

Weather
Maximum temperature 50 degrees, minimum 37 degrees, no rain, river—1 ft. 4 in.
Mostly clear Tuesday and Wednesday; rising temperatures in the interior; morning fogs in the valleys.

THREE METZ FORTS FALL

Yankees Driving Forward

U.S. Forces Only 15 Miles From Border of Saar

By Howard Cowan
LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 14—(AP) Three of Metz's 22 forts — one of them a keystone in the southern defenses of the citadel — fell with astonishing speed yesterday to US third army troops who stormed through snow and bitter cold all along a 40-mile front.

The Germans ceded without a struggle the subterranean fort L'Aisne, one of nine main forts guarding the city five miles to the south, and two nearby smaller fortifications, indicating they were falling back into the city's inner defenses.

Drive Continues
Meanwhile, the wheeling movement southeast of Metz pressed on up to four miles to within 15 miles of the Saar border, heightening the peril of encirclement to the city.

Fort L'Aisne is a series of underground fortresses similar to Fort Driant, southwest of Metz across the Moselle river, which the third army tried in vain to capture.

Pressing their head — on an attack against Metz, doughboys captured the village of Corny, only 4 1/2 miles southwest of Metz on the east bank of the Moselle across from Fort Driant.

Nazi Map Pull Out
The first indication that Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt may not try to hold Metz came in a broadcast early today from the German commander's headquarters in the west.

"Certainly Metz is being fanatically defended," the broadcast said, "but Metz has fulfilled its task already during the months of September and October when it stopped the advance of the third army and thus enabled the Germans to deepen their front zone for fortifications."

Sanguinary fighting was in progress at a newly-won bridgehead across the Moselle river 12 miles north of Metz near Ockange, which potentially raises the encircling peril for Metz.

Jap Campaign For Luichow Nearly Over
CHUNGKING, Nov. 13—(AP)—The Japanese drive to clear American air power out of southeastern China appeared near completion tonight with the Chinese high command reporting only localized street fighting in Luichow, former site of the last main US air base in that area.

The city, which the Japanese announced last Friday they had taken, was abandoned by the US 14th air force on November 8 after all runways and installations had been destroyed.

The current enemy offensive already had swept the Americans out of air bases at Hengyang, Lingling and Kweilin.

(Associated Press Correspondent Clyde A. Farnsworth in a dispatch from Kunning said that with the loss of Luichow "southeastern China for a long time to come, if not forever, thus has been eliminated as a possible zone of an inland offensive against the Japanese armies.")

Kenneth Sheridan Dies At Naval Hospital
Kenneth Sheridan, 35 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheridan, route six, died Saturday at the naval hospital, Sausalito, Calif., as the result of tropical fever contracted in the South Pacific. A military funeral will be held Thursday morning following 8 o'clock requiem mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church. The rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. Wednesday night at Clough-Barrick funeral home. (Additional details on page 2.)

Canned Food Prices Slated for Reduction
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The OPA said today lower retail prices probably will prevail for all canned or processed minor fruits, berries and vegetables of the 1944 crop except sweet cherries and tomato products.

Location of Hitler Mystery Deepens; Goebbels 'Explains'

LONDON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels swung into a campaign today to persuade the world that silent secluded Adolf Hitler is in "excellent, vigorous health," and not a ghost upon whose prestige Heinrich Himmler is trading as the real master of Germany.

Despite these protestations, the mystery appeared deeper than ever and the subject of increasing speculation, within as well as outside the reich.

Himmler Signs Note
The Moscow radio said orders given German officers in East Prussia to "fight to the last man" were signed by Himmler.

German news agencies — solely for export and not in their home services — declared that the fact Himmler, and not Hitler, broadcast the proclamation issued yesterday under Hitler's name "was in no way proof" of widespread reports that Hitler was incapacitated or dead.

British Sink Tirpitz, Pride Of Nazi Navy
LONDON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The 41,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz, last "unsinkable" giant in Adolf Hitler's fugitive navy, capsized and sank yesterday morning in the icy Norwegian waters of Tromsø Fjord when hit squarely by three six-ton earthquake bombs dropped by RAF Lancasters, the British announced tonight.

