

# NAZI FLANK SAGGING UNDER YANK ATTACK



**SPRINGBOARD TO MAC ARTHUR'S GOAL**—Mindoro island, from which General MacArthur's planes are bombing Jap air fields in the Manila area almost daily, was the target yesterday of an attack by a Japanese naval fleet, attempting to smash the American air base. Result: Three of the participating Jap destroyers were sunk by U. S. air bombers, and the remaining three destroyers fled, together with a damaged battleship and a cruiser.

## Raid Sets Fires In Tokyo; Japs Lose Sea Battle

(By the Associated Press)  
A Japanese broadcast said a "minor formation" of Superforts dropped incendiaries on Ibaraki prefecture north of Tokyo today.  
The broadcast said the Saipan-based B-29s were kept from the Tokyo area by the "might of our crack units."  
Photographs exhibited at Saipan from the Superforts' raid on Tokyo yesterday showed at least a dozen bomb hits on the Musashima aircraft factory, and other hits on a pattern of explosives two blocks wide and seven blocks long. Great fires resulted.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WITH official news still lagging about two days, the spearhead of the German offensive late Sunday was within four miles of the Meuse river.

It is hazily surmised in the dispatches that the Meuse may have been their first objective. It is even more hazily guessed (largely from the boasting of Nazi captives) that PARIS was their final objective and that their time-table called for arrival at the French capital on January 17.

(You'd better keep your fingers crossed on these guesses. Only the Germans know what they set out to do.)

ACCORDING to the best information available in Paris (our supreme headquarters) the Nazis started off their big push with two and maybe three armies. It is supposed to have been planned by Hitler himself and intended to SMASH the allied armies in the west.

(With that accomplished, maybe he could get a milder peace.)

OUR supreme headquarters (at Paris) says the German drive seems to have been slowed.

Wes Gallagher, AP correspondent.

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### State Take-Over Of Dental College Sought

PORTLAND, Dec. 28—(AP)—A request for an appropriation of \$150,000 to enable the state board of higher education to take over North Pacific Dental college of Portland is before the Multnomah county legislative delegation today.

A committee representing the Oregon State Dental association and North Pacific alumni asked the legislators to sponsor a bill setting aside the money for the next biennium.

The state board of higher education, to whom the school was offered by its trustees, declined to accept North Pacific into the state system unless the appropriation is forthcoming.

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## 7 Ward Stores Seized

### Govt. Backs up Directives of Labor Board

**Defiance of U. S. Orders Won't Be Tolerated Any Longer, Roosevelt Says**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—(AP)—The army seized Montgomery Ward and company properties in seven cities today under a presidential order in a show-down on the company's refusal to comply with War Labor board directives.

Simultaneously government attorneys filed a petition in federal court asking for an injunction to restrain the company and its officers from interfering with federal operation of the plants. Presumably this was precautionary in the event Ward's should offer legal resistance to the seizure.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Myron, director of the special service division, army service forces, Washington, accompanied by his staff, served the seizure order on Sewell Avery, Ward's chairman of the board, in Avery's private office.

Avery greeted Gen. Myron pleasantly and they shook hands. The seizure came as the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Retail Employees of America began the second strike at Ward's Chicago plants this year. It was the second army seizure, too, the first

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### National Income Zooms To All-Time Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—Wartime economic activity zoomed the national income to \$159,000,000,000 in 1944 to smash all previous records.

But in 1945, say Commerce department experts, business won't be so active. Early this year business hit the top and leveled off. This peak business year resulted in estimated income payments to individuals of \$155,000,000,000, consumer spending of \$96,600,000,000, government non-war spending of \$13,000,000,000, and war purchases of \$35,000,000,000.

### Nazi Bombs Take Big Toll Of British Civilians

LONDON, Dec. 28—(AP)—German flying bombs and V-bombs killed 8,098 British civilians and seriously injured 21,137 in the first 11 months of this year, the government announced tonight.

This brought the total dead since Jan. 1, 1940 to 54,205. Deaths in previous years were: 1940, 19,779; 1941, 20,844; 1942, 31,262; 1943, 2,362.

### Oregon Land Prices Now At War 1 Boom Peak

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 28—(AP)—Land prices in Oregon are now at about the same level as the World War I land boom peak, according to the O. S. C. extension service.

The Oregon index stands at about 163 per cent of the 1935-39 level, figures show. The index was 91 at the bottom of the "bust" in 1930-34.

