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ERMANS RUSHING TROOPS TO BULGARIA

cal Men Among 200 iscome Bay Survivors eaching S.F. Monday

Safe among the 200 survivors of the escort carrier Lis- e Bay, who were being docked Monday at San Fran- , is Harry L. Ward, RM 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. of Eugene, Route 5. Word was received from their shortly before noon Monday by the Wards, saying that is alive and well, safe on shore. Ward was radio opera- aboard the ship sunk November 24 off Makin island in Gilberts invasion.

AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13—(U.P.) e American escort aircraft er Liscome Bay, sunk Nov. 24 Makin island, went down in es with a great hissing sound casualties were heavy, some survivors arriving here re- today.

e Liscome Bay, previously ounced as the only American hip lost in the conquest of the ert island, had no warning un- lookout shouted;

Christ, here comes a torpedo!" vivors said.

e torpedo hit, the lights went and flames leaped high above flight deck. Rear Admiral y M. Mullinix, task force mander, and Capt. Irving D. hie, skipper, both were lost.

me of the "baby flat top's" es were hurled into the sea, s and ammunition were set off the ship's death throes were t, but the officers and crew vent their ordeal "with ngs and gallantry that will be remembered in the navy's itions," the 12th naval dis- t announced.

torially wounded, one officer nized repair parties, tried to fire hoses into operation, ed wounded men over the side when hope was finally aban- d, went into the water himself. rvivors praised the "splendid" duct of Lt. Cmdr. J. B. Rowe, ford, Mich., navy doctor who ried a wounded officer toward ty until the doctor discovered charge was dead. Lt. Rowe ad- istered to other wounded des- a leg injury. "The explosions me with no warning and cked me down. I started to get and a second explosion knocked down again," he said.

oatswain R. W. Hunt, Long ch, Cal., said Lt. Rowe gave ther wounded man morphine then put him over the side.

Lt. Cmdr. M. U. Beebe, squad- commander, Anaheim, Cal., ted: "There was a terrific rum- g throughout the ship, and an losion that lifted me off the k. The next thing I knew I s trying to get out the door in darkness, but could find no nage. Fire started and I don't w how I got there, but I made flight deck. It was ablaze and re was oil burning on the ter."

Following more explosions, the come Bay made her final , bow out of the water until last.

HARRY L. WARD

Soldier Voting Law Said Need

Because of the complexity of Oregon's laws for absentee voting, Professor Louis A. Wood, economics faculty of the University of Oregon, disagrees with Governor Snell's contention that it will not be necessary to have a special session of the Oregon legislature to facilitate the soldier vote.

Professor Wood's statement:

"Governor Snell's statement that there will be no need for a special session of the Oregon legislature to deal with the matter of soldier-balloting is decidely unfortunate.

"The right of Oregon men and women in the armed and auxiliary services to vote is now governed by the absentee voters' regulations of the state's election law. According to these, a prospective absentee voter must apply for a ballot in writing within the thirty days preceding the election. The county clerk then sends a blank ballot with instructions to the applicant, and the executed ballot is returned to the home county. All absentee ballots must be deposited three days before the election.

Not Enough Time

"This means that a maximum period of 27 days is allowed in which to effect the triple exchange and complete the balloting. That interval might be enough for most soldier-voting in continental United States.

"But evidence presented during the recent debate in the United

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Senators Seek Compromise on Food Subsidies

Washington, Dec. 13—(AP)—The senate banking committee today created a subcommittee to try to work out a compromise on the food subsidy issue, and meanwhile deferred immediate action on pending legislation to halt subsidy payments Jan. 1.

The decision to refer the controversy to a subcommittee, heightening chances that the banking committee may modify the house's flat ban against all price control subsidies, came after Senator Taft (R-Ohio) laid before the group his proposal for a limited subsidy program tied in with support price payments to farmers.

Majority Leader Barkley, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala), the latter author of the farm bloc bill for subsidy repeal, and Taft were named members of the subcommittee. Their report to the full committee was tentatively scheduled to be made by Wednesday.

Executive hearings by the full committee on the repeal bill had been called for today and administration leaders had conceded privately they saw little chance to block ultimate senate passage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—This was a good day for housewives who have difficuty in balancing their family's appetities for meat, cheese or butter with the number of red points allotted them by the OPA.

1. Beginning today, all rationed pork cuts, except variety and canned meats, were reduced in point value again, the second cut in pork values in a month, details of which were announced Sunday.

2. Beginning today, housewives who turn salvaged kitchen grease over to their butchers will get not only the usual monetary return per pound but two ration points as well. The grease cannot be traded in for points in quantities less than a half pound.

