

Stalingrad

Writing from the bloody Russian front, Henry Shapiro says the liberation of Stalingrad is near. His story is on page five of The Bulletin.

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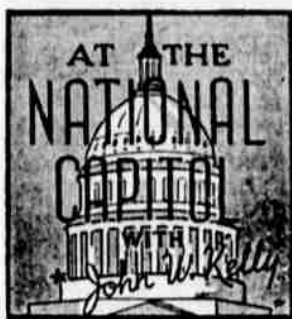
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Temperature

(All Data More Than 24 Hours Old)

Maximum yesterday, 45 degrees
Minimum yesterday, 36 degrees

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Wavell's Army Pushes Along Bay of Bengal

Japs Strike Through China, 500 Miles to East of Allied Front

New Delhi, Dec. 21 (UP)—Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's British Indian army pushed an unopposed drive along the Bay of Bengal coast in Burma today while the Japanese retorted with a sudden counter-drive into southwestern China.

Moving out from their Baung-Buthidaung line, where they had thrust 30 miles into Burma, Wavell's forces drove ahead along a front of about 20 miles between the coast and the Mayu river toward Akyah, the important Japanese-held port 60 miles to the south.

RAF Blasts Bases

Ahead of the ground forces, the royal air force swept Japanese bases and troop concentrations in widely extended offensive operations and flew 250 miles to the east to bomb the enemy airbase at Tounoung, on the main railroad between Rangoon and th Burma road.

Bombers escorted by fighters flew through heavy gun fire and enemy plane opposition to rain bombs on the Japanese airbase at Magwe, 135 miles east of Akyah, scoring many hits on the runway.

Two Japanese planes bombed Chittagong, just inside India on the Bengal bay, during the night. Japan extended the new front, opened when Wavell's men marched into Burma from the Chittagong hills of India, to an 800-mile east to west line by bombing Calcutta, India's largest city.

"Our troops continued their southward movement. No contact was made with the enemy," Wavell's communiqué said in reporting Saturday's operations.

Japs Also Strike

Japan opened its counter-drive 500 miles east of Wavell's offensive area. Japanese troops based on the Burmese town of Keng Tung advanced northeastward to cross the Nan Lei river into China's Yunnan province in the corner where China, Burma, French Indo-China and Thailand adjoin.

Chungking, the Chinese capital, where the Japanese drive was announced, said that before the enemy troops lay mountainous, roadless, unhealthy country. The Japanese probably aimed at occupying routes by which Thailand might be invaded rather than starting a real offensive.

Company Faces Federal Charge

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The justice department disclosed today that the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. and five of its officers have been indicted on charges of conspiring to defraud the government by circumventing tests and inspection requirements for wire furnished the armed services for combat use.

The eight-count indictment was returned by a federal grand jury at Fort Wayne, Ind. Described by justice department officials as the biggest war frauds case of the present war, it involved contracts amounting \$6,000,000.

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A Shocking Christmas, Adolf



The crew of this American Flying Fortress "somewhere in England" plans to deliver this little present—a 1000-pound bomb—to Adolf Hitler in plenty of time for Christmas. Lieutenant A. J. Davis of New York poses as Father Christmas while members of the crew stand by. Others are, from left, Captain William Anderson, Long Beach, Calif.; Sergeant John Scott, Lansing, Tenn.; and Sergeant John Collier, Beaverton, Ala.

Americans and British Join In Air Raids on Nazi Lands

Big Industrial City of Duisburg Hit by RAF In Night Attack; Cities in France Targets

London, Dec. 21 (UP)—British planes from heavy bombers to fighters attacked Germany and occupied territory last night in a new non-stop aerial offensive as part of which hundreds of planes including United States army Flying Fortresses and Liberators made one of the biggest sweeps of the war yesterday.

An American army spokesman said a "great many" German planes were shot down in yesterday's terrific air battles over occupied France, by Flying Fortresses and Consolidated Liberators which made the daylight raids with the aid of swarms of fighter planes.

In the night raids four-motored British bombers attacked Duisburg, great German industrial city and communication center.

