

By Charles A. Squire

Some months ago the senate defeated the Kilgore bill which called for federal unemployment compensation up to \$35 a week for all workers up to a period of 26 weeks. It was urged that this was a responsibility of the federal government since workers are now so fully occupied in war production. Opponents objected on the ground that unemployment compensation is a state function now and should be left so; also that the payments provided were too liberal and would encourage large groups in idleness.

The measure that finally was passed left unemployment compensation in the hands of the states. Within a few weeks the legislatures of some 45 out of the 48 states will meet. What will these states do about unemployment compensation? What will the Oregon legislative assembly do? The eyes of workers will be fixed on state legislatures, that is certain.

In Oregon, we have accumulated a fund of over \$60,000,000. Before the war boom we thought a fund of \$10- to \$12,000,000 was ample. Now we are not sure whether the fund five times as large will be sufficient. If we have sharp depression it will not; if our reconversion is attended by only limited reductions in employment it will be.

In Oregon the benefits lie within the range of \$10 a week minimum (Continued on Editorial Page)

### Nippon Losses On Leyte Far Exceed Yanks'

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today Japanese casualties of 82,554 men and American losses totalling 10,409 thus far in the Leyte and Samar campaigns initiating the liberation of the Philippines.

He also reported the Yanks advanced another mile north of Ormoc, capturing some major enemy supply dumps after overcoming "bitter resistance." This movement further closed the jaws of a vise on Nipponese caught in the Ormoc corridor of northwestern Leyte between two US divisions.

MacArthur did not estimate the number of Japanese remaining on the two islands. The campaign against them thus far has run 55 days.

The headquarters communique broke down the Japanese casualty figures thus:

Abandoned dead on ground captured by Yanks, 33,801.

Prisoners captured by Yanks, 253.

Estimated dead not yet collected, and dead within the enemy own lines, 18,500.

### Lt. Bliss Will Leave Salem

Ordered to report to San Diego the first of next year for training in the armed guard, Lt. George C. Bliss, commanding officer of the Willamette university V-12 unit since it was brought to the campus in July, 1943, leaves Salem on Sunday for a short leave.

Lt. Marshall E. Woodell, who came to Salem at the same time Bliss reported here, will take command of the training unit here until the arrival of Bliss's successor who has been ordered to Willamette but has not yet arrived. Woodell is present executive officer.

Bliss, declaring himself sorry to be leaving the unit and Salem, nevertheless, expressed pleasure at his new appointment.

### White House Halts Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The White House took action tonight to check a threatened strike on the Seaboard air line railway.

President Roosevelt named an emergency mediation board to inquire into the strike, which had been called by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers for noon, Eastern war time, tomorrow.

### 61 Per Cent of State's E Bond Quota Reached

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The state's E bond sales, jacked up by \$690,463 yesterday — the biggest day in weeks — reached \$20,787,470 or more than 61 per cent of the quota today.

Sixth war loan officials were more optimistic over chances of reaching the E bond goal before the end of December, when individual sales will no longer count in the drive.

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## 7th ARMY NEARS BORDER

### 91 Nippon Airplanes Destroyed

Carrier-Based Yank Aircraft Blast Luzon Isle

By Lief Erickson  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The destruction of 91 Japanese planes by carrier-based American aircraft in a raid on Luzon island in the Philippines and three new land-based smashes at Iwo Jima — intervening enemy air base along the B-29 road to Tokyo — were announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

The attack on Luzon, on which Manila is situated, was directed at harbors and air fields but Nimitz' communique gave no details other than the shooting down of 14 Nipponese interceptors and erasure of 77 on the ground. Possibly a later communique will include some Japanese shipping losses. Luzon is the big source of supply and reinforcement for the imperiled Nipponese on west Leyte.

**First December Raid**  
The raid, made Wednesday, was the first this month by the carrier air arm which seven times lashed Luzon with devastating effect in November.

Even the account of the air losses inflicted was incomplete.

**Iwo Jima Blasted**  
Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, was raided Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, making the 10th such attacks in 13 days to knock out the air fields from which the enemy has sent planes to attack the B-29 base at Saipan, 725 miles to the south.

Despite the heavy anti-aircraft fire encountered, all raiding planes returned. Liberators, escorted by Lightnings, saw three or four "non-aggressive" Japanese planes aloft during the Tuesday strike.

### Death of Lupe Velez Laid to Sleep Tablets

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Lupe Velez, peppery Mexican film actress, today took her own life, police said, and, apparently that of her unborn child.

On the bed beside Lupe's body were two notes in her handwriting and a partially filled bottle of tablets, used to induce sleep but fatal if taken in quantities.

One note said she was expecting a baby. The other, addressed to her secretary, said "you know the facts for the reason I am taking my life."