Attacking out of the Arctic mists it took the British only a few minutes to finish off this great potential killer which never had engaged in a single surface battle, and which the Germans were five years in building at a cost of \$50,000,000.

The cost to the British was one bomber, out of an attacking force of 29, an air ministry communiqué said. The sinking ended a three-year chase by the British and Russians. At least part of the Tirpitz's crew apparently perished. When at sea the Tirpitz had a minimum crew of 1600. The German navy, already a skeleton, now has its backbone snapped.

Sgt. Lockhart Dies in Action
Sgt. Troy W. Lockhart, 23, was killed in Holland October 25. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lockhart, route one, box 46, Brooks, were notified Saturday by the war department.

Sergeant Lockhart was an only child and was born in Solomon, Kan., Dec. 31, 1921. He came to Salem in 1938. He served with the 32nd division in New Guinea and was with the first group which went over the Owen Stanley mountains. Wounded, he received the Purple Heart and was returned to the United States and was here for a year and a week. His first furlough home was April 23, 1944.

From a replacement center he was sent to Arizona and later to Colorado, and overseas Aug. 30, 1944.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, survivors include his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Walker, and his fiancée, Verna M. Vicker, cadet nurse, La Grande. Miss Vickers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Vickers of Turner and was visiting Sgt. Lockhart's parents this week.

'Invasion of Mars' Puts Chile in Panic
SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 13—(AP) At least one death from a heart attack and injuries to several persons were attributed today to the panic caused by Chile's radio "Invasion From Mars" last night, a broadcast which upset this country just as the radio show on the same subject produced by Orson Wells did the United States in October, 1938.

Without comment, the tribunal turned down an appeal of Montgomery Ward & Co. from a ruling by the District of Columbia court of appeals. The latter court held that WLB actions are administrative and "at most" simply advisory to the president.

The WLB, in case its orders are disregarded, turns cases over to the president for action. The mail order firm contended the WLB exceeded its statutory powers in issuing orders involving union maintenance, dues checkoff and grievance machinery for CIO employees at four Ward stores in Detroit, and one each in Jamaica, N.Y., and Denver.

Uniform Aviation Code For States Prepared
OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 13—(AP)—A uniform aviation code for the 48 states including provisions for licensing aircraft, pilots and airports by states, was being outlined today at the opening session of the National Association of State Aviation Officials.

Senator Says Occupation Plan Bolsters German Resistance
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Senator Revercomb (R-WVa) said tonight a senate military subcommittee proposal to strip Germany of much of her industry might serve to bolster a Nazi resistance in the war.

Revercomb, a member of the subcommittee, disclosed that he had not signed the group's report, called its issuance "untimely and unfortunate," and declared it would bring no benefits to the allied cause.

Licensing the proposal to treat the subcommittee's plan to reduce Germany to an agricultural state, Revercomb told reporters that it was "a subject to be dealt with later"—not now.

"Of course," he added, "the armament industries of the enemy must be eliminated but there is no purpose to be gained by taking away from them the means of making a peaceful living."

As yet no definite policy on a postwar Germany has been made public by the state department but the trend there is toward control at strategic bottlenecks. The talk is of some middle ground between Morgenthau's plan and the opposing contention that Germany's manufacturers are necessary to the reconstruction of Europe.

Jap Bomb Misses U.S. Carrier Off Formosa



Smoke and water towers high beside a US carrier of Essex class as Jap dive bomber misses his target in an attack off Formosa. In foreground crewmen of anti-aircraft gun on another US warship pass ammunition for their weapon. (AP wirephoto from US navy)

U.S. Sub Darter Destroyed by Crew To Prevent Loss

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The navy announced today the submarine Darter was destroyed by its crew to prevent capture by the enemy after it had run aground in an undisclosed area.

All the complement of 65 officers and men survived unharmed and escaped to an advanced naval base.

The year-old 1525 ton vessel was the thirty-third submarine lost by the United States fleet since Pearl Harbor. In that time the fleet has lost a total of 218 combat vessels including the undersea craft.

Sprague Will Direct Drive For WU Funds

Charles A. Sprague, Statesman publisher and former governor of Oregon, was Monday named chairman of the northwest committee to operate outside of Oregon in Willamette university's campaign to raise \$221,000.

Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor of the Salem First Methodist church and president of the university's trustees, heads the committee for Oregon, exclusive of Portland and Salem, while Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem contractor, is chairman of operations in the capital city.

Seventy thousand dollars of the \$221,000, which is to be used in erecting dormitory facilities for men students, has already been raised. Bishop Bruce Baxter and Clarence Bishop of Portland are co-chairmen of the general committee, of which Sprague is vice chairman and Paul B. Wallace, Salem, treasurer. J. J. Gard, vice president of the US National bank, is Portland chairman.

George H. Atkinson, San Francisco, president of the construction company which carries his name, is chairman of the national committee; Charles E. McCulloch, Portland attorney, chairman of the steering committee, and Robert C. Notsom, Oregonian city editor, chairman of publicity. President G. Herbert Smith will serve with this group on the executive committee.

Sweden Won't Renew Nazi Trade Relation

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 13—(AP)—Formal trade relations between Sweden and Germany will end Jan. 1 when their present trade treaty expires, it was learned reliably tonight.

The usual renewal trade talks held annually at this time will not be undertaken, and Sweden has no intention of signing a new agreement, a reliable source said.

AT&T Gets Authority For Alaskan Service

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—The federal communications commission today granted authority to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. to amend its tariff on one day's notice to provide public toll telephone service between the United States and Seward and Whitt, Alaska.

Nippon Troops Occupy Island Near Peleliu

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 13—(AP)—Two hundred Japanese troops occupied tiny Ngerong island, eight miles northeast of American-held Peleliu in the Palau group, last Tuesday night, said Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

A small US marine patrol, which had been on the island for reconnaissance, quickly evacuated, and the enemy was subjected to ships' fire and aerial bombing and strafing.

Nimitz said in his communique the marines were removed aboard LCI's (landing craft, infantry) without casualties.

The Japanese were equipped with knee mortars and machine-guns. Probably they came in small boats across the reef-infested Denges passage from Elk Mink island two miles north of Ngerong.

Ngerong is triangular and only one mile on each side. The purpose of the enemy occupation is vague but probably was for reconnaissance.

Yank Fighter Ace Missing in Action

A UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE, England, Nov. 13—(AP)—Col. Hubert Zeke, 31-year-old fighter pilot from Missoula, Mont., known as the "fightingest" American pilot commander in Europe, has been missing since Oct. 30, it was announced today.

Fellow pilots saw him go down inside Germany while leading his Lightning-Mustang group on a bomber escort mission. At that time, he was the leading American ace operating on the western front, credited with shooting down 19 1/2 Nazi planes and destroying 8 1/2 on the ground.

Yanks Top Jap Plans By Strike

Five Nipponese Divisions Face American Drive

By Murlin Spencer
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Tuesday, Nov. 14—(AP)—The artillery-backed American offensive on Leyte island, which ground to short new gains today, has dislocated Japanese preparations for a counter attack with the five divisions they are known to have committed to this pivotal Philippine battle.

Today's communique reported five imperial divisions had been identified, without specifying whether they were estimated at their full strength, which would mean probably more than 60,000 men.

The Japanese first division has been thrown into the battle line along the Pinatopan-Ormoc highway, and the 26th division has been identified by its dead. The 16th, 30th and 102nd divisions previously had been reported in action.

The American offensive drive, said the communique, has "penetrated his (the enemy's) potential assembly areas, compelling him to premature and piecemeal commitments of his forces for the defense of the main bastion of the Yamashita line."

British Cross Canal Barrier Near Ravenna

ROME, Nov. 13—(AP)—British eighth army troops have crossed the Ghiaia canal, next to the last water obstacle before the German-held port of Ravenna on the Adriatic coast, and there were indications tonight that the nazis were preparing to evacuate the city.

After crossing the canal, before which they had been stalled for several weeks, the British moved into a thick pine forest only four miles south of Ravenna. Still before Ravenna is the Fiumi Uniti river, less than a mile from the city's southern limits.

Patrols thrusting ahead of the main allied force today reported they saw no sign of German troops. To the southwest, however, the nazis held firmly to their positions on the north bank of the Ghiaia canal to prevent the eighth army from bypassing Ravenna.

