



Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell today joined with officers of the National Safety Council and other safety agencies in urging Oregon drivers and pedestrians to drive and walk more carefully, to avoid accidents during the holiday season this year.

Nazis Advance Into Belgium In Big Drive

Supreme Allied headquarters revealed Wednesday that in the first 48 hours of the German counter-offensive—up to Monday noon—the Germans punched out gains of 18 to 20 miles, penetrating to within 22 miles of the great Allied base of Liege and cut off several large American groups on the 70-mile Belgium-Luxembourg front.

American reserves have gone into action, fighting desperately to hold the greatest German offensive since Marshal Rommel drove into Egypt, but were still driving ground in what may prove to be the decisive and most bloody battle of the war. Just how far the German Panzer columns had penetrated will be obscured by a partial news blackout.

American infantrymen drive into center of Jap line on Leyte capture enemy headquarters, seize an airfield intact and clamp a deadly pincers on thousands of trapped Japs.

Attack Nazi Anchor
Four Red army columns converge in heavy attacks Wednesday on Kassa, anchor of entire German defense system in mountains of Eastern Czechoslovakia.

Allies in Agreement
Prime Minister Churchill tells House of Commons in special debate on Greece that there was "entire agreement about the general aims which bind Britain, Russia and the United States."

Blast Jap Shipping
Admiral Nimitz announces that 102 Japanese vessels were sunk or damaged in three-day series of carrier plane attacks against Luzon December 13-15.

Thursday, December 14
Bie Three to Meet
Early meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin predicted.

Cigarettes Low
Senators probing cigarette shortage discover that worst is yet to come.

Friday, December 15
Yank 7th Rolls
U. S. 7th army rolls seven miles across Rhine plain through nearly a dozen eastern French towns almost to Germany's border, turns heavy artillery on Siegfried line and reportedly was shelling Karlsruhe across Rhine.

Yank Losses High
U. S. army casualties reach 483,937 of whom 92,133 were killed, 272,331 wounded, 62,796 missing and 68,983 prisoners of war.

Japs Hit Hard
Jap casualties in Philippines fighting total 82,554 men as against American losses of 10,409.

Action Criticized
Secretary of War Stimson and other logonians condemn Hood River post's scratching names of 16 Japanese-Americans from its honor roll.

Land on Mindoro
A naval-borne U. S. army force crossed the Philippines and gains a virtual bloodless beachhead on Mindoro island, within 130 miles of Manila. The attack establishes for the Americans an east-west corridor through the archipelago which will give them access to routes leading to China coast. Although enemy forces attacked the convoy several times, they were surprised as to the landing place and U. S. losses were negligible. It was announced by Gen. MacArthur.

Push Into Palatinat
Three U. S. 7th army divisions drive into Germany's industrial Ruhr along 12-mile front.

Churchill Backs Russia
Prime Minister Churchill backs Russia's demand for a new western front and draws map for central Europe in which Germany would lose vast tracts of her northern and eastern territory.

Sunday, December 17
Advances in Mindoro
U. S. Forces in Mindoro island take town of San Jose, five miles inland from newly established beachhead. Operation covered in a broad advance of seven to nine miles and resistance was negligible. Japs claim four transports in convoy sunk and many other transports and battleships damaged. U. S. planes sink two Jap ships in Luzon harbor.

German Attacks
German counterattacks opened at a dozen points on 70-mile U. S. 1st army front between Duren and Trier. Germans destroy last bridges across Moselle river. U. S. 3rd army bore deeper into Siegfried line.

Freeze Civilian Production
W. P. B. enters drive to keep workers on munition lines by freezing its programs for civilian goods production at current levels.

Monday, December 18
Nazis Unleash Offensive
German reinvades Belgium and Luxembourg in strong offensive, denting U. S. 1st army lines with thousands of troops and scores of tanks attacking on a 60-mile front. Gain of several miles reported in some places.

Gain on Mindoro
U. S. forces on Mindoro shove their outer defenses six miles beyond town of San Jose. Battle on Leyte continues.

Faenza Taken
Faenza, which has blocked British 8th army in Italy, falls to New Zealand division and 8th army forces thrust three miles beyond.

Tuesday, December 19
German Make Big Gain
Great German counteroffensive, hammering a deep dent in U. S. 1st army lines, plunged at least

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