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Manila-Bound Tanks Smash Jap Blockade

Beachhead at Lingayen Gulf Is Enlarged

American Planes Pour Destruction on Nippon Planes, Transportation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The sinking of 24 additional enemy vessels by American submarines in the Pacific and far eastern waters was announced by the navy today. The bag included four combat ships. The announcement raised to 958 the total of Japanese vessels which have fallen victim to submarine warfare. The total included 103 Japanese combat vessels sunk, and 855 non-combatant ships. The total of Japanese destroyers sunk was raised to 45.

(By the Associated Press) A three-pronged American reconquest of Luzon Island in the Philippines today slashed into entrenched Japanese blocking the road toward Baguio, pressed on toward Manila and wheeled down a coastal highway leading to Batan.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced U. S. Sixth army troops stretched their beachhead across the gulf to approximately 60 miles.

The greatest gain was made against negligible opposition on the flank by units of the 14th army corps which sent troops to the northern tip of Bolineo peninsula and others wheeling southward down highway 7. This road skirts the coast and cuts inland across the base of Bataan peninsula.

The east flank, fighting Japanese well-entrenched in hill fortifications and caves, drove to

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WITH von Rundstedt being driven out of his Belgian bulge, back almost to his starting point, we turn naturally to appraisal of his great effort. Was it profitable to Germany?

As to that, we can only guess. We outsiders don't know enough of the inside facts about Germany to do more. But the casualty lists provide us with an interesting starting point for speculation.

OUR losses in the German counter-offensive up to January 7, according to War Secretary Stimson, were 40,000, of which 18,000 are listed as missing (presumably prisoners, for the most part). Von Rundstedt's losses are estimated at 90,000, of which 40,000 are known to have been captured by us.

That is to say, German losses were 21 times ours, and the logic of the European war at its present stage indicates quite clearly that our side can AFFORD more

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Building Material Problem In Priorities Stalemate will Go to War Production Board

An increase in inventories in retail yards handling building supplies is necessary before Douglas county residents can take advantage of priorities offered by the National Housing agency, James E. Maxwell, NHA representative, was informed Wednesday at a meeting with material dealers and contractors in Roseburg.

Mr. Maxwell promised to place the situation immediately before the War Production Board in an effort to find sources from which retail yards, particularly in the Roseburg area, can be supplied.

An acute shortage, Maxwell was told, exists in such items as flooring, siding, finish lumber and moldings.

Many persons who have been granted building priorities have not exercised the privilege due to inability to obtain materials needed for residential construction. It was learned.

The War Production Board, Maxwell stated, is concerned with the housing shortage in Douglas



AMERICAN DOUGHBOYS WIPE OUT JAP PILLBOX.—Cautiously advancing on this camouflaged Jap pillbox, these American infantrymen make sure no living resistance is left inside after they knocked out the machine-gun that faced the road to the Luzon village of Manac. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for war picture pool.

New Labor Consumers' League Is Organized

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—L. M. Erickson, OPA regional labor relations advisor, had authorization today to ask AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods for financial support for a new labor consumers league in this area.

Organization of the league was approved yesterday by the OPA labor advisory committee. A plan to have housewives write meat and grocery prices on cards to be forwarded to the OPA, as a check on merchants, was proposed by McDannell Brown, district OPA chief.

The committee tabled a proposal to seek state legislation making violation of OPA orders a misdemeanor.

Control of Beer, Wine Sales to Minors Planned

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Police and civic groups striving to prevent sale of beer and wines to minors will be aided through a state liquor control commission decision to tighten controls.

The commission, which begins a second day of hearings today, said it would clamp down on self-service stores where violations have been reported. Stores will be asked to suggest ways to improve enforcement.

War workers who want to "set themselves up in business" are responsible for 75 per cent of the hundreds of recent management changes among taverns and clubs said Oren Campbell, license supervisor.

One Marine Kills Nine Japs in 45 Minutes

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—One marine sergeant killed 90 Japanese in 45 minutes on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands, the public relations section of the marine corps disclosed today.