### Jap-American Starts Term on Wartime Count

SPOKANE, Dec. 28—(AP)—Gordon K. Hirabayashi, Japanese-American who recently married a white girl in Spokane, was taken to McNeil Island penitentiary last week yesterday to begin serving a one year sentence on his conviction to a charge of failure to report for work at a conscientious objectors camp.

Hirabayashi previously had lost a legal battle against evacuation from the Pacific coast.

### Aged Chinaman Slain and Robbed in His Store

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 28—(AP)—The death of a 74-year-old Chinese in which robbery was the apparent motive was being investigated today by police.

The Chinese, Ling Chin, was found bound and gagged on the floor of a Chinese-operated cigar store here yesterday morning. A small safe was missing from the store. Ling Chin lived in rooms adjoining the store.

### Rogue Pears Shipped

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28—(AP)—Medford is shipping the Rogue river valley's D'Anjou pear crop.

Christmas gift packages of pears from the area required 200 railway express cars, each containing 3000 boxes and baskets of the comice crop.

### Greek Factions in Agreement On Regency Proposal; Bullet Of Sniper Misses Churchill

ATHENS, Dec. 28—(AP)—Warring Greek political factions were agreed today to formation of a regency in a step towards peace, as British military authorities reported a withdrawal of some ELAS forces from Athens to positions on highways leading into the city.

### 5th Yields Further Ground in Italy

ROME, Dec. 28—(AP)—German forces are continuing their counterattacks in the Serchio valley sector on the western flank of the Italian front and Fifth army troops have made further withdrawals in that area, allied headquarters announced today.

The town of Barga, captured a month ago by the Fifth army, was enveloped in the German counterattacks that struck out on a six-mile front on each side of the Serchio.

Meanwhile, Eighth army troops in the Adriatic sector fanned out along the east bank of the Senio river and slashed into fortified German positions at Alfonsine, nine miles northwest of Ravenna.

Allied patrols ran into heavy German mortar fire in the area north of Bagnacavallo. South of that town enemy strongpoints were being mopped up all the way to captured Faenza on the Bologna-Rimini highway.

Allied positions below Monte Sale, 12 miles south of Bologna, underwent several attacks by the Germans who were repulsed with a number of casualties. Heavy enemy guns fired on allied positions at Monte Grande, due south of Bologna.

### U. S. War Casualties Increased To 628,441

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—War casualties of the armed services reached 628,441 Dec. 14—two days prior to the big German offensive in western Europe.

Secretary of War Stimson said today the latest army total today is 547,823. This reports casualties through Dec. 14 and represents a 63,866 increase since his latest report two weeks ago.

The navy reports total casualties at 80,618, an increase of 2,207.

Stimson said the army figures reflected the allied offensive against Germany in November, that did not include losses in the current Nazi counteroffensive. Those, he told a news conference, have been "severe."

### British Praise Lavished On Heroes of Bastogne

LONDON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The Evening News today hailed the "GI Joes of Bastogne" as the equals of Britain's Red Devils of Arrhen and among the greatest heroes of the war.

"All America honored the men of Arrhen," said the editorial. "All Britain today honors the men of Bastogne."

"It was not for the men of Bastogne to ask, as the people at home have asked, why the high command was taken unawares. It was their task to stand firm at the crossroads."

### Two Douglas County Men Wounded in War Action

Casualty lists released by the military forces include names of two Douglas county men. These reports are delayed by details of compilation, injuries having been incurred several weeks ago.

Private James M. Morgan, son of Mrs. Adah V. Morgan, 514 Temple St., Roseburg, was reported wounded while fighting in the Mediterranean theater. PFC Leland A. Fisher, son of Walter L. Fisher, Myrtle Creek, was reported wounded while fighting in the European theater.

### "Unloaded" Pistol Kills Youth Examining It

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28—(AP)—Shot accidentally while he and friends were examining an "unloaded" small-caliber pistol, Michael Spiller, 15, died last night in Olympia hospital.

Police said Spiller was holding the pistol when a friend, Wally Zeffer, 16, reached out to take it and it discharged. The boys did not know the gun was loaded and it could not be discovered which one had touched the trigger, officers said.

### Youth Admits Slaying To Get Car for Joy Ride

SEATTLE, Dec. 28—(AP)—Donald A. Carver, 19, has signed a confession that he fatally slugged Harry M. Lyons, 60, with a beer bottle. King county Prosecutor Shorette said last night.

