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Saar Battle Taking Heavy Toll on Both Sides

Yanks Add to Bridgeheads Inside Reich

Germany's Oil Plants, Railway Yards Get New Hammering From Air

(By the Associated Press) U. S. Third army infantry entered the outskirts of Saarbrücken today and threw new bridgeheads across the Saar inside Germany as the great battle of western Europe roared into its seventh month with huge casualties on both sides.

Six months after the allied invasion of western Europe seven allied armies were estimated to be inflicting up to 9,000 permanent casualties a day on the Germans, or at the rate of five divisions a week. Five of the allied armies already are on German soil and are battering at the Rhine river barrier.

The war of attrition probably will bring severe losses to the allies. American losses in the present fighting on German soil probably will exceed anything known in Normandy or in the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The battle of the western front in Europe might well be known for the present, at least as the Battle of the Rivers. At its far northern end, the Germans are holding behind the Maas, in the center behind the Roer and the Saar and in the south behind the Rhine itself.

All these rivers are swollen by heavy rains. The Germans have made flood conditions worse by breaking dams wherever that is strategically useful. In this flat country, where the rivers are canalized and used heavily for transport, dams are numerous.

LONG this 400-mile front, gains are measured in yards to fractions of miles. Gains are important only as they bear upon the principal objective of the battle, which is DESTRUCTION of the German armies engaged.

Each artillery emplacement, each machine gun nest, each strong point of EVERY KIND is

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Strabbed When He Offers Another Man Cigaret

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Manuel Valero is in the hospital because he offered another man a cigarette.

Under treatment for stab wounds, Valero said he became angry when a man in a restaurant refused the proffered smoke. An argument arose, and the non-smoker whipped out a knife.

Gen. Easley Wounded MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. C. M. Easley is recovering from an arm wound suffered in the current fighting on Leyte, friends here have been advised.

Easley is assistant commander of the 96th infantry division, which is now battling the Japanese on Leyte and which trained at Camp White.

Bill to Freeze Social Security Tax At 1 Pct. Passes House; Republicans Planning Smash of Expected Veto

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Republicans maneuvered today to keep congress on hand if the senate passes and the president vetoes legislation to freeze social security taxes.

With this session's time running short, the senate finance committee is expected to approve, probably tomorrow, a measure passed by a resounding 262 to 72 house vote yesterday. The bill would keep the payroll tax at 1 percent each on employer and employee for another year, forestalling an otherwise automatic increase to 2 percent on January 1.

Because they expect a presidential veto, republicans are anxious for congress to stay here on the possibility that the president's action might be overridden. Labor Opposes Freeze In a letter sent to all house

Japs Lose 5-Day Battle To Break Trap at Ormoc

Eight More Enemy Ships In Yanks' Bag

(By the Associated Press) In bitter engagements reported today from either end of the storm-swept Philippines battlefront, 1,000 Japanese were killed in a five-day seesaw battle for "Shoestring Ridge" and American bazookas broke up a tank-led attack by trapped Japanese trying to break through a road block in the Ormoc corridor.

Simultaneously Gen. MacArthur announced warplanes and PT boats searching Philippine waters from Manila to the southern islands sank eight more enemy ships including a destroyer, a tanker and six small freighters.

Firecracker fighting on Leyte was south of Ormoc where 60 Japanese were killed for every American. For five nights the Japanese attacked the U. S. 7th division, once the Yanks were pushed off the ridge.

Troops were seldom more than 75 yards apart and often engaged in hand to hand or bayonet fighting. Supplies were so scarce that when the battle ended many Americans were borrowing rifles and ammunition from the dead and wounded.

Jap Convoy Under Fire Tokyo broadcasts claimed that

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Says Farm Competition Bases Anti-Jap Moves

SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Evidence of resistance "with threats of violence" to the return of evicted Japanese to the Pacific coast is, according to Roger N. Baldwin, New York director of the American Civil Liberties Union, "confined to farm competition in the agricultural valleys of California, Oregon and Washington."

"The opposition of some American Legion posts reflects only this farm competition. Everywhere in the cities, the loyal Japanese-Americans will apparently be accepted as a matter of course, provided their return to homes and jobs is handled by the government in an orderly fashion," he declared after a tour of military areas from Arizona to Seattle.

Baldwin asserted that "everywhere on the coast the return of the evicted population of Japanese ancestry is expected shortly, either by decision of the supreme court or by army orders, or both."

Cigaret Sellers Forced To Pay for Overcharges

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Accused of overcharges on cigarette sales, two Portland concerns have made settlements to the OPA, Spencer W. Yates, enforcement officer, said today.

An OPA civil damages claim for \$300 was settled by S. G. Marrett, concessionaire at the recent Portland open golf tournament, and one for \$88.80 was settled by M. Shipstad, Portland ice arena, Yates stated.

Marrett was charged with selling 10,000 cigarettes at as high as \$2 a carton and 25 cents a package, and Shipstad with selling packages at four cents above ceiling price, according to Yates.

