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### Yanks Closing In On Japs at Ormoc

#### Heights Taken Give Artillery 2-Way Sweep

#### Three-Day Blasting of Convoys Stops Efforts of Japs to Reinforce

(By the Associated Press)  
American infantrymen closing in from three directions on flaming Ormoc inched through treacherous ravines and mountain heights of Leyte island today against well-equipped Japanese as enemy planes renewed strong attacks on U. S. shipping in the Philippines.

No further attempt to reinforce the estimated 45,000 Japanese soldiers on western Leyte were reported after 13 destroyers, seven transports, 29 planes and an estimated 10,000 men were lost in three successive days after convoys in Ormoc bay.

Persistently attacking Japanese aircraft scored direct hits on two American ships in San Pedro bay on the other side of the island. Tokyo claimed two transports were sunk and seven damaged by suicide pilots. One broadcast as-

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are hints from the western front as this is written that the long-expected "something big" may be getting underway.

GENERAL PATTON'S Third Army, which smashed the German defense ring in Normandy and raced through France at record speed, is up to something around Metz. He has been hitting there for three days, and the correspondents are beginning to refer to his operations as a "full-blown offensive."

He is attacking both north and south of the great fortress city that guards this central gate to western Germany. He has made considerable progress in spite of determined German counter attacks.

FOR several days our planes in great numbers have been smashing at the German lines and at rail and road centers in the rear. They are reported to have "virtually sealed off" the front from its rear communications. That is the usual preliminary.

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### Hubert Zemke, "Fightingest" Yank Pilot Commander in Europe, Feared By Nazis, Missing in Action, Report

A UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE, England, Nov. 13—(AP)—Col. Hubert Zemke of Missoula, Mont., known as the "fightingest" American fighter pilot commander in Europe, is missing in action, it was announced today.

The boyish-looking 31-year-old pilot and possible promotion to general to keep on flying, was shot down inside Germany Oct. 30 while leading his Lightning Mustang fighter group on a bomber escort mission.

Zemke was leading American fighter pilots over here at that time. With 28 planes destroyed—22 in the air and six on the ground. Three days later Maj. George E. Preddy, Greensboro, N. C. ran his total to 29—23 in the air and six on the ground.

Zemke's men inherited the colonel's fighting spirit. At one time there were 30 aces in a Thunderbolt group he commanded—a group the Germans admittedly feared even when their air force was toughest. Nazi broadcasts denounced the group of "Zemke's murderers."

One of Zemke's top proteges was Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabeski of Oil City, Pa., who was shot down after leading 31 German planes, (28 in the air) and is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Others were Capt. Bob Johnson of Lawton, Okla., who was the leading American ace in Europe when he returned to the United States, and Maj. Walker Mahur-



BONG GREETS HIS BOSS—Maj. Richard Bong (left), Poplar, Wis., P-38 fighter pilot and America's outstanding ace, is greeted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur after he brought his fighter squadron to the Philippines. Shortly after this photo was taken, Bong got two more Japs—one without firing a shot—to boost his total to 33. Photo by Frank Prist, Jr., NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture pool.

### Discarded Timber Land Turned Into Revenue

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 13—(AP)—Two Lane county lumbermen are developing a good business from the odds and ends of timber on land that everyone else considers used up.

Nels Ohrling and Darrell Brown sent out a five-man portable mill and a two-man logging crew into 1800 logged-over acres. All timber discarded by previous operators as too small goes through the traveling mill.

Throughout the season, the mill has averaged 15,000 board feet daily, and occasionally comes up to 18,000 feet.

### Three Die in Crash Of Canadian Flying Boat

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 13—(CP)—Three airmen were killed and five seriously injured when a Royal Canadian air force flying boat crashed last night while landing at a Patricia bay air station near Victoria, B. C., western air command announced today.

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### Boy Rescued After Imprisonment for 8 Days in Trailer

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 13—(AP)—A nine-year-old boy was recuperating in a hospital today after his release yesterday from a 12-inch-wide tool compartment of an abandoned automobile trailer in which he had been imprisoned eight days.

The boy, David Bourbonnais, was suffering from exposure, hunger and shock and his weight had been reduced from 70 pounds to approximately 35 pounds. However a navy physician reported that considering the experience his condition was surprisingly good.

A. B. Pearson, a juvenile officer, said David related that a "big boy" whose name the victim did not know, slammed the door of the tool compartment shut on him last Nov. 5. David said he had climbed inside to retrieve a jacket which he said the other boy had thrown in after an argument.

"I slept most of the time," David, who had been the object of a city-wide search, told officers. "And when I'd hear someone walking by, I'd pound and kick the door, hoping they'd hear me. None of them did until that man found me this morning (Sunday)."

