

AMERICANS LOSE 86 PLANES IN REICH RAID

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Seventh Jap Convoy Smashed

Yankee Fliers Bag Six Ships In New Blow

Death Dealt 5,000 Jap Troops, Some in Water With Grenades and Guns

(By the Associated Press.) Japanese commanders, ruthlessly sacrificing thousands of men and dozens of ships in an effort to halt American reconquest of the Philippines, gambled and lost another convoy to dive-bombing American fighters which have wiped out 47 ships and 26,000 soldiers trying to reach Leyte in seven convoys.

The latest off-side air-sea battle in the central Philippines shooting gallery cost the Japanese four transports "heavily loaded with men" definitely sunk, spilling 5,000 men helplessly in the sea. A freighter and a destroyer were left in flames by American fliers releasing their bombs at masthead height.

Associated Press Correspondent Dean Schedler, aboard one destroyer, said the American ships made ready to take the survivors aboard but under the glare of searchlights "the Japanese could be seen holding objects that look-



ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT TO WED AGAIN—Col. Elliott Roosevelt (right), second son of the president, and actress Faye Emerson (left) will be married "sometime this week," they disclosed. It will be the second marriage for Miss Emerson, 27, and the third for Col. Roosevelt, 43. He was divorced in April from Ruth Gaggins Roosevelt of Fort Worth, Tex., and she was given custody of their three children.



Death, Heavy Damage Ride On Cold Wave

(By the Associated Press.) Extremely cold weather today swept the northern area of the United States from the Rocky mountains to the eastern seaboard, while freezing conditions extended toward the Gulf of Mexico.

New England states experienced cold weather which added discomfort to communities lashed by wind and rain yesterday causing damage which was unofficially estimated in the millions.

At least five deaths in upstate New York were attributed to storm conditions which were expected by the weather bureau to abate. Nineteen inches of snow was reported at Syracuse.

The weather bureau said no immediate relief was in sight for below freezing temperatures ranging eastward from the Rockies over the northern section of the nation. The coldest areas reported were eastern North and South Dakota, Nebraska, western Iowa and northern Minnesota.

Atlantic, La., was recorded as the coldest spot, with eight degrees below zero. One to eight inches of snow covered the region from the Rockies to the east coast.

Even Dixie Shivers

The southern cold wave brought the first freeze and the lowest temperature of the season, 28 degrees, to Atlanta, Ga., Tallahassee, Fla., had 33, Asheville, N. C., 22, with 23 at Nashville.

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Two Oregon Murderers Sentenced to Die in Gas Cell at Salem Jan. 15

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Henry W. Merten and Walter L. Wilson convicted of fatally shooting an Oak Grove baker in a holdup July 22, 1943, were sentenced to die in the state prison's lethal gas chamber January 15.

Judge Latourette resented the pair after their appeal to the state supreme court failed.

Ralph Dahlen, 27, died Dec. 7, 1943, from wounds received when he was shot in the back during a July tavern robbery. Merten and Wilson were convicted here last February of the slaying.

The execution of Merten and Wilson, provided Governor Snell does not grant them clemency, will be the first double execution since the 1937 legislature abolished execution by hanging and ordered installation of the gas chamber.

The fact that the execution was set for Monday is unusual, as it is extremely rare for one to be held on a day other than Friday, the traditional execution day throughout the country.

Airliner With 23 Aboard Crashes; At Least Nine Die

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A Transcontinental and Western Airlines passenger plane, with 23 aboard, crashed in a heavy fog in the nearby San Fernando valley early today as it was nearing its destination at Burbank en route from San Francisco. Police reported that at least nine were killed.

TWA officials said the army had taken over at the scene of the crash and army officials told them seven military personnel were dead and nine alive. The number of civilians aboard the plane was not immediately determined.

Twenty passengers and three crew members were on the plane including Mayor Harley Knox of San Diego, who was injured. Knox said City Manager Walter Cooper of San Diego also was on the plane. Police said Cooper was unaccounted for and possibly was one of the dead.

TWA officials said two crew members were killed. They were Capt. J. P. Snowden, Burbank, Calif., and First Officer T. L. Blumberg, Alameda, Calif. The plane's hostess, Donna Marr, of Burbank, was taken to a hospital with a leg fracture and other injuries.

