# BRITISH TROOPS FIRED ON IN GREEK CHAOS

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# Saar Battle Taking Heavy Toll on Both Sides

the commanding general of the army service forces,
Somervell declared 300,000 more war workers are needed at chee 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 pushes," the speaker declared. The devices are "not yet in use in Europa."

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Gen. Truscott Named to

Head U. S. Fifth in Italy

ROME, Dec. 6—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., 49, who commanded allied forces on the Anzlo beachhead and later led as-sault troops in the invasion of southern France, was appointed commander of the U. S. Fifth ar-my today.

my today.
Truscott succeeds Lt. Gen.
Mark W. Clark, recently named
commander of the 15th army

group.
British and Polish troops have smashed across the Lamone river southwest of Faenza and established a bridgehead while other Eighth army units are cleaning out isolated enemy groups in captured Ravenna with the aid of Italian patriots, allied headquarters announced today.

More Than Billion Bet

On Race Horses in 1944

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—(AP)— Horse race betting was a \$1,126,308,645 business in 1944—

# 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 Saareguemines 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

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 south are battering at the Rhine river barrier.

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The war of attrition probably was bringing 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

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, ir the center behind the Roer and the Saar and in the south behind

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

## **Another Man Cigaret**

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 6.—
(AP)—Manuel Valero is in the hospital because he offered another man a cigaret.
Under treatment for stab wounds, Valero said he became

when a man in a restausmoker 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 ad-

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

# Japs Lose 5-Day Battle To Break Trap at Ormoc

**Bigger Sky Giants** To Smash Tokyo

**Budgeted in Bill** 

Sale of Oregon Utility

Given SEC's Approval

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—
(AP)—Oregon Gas and Electric company's sale of its electric utility plant to West Oregon Electric cooperative, Inc., for \$130,000 was approved today by the Sewriting and Evekange core.

the Securities and Exchange com

Proceeds from the sale and other assets will be paid to Con-tinental Bank & Trust company of New York, trustee for the first

lien and general mortgage bonds of Washington Gas and Electric

Co., Oregon's parent.
Oregon will then liquidate and dissolve.

Oregon furnishes electricity in Columbia, Clatsop and Washing-ton counties as well as Vernonia and adjacent rural areas. The

**Wool Clip Baling to Save Shipping Space Planned** 

PORTLAND, Dec. 6—(AP)—
Baling of the northwest wool
clip before shipment—compressing the wool into half the space
now used—was proposed here today as a possible method of reducing freight costs.

Northwest wool growers met
here with representatives of the
War Food administration and the
state public utilities commission
to discuss current wool rail shipment rates.

ment rates.
The National Wool association

mission.

company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Conquest of the Japanese will st 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

# **Enemy Ships** In Yanks' Bag

(By the Associated Press)
In bitter engagements reported today from either end of the storm-swept Philippines battle-front, 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.

Flercest fighting on Leyte was

Fiercest fighting on Leyte was on "Shoestring Ridge," 15 miles south of Ormoc, where 60 Japanese were killed for every American. For five nights the Japanese attacked the U. S. 7th division, once the Varles were usually 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. and wounded.

Jan Convoy Under Fire Tokyo broadcasts claimed that (Continued on page 6)

### Says Farm Competition

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 competitors in the agricultural valleys of Californfa, Oregon and Washington,"

A 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 (Continued on page 2)

Stabbed When He Offers

Cantiorna, Oregon and Washing ton."

"The opposition of some American Legion posts reflects only this can Legion pos

preme court or by army orders, or both,"

#### **Cigaret Sellers Forced** To Pay for Overcharges

#### **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 com mittee is expected to approve, probably tomorrow, a measure passed

by a resounding 262 to 72 house weep the payroll tax at 1 per cent each on employer and employee for another year, fore, stalling an otherwise automatic increase to 2 percent on January 1.