Autopsy findings showed Miss Velez was about four months' pregnant, county autopsy surgeon Victor Cenuau said. He added he found no natural cause of death and that a chemical analysis of stomach contents will be made.

A few weeks ago Lupe gaily announced she was going to marry Harald Ramond, a French actor whom she met about a year ago. But last week she said the romance was all off.

"I am so confused, I never expected this to happen," Ramond told newsmen.

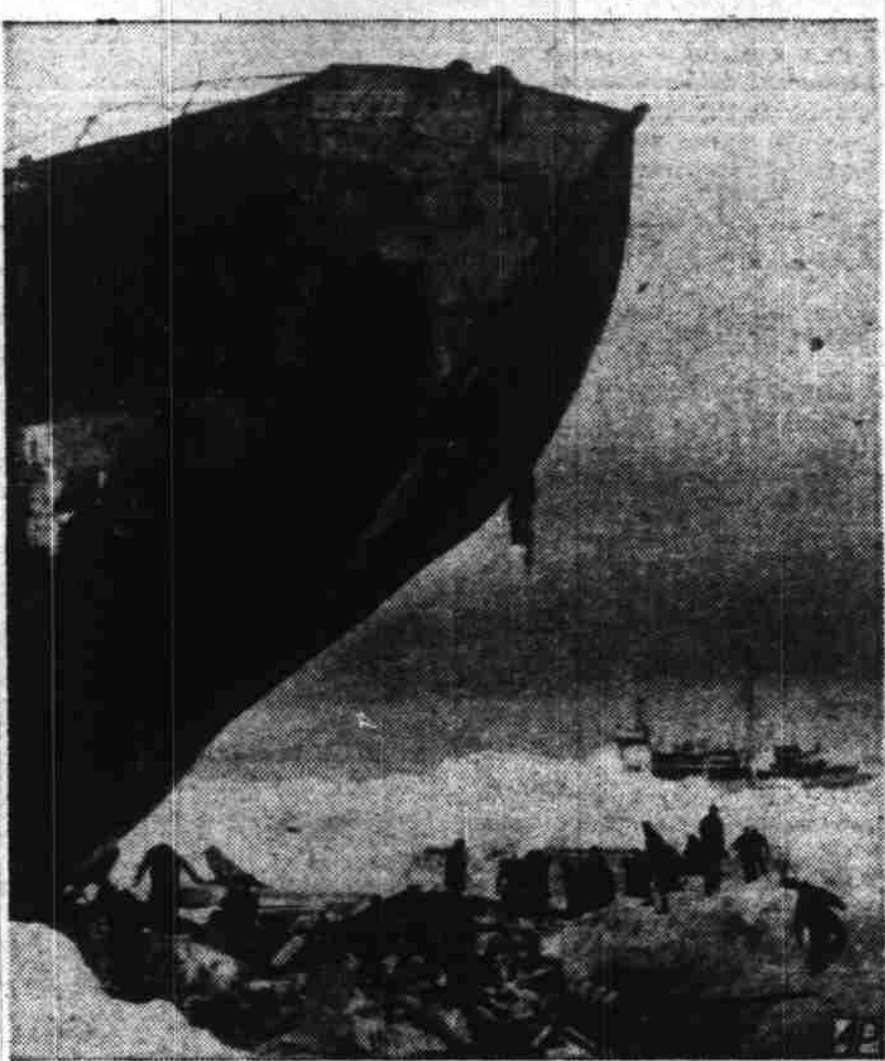
### Texas Town's Residents' Good Teeth Start Probe for Reason

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—(AP)—That little Hereford (pop. 2584) down in Deaf Smith county, Texas, may become the focal point of the dental world was disclosed here today by Samuel J. Clarke, Seattle engineer who ordinarily concerns himself with bridgework of more spacious size.

At the dentists' club today, however, Clarke gave a mighty boost for Hereford as the "town without a toothache," and announced that he was one of the incorporators of a research organization set up to find out and tell the world why Hereford bridges are all of cement and things, and not of gold.

The engineer's interest in Hereford developed when he found he was likely to get a mouth full of gold bridges himself he explained. He had heard of the perfect Here-

### German Trawler in Greenland



Coast guardsmen from the combat cutter Northland (background) find an abandoned German trawler (left) recently in ice floes off Greenland's east coast. Finding of this vessel was the incident in a series of coast guard actions in the area which included the capture of a second enemy ship, scuttling of a third, destruction of two German radio-weather stations and the capture of 60 Germans. (AP wirephoto from coast guard)

### Yanks Smash Nazi Stations In Greenland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Three Nazi weather-reporting expeditions to the northern Greenland area were smashed and an enemy vessel and 60 prisoners captured during a summer-fall coast guard campaign in those ice-packed waters.

The navy said today two other Nazi ships were scuttled by their own crews, one when it was brought to bay by coast guard cutters and the other because it was hopelessly caught in ice floes.