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### New Seizures Tighten Ring On Budapest

LONDON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The red army already in the southern outskirts of Budapest, increased its pressure on the besieged Danube river capital today with the capture of Monor, 14 miles to the southeast, and the seizure of enemy positions within 30 miles to the east. The fall of Monor, swept the Germans from nearly all of the 50-mile Budapest-Szombathely trunk railway.

Dispatches from Moscow said today that furious counterattacks by German and Hungarian troops failed to dislodge soviet spearheads from their positions in the southern suburbs of Budapest.

Meanwhile a communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters said his troops were storming Skopje, a city of 65,000 in southern Yugoslavia on the Belgrade-Athens railway, and an important German position protecting the southern corridor through which some of the 100,000 enemy troops threatened with entrapment have been fleeing from the southern Balkans.

Both Berlin broadcasts and the Tito bulletins asserted that large numbers of Russian troops were surging across the Danube river near Apatin in northern Yugoslavia, moving westward to flank the Hungarian capital and also to head off the German retreat from the south.

The Russians announced that they killed 800 enemy troops and seized Budapest, 65 miles north-east of Moscow. With its capture the red army gained firm control of a 25-mile section of that main axis artery connecting

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### Eugene Osteopath Pays \$200 Fine on Charge of Assault

A fine of \$200 was paid today in circuit court today by Edwin D. Rathbone, Eugene osteopath, who pleaded guilty before Judge Carl E. Wimberly, to a charge of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Rathbone pleaded to an indictment returned by the grand jury, which District Attorney H. A. Williams told the court, was advised that the Eugene doctor and a party of friends appeared at the George W. Williams service station at Yoncalla at closing time and requested that he repair a damaged automobile tire. When he refused to do the job after regular hours, Rathbone was alleged to have drawn a gun from the car and to have threatened Williams unless he made the repairs at once. Mrs. Williams, the district attorney said, crept up behind Rathbone and struck down the gun, which was exploded, firing a shot through the service station roof.

Rathbone told the court that the party had just returned from a deer hunting trip and that they had a few drinks of beer prior to the incident. He said he was unable to explain his action, which he deeply regretted.

Wagoner Given More Time  
Walter L. Wagoner, indicted on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was arraigned but requested and was granted additional time in which to enter his plea.

The regular November term of court was convened today by Judge Wimberly, but call for the jury was postponed until Wednesday as the two civil cases set for Monday and Tuesday were settled. Two cases remain on the docket for trial at this term, but there was a possibility, it was stated, they would be settled, in which case the jury will not be called to serve.

Injuries Kill 2 Grid Players, 3rd Badly Hurt  
NEW YORK, Nov. 13—(AP)—Two football players died in injuries and a third still is in serious condition following the sport's most tragic weekend since the rules were revised in the interest of player-safety a decade and a half ago.

Allen Shafer, 17-year-old University of Wisconsin quarterback, died an hour after suffering internal injuries in the last half of the Badger-Iowa game at Madison, Wis.

Lloyd Motes, 17-year-old senior at Lander high of Macon, Ga., died Sunday of a fractured vertebrae in his neck, suffered when throwing a block in a game Friday night.

Bob Hollinghausen, 20-year-old center on the Tulsa university team, underwent an operation for the removal of a lacerated spleen yesterday. He was injured in the game with Southwestern of Texas Saturday.

### Home Folk Not Giving Enough Blood for GI's, Army Newspaper States

PARIS, Nov. 13—(AP)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes in an editorial today declared "there just isn't enough blood being given by the folks back home" for the bloodbank in the European theater of operations. Under the editorial headline "It takes blood to win a war," appeared a picture of British girls donating blood with the caption: "Stack this against what medical headquarters reports about blood shipments from the United States to the ETO."

The editorial went on to say that medics have a quota of five pints of blood for every GI in combat and thus far they have been able to store up only two pints for every man in action.

"For the lack of that blood—some suffering GI—many suffering GI's—will die," the editorial stated.

"Strangely enough blood donations in the states rise when the war news is bad and fall when it gets good," it continued. "But when the war news is good is when the blood is needed, because it takes blood—lots of blood—to make it good."

The editorial concluded "all honor to these patriotic British girls," adding "American patriots please copy."

### Nazi Battleship Tirpitz Destroyed

LONDON, Nov. 13—(AP)—It was officially announced tonight that the 41,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz had been sunk after being bombed Sunday for the second time in two weeks by British planes.

The superdreadnaught, badly damaged from the previous attack, was finally sent to the bottom by 12,000-pound bombs in Tromsø fiord, off the northern coast of Norway.