McIntyre, FDR's Secretary, Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt throughout Roosevelt's 10 years in the white house, died today at 65.

McIntyre succumbed to long-standing illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Warren.

A native of La Grange, Oldham County, Ky., McIntyre had been associated with President Roosevelt more than two decades, serving as his publicity representative during the vice presidential campaign of 1920.

Prior to that, McIntyre was a newspaperman in Louisville, Ky., Asheville, N. C., and Washington.

Sunday Temperature Hits Low Mark at 24

Below - freezing temperatures continued in Eugene through Monday, although the day's minimum of 26 degrees was slightly higher than for Sunday, when the minimum slid to 24 degrees, the lowest mark to date for the season.

Sunday's maximum climbed only to 43 degrees. More of the same weather is in prospect for Tuesday.

DAGGER REVERSED—Turkey is again in the shifting spotlight of war, but this time the dagger is pointed in the opposite direction. While this nation was once menaced by Germans in Bulgaria and Greece, it may now be used as a base for Allied air attacks on the Balkans and Nazi-held Aegean islands. Turkey stands ready to meet any new threat of attack by Hitler with solid defenses in the spotlighted area west of Istanbul. Entire Dardanelles area is on alert, with zone three miles wide on both sides of strait under strict military control.

Penicillin Boy Critically Ill

Laddie Robertson, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robertson, whose progress through weeks of illness of a strange blood malady has been watched intently by all Lane county, is critically ill again.

Recently, national attention has been focussed upon Laddie, because of use in his case of the new drug, penicillin, which wrought an almost miraculous improvement when he was at death's door.

Following the use of penicillin, obtained from the east by special permission from restricted sources, Laddie gained vitality and appetite, and even was able to sit up in a chair, one day.

Since then, the pendulum has swung back in the other direction. About 10 days ago, Laddie contracted a cold, and his condition has grown almost steadily worse, until he is again in critical state. He now has fever, and is receiving transfusions again. Penicillin is no longer being used, the supply having been exhausted, and the drug seeming not to meet his present need.

Portland-Built Ship Survives 50 Bombings

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13—(AP)—A Portland-built liberty ship survived 50 bombing attacks, one of which peppered her side with 250 holes.

She was the Samuel Parker, launched Nov. 7 of last year by Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, and skippered by Capt. E. J. Stull, Seattle.

The attacks were in Mediterranean waters, returning crew members said.

GRAHAM 'MOST VALUABLE'

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Otto Graham of Northwestern has been named as the most valuable player in the Big Ten conference by a board of 21 electors, the Chicago Tribune announced today.

East Shivers As High Winds Wreck Ships

By United Press

Winter swept eastward Monday from the Great Lakes area to the sea-board states where the weather bureau warned residents to brace themselves for zero and sub-zero temperatures tonight and tomorrow.

A 65-mile an hour gale across the Great Lakes sunk one ship,

By The Associated Press

Absenteeism in war plants, offices and schools mounted in the eastern and midwest United States Monday with the increasing incidence of respiratory ailments variously diagnosed as grippe, influenza, "cat fever," and common head colds.

Whatever the name, public health officials were unanimous in describing the illness as mild and highly infectious and estimated that few deaths resulted. Victims generally ran temperatures, ached, sneezed, coughed—and stayed home.

grounded another, and is believed to have caused the wreckage of a third vessel.

Five crewmen of the Gotham, a fishing tug, were believed lost when the diesel-powered craft crashed against the north pier at Saugatuck, Mich., Saturday night. Coast guardsmen along Lake Michigan reported this morning that no trace of the bodies had been found.

The Canadian freighter Sarnian was driven aground off the east coast of the upper peninsula and cracked amidships. She was abandoned by her crew, who were taken aboard the coast guard cutter Plaintree.

A third ship, the Utica, listing unknown, was believed the victim of the storm near Cleveland.

The weather forecaster in Chicago held little hope for midwesterners that the cold wave would break before Wednesday.

Japs Reinforce Marshall Isles

By United Press

Japanese reinforcements were reported swarming into the Marshall islands today in anticipation of an American invasion of those mid-Pacific strongholds, while far to the south allied land and air forces pounded steadily at the last remaining enemy resistance on the approaches to Rabaul, New Britain.

Meanwhile the navy revealed that U. S. battleships were in action in the central Pacific and participated in last Wednesday's air-sea bombardment of Nauru island, only 1200 miles from the Japanese fleet base at Truk, in the Caroline islands.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific headquarters announced that American troops on Bougainville smashed a small but sharp Japanese counterattack against the northeastern rim of the Empress Augusta bay beachhead, killing half of the 200 enemy troops engaged.