Because they expect a presidential yeto, republicans are

"The workers of the nation."

dential yeto, republicans are anxious for congress to stay here on the possibility that the presi-dent's action might be overridden. Labor Opposes Freeze

In a letter sent to all house

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

# Bases Anti-Jap Moves

Budgeted in Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—(AP)

The 78th congress received its final appropriation bill today — a \$415,324,712 measure supplementing funds already provided for miscellaneous agencies.

If enacted as recommended by the house appropriations committee it will boost to an estimated \$68,000,000,000 the new funds voted by congress this year.

Over half the new bill's total, \$286,626,582, was ear-marked for the navy, whose high ranking officers disclosed during closed door hearings that secret tests are underway on new sky giants that may dwarf in size the big B-29 Suberfertresses now filling Tokyo with terror.

The committee struck from the measure, but without preventing its future consideration, a budget estimate of \$75,000,000 for preparing plans for \$1,500,000,000 of construction work in cooperation with state governments. The committee said it believed contracts should be made with the states concerning their plans before an initial appropriation is made.

For the construction and operation of hospital and domicillary facilities for the use of rapidly-returning war veterans, the committee voted the veterans' administration \$10,571,000 to augment funds provided earlier this year for that purpose.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6—(AP)— Accused of overcharges on ciga-ret sales, two Portland concerns

OPA, Spencer W. Yates, enforcement attorney, said today.

An OPA treble damage 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.

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Marrett was charged with selling 110,000 cigarets at as high as \$2 a carton and 25 cents a package, and Shipstad with selling packs at four cents above celling price, according to Yates.

#### and the department of agriculture have asked the interstate com-merce commission to reopen hearings on wool freight costs. Elgin Citizens Plan to Organize State Bank

ELGIN, Ore., Dec. 6—(AP)— This thriving lumber community, without banking facilities since the sale of its 46-year-old First National bank to the United States National of Portland two onths ago, is planning to organ the First State bank of El

gin.

Business men and residents of the area plan to seek a state charter with capital stock of \$25. 000 and surplus of \$12,500. The U. S. National transferred

"The workers of the nation want a sound social insurance program and they are willing to help meet its costs through adequate payroll deductions," Green said. all equipment and assets of the bank it purchased to its La Grande branch, 20 miles distant,

# Reds Only 40 **Miles From Austrian Line**

(By the Associated Press)
Russian armored columns ripping into the final defense cone 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 Sutria. Russian heavy guns blocked the rail line from there to Wiener Neustadt and Vienna,

Tolbukhin now had a pivotal base for an encircling movement to the northwest around besieged Budapest or to the southwest toward Zagreb, Croatian capital. Beyond the Drava river thousands of Croatians loval to Marsands o

ward Zagreb, Croatian capital Beyond the Drava river thou-sands of Croatians loyal to Mar

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#### Europe." For the first time munitions North Douglas Power Will Halt for Repairs

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 efficency is right now training thousands of fresh troops and turning out millions of tons of equipment for them," the manufacturers were told.

"Within the past 90 days we 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
Yoncaila, Drain, Elkton, and
Scottsburg will be affected, together with intermediate territory.

Auto Blow Proves Fatal
PORTLAND, Dec. 6—(AP)—Inuries suffered when ne was
struck by an automobile were
fatal here last night to Pvt.
Wayne K. Jones, 30, of the 28th
Lake City.
John J. Freeborn, McMinnville,
driver of the car, told officers
that lights of another auto temporarily blinded him.

### 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

#### U. S. Soldier Held in Gun Death of High Briton

appear before an court.
Sir Eric was found dead on the grounds of Honingham hall Sunday night after he had gone out in search of a poacher.
At the inquest, Garner said Sir Eric had been slain by a 30-calibre bullet similar to those used by U. S. troops.