Other dead were listed as: Lt. John V. Frankenthal, U. S. navy reserve; Conrad Brinkman, 21, Wilmington, Mo.; Billy Jack Howard, U. S. navy, of Joplin, Mo.; Harold Muller, Indianapolis, Ind., representative American Paper Stock Co.

Four Army Fliers Die When Bomber Crashes

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Four army fliers were killed in the crash of a Liberator bomber 10 miles north-west of the Mountain Home air base last night. Col. Curtis D. Sluman, station commandant, said today.

Committee's O. K. Pushes Indemnity Land Bill Toward Passage; Counties Prefer O. & C. Rule to Forest Service

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Douglas and other land grant counties, Judge Busenbark said, are particularly interested in this measure, because it would provide much larger revenues than alternate plans of administration.

At the time the Oregon and California railroad company built the existing railway through Oregon, Judge Busenbark explained, it was given a federal grant of lands extending 20 miles on each side of the right of way and including every alternate section. Much of the land included in the grant, however, already had been settled and could not be claimed by the railroad company.

To indemnify the company for these lands to which title could not be transferred, additional grants were made.

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Heavy Toll Fails to Halt Air Offensive on Enemy; Armies Score New Gains

Big Guns Gash Nazi Defenses In Rhineland

(By the Associated Press.)

American armies all along the western front drove menacing wedges toward the Rhineland today under the ceaseless stream of artillery barrages, forming assault lines before the Roer and Saar rivers, major water hurdles before the Rhine, and aiming a drive toward mountain barriers in the south.

In the bitterest battle of the western front U. S. First and Ninth armies, pointed toward Cologne and Dusseldorf, massed on a 20-mile front on the Roer line; Yank Third army armor and infantry was forcing a solid front of 12 to 15 miles on the west bank of the Saar and pressing against the Siegfried line, and units of the Third American Seventh armies were pushing past the lower end of the Elfer range toward Karlsruhe on the Rhine.

The American operations of this 24th day of the great allied winter offensive were hampered all along the front by sticky seas of mud. The tremendous battle of attrition was costing the Germans an average of 3,000 prisoners daily, and many more men in dead and wounded.

Two American armies which smashed through one battered German village after another hammered at approaches to three key cities barring the way to the Rhineland.

The fighting was described as just as bloody and relentless as that of the Argonne forest in the last war. American planes lashed furiously at German troop concentrations, supply lines and

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Addresses of Six Men Sought by Draft Board

The Douglas County Selective Service board today asked assistance in locating six men whose addresses are not known to the board. Those named, together with their last known addresses, are John W. Phillips and Mamie V. Andrews, Reedsport; Robert George Hutton, Gresham; Jerry D. Tilton, Roseburg, and Fred Smith, Dellwood, Oregon. Persons knowing the present whereabouts of any of these registrants are requested by Percy Croft, chairman, to convey their information to the selective service board.

Snell Appoints Two to Apprenticeship Council

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Governor Snell today made two appointments to the state apprenticeship council for terms ending June 8, 1947. Ralph Wagoner, Klammath Falls, who represents employees, was reappointed, while William Krueger, Oregon City, was appointed to represent employers, succeeding Carl Gerlinger, Jr., Dallas.

Oregon Reaches 23.4 Pct. Of Quota in Bond Sales

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Oregon had reached only 23.4 per cent of its \$107,000,000 sixth war loan goal today, with two weeks left to go. War bond sales of \$25,128,243 have been counted. Bond sales of \$8,488,298 climbed slightly higher, marking 24.9 per cent of a \$34,000,000 quota.

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YOUNG ACE BAGS ROMMEL

—Lt. Harold O. Miller, above, 20-year-old Santa Rosa, Calif., fighter pilot, is believed to be the allied fighter who killed Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel. Films from Miller's gun camera released by the army air force show a German staff car speeding on a Normandy road and Miller's machine-gun fire exploding the gasoline tanks of the car, throwing it out of control and into a ditch. This was the only German staff car shot up on July 24. The day the Nazi radio says Rommel was fatally hurt in such a strafing.

Women Spur Bond Sales in County Areas

One of the ladies of the 6th War Loan bond wagon has proved herself a most convincing salesman, according to Mrs. Marjorie Tuck, chairman. The lady salesman, who had already budgeted her bond purchases and bought her bonds, made such convincing appeals that she finished the day's work by buying another bond personally.

The bond wagon, a vehicle equipped with public address system, is touring the Roseburg streets engaging in bond sales and to date sales amount to \$3,750.

