

ELAS Fortifies Jail Captured From British

ATHENS, Dec. 19. (AP)—Elas troops fortified the Averoff prison tonight after a strong mortar and grenade attack by the left wing militia had forced the British garrison and Greek gendarmes and wardens to evacuate the institution.

A widespread hunt was launched by the British, Greek and undoubtedly by the elasmilitia of the leftwing camp political party—for Jean Rallis, Quisling premier of Greece during the German occupation, who escaped during the fighting for the prison.

(In London Herbert H. Lehman, director general of UNRRA, announced that the civil war in Greece had completed the temporary evacuation of a substantial part of the relief mission after several members of the staff had been wounded in the course of duty.

In addition to Rallis, it was estimated 205 men and 20 women prisoners fled, out of the 574 persons held at Averoff. Most of the prisoners were awaiting trial on political charges.

Woman Reports Loss Of Purse With Money

Mrs. Edward Antrican, of route four, box 464 reported to police late Tuesday the loss of her black corse bag. She said the theft occurred about 10 p. m., while her husband's truck was parked in front of the Swift and Company's loading platform in West Salem and when they returned to the cab the purse was missing. It contained about \$50 currency, several ration books, keys and miscellaneous articles.

Army Planes Pick Riders Off Ground

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (AP)—Army airplanes in full flight can now pick human passengers off the ground with scarcely a jolt.

The method, announced today by the army air forces, is based on a pickup idea first used by a rural air mail service in West Virginia.

As a result of experiments conducted by the air technical service command at Wright field, project engineers of the ATSC said the practice had been developed to a point where AAF standardization can be seriously considered.

The first human pickup was Paratrooper First Lieut. Alexis Dister of Washington. On Sept. 5, 1943, he demonstrated the practical use of the new equipment which may make possible a revolutionary means of rescue for stranded AAF airmen forced down in inaccessible locations.

The pickup mechanism includes a reel inside the plane cabin with 185 feet of half-inch nylon rope. At the free end of the rope is a hook held by a release mechanism. A ten-foot wooden pole hanging below the plane guides the tow rope hook into the pickup loop. Automatic delayed action brakes and an electric reeling motor weighing a total of 200 pounds, complete the airborne mechanism.

16-Year-Old Brunette Named Rose Bowl Queen

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 19. (AP)—Mary Louise Rutte, 16-year-old brunette today was chosen queen of the tournament of roses, to be held New Year's day.

Miss Rutte, honor student at Pasadena junior college, was selected from a group of more than 100 candidates. Daughter of Col. and Mrs. Louis C. Rutte, she has four sisters, including her twin, and two brothers.

Firemen Called Out

Firemen were called to put out a chimney fire late Tuesday at 1030 Broadway. No damage was reported.

Obituary

Latourell In this city December 19, Ethel Latourell, aged 49 years. Survived by husband, Jess Latourell of Salem, and brother, J. H. Sohn of Salem. Funeral announcements later by the W. T. Rigdon company.

Death on Athens Corner



A man and a woman, victims of a clash between demonstrators and police in Athens on Dec. 3, lie on a street corner where they fell surrounded by shouting demonstrators. (AP Wirephoto)

FR, Query Shy, Tells Press He Favors Atlantic Charter, Relies On Indirect Answers on Policy

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt, returning to a capital seething with debate on foreign policy, declared today he still stands on the Atlantic Charter's principles.

He told a news conference that the charter does not exist as a formal document signed by himself and Prime Minister Churchill but that it was signed in substance.

It was Mr. Roosevelt's first opportunity to use the world sounding board of a White House conference in more than three weeks—he returned this morning from a restful visit to Warm Springs, Ga.—and he picked his way carefully through a crossfire of questions dealing chiefly with foreign affairs. As a result, direct, specific answers were few and far between.

Besides the Atlantic charter, the conference revolved about these key subjects:

Quiet on Poland—Poland—A reporter said the Washington Evening Star had a headline yesterday saying the United States opposes the partition of Poland and the Washington Times-Herald had a headline saying this country supports the partition. "Which do you prefer?" the reporter asked. He much preferred the Star to the other paper, the president replied, adding that he did not say other newspapers because there was a distinction between a decent paper and another kind of paper.