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

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

#### Dr. Payne Now Medical **Head at Klamath Station**

Commander DeWitt Payne, for-mer Douglas county health offi-cer now with the U. S. navy, has cer now with the U. S. navy, has been appointed senior medical of-ficer at the Klamath naval air station, according to word receiv-ed from Klamath Falls. Dr. Payne left Roseburg to serve as resident physician at Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hos-pital, and also engaged in private

pital, and also engaged in private practice at The Dalles. He entered naval service in 1940 and served for a time on a combat car-

enough to give every man, woman and child in the continental United States a Christmas present of \$10.

Taxes paid to the states and a few cities aggregated \$55,971.

232,87 for 1944, with new York 232,87 for 1944, with new York and a continental Eugene Protested Eugene of overweight log trucks bounced up again today with the Willamette Valley Log Truckars' association complaining of state police's action in force and the protested Eugene of the protested Eu

# Coos county was leading Douglas county by one percentage

stood at 24 per cent, Bruce Elliott 6th War Loan campaign chair

6th War Loan campaign chairman, reported.

Sales in Coos county totalled \$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 Doug-

In totals of all bond sales Doug-las county was well out in front with \$546,062 as compared with 466,570 in Coos county, but the contest being waged between the counties is for quota percentage of E bond sales and corporation bonds are not included. Thrust and Parry

The bond committees of the two counties hurled insults through the air last night in a two-way broadcast program from Stations KRNR, Roseburg, and KOOS, Coos Bay.

Aired to the public was a letter by C. H. Coe, Coos county chair-

# appointment of Carlo Sforza as Italian foreign minister. Secre-tary of State Stettinius had an-nounced yesterday the United States did not oppose Sforza and felt the Italians should be allow-ed to form their way government

HONINGHAM, England, Dec.

Garner announced today the arrest of a U. S. soldier in the gunshot death of Sir Eric Teichman,

Go, former British embassy counsellor at Chungking.

The soldier's name was not disclosed.

Garner said the soldier was arrested at a U. S. camp, and remains in American custody, to appear before an American court.

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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.

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 wheth-er the United States and Russia

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## **Auto Crash Near Drain Injures 2**

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.

In 10 days under the Smith-Con-nally act.

The strike, if approved, would affect pilot house operators on some 150 boats and tugs which work out of Portland. In addi-tion to the minimum wage boost, the union asks that Sun-day work be counted as over-

#### **Gresham Pastors Swat** Anti-Japanese Move

GRESHAM, Ore., Dec. 6.— (AP)—Churchmen in this town—birthplace of Oregon Anti-Jap-

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

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**

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 ares of Athens.

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

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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

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 shaken government of Premer Papendreou.

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snaken government of Premier Papendreou.

The point at which the main Athens-Piracus road enter 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 southesat on the opposite side of the highway.

The EAM called a strike in the Peloponnesian town of Patras, and disarmed newly-recruited national militiamen there. But the British commander at Patras recovered the arms without a shot being fired.

In Salonika, the situation was

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# **Glendenin Freed** By Jury of Charge

of Strike

AND, Ore, Dec. 6.—
Shipping in the Columbia and Willamette rivers was threatened with partial tie-up to day as boat operators called a strike vote to back demands for a minimum wage boost from ind wer Officials of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pillots local union said the ballot would be taken within 10 days under the Smith Connally act.

The strike, if approved, would affect pilot house operators one 150 boats and in ork out of Portion to the complaint was filed to be considered to the complaint of the complaint was filed to be considered to the complaint was filed to be considered to

ticles had been included in a purchase of equipment and a truck
from the complaining witness.
A civil suit 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

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. gene.

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

#### **New Continuance Voted** In Pearl Harbor Case

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

extended the time limit.

Recent army and navy reports declared the separate investigating beards found no ground for court martial proceedings against Maj. Gen. Walter Short or Reac Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commanders in the Hawalian area at the time of the attack.

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In closing the door to further nazi persecution of Greece, Italy and Belgium, the allies seem to have opened a Pan-



BELGIAN VICTIMS OF NAZI V-2 BOMB-Dead and wounded civilians lie where they fell on Belgian city streets after German Y-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-