Conquest of Japan Will Cost U. S. \$71 Billion Annually, General Somervell Predicts

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Conquest of the Japanese will cost us \$71,000,000,000 a year "after Germany is defeated," Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell predicted today.

"The war against the Jap alone will be the biggest war this country or this world ever fought before the present war," asserted the commanding general of the army service forces.

Somervell declared 300,000 more war workers are needed at once on critical programs as he appealed for an "upsurge of production" in a speech before the National Association of Manufacturers.

Secret weapons are being produced that "must be ready in large quantities for the Pacific push," the speaker declared. The devices are "not yet in use in Europe."

For the first time munitions are being used up faster than they are being produced, said Somervell, warning that the full fury of the war in Europe may not even have been reached and "we are certainly not yet full out against Japan."

Nazis Train More Men Germany "with its undeniable fiendish skill efficiency is right now training thousands of fresh troops and turning out millions of tons of equipment for them," the manufacturer were told.

"Within the past 90 days we

Reds Only 40 Miles From Austrian Line

(By the Associated Press)

Russian armored columns ripping into the final defense zone guarding the southeastern German frontier plunged to within 40 miles of Austria past the lower end of Lake Balaton in western Hungary, where Marshal Tolbukhin had massed troops of his Third Ukrainian army.

A fast moving task force of Tolbukhin's forces has sliced deeply into the confused Nazi flank behind Nagykanizsa, rail junction in Hungary ten miles from the northern Yugoslav border and 46 miles from Sutra. Russian heavy guns blocked the rail line from there to Wiener Neustadt and Vienna.

Tolbukhin now had a pivot point for an encircling movement to the northwest around besieged Budapest and to the southwest toward Zagreb, Croatian capital. Beyond the Drava river thousands of Croats loyal to Mar-

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North Douglas Power Will Halt for Repairs

Electric power on the North Douglas REA system will be shut off between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 10, to permit repairs and improvements to the line, George Cordray, manager, announced today. Towns of Yoncalla, Drain, Elkton, and Scottsburg will be affected, together with intermediate territory.

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Coos Leads Douglas One Pct. Point in Bond Sales Contest; Rival Hands Out Breezy "Dig"

Coos county was leading Douglas county by one percentage point in the "Battle of Bonds," it was announced today as figures on sales up to and including Saturday, Dec. 2, were received today from the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco. Coos county's E bond sales were 25 per cent of quota and Douglas county's record stood at 24 per cent, Bruce Elliott, 6th War Loan campaign chairman, reported.

Sales in Coos county totaled \$157,063 as compared with a quota of \$620,000, while in Douglas county sales amounted to \$116,400 on a quota of \$480,000. Both counties are lagging behind the state average of 33 1/3 per cent.

In totals of all bond sales Douglas county was well out in front with \$546,062 as compared with 466,570 in Coos county, but the contest being waged between the E bond sales and percentage bonds are not included.

Dr. Payne Now Medical Head at Klamath Station

Commander DeWitt Payne, former Douglas county health officer now with the U. S. navy, has been appointed senior medical officer at the Klamath naval air station, according to word received from Klamath Falls.

Dr. Payne left Roseburg to serve as resident physician at Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, and also engaged in private practices at The Dalles. He entered naval service in 1940 and served for a time on a combat carrier.

Log Unloading Protested EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The brouhaha of overweight log trucks piled up again today with the Willamette Valley Log Truckers' association complaining of state police's action in forcing drivers to unload extra-weight logs.

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Britain Splits With U. S. on Policy Toward Italy; Press Chimes in With Caustic Rap

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Eden asserted flatly today that Britain was within her rights in trying to shape the governments of liberated countries, and thereby split completely with the American declaration of a "hands-off" policy in Italy.

Eden stood by the British government's veto of the proposed appointment of Carlo Sforza as Italian foreign minister. Secretary of State Stettinius had announced yesterday the United States did not oppose Sforza and felt the Italians should be allowed to form their own government without outside interference.

Sforza was minister without portfolio in the Italian government which resigned 10 days ago, and Eden said Britain did not oppose his holding a job other than that of foreign minister. Ivanoe Bonomi, who once resigned as Italian premier, still is trying to form a new government.

Eden accused Sforza of working against the Italian government of Premier Bonomi, who was cooperating with Britain. Bonomi later denied that Sforza had worked against him and said he felt Eden meant the Badoglio government instead.

Asked for a second time whether the United States and Russia

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Auto Crash Near Drain Injures 2

Mrs. Gladys Mead, 27, of Drain, and her brother, Private John J. McDonald, Camp Mackall, N. C., are being treated at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene for critical injuries suffered Sunday in an automobile collision a mile south of Drain Sunday night. Private McDonald, home on furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McDonald, Drain, was scheduled to leave Sunday on his return trip to his station.

Both suffered fractured skulls. Mr. Mead also suffered chest and internal injuries. Private McDonald has a broken leg and severe cuts and bruises.

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Portland Area Shipping Facing Threat of Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Shipping in the Columbia and Willamette rivers was threatened with partial tie-up today as boat operators called a strike vote to back demands for a minimum wage boost from \$1.02 to \$1.20 an hour.