### Nazis Making Suicide Stand In Budapest

MOSCOW, Dec. 28—(AP)—A doomed Nazi garrison reeled backwards in the smoke-filled streets of western Budapest today but clung with suicidal resistance to positions in the eastern sector of the capital.

(A Berlin broadcast monitored in London said early today that the German garrison in Budapest "has taken up positions on an inner defense ring of the capital" after several Russian penetrations of the German-Hungarian lines.)

("The Russians are now attacking from the southeast, northeast and west," the broadcast said.)

The German and Hungarian defenders were reported to have already been denied the use of one of two remaining airports for evacuation of troops as Soviet forces pounded toward the heart of the once beautiful city.

With the red air force holding complete mastery in the skies German transports were able to operate only at night from this

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### U. S., Britain Ask Soviet to Explain Oil Outfit Seizure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The United States and Great Britain are asking Russia to explain in detail the removal of equipment from the oil fields of Romania to the Soviet Union.

Officials here said no criticism of Russia's action in seizing the equipment is implied by Washington and London are merely trying to get at the facts of a very confused situation, it was explained.

The Soviet Union's initial answer, regarded here as incomplete in that it supplies no details, is said to have given assurances that American and British interests in the oil fields would be protected and to have claimed that the equipment removed was German.

The United States and Britain now have political representatives in Bucharest, but Romania is under the military command of Russia in the name of all the allies. In line with Russian policy, wherever Soviet control exists the movement of non-Russian and the information they are allowed to gather are sharply restricted.

### U. S. Sub Seawolf Is Overdue, Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—(AP)—The U. S. submarine Seawolf is overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The navy's announcement said the vessel was under command of Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bonter, of White Plains, New York, who is listed as missing.

The 1,500-ton submersible was of a class which normally carries a complement of 62 men. No announcement was made of number lost, but the navy said next of kin of all casualties had been informed.

The Seawolf brought to 34 the total of United States submarines lost during the war—4 sunk, 28 overdue and presumed lost, and two destroyed to prevent capture. It was the 239th naval vessel of all types lost since the beginning of the war.

### Sgt. Robert W. Bissell Killed During Air Raid

Sgt. Robert W. Bissell, formerly reported as missing in action, has been killed in action, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Jane Bissell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kinneer, Veterans facility, Roseburg. Sgt. Bissell was with the 15th air force and was killed in Italy, April 17, during the raid on Belgrade.

Before entering the service, he was assistant manager of J. C. Penney Co. store and was later transferred to McMenamin.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bissell, Portland, and leaves his wife and small son, and a brother, G. Edward Bissell, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

### Axe Murder of Husband Charged to Woman

TACOMA, Dec. 28—(AP)—A first degree murder charge was filed yesterday against Mrs. P. E. Lorentsen, 28, in connection with the death Sunday of her husband, Nick Lorentsen, 59, whose body, hacked with an axe, was found in the family home Sunday.

## Von Rundstedt Thrown Back On Defensive; Rescue Comes To Americans at Bastogne

(By the Associated Press)  
Marshal von Rundstedt's southern flank sagged under a tank-supported doughboy attack along a 35-mile front which heightened a menace to his entire Belgium bulge, field reports indicated today.

In the Stavelot sector on his northern flank, von Rundstedt made virtually no progress in 24 hours, a front dispatch timed at 4 a. m., EWT, today reported, and there were indications that his advance formations were abandoning equipment and retreating back to the center of the breakthrough area. In some cases, the field report said, some Nazi units were out of gasoline, and in others they were cut off.

American armor and infantry which burst through to beleaguered Bastogne, ending a seven-day siege of the American garrison, held open the narrow but solid relief corridor against rapid Nazi counterattacks. This thrust was reported in a front dispatch to have narrowed the width of German-held territory in the sector to 20 miles.

## German Rail Lines Ripped By Air Fleets

LONDON, Dec. 28—(AP)—Seventeen hundred bombers hammered 11 rail targets in western Germany today despite bad weather which curtailed close air support for American ground forces.

Five hundred British bombers struck just before dawn, aiming their bomb load of about 2,500 tons on ground flares planted by Pathfinder planes at Opladen, 12 miles north of Cologne.

The U. S. Eighth air force's 1,200 heavies, also based in Britain, bombed the other targets by instruments through dense clouds. They were escorted by 700 U. S. fighters which encountered no opposition from German planes. The British escort, likewise, had no opposition in the air.

The 4,000-ton bomb load of the American armada bombarded the railway points between the German salient in Belgium and the Rhine. The RAF hit the railway workshop at Opladen, where the Germans have been trying to repair damaged military rolling stock.