Simultaneously, Australian troops on New Guinea pushed the enemy back from their defenses on the tip of the Huon peninsula opposite New Britain, and clashed with Japanese patrols in the Ramu river valley, 150 miles to the northwest.

Other Australia-based raiders struck deep into the Dutch East Indies to bomb the oil port of Balikpapan, in Borneo.

Chungking said Chinese troops had wiped out all enemy units within 13 miles north of captured Changteh.

Capt. Ray Williamson Missing In Action

Among names of 330 soldiers listed as missing in action overseas and released by the war department Monday, is that of Capt. Ray D. Williamson, missing in the Mediterranean area. He is the son of Kit C. Williamson, Junction City, Route 2.

Bombers Batter Reich; Reds Open Kiev Attack; Bitter Italy Fight Rages

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press War Editor

An apparent crisis in the discontented and invasion-anxious Balkans menaced Hitler's weakening defense chain in southeastern Europe Monday with Bulgaria looming as a possible scene of the next major development in the European war. The Germans were reported to have rushed troops into Bulgaria.

The air war on battered Germany sprang to life again Monday with an assault by American heavy bomber fleets on northwest Germany. It followed the raid on Emden Saturday that cost the nazis 138 fighter planes, and came on the heels of a third straight night of Mosquito stabs into the western reich.

Allies Repulse Nazi Attacks In Italy

In Italy allied infantry and artillery bloodily repulsed nazi counterattacks seeking to hold a tottering winter line, and the eighth army broke through on the Adriatic front, seizing high ground overlooking Ortona on the coast. The town guards the routes to Pescara and Chieti.

Fierce fighting continued along a 15-mile sector where the Germans threw in three divisions and other smaller units. The fifth army, meanwhile, strengthened its mountain position on the road to Rome. Headquarters said 6000 Germans had been captured so far in the Italian campaign.

Brazil disclosed that an expeditionary force—the first ever sent overseas by a Latin-American nation—is being readied to fight in Europe or Italy.

Reds Take Offensive Again in Kiev Fight

Moscow pictured soviet armies retaking the offensive in the mammoth battle west of Kiev, where the nazis have hammered fiercely with hundreds of tanks and great forces of troops. The Russian communique declared several villages had been regained in soviet blows in the Malin area 55 miles west of Kiev, with 1600 Germans killed. It reported capture of Chigirin at the northern end of the Kremenchug bridgehead, and advances upon Kirovograd farther down in the Dnieper bend.

German broadcasts, counting, said the nazis had seized several points near Kirovograd, and pushed the Russians back across the Dnieper above Zaporozhe in the lower Dnieper bulge.

The Balkan kettle was boiling dangerously for Hitler.

A roundabout report from radio France at Algiers said Sofia again had been attacked, soon after 200 German transport planes had landed near that capital.

In Jugoslavia, partisan troops of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) threw back German attacks in Bosnia and Croatia after he appealed for concerted effort to crush the enemy invaders.

Russia and Czechoslovakia signed a 20-year mutual assistance pact.

President Sees Patton in Sicily; Honors Heroes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt has visited Sicily, reviewed veterans of the Sicilian campaign, and personally pinned the distinguished service cross on Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark and five other officers of the U. S. fifth army ranging down to first lieutenants, for heroism in Italy.

This trip last week apparently took the president within about 225 miles of the actual front in Italy.

Among those who were at the airfield at Castelvetrano when the president's big transport plane arrived was Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the seventh army, who has been the center of a controversy created by revelation that he slapped a shell-shocked soldier in a Sicilian hospital.

White House Dispatch

These latest disclosures about Roosevelt's travels on his way back from Tehran and Cairo were contained in a dispatch released by the White House.

The dispatch did not refer to the Patton slapping incident, but it said that Patton greeted the president and, after the ceremonies, rode with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Clark in the presidential jeep to an officers' club. It confirmed that Patton still is in command of the seventh army, which has not been reported in action since the conquest of Sicily.

Clark, commander of the fifth army, was decorated for "extraordinary heroism" when his men repelled a German counterattack on the Salerno bridgehead.

Discovering 18 German tanks approaching within striking distance, the citation said, "he personally took charge of the situation, located an anti-tank unit and issued orders which resulted in the destruction of six tanks and the repelling of the attack."

Others Honored

The other five officers decorated by the president are Col. Reuben H. Tucker, Ansonia, Conn.; Lieut. Col. Joseph B. Crawford, Humboldt, Kans.; 1st Lieut. William W. Kellogg, Highlands, Tex.; 1st Lieut. Thomas F. Berteau, Chicago; and 1st Lieut. Edwin F. Grould, Orange, Cal.

