

U. S. THIRD REACHES SIEGFRIED OUTPOST

Saar Capital Battered 8th Straight Day

Russians Closing in On Budapest, Get Within 35 Miles of Austrian Line

(By the Associated Press.) U. S. Third Army tanks plowed today to the outskirts of Forbach, French rail town and Siegfried line outpost three and one-half miles from battered Saarbrücken, as artillery pounded the capital of the industrial Saar for the eighth straight day.

To the north the Americans still firmly held Saarbrücken, the Saar basin's second city, despite German claims to have recaptured it. Troops continued to pour across the expanded bridgehead there.

Action flared again on the strategic northern flank of the American line. Gen. Hodges' First Army struck out from captured Iden, midway between the Roer river citadels of Julich and Düren. Patrols reached the outskirts of Pier, a mile and a half away.

The Germans were believed feverishly preparing defenses on the Erft river, a narrow stream beyond the Roer.

In the south the U. S. Seventh Army driving toward a juncture with the French in the Vosges advanced to within five miles of Colmar, last major Alsatian city in German hands, against moderate resistance and amid signs of a Nazi withdrawal across the Rhine.

Air Bombardment Action Some 1,300 RAF planes blasted the industrial centers of Osnabrück and Glessen and the Leuna synthetic oil plant during the night, and made Berlin a secondary target. U. S. bombers yesterday had rained 3,000 tons of explosives on the Leuna refinery.

Twenty-one British planes were lost and at least 17 enemy craft were destroyed, an air ministry communique said.

The Luftwaffe struck to the ground during daylight yesterday and American losses were limited to four bombers and two fighters knocked down by German anti-aircraft fire.

Budapest Ring Tightens In the east, by Berlin account, the Russians cracked the German line northwest of Budapest, as French army tank forces attacked in a northwest direction. Other Russians drove to points

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Mannpower Lack Laid to Absence Of Service Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production board, today attributed manpower shortages to congress' refusal to enact a national service law.

In a spirited exchange with Senator Ferguson Krug declared that the manpower commission needed "more teeth" in its regulations to keep workers on war jobs.

"Why haven't they the teeth to do the job?" Ferguson demanded. "Primarily because congress refused to vote a national service act," the witness answered.

Testifying before the senate war investigating committee, Krug said that if war agencies had had the same control over workers as they have had over the flow of materials, the manpower problem would have been solved.

He said while national service law "would have been helpful a year ago," he did not believe it would do much good now.

"It would take too long to get it functioning," he said.

Senate Group Favors Security Tax "Freeze"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Squaring off for a showdown with President Roosevelt, the senate finance committee voted 13 to 2 today to freeze social security tax rates.

Chairman George said he would call the measure up tomorrow for expected senate approval. The house voted 262 to 78 Monday in favor of keeping the levy at its present one per cent rate on both employers and employees.

Mr. Roosevelt repeatedly has expressed his opposition to halting a scheduled automatic doubling of the tax Jan. 1.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the social security board, told the house ways and means committee last week the rise should be permitted to safeguard the future of the benefit fund.

Latest answers to the question, "what are we fighting for?"

By the United States: To make the world safe for democracy.

By Great Britain: To make the world safe for monarchies.

By Russia: To make the world safe for communism.

By liberated nations: To make us safe from our friends.

Roosevelt's Selections for Posts in State Department Bounce Back to Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's personal selections to help run the State department bounced back to the foreign relations committee today from an unsatisfied majority of the senate.

Chairman Connally called up the nominations, for an under-secretary and three assistant secretaries, late yesterday and the senate by a roll call vote of 37 to 27 promptly sent them back the same way.

The nominations had been approved in committee Tuesday without hearings and a vociferous group of lawmakers—some of them new dealers—demanded opportunity to learn more about the men's political philosophies and plans for the years ahead.

The action affected these newly appointed aides to Secretary of State Stettinius:

Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, designated under-secretary.

Will L. Clayton, former cotton director, erstwhile assistant secretary of commerce and surplus war property administrator, named an assistant secretary of state.

Nelson A. Rockefeller, coordinator of inter-American affairs, assistant secretary.

Archibald MacLachlan, poet and librarian of congress, assistant secretary.

Connally Resented Procedure Made no effort to hide his feeling that the senate's action was a slap at the foreign relations committee if not a direct blow at the president. Acting Republican leader White of Maine, who voted for all the nominations in the committee, backed up Connally in denouncing "this very unusual procedure," but to no avail.

Senator O'Mahoney offered the (Continued on page 6)

U. S. Favors Greek Political Liberty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius today put the United States as favoring complete freedom of political action for the people of Greece.

He formally endorsed a declaration by Prime Minister Churchill Tuesday that the people of Greece should have complete freedom to form a government either of the right or of the left.

But Stettinius deliberately refrained from endorsing another statement by the British prime minister dealing with the use of British troops to prevent formation of what Churchill called a "communist dictatorship in Greece."

This was the second time this week that the state department has spoken out in favor of political freedom for the people of Europe.

Earlier it protested Britain's intervention in the formation of a new Italian government. The British action had vetoed Count Carlo Sforza as a candidate for either premier or foreign minister of a new regime at Rome.