The Red Cross Motor corps furnishes drivers, and saleswomen are representatives of various organizations. Those who are participating aside from the drivers, include Helen Casey and Velle Broadway, Woman's club;

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Probe of Biddle-Littell Feud Sought in House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The may yet be an investigation of the justice department controversy despite a senate committee's decision to drop the matter.

Rep. Voorhis (D., Calif.) introduced a resolution yesterday calling for a probe of the feud between Attorney General Biddle and Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell by the house judiciary committee.

The senate was investigating committee, which conducted a preliminary investigation, "contemplates no further action," said Chairman Mead (D., N. Y.).

Littell was discharged yesterday by President Roosevelt for "subordination."

The controversy started when Biddle asked Littell to resign after a series of differences. In refusing to quit, Littell charged Biddle with "conduct . . . contrary to basic principles of good government."

Dr. Stricker Expected To Resign Health Post

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The probability that Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the state board of health and state health officer for 24 years, will resign soon after January 1, appeared here today.

Friends reported that the 70-year-old official intended quitting. Asked about it, Dr. Stricker replied that work he now is doing would not permit him to leave before January 1.

Billion Dollar Flood Control Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A billion dollar flood control authorization bill passed the senate today on a voice vote. It goes now to a conference committee for action on changes made since the measure passed the house.

The measure was projected as part of a postwar program to create jobs—a policy approved in principle by President Roosevelt.

Oil Plants of Leipzig Area Main Targets

RAF Bombers Follow Up With Assault; Saar's Rail Yards Hammered

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Great waves of RAF bombers raided Germany during the night, sustaining the record-breaking Allied November air offensive that yesterday cost the U. S. air force its worst loss in heavy bombers since April—58 four-engined craft downed by ack-ack.

Thirty U. S. fighters also failed to return to their British bases after all-day pulverizing attacks by 3,000 planes on synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area and rail yards in the Saarbrücken sector. The tactical air forces supporting ground troops lost three medium bombers and one fighter.

Last night more than 500 Halifaxes and Lancasters dropped 3,000 tons of fire bombs and explosives on the Rhine-Ruhr city of Duisburg, and two-ton block-busters on Hamburg. Four of the raiders were lost.

Not since 63 U. S. bombers went down to combined ack-ack fire and fighter opposition over Berlin in April have allied planes encountered such concentrated defense fire as they did yesterday, particularly in a 40-mile square area near Leipzig.

Tempering the heavy losses reported by an Eighth air force communiqué was the belief that most fighter pilots grounded in friendly territory.

Nazi Planes Scarce

The German air force declined to come up in full strength to oppose the massive formations of Fortresses and Liberators. Four enemy interceptors were shot down.

Fortresses struck at Bohlen,

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Oregon Vote This Year Nearly Same As That in 1940

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—A total of 79.74 per cent of all persons registered cast their ballots in the November general election in Oregon, compared with the record figure of 79.79 per cent in 1940, Secretary of State Farrell said today.

The total vote for president was 480,147, compared with the 1940 presidential vote of 489,441. This year's vote, however, was considered exceptionally large, because of the large number of service men who didn't vote, and because of the many war workers who couldn't vote because they had changed their addresses.

The percentage of voters in 1936 was 77.6, and it was 77.7 in 1932.

President Roosevelt, in spite of the otherwise republican sweep in Oregon, carried the state by 23,270 votes over Thomas E. Dewey.

Wayne L. Morse, republican who was elected United States senator, received the largest vote of any candidate for statewide office, while his opponent, Edgar Smith, got the smallest.

The only close race was that for attorney general, in which George Neuner, republican incumbent, won re-election over Bruce Spaulding by 386 votes.

New Tire Quota Holds No Hope for "A" Autos

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Passenger tire quotas total 2,000,000 this month for the first time but "A" cars motorists may not get new tires until spring.

OPA indicated this last night in announcing that some passenger tire facilities may be diverted to producing jeep tires.

"Production increases anticipated for passenger tires may not be realized for some time," OPA said. Further reductions may be made in civilian quotas of heavy truck and bus tires, it added.

For Pure Milk

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Compulsory pasteurization of all milk and dairy products sold in Oregon was endorsed yesterday by the executive committee of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' association, as a means of eradicating undulant fever.

Lovely Fast Rent

By L. F. Robinson

Will the allies win?

Sure.