The captured vessel was a new, 180-foot armed trawler named the Externsteine. An American prize crew has sailed it to Boston.

The Northland, one of four coast guard ships engaging in this Arctic naval war, lost its rudder due to ice damage but was safely towed 3000 miles to an American base.

Europe's weather originates in the Greenland area and the Germans have tried desperately since early in the war to maintain observers there.

### DeGaulle in Cairo on Way Home From Soviet

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle has arrived by plane in Cairo on his return trip from Moscow, the American Broadcasting station in Europe reported tonight in a broadcast heard by the Blue network.

### Draft Board Gets Wish From Soldier in Burma

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—(AP)—From "Somewhere along the Ledo road" in Burma, S/Sgt. J. H. Colby sent his draft board a V-mail Christmas greeting.

"Wish you were here," it said.

### Two Oregon Soldiers Are Killed in Action

The war department announced Thursday night among the Oregon soldiers killed in action in the Mediterranean area the name of PFC George W. Hetrick, son of Oscar R. Hetrick, Mollala.

Among those killed in action in the European area is the name of Pvt. Roy M. Hermann, son of Mrs. Clara J. L. Hermann, Dundee.

### Nation's E-Bond Sales Reach 60% of Quota

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—With two days left in the sixth war loan drive, sales of series E bonds reached \$1,535,000,000 today—60 per cent of the \$2,500,000,000 E-bond quota.

Though the four-week selling campaign ends Saturday, treasury officials now believe that if sales efforts continue vigorous to the end, the E-bond quota will be ever-subscribed.

### Churchill In Center Of Storm

Clamor Mounting For Enunciation Of Big 3 Policy

By Richard Kasishke  
LONDON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A mounting clamor for a clear enunciation of British-American-Russian policy in Europe developed today as Prime Minister Churchill told his critics in parliament he might carry to the people his defense of Britain's intervention in Greece.

Still under fire in sections of the British press as well as in legislative halls, the prime minister stood firm on his policy in both Greece and Italy, but his intimation of a "further account" on those affairs offered a clue to the extent of the still-prevalent protests.

**Based on Necessity**  
In dealing with the Italian situation under persistent labor party cross-questioning, he emphasized that Britain's policy was based on military necessity.

Churchill acknowledged he had approved continuance of king Vittorio Emanuele's regime "until the military situation had got into a better condition," and added that the results were "not unsatisfactory so far as our armies are concerned."

The foreign office incidentally endorsed the British and American governments, "whose views are in agreement," had endorsed the newly-formed cabinet of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi in Italy.

Meanwhile, an implication by Ernest Bevin, British minister of labor, that some international agreement already had been reached on the spheres of influence in the Balkans stirred controversy on both sides of the Atlantic.

### War Victim



Lester A. Vickers, T/4, husband of Leota Vickers of Salem, who was killed on Leyte in the Philippines, October 25.

### L. L. Vickers Dies in Action In Philippines

Lester L. Vickers, technician 4th grade, was killed in action on Leyte October 25, the war department has notified his wife, Mrs. Leota Vickers, who is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Howe of 2080 Nebraska st., Salem.

"Vickers was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vickers of Hammond, Mo. He attended public schools in Salem and enlisted in San Francisco four years ago. He was with an engineering company.

Brothers and sisters surviving include Alvin Vickers, Mrs. Earl DuChien and Mrs. Carl Jaeger, all of Salem; Luetta Doolin, Sisters, Ore.; Ruth Findley, Hammond, Mo.; Alfred Vickers, San Francisco.

### U. S. Dollar Slumps in China's Black Market

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The black market value of the American dollar which brought about 700 Chinese dollars here at the height of the military crisis has slumped sensationally during the past 48 hours. Today's quotations were 450 Chinese dollars to one US dollar.

### Marion Is Within \$800,000 Of Five-Million Bond Goal As Deadline Draws Close

Individual and corporate purchases spurred Thursday to put the Sixth War Loan drive past the \$4,200,000 mark in Marion county, but with only two days to go those in charge were urging still greater efforts to put the campaign within sight of the five-million dollar goal by Saturday night.

Less than \$250,000 remains to be subscribed in E bonds, but the buying of F, G and other large value remains far below the \$1,500,000 mark set by the committee. However several large purchasers have added to their bond buying in the last day or two and the gap may be closed before the final gong sounds Saturday night, Chairman Douglas Yeater said.

### U.S. Superforts Bomb Thailand, Burma Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Superfortresses from India smashed today at Japanese outposts of conquest in Thailand and Burma in a followup of yesterday's major strike from Saipan against airplane, production in the enemy homeland.

A communique from the 20th air force headquarters here reported large fires left burning after "many bomb hits" on military and industrial targets at Nagoya, Japan, yesterday. The list included direct hits on the giant Mitsubishi aircraft plant. Returning members of the striking force brought back to their base information indicating terrific damage.