Officials of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots local union said the ballot would be taken within 10 days under the Smith-Connelly act.

The strike, if approved, would affect pilot house operators on some 150 boats and tugs which work out of Portland. In addition to the minimum wage boost, the union asks that Sunday work be counted as overtime.

Gresham Pastors Swat Anti-Japanese Move

GRESHAM, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Churchmen in this town—birthplace of Oregon Anti-Japanese Inc.—today condemned the attempt of fellow-residents to deprive Japanese-Americans of citizenship rights.

Meeting here after farmers and businessmen launched a move to prevent return of Japanese-Americans, the ministerial association declared that citizens should not be judged by ancestry.

The ministers endorsed a 1943 statement of President Roosevelt that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not and never was a matter of race and ancestry."

Corporations Exceed Sixth War Loan Quota

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Corporations already have invested \$10,038,000,000 in the Sixth war loan running past their \$9 billion goal.

The corporation investments brought the total sales figure in the drive to \$12,468,000,000. Series E sales were \$946,000,000, and total individual sales, including E bonds, were \$2,430,000,000.

The grand quota for the drive is \$14 billion dollars.

Injured Logger Taken to Portland for Treatment

Irwin Doak of Sutherlin, severely injured in a logging accident in the woods east of Sutherlin Tuesday was taken this morning by the Douglas ambulance to Portland for medical treatment. Mrs. Doak and their two children accompanied him.

Attempt To Quiet Athens Perilous Job

Clashes Bring Deaths, Many Arrests; Relief Supplies Are Menaced

ATHENS, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A British tank and a platoon of British soldiers seized headquarters of the left-wing EAM party by storm today as fighting spread through wide areas of Athens.

The communist party building on Constitution square also was seized. Parachute troops forced the main entrance with grenades, and taken 42 communists, including women. Some were armed.

Fighting with tanks and machineguns broke out after snipers of the ELAS—the militia of the EAM, national liberation front—fired on a truckload of British troops before dawn, killing one and wounding another.

A tank was sent to batter in the door of EAM headquarters, and British troops charged the stairs, scattering EAM defenders with half a dozen bursts of fire and cleaning up floor by floor.

One British soldier was killed by a bullet while searching the building. A dying ELAS soldier lay on the roof. Quantities of grenades, provisions, ammunition and rifles were strewn about the building, but most of the defenders apparently escaped.

Snipers Still Active British troops were establishing control over the center of Athens by degrees. Sniping continued incessantly throughout the city, with occasional bigger thumps from grenades and machineguns.

EAM refusal to disband its militia brought on the crisis, in which Britain has supported the shakier government of Premier Papandreu.

The night at which the main Athens-Firaxis road entered the capital was the scene of continuous fighting. British troops, angered as casualties occur, are fanning out around the Acropolis, and around the ancient, restored stadium two-thirds of a mile to the southeast on the opposite side of the highway.

The EAM called a strike in the Peloponnesian town of Patras, and disbanded newly-recruited national militiamen there. But the British commander at Patras never covered the arms without a shot being fired.

In Salonika, the situation was

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Glendenin Freed By Jury of Charge Of Theft of Tools

A verdict of not guilty was returned into circuit court here Tuesday afternoon by the jury which heard the case against C. K. Glendenin, accused in an indictment by the grand jury, of the theft of logging tools and equipment from H. A. Beck, Camas Valley. Glendenin successfully defended his claim that the purchase of equipment and a truck from the complaining witness.

A charge against Glendenin was filed with the county clerk today by the Douglas Creditors Association on an assigned claim from Beck, alleging money due on the sales contract which figured in the trial of the defendant on indictment.

Circuit court today took up the trial of Walter L. Wagoner, under indictment on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The case, expected to be the last for the term, is being heard by Judge Dal M. King, Coos county, as Judge Carl E. Wimberly is leaving tomorrow for Eugene.

The jurors selected for the trial now in progress include G. C. Sparks, Ora L. Welker, Ralph F. Weaver, Henry Schattner, George A. Bonebrake, Henry Hebard, Kenneth Fortin, R. E. Brown, Ivan Pickens, W. L. Dixon, C. G. Stanton, Lee Davenport.

New Continuance Voted In Pearl Harbor Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—House passage sent to President Roosevelt today legislation extending the statute of limitations governing the Pearl Harbor case.

It continues until next June 7 the time during which legal action or courts martial may be instituted as a result of the Japanese attack December 7, 1941.

Congress twice previously has extended the time limit. Recent army and navy reports declared the separate investigating boards found no ground for court martial proceedings against Maj. Gen. Walter Short or Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commanders in the Hawaiian area at the time of the attack.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. P. Detmold

In closing the door to further Nazi persecution of Greece, Italy and Belgium, the allies seem to have opened a Pandora's box.



BELGIAN VICTIMS OF NAZI V-2 BOMB—Dead and wounded civilians lie where they fell on Belgian city streets after German V-2 bomb screamed from the sky into a huge shopping crowd. Force of the blast was so terrific that the victims' clothes were blown off. Signal corps radio-telephoto.