When?

That's the \$100 question for you to answer.

The bonds you chip in will speed like to Berlin.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS this is written, the shooting war NEWS is in one of its not infrequent lulls. (There's plenty of hard, grim, bloody fighting, and will be until both the Japs and the Germans are licked.)

During this lull, we are getting some interesting and quite significant statistics.

THE British government reveals that from the beginning of the war to the end of 1943 the allies and the neutral nations lost, by enemy action and the perils of the sea, a little more than 22 million gross tons of shipping.

During the same period this staggering loss of ships was roughly offset by AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION.

THAT is to say, if it hadn't been for American capacity and GENIUS for mass production at high speed Germany would have won the war by the simple process.

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Boy Leaps From Bridge In Vain Rescue Effort

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A 17-year-old Portland boy, Don Robbins, risked his life here yesterday in a vain attempt to save that of a woman he saw jump into the Willamette river from the Burnside bridge.

Young Robbins leaped 75 feet off the center span of the bridge, after he saw the unidentified woman jump when he was crossing the structure in a bus.

For 15 minutes he searched for the woman until harbor boats arrived, and although the river was dragged at that point the body was not found.

Douglas vs. Coos in Bond Sale Cigarets Highlight Contest Stakes

"Gentlemen: en garde! Grab your checkbooks! You asked for it boys, and you're gonna get it."

Such was the answer of the Douglas county War bond committee to the challenge from Coos county for a contest on 6th War Loan bond sales to individuals.

"We seek no quarter on per capita quotas. We accept the challenge, and when the check stubs are cleared away if Douglas county has not sold more individual bonds per capita than Coos county, we'll provide the best banquet money and stamps can buy for any ten Coos county war bond selling heroes you can name," H. O. Parreter, war finance committee chairman, and Bruce Elliott 6th War bond campaign chairman, wired C. H. Coe, chairman of the Coos county committee.

We'll furnish their transportation," the wire continued, "and what's more there'll be a package of cigarettes beside each plate.

There are the stakes and we

Blast of Bombs Wrecks Train, Kills Onlooker

CLOVIS, N. M., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Wreckage blocked the Santa Fe railway's main line track 43 miles east of here at Tolar siding today following a fire and bomb explosion which killed one man and derailed 39 of the 81 cars in a freight train.

Train crewmen were attempting to summon aid in fighting a blaze in a 40-ton carload of demolition bombs, when the blast was touched off yesterday, severing telephone lines to Clovis.

The explosion, rocking the countryside, leveled several buildings at Tolar and flames spread through the train. One freight car was blown astride the highway beside the tracks.

Jesse Brown of Tolar, watching the fire from 50 yards away, was hit in the head and fatally injured by a flying bomb fragment. Two women suffered minor injuries.

Second Jeep Bond Goal Of Glendale Students

Students of Glendale school district, No. 77, are not satisfied with the contribution of one Jeep, according to report by Florence Johnson, instructor, to the 6th War Loan campaign committee. Students have purchased enough war bonds to furnish one jeep for the armed forces and are now at work to sell sufficient bonds to buy another such vehicle. The cars, when put into service, will bear a plate giving the designation of the sponsor. Additional application forms and other material to conduct the sale were requested.

Hotel Managers Face OPA Overcharge Suits

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Two Portland hotel managers face OPA-filed circuit court suits here accusing them of making overcharges on rentals.

The OPA seeks \$17,000 judgment against Myrtha E. Stewart, Rowland hotel, for allegedly overcharging 340 tenants, and \$750 against Douglas B. Lively, Hotel Boyd, for assertedly overcharging 15 guests.

Don't mean T-bones! "One more thing: Just to show you the kind of dyed-in-the-Douglas Fir sports we are, when you serve us the banquet, we won't give if part of it turns out to be sea food."

"Step up, Coos county: you came out looking for trouble, and

Sell 'em or Smell 'em

BINGHAM CANYON, Ntah, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Police Chief R. J. Contratto wondered how he could get rid of an obnoxious old goat he found down town this week.

Mayor R. A. Murano solved the problem by challenging the obnoxious goat to a war bond contest with the animal as a feature attraction.

The losing town gets the goat.

here we come. Let there be no mourning of or at the bar when the final flogging are totalled. We're ready! We'll have our ten men selected for the trip.

"Look out, Coos county, you're gonna be invaded!"