(Editor Frank Waldrop of the Times-Herald, asked later if he wished to comment, told reporters he did not.)

Evades Question—Greece—A reporter told him British Labor Minister Ernest Bevin had said that at Quebec the president initiated a British plan for stabilizing Greece. Hadn't that been denied at the state department? Mr. Roosevelt asked. Told it had not, he said perhaps something more polite was said but that anyway the reporter shouldn't bring that up because it was too contentious.

A general statement of American foreign policy—a reporter said that some of Mr. Roosevelt's strongest supporters in congress as well as some of his strongest opponents were urging that he restate this country's foreign policy. The president said he didn't think he could comment; that the policy was on the record, and he advised the press against trying to restate it.

Calls It Speculation—A Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference—"Do you welcome and do you foresee" an early conference? a reporter asked. That was all highly speculative, the president replied. When the reporter said he would like to remove the speculation by going to the "highest source," the president laughed and said, so would he. No definite date for a meeting has been set, Mr. Roosevelt said.

Norden Group—NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (AP)—Carl L. Norden, Inc., makers of the famed Norden bombsights, was indicted by a federal grand jury today, accused of conspiracy to hamper output of the war devices which have been credited with playing a major part in American air successes.

Named in two indictments were Theodore H. Barth, president, and Ward E. Marville, vice president of the Norden firm; the Efficiency Survey company of Corrigan, Osborne and Wells; Navy Cmdr. John D. Corrigan as head of the concern, and Robert H. Wells, vice president.

Czech Rail Hub Of Kassa Goal In Red Drive

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 20. (AP)—Bursting through a network of trenches and blockhouses within nine miles of the Czechoslovak communications hub of Kassa, the red army yesterday threw a siege arc around that hinge position of the German defenses and cut the road-rail escape route to the southwest.

The drive on Kassa was the highspot of a day of general advances on a front of more than 80 miles in southern Slovakia and northern Hungary, the Moscow broadcast communique disclosed, with gains as much as eight miles from previously-announced positions and entries into Slovakia at many new points.

Both the regular nightly communique and a post-midnight supplement stressed the stubborn nature of the enemy defenses both in men and in engineering works in the forested mountains.

In capturing the village of Senya, alone, nine miles south of Kassa, the Russians killed 400 Germans and Hungarians and captured more than 2,000, it was announced.

China Armies Not Far Apart

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Dec. 19. (AP)—Two Chinese armies seeking to establish the first overland route to China since 1942, now little more than 80 miles apart, are encountering comparatively light Japanese resistance in their drive to join up along the Chinese-Burmese border some 200 miles northeast of Mandalay.

Operating in the rugged strip between the Irrawaddy and Salween rivers the two forces are advancing toward the town of Namhkan which is about 65 miles north of Lashio, former important station of the old Burma road.

Nazis Strike Back in Italy

ROME, Dec. 19. (AP)—A savage counter-attack mounted by the Germans in an effort to hold their positions on the west bank of the Lamone river northeast of Faenza against a British flanking drive has forced the Eighth army troops to fall back to the northern edge of the town.

Allied headquarters disclosed the action tonight.

The grim, tank-supported Nazi defense appeared to indicate the Germans were having trouble extricating their forces from a nine-mile wide salient between Faenza and the important road center Bagnacavallo.

More Than 150 Attend Annual Kiwanis Party

More than 150 Kiwanians, their families and children-guests attended the club's annual Christmas party at the Marion hotel Tuesday night. Musical numbers and magician's tricks were on the program which closed with the presentation of candy and gifts by Santa Claus.

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"To Grandpa from Billy" reads the little card on one of the many small packages delivered Tuesday to the state tuberculosis hospital for distribution to patients who have never seen the donors.

Billy is a second grader at Englewood school. And let me assure you there is nothing "second grade" about that school as the term is ordinarily applied. Billy is one of the 400-500 children at Englewood who this Christmas have done an independent and unusual job of Christmas planning.

Some time ago they got from the Marion county health department not the names but the descriptions of 18 Marion County patients at the tuberculosis hospital. I suppose they are patients without families nearby to help make the great day merry. Someone provided the children with gift suggestions—these they followed meticulously, even to camera film (and don't ask me where they got it).