The sergeant, Duane W. Frost, of Portland, has been awarded the silver star medal for the feat. The marine corps announcement gave no details other than that the one-man army feat occurred during a Japanese counterattack.

Frost was a member of a Fourth marine division tank unit.

Air Priority for Dog Over Service Men not Requested, Elliott Roosevelt Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today that neither Col. Elliott Roosevelt nor the White House had asked for an air priority for a dog which displaced three service men from an army cargo plane.

Early termed the whole affair "a most regrettable combination of errors."

The dog was sent to Colonel Roosevelt's wife, actress Faye Emerson in Hollywood. When the plane carrying it reached Memphis, January 11, 300 pounds of high priority freight had to be put aboard, according to the War department, and a sailor, a soldier and navy seabee were put off to make the weight allowance. The English bull mastiff stayed aboard.

Early said that the dog definitely belonged to Elliott, second oldest son of the president, but that "he was not responsible for his shipment by air under any priority."

Elliott merely left a request, he said, that the dog be ferried to the coast if an empty bomber were going across the country sometime. The colonel left Washington to return to overseas duty with the army air forces more than two weeks before the dog was shipped.

Early said Elliott described the dog as a "friendly sort of creature" that would not require boxing.

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Proposed Swap of Lands Protested By Klamath, Lake

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—County courts of Lake and Klamath counties today stood firmly on their protests against a proposed 17,000-acre land exchange between the Shevlin-Hixson Lumber company of Bend and the United States forest service.

The courts yesterday rejected, for the time being at least, a suggestion from Huntington Taylor of WFB that their protest be withdrawn on this particular transaction while they proceed to thresh out the general issues. He warned that war production of lumber by Shevlin-Hixson is jeopardized by the protests, which make the company's future logging plans uncertain.

Under the proposed transaction, the company offers the acreage, partially cut, to the forest service in exchange for forest timber of equal value. The courts protested to the federal land office, mainly on the grounds that the counties would not receive 25 per cent of the national forest stumpage value involved, which they would receive in a cash transaction.

It was announced after yesterday's conference that County Judge U. E. Reeder of Klamath, a member of the state board of forestry, will go to a Salem meeting of the board Friday and ascertain if there are state funds to purchase the Shevlin-Hixson lands involved in the proposed exchange. This was in line with a suggestion made at the meeting that the state might buy the Shevlin-Hixson lands and the forest service, instead of exchanging timber for the property, could sell timber to the company on a cash basis. This would give the counties their share of the 25 per cent of the sale price.

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Donald M. Nelson, Aide of F. R., Faces Divorce Suit

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Charming desertion. Mrs. Helen W. Nelson filed suit for divorce in superior court yesterday against Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production board and one time Sears, Roebuck & Co. executive.

Mrs. Nelson charged that Nelson, 56, who has held several governmental positions since 1934, deserted her on Dec. 15, 1940. They were married on Dec. 18, 1928, when Nelson was an office assistant in Sears, Roebuck & Co. They have no children. Mrs. Nelson asked alimony and attorneys' fees.

Nelson, who resigned in 1942 as executive vice president of the mail order house to become WPE chairman, left that post last fall after returning from a trip to China as a special representative of President Roosevelt to study production problems.

Churchill Lauds Yankees For Courage In Stopping Nazis' Counteroffensive

Top American Battle of War, Briton Says

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that "American armies have done almost all the fighting" and "have lost 60 to 80 men for every one of ours" on the western front since the Germans launched their bitter counteroffensive Dec. 16.

"This is the greatest American battle of the war and will be regarded, I think, as an ever famous American victory," Churchill told commons.

"We ourselves a month or two earlier lost 40,000 men in opening the Scheldt," he said, "but the bulk of our armies on this occasion when von Rundstedt attacked was separated by scores of miles from the impact of the new offensive."

In the fighting during the last month, Churchill disclosed, only one British army corps has been

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Legislators Scent Politics in Probe Of Liquor Purchase

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(AP)—The legislature of the state of Oregon and Washington, partners in a liquor deal in 1943, were exchanging chilly stares today over the politics which might or might not be involved in proposed investigations of the deal.