Pvt. George E. Langston, Riddle, Killed in Action Private George Elbert Langston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langston, formerly of the Eddie now of Grants Pass, was killed in action November 12, in the European area. Private Langston received his advanced training at Colorado Springs, Colo. His brother, Private Howard Leroy Langston, is now stationed in England.

Drunken-Driving Mayor Fined, License Revoked SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The mayor of Bethel, Joe Ryan, was fined \$300 and his driver's license was revoked yesterday on a conviction for drunken driving after he had stopped the car and the mayor and two frightened sailors stepped out.

The sailors reported the cowboy hatted mayor told them, said Pruitt, they were "hiding with a rough riding cowboy now."

Pvt. Dean Fogel Wounded In France. Parents Told Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fogel of Roseburg received a telegram from the War department yesterday telling of the wounding of their son, Private Dean Fogel, of Roseburg. Private Fogel was reported critically wounded somewhere in France.

Because these men died in the past three years—from Pearl Harbor to Leyte—we've learned the know-how. Succeeding victories will be cheaper.

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Foe's River Line Near Ormoc Broken; Advance In China Is Extended

TWENTY-FIRST U. S. BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Saipan, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two Superfortress bombers on weather reconnaissance flights bombed Tokyo last night and seven today, in separate strikes every hour apart, the 21st U. S. bomber command announced today.

Capt. J. T. A. Archer of Brownwood, Tex., commander of one of the attacking planes which operated through an overcast, said that photographs through clouds showed the best precision instrument bombing results yet obtained on Tokyo.

(By the Associated Press) Americans gain on Leyte in the Philippines. Superfortresses hit Manchuria in force and perhaps Tokyo tonight. Japanese claim their paratroopers are in a "grand scale offensive" against Yank forces on Leyte while their airfields score new gains in China—East's war picture in the Far East today—third anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Yankee men, arms and ships have traveled a long way over a rough and bloody road since that day three years ago when an estimated 300 Japanese carrier-based planes launched their sneak attack against the American fleet at Pearl Harbor, 5,300 miles east

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE war on the western front is more of the same—inchling forward, killing Germans, smashing German equipment (especially transport). WEARING THE NAZIS DOWN. It is being fought in weather described by the dispatches as either worsening or so bad already it couldn't get worse.

PATTON'S 3rd army gets ACROSS the Saar river on a front 16 miles wide.

The situation at this point is much like an ancient fortified castle. The line is the moat. The Siegfried line, back of the Saar, is the fortified castle that has yet to be stormed.

The Saar was crossed in the face of flaming fire from the Siegfried guns.

TO the north, the British get across the Maas into the outskirts of Venlo, on the eastern bank—thus putting one more river obstacle behind them. They still have to HOLD what they've taken.

IN Hungary, the Russians are INCHING forward, much as we are on the western front.

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Importance of Individuals Meeting Their 6th War Loan Quota Stressed By Treasury Head, War Finance Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Head men of the Sixth War Loan urged Americans today to "convince our enemies" and prove devotion to our fighting men by meeting the \$5,000,000,000 quota for individuals.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, in a Pearl Harbor day statement, said the "real answer" of home-front America must come from individual bond-buyers.

Ted R. Gamble, national war finance director, told reporters U. S. troops overseas will be pleased to know that American business has over-subscribed their quota, "but you and I know that what counts even more with these fighting sons, husbands, and brothers of ours is what we as individuals do."

Available for individual investments with cash already invested in the sixth war loan, the total sales figure stood today at \$13,165,000,000, less than a billion short of the \$14,000,000,000 overall quota.

British, Greeks Battle in Athens

Burke Wine Bill, 6 Other Measures Voted Nov. 7th Will Become Laws Today

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Burke wine bill, only measure adopted by voters of Oregon at the November general election which creates an immediate enforcement requirement, will become law late this afternoon if both Governor Snell and Secretary of State Farrell sign the official proclamations today, as they have indicated they will do.

So, too, will constitutional amendments repealing the double liability provision for stockholders of state banks, providing for establishment of a method by which counties may adopt the managerial form of government, permitting the state legislature to restore voting privileges to persons who have been convicted of felonies, and authorizing establishment of a veterans' loan fund. A second bill, providing state education aid for veterans of this war, also will become law when the proclamations are signed.

U. S. Casualties Heavy, Mounting, Patterson States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Undersecretary of War Patterson said today that in the fighting on the western front "we are suffering severe casualties, and facing the grim prospect of more to come."

He made the statement in a weekly war review which disclosed that on this third anniversary of Pearl Harbor United States battle casualties amount to 532,018.

Patterson said army casualties reported through November 22 totaled 474,898. This was an increase of 13,840 from the report last week which covered the period through November 15.

The navy total is 77,120, an increase of 1,228 for the week. The latest army casualties, together with those reported a week ago, follow: killed 81,625 and 89,840; wounded 268,099 and 258,106; missing 58,826 and 57,514; prisoners 56,249 and 55,598.

