

DEATH CLAIMS GENERAL GEORGE PATTON

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Traffic Crash Effects Fatal After 12 Days

Army's Richest Leader Famous for Brilliant Action on Battlefield

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who led the victorious U. S. Third Army into Czechoslovakia, died today a dozen days after his neck was broken in a traffic accident.

The general's stout fighting heart weakened during the day from effects of pulmonary complications which had beset his apparent recovery from the broken neck and partial paralysis.

Mrs. Patton was with him. The general was 60 last Nov. 11.

He was commander of the U. S. 5th Army at the time of his death. He had served briefly as acting commander of all American forces in the European theater a few days before his automobile and an Army truck collided near Mannheim on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Fighter to the Core
Lieut. Gen. George Smith Patton, Jr.—"Old Blood and Guts" to his men—regarded his job as winning battles.

He first caught popular fancy as the dashing, roarin, hit-for-leather old cavalryman, with two pearl handled pistols on his hips, who led the United States forces in the conquest of western Tunisia in World War II.

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ILLITERATE HERO PREFERS CIVILIAN LIFE—Former S-Sgt. Paul W. Bolden of Madison, Ala., holds the Congressional Medal of Honor, but was rejected for re-enlistment in the Army recently, according to recruiting officers, because of illiteracy. By the time this objection had been waived, Bolden had changed his mind about re-enlisting. He is shown as he received the nation's highest decoration from President Truman.

Kimmel at Pearl Harbor Did Not Obey "Entirely Clear" Order, Adm. Turner Declares

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Adm. R. K. Turner asserted today that Adm. Husband E. Kimmel did not comply with "entirely clear" orders and expressed the opinion that if Kimmel had done so losses at Pearl Harbor would have been cut "materially."

Turner also told a Senate-House Committee investigating the Dec. 7, 1941, disaster that the Pacific Fleet under Kimmel had been prepared for "just such an attack" and was "ready for war."

The Navy Department, Turner said, had given Kimmel "perfectly specific and entirely clear" orders to take the necessary measures against a Japanese attack.

Turner, as chief of the Navy war plans division had prepared a Nov. 27, 1941, "war warning" message for Pacific commanders. (The Japanese bombers and torpedo bombers sank or badly damaged all the major units in the fleet at Pearl Harbor.)

"We had there a total of 185 fighter aircraft. The Japanese had, according to my information, 112 and a portion of these and a portion of their reconnaissance planes were maintained over the carrier group as protection."

"Even if only a considerable portion of our fighters had been in the air... I believe the Japanese attack would have been much less severe in its results."

Also, Turner noted, there were some land-based bombers available to the defenders of Pearl Harbor.

Turner upheld his warning message of Nov. 27 as entirely adequate. He said it was not necessary to send anything additional to Kimmel.

Turner said he had had "the utmost respect for his (Kimmel's) ability" and added that he believed this estimate of Kimmel was shared throughout the Navy.

Cordon Raps Confusion In Federal Wool Policy

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The war hit the nation's wool output harder than any other phase of agriculture, cutting the crop from 450,000,000 to 300,000,000 pounds, Sen. Guy Gordon said here.

Threat of British-controlled wool and trouble getting rangeland has prompted many sheepmen to quit, he told directors of the Pacific Wool Growers here yesterday.

Cordon said the State Department seeks to lower tariff barriers and offer subsidies, while the Department of Agriculture is trying to remove subsidies as soon as possible. "There is something wrong," he asserted, "when administrative departments can't get together on an integrated program."

He contended the country must protect markets for its own producers, or lower its standard of living.

Claim of Arms Smuggling For Mexico Revolt Fizzles

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Najera said yesterday that Labor Leader Tolentino had failed to substantiate his charges that United States "imperialists" were passing weapons across the border to foment a revolution.

As a result, the foreign minister said, the Mexican Government would take no further cognizance of the charges. The War Department also said Lombardo Tolentino's assertion apparently was without foundation.

VFW Post Plans Memorial

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1442 here today announced plans to construct a veteran's memorial building in Southeast Portland.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retznatela

If General MacArthur isn't careful in his pro-American administration of Japan, he may find himself in the unfortunate position of again being boomed for president of the U. S.