A resolution for an Oregon legislative committee does not bind it to cooperate with Washington investigators. The Washington state house set up a committee with the thought of a joint investigation with Oregon.

A report from Salem said some Oregon legislators felt the strong-ly democratic Washington committee "intends merely to embarrass the republican administration" which was in power in 1943.

Retorted Rep. H. C. Armstrong (D-King), chairman of the Washington committee: "If the Oregon group does not wish to cooperate it would give us grounds to believe that it intends to whitewash the deal."

But Armstrong's group got a bit of assistance from the state senate here at home when five of its liquor committee members were named to assist in the investigation.

Fatal Beating of Jailed Youth Will Be Probed

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The possibility of an investigation by the state legislature of the conditions surrounding juvenile delinquents appeared here last night as the result of the beating to death Tuesday of 16-year-old John Emberg in a county jail tank.

Both Emberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Emberg, of the parents of one of the other boys in the tank at the time of the fatal beating made requests for inquiries.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thomas, parents of the other boy, said their son likewise had been beaten at a previous time, and the father said he would seek an inquiry into conditions by the legislature.

Drunk Driver Fined \$100, Given Jail Term

A fine of \$100, coupled with a sentence of 30 days in jail, was imposed in the Roseburg justice court today upon Bobbie L. Wright, Roseburg, who pleaded guilty. Judge Thomas Hartfield reported to a charge of drunken driving. He was committed to jail in lieu of payment of the fine. His driver's license was revoked for a period of one year.

Eugene Elwin Vanieck and Teddy J. Walton, each pleading guilty to being drunk on a public highway, were committed to jail in lieu of payment of fines of \$25 each.

A fine of \$10 was paid by Troy A. Hatcher, charged with operating a commercial vehicle without a chauffeur's license.

Lieut. Currier's Name On War Casualty List

The name of First Lieutenant James R. Currier, U. S. marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Currier, Glendale, is contained in current release of casualty lists at Washington, D. C. The report covers injuries suffered several weeks ago.

Army Casualties Heavily Upped by Nazis' Offensive

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—American army casualties of 74,788 in December alone on the western front have brought the total from D-day in June to Jan. 1 to 332,912.

Secretary of War Stimson, reporting this today, said the total for that period includes 54,562 killed, 232,672 wounded and 45,678 missing.

The 74,788 figure for December included 10,419 killed, 43,554 wounded and 20,815 missing. Most of the missing in December, Stimson said, are probably German prisoners.

December casualties, the secretary told his news conference, covered not only the first two weeks of the German counteroffensive in the Ardennes but also the allied offensive on the western front during the early part of December.

German losses on the western front during the month, Stimson said, are estimated at between 110,000 and 130,000 including 50,000 taken prisoners.

Total casualties for the army since Pearl Harbor are now 580,495 on the basis of compilations in Washington through Jan. 7 and covering battle front developments to the first part of December.

The army's total together with the navy's latest figure of 83,364 placed the overall casualties for the armed forces since Pearl Harbor at 663,859 an increase of 17,479 since last week's report.

Of the increase, the army accounted for 16,144 and the navy for 1,335.

McGuire, Ranking Air Ace, Killed

AIRFORCE BASE ON LUZON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., the highest ranking army's top ace active in the southwest Pacific, perished when his P-38 stalled on a high speed turn and crashed 200 feet into the sea.

McGuire was attempting to come to the assistance of his wingman who was under attack by a Japanese fighter plane when the stall ended his brilliant career.

He had a total of 38 kills. Brig. Gen. Paul B. Wurtsmith in command of the Fifth airforce fighters said that McGuire's wingman also lost his life. He was shot down.

McGuire became the leading ace when Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., returned to the states on leave. Bong is credited with downing 40 Jap planes.

Electric Firms Sued by U. S. On Cartel Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A federal suit charging the General Electric company and the International General Electric company with maintaining international cartel agreements was announced today by the justice department.