A. B. Fall, Former Interior Head, Oil Fraud Figure, Dies

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, 83, secretary of the interior under the Harding administration, died here yesterday.

He was one of the central figures in the Teapot Dome scandal in the 1920's. As secretary of the interior he granted a lease to Harry F. Sinclair on the oil reserve at Teapot Dome, Wyoming. Investigations followed, the lease was invalidated, Fall was termed a "faithless public officer" by Justice Butler of the U. S. supreme court, and he was convicted in 1929 of accepting a \$100,000 bribe for the lease of the Elk Hills, Calif., naval oil reserve to his one-time prospecting partner, Edward L. Doheny. His conviction came six years after he left the cabinet.

Fall was sentenced to prison in the New Mexico penitentiary where he served nine months and 19 days. He was ill during most of his time in prison, and emerged on a stretcher May 9, 1932. Doheny was acquitted of tendering the bribe.

During his trial Fall insisted the \$100,000 was a loan and not a bribe—a loan that eventually was foreclosed by Doheny's associates and cost Fall his ranch. Doheny took his petroleum securities company foreclosed on 100,000-acre Tres Rios with the intention of returning the property, but Doheny died a few days after the sale and Fall received nothing.

Mrs. Fall died in March, 1943. Two daughters survive.

Jap Given Year for Dodging "Conchie" Camp

SPOKANE, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A jury, instructed by the court that no question of religious freedom or constitutionality was involved, took 12 minutes yesterday to find Gordon K. Hirabayashi, Japanese-American, guilty of failure to report to a conscientious objector camp. He was sentenced to serve one year in a road camp.

Judge Schellenbach, before passing sentence, told the defendant that "if in the beginning the philosophy which you believe in and have expounded in this court-room had been accepted universally, man never would have risen above a brutal beast."

Woman Sues S. P. for Fall From Trestle

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Ruth Page filed suit for \$17,415 damages here today against the Southern Pacific company, claiming that she fell into a ravine from a railroad trestle from which a sidewalk had been removed.

She seeks \$15,000 general damages, \$255 for medical treatment and \$2150 to compensate for lost employment.

2nd Man Also Dies as He Rushes to Aid First

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Death struck two men almost simultaneously on a downtown street here yesterday.

Jesse N. Smith, 65, collapsed on a corner, and Fred C. Cornellison, who ran to help, also collapsed. Both men were pronounced dead by physicians.

Quebec Speaker Aids in Quelling Anti-Draft Tumult

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Canada's conscription crisis cooled off today as discipline was declared restored among rebellious draftees troops on the west coast and an appeal for calm went out to the people of Quebec from one of their foremost anti-conscriptionist leaders.

In Quebec, however, it was announced last night that the provincial government had adopted an order-in-council asking the federal government "to respect and fulfill its solemn engagements and sacred pledges against conscription for overseas service."

The order, forwarded to Prime Minister King, declared the Quebec government action reflected "the opinion of the province's population."

The anti-conscriptionist view of the French-speaking minority of Canada was laid before parliament last night by one of its most eloquent spokesmen, P. J. A. Car-din, former works and transport minister, who resigned in 1942 over the conscription issue.

In the face of sporadic disorders in Quebec, he appealed to his people to avoid damaging property and endangering lives.

Cardin, who has served for 33 years in the house, longer than any other member, declared that "unity has been maintained, due to concessions made by French-Canadians in the house of commons and elsewhere. He asked "where are your concessions, you British-Canadians, in favor of the French-Canadians?"

"Why," asked Cardin, "should we try to compete in a race with Britain, the United States and Russia to win the laurels of victory . . . when in reality we are only a colony of the British empire and not in reality . . . an independent country?"

Call Issued for More Volunteer Nurses' Aides

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—An estimated 26,691 additional volunteer nurses' aides are needed to meet immediate needs of the nation's hospitals, National Chairman Basil O'Connor announced yesterday.

State quotas for day and night aides include: Idaho 62 and 20, Montana 87 and 62, Oregon 55 and 15, Washington 975 and 664.

Super-Salesman Glendale, Mont. Dies

GLENDALE, Mont. Dec. 1.—(AP)—The traveling salesman could see every seat in the hotel lobby was taken.

Going to a telephone, he dialed, then said in his most confidential tone:

"Hello . . . Bill? Did you know they just got some cigarettes at the grocery store up the street?"

He had his choice of chairs when he returned.