which participated in the sweeping raids on Germany and France yesterday were credited officially with shooting down 95 naz planes—the biggest score hung up since the Dec. 21 attack on Emden, when 138 enemy fighters were destroyed.

Yesterday's raids, which extended over a record 800-mile front, cost a total of 25 bombers and 12 fighters.

The attack on Kiel was the second assault on that vital German shipbuilding center by American heavy bombers in as many days.

The Berlin radio said that the

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Orlando Hollis Named
Acting U. of O. Prexy

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The state board of higher education today named Orlando J. Hollis acting president of the University of Oregon, succeeding Dr. Donald M. Erb, who died last month.

Hollis has been acting dean of the University law school.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Suggestion for a New Year's resolution: That you'll quit of forcing alibis for trying to pass a steel (or steal) penny off for a dime.