The navy casualties: killed 29,738 and 29,480; wounded 33,469 and 32,600; missing 9,427 and 9,326; prisoners, 4,486 (unchanged from previous week).

Gunder Haegg Handed Guardhouse Sentence

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Gunder Haegg must spend five days in the guardhouse, the military court at Osterund ruled today, because he reported one day late for military service.

The Swedish track star, who is in training for a trip to the United States must "sit off" his sentence before he can start his travel.

Oregon's E Bond Sales Still Far Under Quota

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—State war finance committee eyed Oregon's E bond sales with concern today. "Pearl Harbor" day. The \$13,513,038 figure was still far under a \$34,000,000 quota.

Total war bond sales, lacked up by corporation purchases, reached \$87,181,560 of the \$107,000,000 goal.

But Morgenthau said "it is not enough that the sixth war loan's 14 billion dollars be raised."

Gamble said that "without the support of every man, woman and child, we cannot finance the war this year."

Without this support, said Gamble, "if every corporation in the nation invested all its earnings in government bonds, we should still fall short of our goal. That's why we have established separate war bond quotas for corporations and individuals."

Individual sales so far were \$2,642,000,000, slightly more than half the individual's quota. Ten days remained in the 27-day drive which ends Dec. 16.

6-Hour Quake Centered in Japan, Belief

WEST BROMWICH, Eng., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A violent earthquake that shook the whole earth for six hours—according to one leading British seismologist—was reported today to have centered in the vicinity of Japan on this third anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

J. J. Shaw, veteran West Bromwich seismologist, said that wind tremors made it difficult to trace the direction but he expressed a belief that it was possibly in Japan, the Aleutians or the Kuriles. A short time later Swiss radio said that both Zurich and Nurnburg observatories had recorded an "extremely violent earthquake in the direction of Japan."

"In the case of the Jap. quake place in populated regions the consequences are bound to be catastrophic," said the Swiss announcement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two "extremely violent" earthquakes, possibly in the southern part of Japan were recorded on the Fordham university seismograph early today, the Rev. Joseph J. Lynch reported.

He estimated that they occurred. (Continued on page 6)

Dorsey Case Dismissed; Court Raps Prevaricator

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Judge Arthur Crum today dismissed the assault charges against Tommy Dorsey, his wife, Pat Dane, and their neighbor Allen Smiley growing out of an attack on Jon Hall.

Judge Crum referred to one of the state's principal witnesses, Antonio Inza, Panamanian actor, as a "fabulous, masterful fabricator of falsehoods, a perjuror, naive and simple, demonstrated innumerable times out of his own mouth."

Inza escaped last night from protective custody, the sheriff's office said, but was rearrested early today and committed to the county jail. He had been kept in custody in a hotel since his return from Panama.

"No court with any sense of justice," continued Judge Crum, "could permit such testimony as he gave, so thoroughly impeached as a matter of law, as it is, to go to the jury."

Two Arrested in Probe Of Logging Camp Fire

REEDSPORT — Cecil Byron Overlander and Lyle Edwin Campbell were under arrest here today while officers were investigating the origin of a fire at the newly organized ReedSport Logging company camp. The blaze destroyed a tractor owned by V. Hagedorn, Myrtle Point, with damage estimated at \$2,500. The machine had been leased by the logging company.

Deputy Sheriff Harry McCabe reported the two men were found in an intoxicated condition in a mired down car near the scene of the blaze. One of the men was reported by the officer to have admitted accidentally setting fire to gasoline while searching for a shoelace with which to dig out the stalled automobile.

Both are being held for further questioning.

Ilwaco Fire Kills Woman, Razes Three Buildings

ILWACO, Wash., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A woman burned to death and three store buildings were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin here early today.

Mrs. Violet E. Van Watterding, 33, operator of Maud's cafe, died in quarters she occupied with her husband in the rear of the cafe. Her husband was out of town.

Also destroyed were the Ilwaco bakery and Brumbach's store.

Wagoner Innocent of Charge, Jury's Verdict

The circuit court term which was convened here November 27 was terminated late Wednesday when the jury hearing the case of the State of Oregon against Walter L. Wagoner, indicted on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was found not guilty. The jury was excused from further attendance, as all docketed cases have been heard.



PRIVATE TO GENERAL—Buck private to major general of the age of 37 is the saga of Maj. Gen. James M. Morgan, above, of Washington, D. C., recently promoted to two-star rank on the field in Holland, where he commands the 82nd airborne division. He enlisted as a Private in 1924, went to West Point the next year, earned his commission, went overseas in 1943 as a colonel.

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Costly Lessons Since Pearl Harbor Attack Teach Americans How to Fight Japanese

(Editors Note: Eugene Burns, who gave Americans the first eyewitness report of Pearl Harbor, tells what we have learned in the succeeding three years of fighting the Japanese. Burns has seen action from the Solomon to the Aleutians and from Pearl Harbor to Ceylon.)

By EUGENE BURNS SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—It has taken us three years to get the "know-how" of fighting the Japanese. They forced us to learn it—by air, sea and land—upon us.

In the three years, we have had defeats and victories that were too costly in blood—but they are saving our sons' lives as the war goes into the fourth year.

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