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Saturday.

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Tire Rationing Ends January 1

Ban on Spare For New Cars Not Yet Lifted

Supply Still Inadequate To Meet Demands in Full; Price Controls Continue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Tire rationing will end at 12:01 A. M., on Jan. 1, Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced yesterday.

He said the rationing program can be terminated then "because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been most acute, has increased steadily during the past two months, reaching an output for this quarter of about 11,000,000."

Bowles said OPA and the Civilian Production Administration had agreed that rationing could be lifted when production reached this level.

Holders of tire purchase certificates will have through Dec. 31 to turn in ration coupons to dealers and obtain passenger or truck tires before unrationed.

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British Army, Air Heads Visit Javanese War Area

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 21.—(AP)—British Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park made a flying visit to Batavia today as British forces campaigned against Indonesian troops east of Banoeng, the summer capital.

High sources in Batavia said Dec. 8 that the British had decided to move in from the north and reinforcements were necessary to restore order and guarantee Dutch sovereignty in the East Indies.

(The Dutch news agency Aneta said in a dispatch from Singapore that several thousand Dutch Marines, trained in the United States, had arrived today off the Malay coast aboard a Dutch steamer.)

Russians Hang Seven of German Elite Guard

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Seven German S. S. (Elite Guard) members were hanged yesterday at Smolensk following their conviction as war criminals.

Three others received prison terms ranging from 12 to 20 years for atrocities committed against residents of Smolensk.

Oregon Farm Dept. Job Taken by George Covell

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—George Covell, Portland, has been appointed food specialist for the State Department of Agriculture's division of foods and dairies, it was announced today.

He was discharged from the Army recently after more than a year's service. Before that, he was stationed in Seattle and Salem with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's processed foods division.

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When they landed, the Americans were ordered out and their ship was sealed with strips of paper over the door. An "international incident" was created. The



BLAMES KIMMEL—Adm. R. K. Turner, above, testifying before a Congressional committee at Washington today, asserted that Admiral H. E. Kimmel, while in command at Pearl Harbor, received an "entirely clear" order, which, if obeyed, would have lessened the casualties in the Japanese attack.

Icy Coat Stymies Travel on Columbia River Highway

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A solid sheet of ice, increasing with more freezing rain, covered the Columbia River gorge today, but western Oregon valleys gained a respite from the cold spell.

Only an occasional chain-equipped truck was able to move along the glassy Columbia River Highway. The Washington side of the highway was closed beyond Washougal, delaying stages for hours.

Stages were arriving on time through the Willamette Valley, however, where rising temperatures melted ice. Some trains were coming in far behind schedule.

Freezing rain was reported east of here to The Dalles, and several county schools closed in the face of impassable roads. The sheriff's office reported several cars in ditches. A number of Portlanders slipped in icy streets and were taken to hospitals.

Warmer weather was forecast for Oregon in general, with intermittent rain west of the Cascades, and snow in the mountains and to the east.

Enjoy "Jerry's Dance" WEST MINOT, Me., Dec. 21.—(AP)—When Jairos Hilborn, a cheese factory worker and farmer, died 20 years ago he willed enough money for 26 annual parties, known here as "Jerry's Dance."

At the 20th party last night attended by 100 villagers the music stopped for a moment in Jairos' memory and for a reading of the will clause establishing the dance fund. His widow was hostess.

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GMC, Union Still Try For Settlement

Fact-Finders Entitled To Examine Firm's Books, Assertion of Truman

(By the Associated Press)

The lengthy wage controversy between General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers union appeared headed for another showdown today, in the wake of President Truman's decision that company financial records are relevant in wage disputes.

Top ranking officials of the corporation and the union, in Washington for hearings by the government fact-finding board studying the nation's major labor problem, prepared to confer in an attempt to agree on a basis for resumption of collective bargaining on strike issues. Some 200,000 GM employees have been idle for one month following a strike against the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage rate increase.

Book Scrutiny Upheld The GM panel was to resume hearings today, having recessed to study Mr. Truman's statement, which said that fact-finding boards investigating labor disputes "should unquestionably have the right to examine the employer's books." Later Mr. Truman told a news conference that boards also should have power to examine a labor union's books.