Its destruction removed the most serious menace to the allies northern supply route.

Auto Bandits Take Even Shoes of Their Victim  
PORTLAND, Nov. 13—(AP)—Floyd R. McQuinn, Eugene, told city police here Saturday night that he had been slugged and robbed by two men in soldiers uniforms who stole his car, his watch, \$85 and his shoes.

Walking barefooted into the police station, McQuinn said he was driving from Eugene to Salem when he picked up the pair. In Portland, he reported, they put him out of the car at S. E. Grand avenue and Morrison street.

New Polio Cases Appear  
PORTLAND, Nov. 13—(AP)—Six new cases of infantile paralysis were reported here last week, bringing the year's total to 91, the city health bureau said.

Nineteen deaths this year were due to polio, compared with five for the same 1943 period.

Hitler Reported Under Care of Four Doctors as Gestapo Jackal Mouths Phony Proclamation to Herrenvolk  
LONDON, Nov. 13—(AP)—A report was received in London today from a person whose information usually is reliable that Hitler was under the care of four doctors last week and that his strange proclamation of yesterday commemorating the Munich beer cellar putsch may have been written by somebody else.

Among the doctors named was Professor Sauerbruch, one of Germany's most prominent surgeons.

Sauerbruch operated on Hitler about eight years ago for what he called a non-malignant growth in the fuhrer's throat. A person close to German affairs said Sauerbruch at one time, and possibly even today, was known among his intimates as strongly anti-Nazi. He expressed surprise that the surgeon had been called in. Old Stuff Detected

The same source said he had spotted six passages in Hitler's "fight to the death" proclamation yesterday that had been taken from the fuhrer's book, Mein Kampf, and others that clearly came from some of his old speeches. He expressed belief that the proclamation had been written by someone other than the Italian and Hungarian formations, with all the severe consequences involved for our strategy.

The proclamation appealed strongly for fanatic Nazi loyalty to Hitler, and while promising that Germany would triumph despite every obstacle declared: "We must be willing to sacrifice life in order to preserve life."

### Security Tax Fight Shaping In Congress

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The eve of the convening of the final session of the 78th congress found a sharp fight shaping up today over "freezing" of social security taxes.

Unless congress intervenes, the payroll tax on both employees and employers automatically increases from one per cent to two per cent on Jan. 1.

Legislation to retain the tax at its present level, as was done last year, is pending before the house ways and means committee, and is being pushed also in the senate by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

Because of administration opposition, the legislation, as such, has little chance of becoming law unless tacked onto some other bill in the form of a "rider." A presidential veto would be less probable if the "freeze" were effected in legislation otherwise desired by the administration.

It might be added to a pending appropriation bill, or to legislation extending miscellaneous powers of the president which expire on Dec. 31.

The social security tax proposal is the standout item on the docket facing the legislators when they convene at noon tomorrow for a session expected to last until mid-December.

Highway Bill Included  
Other matters awaiting congressional action include: A postwar highway construction program involving the expenditure of \$1,475,250,000 of federal funds.

Renewal of the federal crop insurance program, to which both major political parties committed themselves in their platforms.

A food control and rivers and harbors improvement bill, which may be sidetracked because of disagreements in the senate.

Extension of the state of limitations applicable to prosecutions of courts-martial resulting from

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COMMANDS WESTERN SEA—Adm. Royal E. Ingersoll, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, has been appointed commander of the western sea frontier with headquarters in San Francisco.

### Waste Paper Drive Is Short of Goal; Donations Faulty

ROSEBURG high school students failed to reach their goal of 100,000 pounds in their waste paper salvage drive Friday, but loaded out more than 70,000 pounds, Oscar J. Monger, senior high school principal, reported today.

Several hundred pounds of paper, insecurely tied, or which was turned in loose or in weak cartons, remained unshipped. It is being stored in a warehouse and will be bundled prior to the next collection.

The school, Monger states, has received calls from several residences where contributions were set out at a later hour. Mr. Monger urges that this paper be stored temporarily, as it is quite probable another collection will be undertaken within a few weeks. He also urged that residents endeavor to secure strong cartons and that loose papers be packed tightly into strong boxes. A great deal of difficulty was encountered by the students in handling paper packed loosely into weak boxes which collapsed when handled.

Proceeds from the sale of Friday's collection expected to amount to from \$450 to \$500, will be used to purchase uniforms for the school band.

Portland Motorcycle Cop Killed by Auto Blow  
PORTLAND, Nov. 13—(AP)—Police patrolman Keith Coakley, 30, was killed Saturday night when his motorcycle collided with a car operated by Harry J. Woods 26, Portland.