Filed at Newark, N. J., the civil complaint, the department said, accused General Electric and its International subsidiary of conspiring with firms in Germany, France, Britain, Japan, Belgium and Italy to exchange patents and divide the world into exclusive marketing areas for the purpose of eliminating competition in virtually all types of electrical equipment, with the exception of electric lamps and radio appliances.

Filipinos Use Football Stunt to Guide Americans

LUZON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Remember the card stunts at football games?

The Filipinos put it to use in the Luzon campaign. While patrolling the northern Luzon coast, American pilots saw a large group of Filipinos with beached canoes. When the Filipinos saw the planes they quickly rounded up white paddles and spread them on the beach to spell out: "Japs in the hills."

Then with precision and speed the Filipinos rearranged the paddles to form a big arrow pointing toward the enemy.

Russian Drive Dealing Huge Losses to foe

British, Yanks Continue Offensive, but Germans Stiffen in One Sector

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The German radio tonight announced that Russian troops had reached the German border of Silesia and that Volksturm units already had gone into action to defend the Fatherland soil.

(By the Associated Press) Three Russian armies at least 2,000,000 strong and led by three of Russia's most brilliant generals stormed forward in Poland today, as Prime Minister Churchill announced to commons that the gigantic soviet winter offensive was part of a coordinated victory plan to keep "all fronts in constant flame until the final climax."

A Moscow dispatch said a Berlin report to Stockholm suggested the Russians already might be inside the border of the rich German Silesia as spearheads led by giant super-tanks advanced swiftly.

Moscow's press hailed the fall of Warsaw as announcing "the forthcoming fall of Berlin," and the Lublin radio said Krakow, Poland's second city, had been occupied.

The Krakow-Warsaw line was smashed as the Germans reeled back on a 250-mile front in Poland. Moscow dispatches said the nazis were sustaining their greatest losses of the war, with catastrophic destruction of tanks and entrapment of whole divisions.

U. S. Third in New Drive The U. S. Third army launched a new drive today in a 21 mile advance from the Ardennes bulge. Elements of two infantry divisions crossed the Sure river before dawn in the Diekirch area, 15 miles north of Luxembourg city and 18 southwest of Bitburg, Slegfried line stronghold, in the face of heavy enemy fire.

British troops in their new offensive invaded Germany at a new point today in a 21 mile advance from Holland toward the Roer river, sweeping through four villages and staggering the nazis with bayonets and shell fire.

German resistance stiffened in the dwindling Ardennes salient to the south. Four miles from the Reich, and on their right, the U. S. Third army mopped up German troops trapped before the Slegfried line in Germany near Nennig, 12 miles south of the city of Luxembourg.

Above Strasbourg, reinforced

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Car Thefts Land Three Youths In County Jail Here

Calvin Wilkinson, 18, and two 15-year-old Portland youths are being held in the county jail at Roseburg today as state police continued to clear up recent car thefts at Portland, Klamath Falls, Medford and Eugene. State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported today.

The two juveniles were arrested last weekend and under questioning admitted to officers, Morgan said, that they had cashed two cars between Roseburg and Grants Pass. The boys took the officers to the machines, which had been hidden in the brush at Winesona in the Jump Off Joe district near Grants Pass.

Given a description of Wilkinson, described as the third member of the party, officers arrested him last night as he was travelling near Roseburg in a car allegedly stolen out of Eugene, Morgan said.

All of the automobiles stolen were late model Buicks. One of the machines in the hideout had been partially repaired.

Authorities were expected to arrive from Lane county tonight to take three youths into custody.

Vote Presages End of British Columbia Strike

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 18.—(CP)—Street car and bus operators in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster started voting today on a strike settlement proposal approved by Ottawa government officials and the union advisory board and it is expected that the result will be announced between 7 and 8 p. m.

Union officials again expressed confidence today that the vote would favor return to work of the 2700 workers and that streetcars and buses would be in operation Friday morning.

Levy Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

Without waiting for a Big 3 conference, Russia has decided the questions of Polish boundaries and which faction will rule. Just a simple analogy to the principle that "possession is nine points of law."