The announcement reported on of the B-29's missing and presumed lost from the big force which Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, jr., sent off from Saipan, his island base in the Marianas. The force which Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay's 20th bomber command dispatched from India was described by the communique as substantial.

### Fights Rage In Greece, Ending Truce

ATHENS, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Fighting broke out in Omonia square, northern fringe of the British defensive position today, and Elasmanned 75 millimeter guns pounded the area of British headquarters in the Grande Bretagne hotel, ending the "undeclared truce" which had brought quiet to this strife-ridden city until early afternoon.

Amid rumors of an impending settlement of the struggle with the Greek leftists, shells burst in the center of the capital and Elasm troops kept up intermittent street-arm crossfire in the side streets off University street, the main artery between the two principal leftist objectives — Omonia square and Constitution square. Partisan fighters continued the infiltrations, reportedly poking their way through sewers.

### 80,000 Men From Air Force Moving To Ground Force

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The war department said today it expects the transfer of 80,000 air and service force personnel to ground forces will be completed during January.

To provide more combat troops for the ground forces, 35,000 enlisted men will be shifted from air forces and 25,000 from service forces. The department said that "the majority of men transferred from the AAF will be replaced by enlisted men of the ground forces, who are not qualified for combat duty."

### Mercury Dips to 20 Degrees Here as Residents Shiver

By Carol Copeland  
Staff Writer

Salem residents who thought Thursday was a bit "chillier" than usual were decidedly right in their observation as the 20 degree minimum reported by the Salem weather bureau is the lowest for December since 1940 when 18 degrees was registered on December 14 of that year.

Average minimum temperature for the past six days was 25 degrees, the coldest day being Thursday with the 20 degree registration and the warmest being on the 9th with a minimum temperature of 31 degrees. All minimum temperatures this week have been below freezing.

The recent low temperatures have been caused by succeeding

**Weather**  
Maximum temperature Thursday 45 degrees, minimum 20 degrees, no rain, river -10 ft.  
Considerable valley fog, otherwise clear Friday, becoming cloudy Saturday. Little temperature change.

### Patch's Men Roll 7 Miles

Heavy Artillery Shells Karlsruhe; First, Ninth Gain

By Austin Bealmer  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Friday, Dec. 15.—(AP) The U. S. Seventh army rolled seven miles across the Rhine plain through nearly a dozen eastern French towns almost to Germany's border today, turned its heavy artillery on the Siegfried line and reportedly was shelling the big enemy city of Karlsruhe across the Rhine.

The U. S. First and Ninth armies drove to the Roer along a solid 15-mile front at the edge of the Cologne plain and the retreating Germans blew up the last three bridges over the river around their key citadel of Duren, including one on the superhighway to Cologne.

**Make New Crossing**  
The U. S. Third army forced a new crossing into the Saar basin east of Sarreguemines, captured strongly fortified Halkirchen near where it made its first invasion of the region from the south, and pushed a mile beyond.

As the four American armies hammered at the gates of the reich, allied warplanes swarmed out in clearing weather, pounding Duren, the French frontier city of Wissembourg in the path of the Seventh army and the Siegfried fortifications east of the Saar river.

**7th Bears Down**  
The U. S. Seventh army was bearing down on Germany all along its 35-mile front and in its spectacular dash up the Rhine plain hurled streams along which the Germans offered only the flimsiest defense.

The Germans facing the U. S. First army around Duren likewise were falling back fast. The 83rd division seized the suburban village of Gurzenich, just to the west of Duren, and pressed on toward the demolished Duren bridge. The Roer at Duren is 150 feet wide and running bank full.

The Seventh army's thrust almost to the German border was spear-headed by the 79th division commanded by Maj. Gen. I. T. Wyche. In less than three days these troops have driven 15 miles to the southwestern approaches of Lauterbourg and also reached within two miles of the border farther west at Riedelsitz.

### Dallas Soldier, Taken by Japs, Disease Victim

DALLAS, Dec. 14.—St. Sgt. Earl T. Watson has died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp of beriberi, his mother, Mrs. Milton Cooper has been notified by the war department. Date of his death was not given but the message said the information was from the Red Cross and that a letter would follow.

Sgt. Watson was a coast artilleryman at Fort Mills in the entrance of Manila Bay and was taken prisoner when that fort was captured about the time of the fall of Corregidor in April or May 1942. He was officially reported missing in action May 23, 1942, and on Dec. 29, 1942, was reported as a prisoner of war. A few brief messages on the cards permitted by the Japanese have been received but none in more than a year.

Beriberi is a disease of the Asiatic tropics probably brought on by insufficient diet and exposure.

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NEXT TO NO TIME NOW  
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