The White House dispatch said the president's trip to Sicily was "one leg of his return from the victory conferences at Cairo and Tehran." In addition to members of his personal staff, Roosevelt was accompanied by Eisenhower and Lieut. Gen. Carl (Touhy) Spaatz, commander of the northwest African air forces.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13—(AP)—A roundabout report reaching here today through Ankara and Budapest said President Roosevelt had conferred yesterday at Gibraltar with Gen. Franco of Spain and Premier Antonio Salazar of Portugal.

There was no confirmation from any other source.

Reds and Czechs In New Alliance

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Russia and the Czechoslovak government-in-exile were bound in a 20-year defensive alliance today and Radio Moscow revealed that both states have extended a tacit invitation to Poland to join their "gordon sanitaire" against future aggression.

Pledging joint military aid in the war against Germany and no separate peace with the nazis and their allies, the pact extended for another 20 years the mutual assistance treaty signed between Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union in Prague on May 16, 1935.

Both states agreed to joint action to assure the maintenance of peace after the present conflict and "the prevention of further aggression on the part of Germany. . ."

ESCAPEES SOUGHT

SALEM, Ore., Wec. 13.—(U.P.)—Five boys who escaped the state training school at Woodburn last week still were at large today, state police reported. One youth was recaptured Saturday at Oregon City after he walked away from the school Friday.

Japanese in Manila Revive Spanish Torture Chamber

(Raymond P. Cronin, Associated Press correspondent, has just been repatriated after eight years in the Pacific war zone, including 21 months in a Japanese internment camp near Manila.)

By RAYMOND P. CRONIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. — (AP)—Some years ago, with a party of United States army officers, I visited old Fort Santiago in Manila to view the torture chambers used by the Spanish before American forces drove them from the Philippines in 1898.

In recent years the old fortification, on the east bank of the Pasig river near Manila bay, had been headquarters of the Philippine department, United States army.

It was a scene of utter peace and quiet, in sharp contrast with the days when the Spaniards employed the fort and its sickening dungeons to break the will of, or kill, those who dared oppose the sovereign power. Jose Rizal, famous Filipino patriot, spent his last few days in a cell within these walls. He was led forth by the Spaniards and shot to death in what is now Lun Ta park.

I was impressed by the air of peacefulness because I had read many stories of the days when this same ground was spattered with the blood of Filipinos.

Eventually we reached a tiny door near the river wall. We crawled through, slid down an embankment and found ourselves in the dungeons. The ceilings and the walls dripped, since they were below the river bed. The clay floors were wet and slippery. From rocks in the walls hung rusty chains in which the victims of other years were tortured.

In a tiny cell there was a death chair, with a deadly screw arrangement that broke many necks.

As our inspection was completed I thought "Thank God that those days are gone."

Yet I lived to see the time when the Stars and Stripes came down; when the banner of the rising sun went up—and when Fort Santiago returned at least in part, to the evil days of torture and death.

Today the Japanese military police, most feared and hated unit of the Nippon army, are using it for "special" prisoners. In it they have cages, such as one expects to find in a zoo, and into these cages have thrown scores of Americans, Filipinos, Chinese and others. Many come out alive, but close to

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BATTERED BY STORM—High winds, which buffeted the entire California coastline, struck with especial violence at small fishing craft at Monterey, where 70-mile-an-hour gales tossed these boats about like matchwood. The damage will soar into millions of dollars.

creasing Pinch n Lumber Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—eporting that reserve stocks of ber have been reduced to aically low level by unprece- ted wartime demands, the U. S. est service said today civilian plies may become acutely rt next year.

In a report signed by forestry ief Lyle F. Watts, the agency d a shortage of skilled man- wer, operating equipment and pairs as well as suitable timber ources had made it impossible the lumber industry to keep east of requirements.

"It is obvious that we cannot ch longer continue to draw up- reserve stocks of lumber," the port said. "From now on con- mption will have to be kept in e with production. Inevitably e pinch on civilian use will be me more acute."

Lumber stocks were said to be per cent below the Pearl Har- r level.

Weather

U. S. Weather Forecast: Owner: Fair today, tonight, and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

Local Statistics: Minimum temperature, Monday morning, 26 degrees; maximum temperature, Sunday, 43 degrees; minimum for Sunday, 24 degrees; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Monday, -1.3 feet.

COASTWISE TIDES (PWT)

Monday		
High	3:24 a. m.	2:43 p. m.
Low	9:06 a. m.	9:45 p. m.
Tuesday		
High	4:05 a. m.	3:19 p. m.
Low	9:51 a. m.	10:23 p. m.
Wednesday		
High	4:43 a. m.	3:58 p. m.
Low	10:35 a. m.	11:01 p. m.

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