But they did more than that. Some classrooms took up collections and named committees to do their shopping. Five of the second graders visited a nearby variety store to shop for the men they now know as "Grandpa." Their teacher, you see, had suggested that they buy as they would for their grandfathers.

The packages are as varied as the children who gave them. Some mothers baked cookies or made candy. There are games and puzzles and books, almost invariably selected carefully. And all are wrapped beautifully.

One or two classrooms made their own Christmas wrappings. Well they might in a school with an auditorium where the light is softened through what appear to be beautiful stained glass windows (really crayon work on heavy wrapping paper)—done four years ago by fifth grade pupils. There won't be any new set of Christmas windows until more of the better-grade butcher paper is available so the young artists take out their talent on unusual gift paper designs.

Anyhow, they have done a wonderful piece of work this Christmas, but the old story seems a bit reversed when one looks at the tiny lads and lasses who have so eagerly participated. Almost as if the gifts were being poured out of the manger to the Wise Men.

November Pay Down in State

Oregon's covered payroll for November, 1944, aggregated \$39,876,728 as against \$52,441,586 for November, 1943, the state industrial accident commission reported here Tuesday. This was a reduction for November, this year, of approximately \$12,000,000.

The October, 1944, payroll was \$49,248,023. The Multnomah county payroll for November, 1944, was \$24,919,946 as compared to \$36,365,229 in November, 1943. The October, 1944, payroll was \$32,297,597.

Too Late to Classify

MANS—prewar bike, \$85. Good cond. 1745 Norway way 4 p. m.

Two Hotels Of Chadwick System Sold

Sale of the Oregon hotel at Eugene and the Redwoods hotel at Grants Pass, formerly part of the Chadwick hotel chain, was announced Tuesday night by W. W. Chadwick.

Chadwick also announced that he would relinquish the active management of the Senator hotel in Salem to his son-in-law, Cedric T. Reaney, who has been manager of the Jackson hotel at Medford. Mrs. Reaney and the Reaney's two sons already are in Salem.

Reaney will be succeeded at the Jackson hotel in Medford by Machlin and Ethel Robinson, who have been at the Redwoods hotel in Grants Pass. The latter has been sold to William S. and Mildred Saunders. Saunders formerly had the Tillamook hotel and at one time was co-owner of the Salem hotel in Salem.

The Oregon hotel in Eugene has been sold to W. Alson and Gertrude Cummings, formerly of Salem. Mrs. Cummings is a daughter of W. W. Chadwick.

Gilbert O. Madison will continue as manager of the Marion hotel in Salem.

All five hotels, including the two sold, will continue to be operated under the Chadwick system.

Of the nine provinces of Canada, seven have a coast line on salt water.

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Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe—Germans continue giant counter-attack which has thrust US 1st army back 20 miles in 3 days.

Russia—Reds besiege German stronghold of Kassa in Slovakia and cut rail escape to southwest during day of wide advances in Slovakia and north Hungary.

Italy—Counter-attacking Germans thrust Allies back to north edge of Faenza.

Greece—Leftists drive British from Athens prison and barricade it.

Pacific—Yanks capture Valencia, Nip headquarters down on Leyte, and nearby airfield; Superforts bomb aircraft town in Japan and reported have bombed Shanghai.

China—Chinese in Kwangsi province taken Pushan, slowing Nip withdrawal.

Cougars Win From WWCE

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 19

(AP)—The Washington State Cougars took the measure of the Western Washington college Vikings, 54-43, in a fast running, free shooting basketball game controlled by the Cougars from start to finish tonight. Washington State led 30-16 at the half after jumping into a 20 to 5 advantage in the first 10 minutes, due largely to the efforts of Guard George Hamilton, who with 18 points was high scorer of the game.

Oilers-Legion Tangle

DENVER, Dec. 19. (AP)—Phillips "66" of Bartlesville, Okla., national AAU basketball champions, and the Denver Ambrose & company amateur club led by Veterans Jack McCracken and Bob (Ace) Gruenig will play an infantile paralysis benefit series in Denver Dec. 19 and 20.

Ends Today - Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts in "I LOVE A SOLDIER" Plus "SOUL OF A MONSTER"

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