The authority of the fact-finding boards to consider profits and prices in connection with wage increases demands had slowed the progress of the two panels studying wage disputes—the General Motors strike and in the oil industry's wage controversy.

Before Mr. Truman's decision, General Motors had advised the panel it would withdraw from hearings if profits and prices were considered as evidence. Later President Charles E. Wilson said the president's statement would not alter the com-

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Federal Housing Program Will Go In Effect Jan. 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The government's program to spur home construction will go into effect Jan. 15, John D. Small announced today.

The chief of the Civilian Production Administration ordered that dwellings costing \$10,000 or less be offered first to veterans and told a news conference that the top rent on these dwellings will be \$80 a month.

Small estimated that at least 400,000 homes will be built under the program in 1946.

"We expect," he added, "that a substantial number of these will sell at considerably less than \$10,000."

This means, Small said, that a great many of the new dwellings will rent for under \$80 a month. Priorities Restored

The CPA chief outlined anew regulations restoring 10 kinds of critically scarce building materials to a priority system and announced that the FHA will handle applications for these through its 52 field offices.

Beginning Jan. 15, home builders who qualify will be assigned a so-called "H. H." rating for these materials.

Ratings will be awarded either to individual veterans who wish to build for themselves, or to builders desiring to erect one or more buildings.

Housing already under way may be brought within the program, Small said, if it meets the \$10,000 price limit, is offered first to veterans, and meets other standards outlined in the regulation.

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Harmony Prevails at Big Three Conference

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The exploratory conversations of the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia and the United States appear to have brought the three countries closer together than they were before the meeting, informed foreign quarters said today.

Certain suspicions are believed to have a good chance of being dispelled, it was reported.

Dog Acts as Witness at Wedding Ceremony

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Alice Krings Wiesens and Frank P. Hollis thought it would be nice to have someone serve as witness at their marriage even though none was required by Connecticut law. So they settled on Dusty their black Cocker Spaniel. Justice of the Peace Jacob Sherb pressed one of Dusty's paws on an ink pad and then on the marriage certificate.

NO SARCAASM MEANT

U. S. Taking Good Care of Eleanor, Solon Observes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Representative Bennett (R., Mo.), emphasizing that he was not speaking sarcastically, remarked today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt apparently will be well taken care of by the government.

Commenting on her selection to the United States delegation to the United Nations Organization, Bennett told a reporter that like other delegates, she will draw a \$12,000 a year salary and receive expenses and allowances.

He said that Congress has given her the right to frank mail, postage free, and in addition predicted that Congress would approve a \$5,000 a year pension for her as it had for widows of other presidents in the last 40 years.

Bennett said that on the whole, he thought the UNO delegates were good appointments.

Additional Land for Edenbower School Bought by Board

Purchase of three and 9-10 acres of land surrounding the Edenbower School by School District No. 4 was announced this morning by Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott. This property was acquired from the Berks estate for approximately \$1,500, he said.

The additional acreage now makes a total of four and 8-10 acres at Edenbower and will be "a very fine site" for an educational plant, Elliott said. An increase in the number of buildings and houses along Calkins road indicates a greater population in that area, he commented.

In the Riverside school project, Elliott said, an agreement with the Portland architects, C. M. Freeman and Sidney B. Hayslip, has been completed, and plans are to be submitted as soon as possible.

The architects have specialized in school construction, Elliott stated, and have perhaps built more schools than any other architects in the State of Oregon.

Complete plans for the Riverside school, which is to be built on the Garden Valley road, will include two units, one or both of which will be constructed as funds are forthcoming. The units are (1) An eight-room unit with office and heating plant, and (2) a gymnasium and cafeteria. Both units will be part of the same building, but constructed one later than the other if necessary, Elliott said.

Relief From Cold Wave Forecast; Death Toll 90

(By the Associated Press)

Relief from the season's first cold weather, which has touched nearly every section of the country in the last two weeks, was in prospect for the South today, but sub-zero temperatures continued to chill part of the Northern Plains and Northeastern States.