The German radio said day raiders also were striking into the Reich from the south, suggesting operations by the Italian based U. S. Fifth air force.

Official accounts said almost 2,000 pieces of German rail and

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## Douglas Sales Of F Bonds Mount To 94.5 Pct. of Quota

Douglas county's credited F bond sales stood at 94.5 per cent of quota as of Dec. 26. Bruce Elliott, 6th War Loan campaign chairman, reported today. Sales amounted to \$463,342, as compared with a quota of \$480,000. The county held a 13 point lead over Coos county, which, with sales of \$517,771, had reached 83.5 per cent of its \$600,000 quota.

In the total war bond purchases

## Oregon Nears E Goal

PORTLAND, Dec. 28—(AP)—Oregon, with only \$600,000 to go, may reach its E bond goal today, drive officials predicted.

The total E bond sales stood at \$343,517 of a \$340,000 quota. Multnomah county was still \$2,725,695 short of a \$19,000,000 E bond goal.

es, Douglas county's record stood at 16.8 per cent and Coos county at 10.8 per cent.

Sales not yet cleared through the Federal Reserve bank will net Douglas county over the mark in E bond purchases. H. O. Parsater, county war finance chairman, reports, but there is still danger that Coos county may be the winner in the "Battle of Bonds" if there is any slackening of effort in Douglas county, as a number of late sales in large amounts are rumored from Coos Bay.

Eldon Fisher, community chairman at Kellogg, reported sales amounting to \$6,037.50 to headquarters at Roseburg today, and the Oakland post office announced sales amounting to \$2,192.75.

## Ex-Seaman Confesses Killing Oil Heir

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28—(AP)—Nat J. L. Pieper, FBI chief here, today said an ex-seaman in the U. S. navy had volunteered a confession he killed George Bauerdorf, oil heir, in Los Angeles.

He was carrying a picture of Miss Bauerdorf, Pieper said. The man was immediately turned over to police.

## Ronneville Area Under Six-Inch Snow Blanket

PORTLAND, Dec. 28—(AP)—Six inches of snow blanketed the Ronneville area today, and drivers were warned of hazardous conditions on the Columbia river highway near Crown point.

## Trapped Yankees Reply "Nuts" to German Demand

WITH U. S. FORCES, Dec. 28—(AP)—The siege of the gallant Bastogne garrison has been broken, and a part of its story can be told today.

The heroic American garrison pointed artillery, machineguns and mortars in all directions after their commander sent a curt one-word reply—"nuts"—to the German's surrender ultimatum.

"We were shooting hell, all the time," said Pvt. Leonard Candelora of Charleston, Mass., who helped men and corps men when a sprained ankle put him out of the fighting. "And the Germans were giving it back with interest."

(Supreme headquarters said the unsuccessful German siege lifted up the better part of five divisions, and that 87 German tanks were knocked out in attempted penetrations of American positions. The Bastogne siege was lifted after seven days when a U. S. tank force blasted through to a link-up with the garrison, and now was holding a firm but narrow relief corridor, headquarters said.)

"No wonder the Germans fought so hard to get Bastogne," Candelora remarked. "Look at the map. It's the hub of seven highways and one railroad and they had to have it if they were to keep going."

The Germans tried another trick on Christmas day. They bombarded the Americans with Christmas cards. On one side was the picture of an American soldier holding the hand of a little girl, who was saving, "Daddy, I'm frightened." On the other side was a Santa Claus saying: "Come on over, boys, just 300 yards before entering the army in 1943. The Wolborns have been married ten years. They have no children."

## Husband Held as Wife Lingers From Wound

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28—(AP)—Corporal Robert Wolborn, 37, of Fort Lewis, who yesterday confessed shooting his wife, Vivian, 31, during a quarrel at their home here Tuesday night will be held on an open charge in the county jail here today pending a possible change in his wife's condition. Acting Prosecutor Levy Johnson said this morning.

Mrs. Wolborn is still in a critical condition at Madigan hospital. Fort Lewis, with a shotgun wound in her abdomen, Johnson said.

Johnson said Wolborn, a frail man weighing less than 125 pounds, had operated a bicycle repair shop at Rosemead, Calif., near Los Angeles, for several years before entering the army in 1943. The Wolborns have been married ten years. They have no children.

## Levity Fast Rent

By E. P. Robinson

The three Rs for food retailers these days seem to be rationing, rhythmic and rave.