Police said the car driven by Woods, who was not charged with improper driving, made a left turn and was struck on the side by the motorcycle.

The patrolman's father, Ray Coakley, Lebanon, survives.

Pearl Harbour Name of New Wac; 6 of Kin Serve  
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13—(AP)—Fort Harbour is the name of a new Wac.

Mrs. Pearl O. Harbour of North Hollywood, Calif., has joined up and is the seventh member of her family to enter the service of her country, the army has announced.

Her son, Sgt. Ronald Harbour, Jr., fought on Saipan and is now in a rest camp. All five of her brothers are now in combat areas.

Roseburg Man Cited In Portland Auto Mishap  
PORTLAND, Nov. 13—(AP)—Clarence O. Tinsley, 31, Roseburg, was cited by Traffic Patrolman R. T. Tennant on a charge of reckless driving after an automobile accident here yesterday that slightly injured two persons.

Iva Meyer and Mabel Amond, both Portland, were hurt when their car was struck by that operated by Tinsley, the patrolman said.

### Wedges Near Bastion City Also Widened

Nazis Said Evacuating Metz; Yankees Penetrate Thionville, Foe States

(By the Associated Press)  
The first fort in the chain system guarding Metz—Fort Verry, 53 miles south of the French city—fell to U. S. Third army troops today, along with four towns.

The fort was taken by troops pushing northward toward Metz, while their comrades afoot and in armored vehicles broadened the wedges southeast of the city. Above Metz a new Moselle bridgehead was expanded south of Thionville, and Berlin said doughboys had penetrated into Thionville.

The last usable railroad from Metz to the Saar was threatened by U. S. columns narrowing the corridor east of the city to as little as 11 miles. Some German troops and equipment were reported pulling out of Metz.

From nine to 22 major forts, with many smaller forts, ring Metz in the surrounding hills with mutually supporting fire. Verry apparently is not one of these major forts, although it is near Fort L'Aune, one of the nine biggest in the chain. Fort Verry and the four captured towns are almost directly east of Fort Drizent, one of the nine main fortifications on the west bank of the Moselle which the Americans failed to take a month ago.

One Reverse Suffered  
The Americans farther south punched through the forest of Bride and Koeking, north of Dieuze, but the Germans, throwing in their strongest attack in this area since the start of the offensive, sent Lt. Gen. Patton's men back a mile.

Here an American wedge bypassed Dieuze and threatened the encirclement of Morhange.

Farther south, allied forces thrust on within 2 miles of St. Die, and 33 miles from the Rhine. Supreme headquarters was silent on operations in the Aachen sector of Germany, and other front areas.

In Italy, British Eighth army patrols crossed a canal and edged into a forest four miles below the Adriatic coast city of Ravenna. Allied headquarters reported some progress northwest of Forli, but no change in other positions along the front so stubbornly defended.

### Yanks Raze Base At Liuchow Upon Being Forced Out

CHUNGKING, Nov. 13—(AP)—The United States air base at Liuchow has been destroyed and evacuated, Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters announced today.

The U. S. 14th air force struck on all fronts over the weekend, destroying a Japanese navy tender, 13 river steamers, 14 locomotives and three rail bridges in the Adriatic coast city of Ravenna. Allied headquarters reported some progress northwest of Forli, but no change in other positions along the front so stubbornly defended.

The Japanese in Kwangsi province, however, appeared on the verge of meeting from north and east to provide a continuous land route from Canton to Manchuria.

Chinese reports on the Japanese drive in Kwangsi were grave.

A Chinese communique said yesterday that the northern enemy column had captured Liuchow, 19 miles northwest of Liuchow on the railway leading to Kweichow province.

At the same time another Japanese force was reported to have seized Laping, 45 miles south of Liuchow, and driven on 20 miles to the north. Still a third enemy column reached the outskirts of Chienkiang, 55 miles southwest of Liuchow on the highway leading to the old provincial capital of Yungking (Nanking).

Kwellin—capital of Kwangsi province and also a former U. S. air base site 95 miles north of Liuchow—appeared lost. The Chinese high command acknowledged that it had not been in contact with the garrison by radio since Friday—the day the Japanese reported capture of the city.

### New Ceiling Ordered On Price of Fertilizer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Fertilizer price changes announced by the OPA yesterday set an Oregon-Washington ceiling for materials sold to manufacturers at \$38 a ton in 100-pound bags, inclusive of a \$7.21 freight charge for shipping from Utah production points.

The OPA has just announced an increase in the ceiling price on fertilizer. This is probably due to a scarcity occasioned by a too-lavish use of the material during the recent election campaign.

Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Robertson