Federal forecasters in Chicago said chilly weather prevailed over most of the Southern States early today and temperatures of near freezing and below were reported in widely scattered areas even in Texas and Florida.

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M'Arthur Hits Story of Rift With Russia

Broadcaster Fed 'Hooch,' General Hints; Report Is Reaffirmed, However

TOKYO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—General MacArthur today denied a broadcast report that his headquarters had become embroiled in arguments with the Russians over assignment of Soviet occupation troops to Japan and that MacArthur had threatened to resign.

"I am here to serve and not to hinder or obstruct American government," the supreme commander of the Allied powers said in a statement issued by his press relations office.

"It is my full purpose to see the thing through. The question of Russian participation in the occupation is a matter for other decision than my own."

The statement said the broad-

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Traffic Law Breakers Pay Fines Totalling \$200

Overloaded vehicles, speeding, and failure to have operator's permits were traffic violations that brought in \$200 in fines yesterday, in the court of Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield.

John J. Wright was fined \$100 for an overload; Ralph J. Shirliff was fined \$50 for overload, and \$10 for overheight; Marion W. Meekers, overload, \$10; Helen A. Swall, speeding, \$10; John Belmont, no P.U.C. permit, \$10; Andrew W. Knapp, no operator's license, \$10.

Order Opening Special Elk Season Is Revoked

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The special elk-shooting season planned for Baker County is off. State Game Supervisor Frank B. Wire said today.

He reported opposition from Baker County residents who, he said, feared the entire elk herd might be wiped out by eager nimrods.

The special Dec. 28-31 season had been planned to thin out a herd of some 600 elk forced into agricultural lowlands by heavy mountain snows. Ranchers had complained to the Game Commission that elk were munching on their haystacks.

Wire Fence Erected at Bridge to Ban Suicides

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—To forestall suicides, the city has erected a high wire fence on towering Colorado Street bridge.

But one would be self-destructive had a plan.

A patrolman found him, busy with wire clippers, at the span's highest point. Dissuaded, he agreed to go home.

Old GI Cry: "Hurry up and Wait."

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Col. H. G. Maison Rejoins Oregon State Police

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Col. H. G. Maison, who was deputy superintendent of State Police before he entered Army service with the National Guard in 1940, will rejoin the department on January 1 as assistant to Superintendent Charles P. Pray.

In making the announcement, Pray said Maison's job will be to conduct the in-service training program for State Police officers. This program was suspended during the war.

Lee Bown, deputy superintendent who succeeded Maison, will remain in his present job, Pray said.

OPA Office to Occupy New Location in January

The Roseburg area OPA office will be closed over both the Christmas and New Year's weeks, it was announced today. The office will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 22, through Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, opening Jan. 2 in new quarters in the Lumbermen's building.

The office will be open Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, instead of closing at noon, as usual, but moving into the new location will be in progress on that date. The office will be kept open Saturday afternoon Jan. 5.

Three Plead Guilty in Record Whiskey Seizure

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Three men pleaded guilty yesterday to transporting \$15,000 of liquor across state lines—the largest illegal whiskey haul ever confiscated in Oregon.

The three were Fred Vargas, 28; Robert Vincent Harrison, 33; and John Francis Woolrich, 31. Floyd Binsler, 35, named in the same indictment, pleaded innocent and will go on trial Jan. 11.

Vargas and Harrison were arrested in a whiskey-loaded truck near here Sept. 16. The other two were arrested later in California.

Sentences will be imposed after Binsler's trial.

Mother, Five Children Die in Burning House

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A mother and her five children were burned to death and three other persons were injured when fire destroyed the interior of a two-story house in central Winnipeg early today.

The dead: Mrs. Betty Armistage; her sons, Jerry, 7, Jimmy, 16, and three daughters, Shirley, 15, Elaine, 13, and Yvonne, six months.

Injured are Bernard Armistage, 58, husband of the dead woman; another daughter, Sonya, 8; and Reginald Benham, 42.

Tampkins Not to Run

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Morton Tampkins, state grange master, mentioned as a possible candidate to succeed the late Rep. James W. Mott is definitely out of the race.

The Grange Bulletin said that "conditions make it impossible" for Tampkins to become a candidate.