Indiana U. Makes Ernie Pyle Doctor

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 13—(AP)—War Correspondent Ernie Pyle became Dr. Pyle today as Indiana university conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters—the first ever given by the school.

William C. Pyle, his father, and others from his home town of Dana, Ind., watched as President Herman B. Wells presented the diploma to Pyle.

Congress Faces Arduous Task In Session; FDR Opposition Nil

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Extension of the president's war powers, without serious inter-party controversy, was indicated today as the 78th congress gathered for its final sessions.

House Republican Leader Martin, of Massachusetts, told newspapermen he knew of no planned opposition to prolongation of the powers—including the authority for priorities—which under present legislation expire Dec. 31. He commented:

"Congress is going to give the president all the power he needs to fight the war."

The old congress, with a house numbering 215 democrats and 212 republicans, convenes at noon tomorrow. Among the members will be about four score "lame ducks" who must help dispose of a heavy pre-Christmas roster of legislation.

In addition to extension of the war powers, these important questions confront the old congress: 1. A decision whether to "freeze" the social security tax at its present one per cent rate. Unless stopped by congress, the payroll tax

Great Britain and lend-lease provide a sharp political question which is already pointing our way. There is first, the question of continuing lend-lease to Great Britain after the end of the war with Germany. That will be answered in the affirmative, until the end of the war with Japan, which remains a joint undertaking.

Coming up is another question: disposal of left-over items consigned to Great Britain. There have to be enormous stores of supplies for military and civilian use to insure a constant flow. When the war ends these stores will be on hand. It is not unlikely that America will permit Britain to dispose of this surplus rather than to have it shipped back to this country or handled by us abroad.

But there are two sharper questions which will not draw an answer so nearly unanimous in the affirmative. One is whether lend-lease will be continued for a time, supplying goods which Britain can use or resell to the world, until Britain is on its feet; and second whether British exporters will be given a "head-start" in reviving their foreign markets, as has been suggested. It is easy to foresee a resounding "no" to these proposals both from American business interests and competitors and from political leaders quick to protect American interests.

Support may come however from those who believe that a restored British economy is not only good business for this country but a (Continued on editorial page)

Russian Steel Closes Tighter On Budapest

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 14—(AP)—The Second Ukrainian army of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky swept northward along two rail-ways yesterday in an outflanking move against Budapest, capturing the terminal of Jaszapati and, said a German announcement, breaking into the important communications center of Jaszbereny, 37 miles east of the Hungarian capital.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce reported from Moscow that Jaszbereny was under siege from three sides and that the southern column of Malinovsky's forces apparently had made a solid junction with another column striking from the northeast after crossing the upper Tisza.

The Germans were resisting savagely with tanks and flame throwers, but the Russians seized at least 10 towns during the day in a drive which carried 13 miles in its deepest penetration.

No Change in '46 Tax Rates

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee asserted today "prospects for any substantial change in tax rates for 1946 are very remote."

He told a news conference he felt the adoption of a postwar tax program should be delayed until congress can see the end of the European war definitely approaching. But it should have its plans ready for quick action when the time comes, he added.

"There is not much basis," he asserted "on which anyone can make the prediction or express the hope that we shall be able to revise taxes generally for 1945."

While some tax measure might be enacted next year, he said, in his opinion it could not be made effective before Jan. 1, 1946.

Cigarette Shortage Hits European War Theater

PARIS, Nov. 13—(AP)—The American cigarette shortage has spread to the European war theater. Enlisted men in Paris were informed today they would get no cigarettes this week.

At post exchanges for officers the ration was reduced to five packs a week, which seems low to heavy smokers, but added to the chagrin of soldiers who get none at all.

Cigarette supplies at the front also were low, with soldiers reported out to two packs weekly in some sectors.

Applications for New Commercial Cars Due

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—(AP)—Persons wishing to purchase new commercial motor vehicles in 1945 may apply now to local ODT offices, the office of defense transportation announced today.

ODT said it desired to give the names and addresses to manufacturers of heavy duty trucks 60 days in advance of production, so that the trucks may be shipped into areas where certificates have been approved.