Whirlwind Planes Used British Whirlwind bombers, used for the first time as intruder planes, shot up eight trains in France, one as far inland as Orleans, 140 miles from the coast, and Boston bombers also penetrated deep into France to bomb an ammunition dump and railroads while others attacked a small ship in a Belgian harbor.

The raids deep inside France marked a new phase in the allied aerial offensive, Orleans is 70 miles south of Paris, close to the Vichy zone, and the American bombers had gone 180 miles into France yesterday to attack Romilly.

Yesterday's daylight planes had hardly finished their operations when the royal air force night shift went to work.

Big Raid Made An air ministry communiqué said a strong force of bombers made a heavy, concentrated raid on industrial objectives at Duisburg and left many large fires burning.

Aided by a bright moon, the four-motored planes bombed the docks and barges at one of the greatest inland ports in Europe and attacked the metallurgical and other war factories which crowd one of Germany's most congested industrial areas. It was indicated that the canal which joins Duisburg with Dortmund might have been damaged.

Don Caswell, United Press correspondent at the front, reported that the tanks were 14-ton General Stuarts, manner by Australians, and that they spearheaded the allied drive which captured Cape Endelstede last Friday.

Caswell said the general attack Sunday pushed allied outposts to within 3,000 yards of Buna mission. In the air strip area. The tanks were doing in days what ground forces had been unable to do in a month.

Clubmen Observe Holiday Season Bend Kiwanis club took notice of the holiday season at its noon meeting at the Pine Tavern today with a program featuring Christmas songs and an address by Rev. R. H. Prentice. The speaker expressed regret that the religious significance of Christmas is frequently lost sight of in latter-day observance. Prayer, by Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, ended the program.

WHEAT TOTAL DROPS Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The agricultural department, in its first report on 1943 crop production, today estimated next year's winter wheat crop at 624,504,000 bushels, compared with 703,253,000 bushels this year.

LORD APSLEY KILLED London, Dec. 21 (UP)—Lord Apsley, 47, member of commons, has been killed in action with his regiment in the middle east, it was reported today. He received the distinguished service order in the World war.

Shopping Days Full Christmas. Illustration of a man carrying a large sack of goods.

Nazi Generals In Africa Ask Hitler for Aid

Huge Axis Convoy of 150 Ships Reported Ready to Cross Sea

By Edward W. Beattie (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Dec. 21 (UP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel has appealed to Adolf Hitler for reinforcements to help keep the German toe-hold in North Africa and an axis convoy of 150 ships is massed in southern French ports, Madrid dispatches said today.

Col. Gen. Walther Nehring, axis commander in Tunisia, joined Rommel in the plea, the London Daily Mail's Madrid correspondent reported, indicating that Rommel has abandoned hope of defending Tripolitania and plans to make his stand in Tunisia.

Radio Morocco broadcast a report that advance units of the Afrika korps had reached the vicinity of Misurata, about 100 miles east of Tripoli.

Vichy Quoted

The Daily Mail, quoting reports from Vichy, said the Germans were preparing a large-scale attempt to relieve the sorely-pressed axis forces in Tripolitania and Tunisia. Rommel and Nehring were said to have asked especially for planes, tanks, and gasoline.

British military observers were convinced Rommel no longer was going to offer more than delaying actions against the British eighth army advancing toward the axis base on tripoli. Instead, it appeared, that he now was bending all his energies toward affecting a junction with Nehring's Tunisian army.

The German Afrika korps now is retreating at an average rate of 15 miles a day, front dispatches said.

Rear Guard Harassed

Advanced patrols of the British eighth army are harassing the German-Italian army, the rear guard of which was reported to have reached the vicinity of Sirte, 175 miles west of El Agheila.

Military observers here were convinced that Rommel's plan now was to abandon Tripolitania to the eighth army and join forces in Tunisia with Col. Gen. Walther Nehring's axis forces. In the meantime, Rommel was expected to continue to lay mines and have his rear guard fight occasional delaying actions with the advancing British.

There were reports from North Africa that some Italian troops already had fled from the big axis base at Tripoli and had been captured by the French near Gabes in Tunisia. Although there was no confirmation of the report, informed circles here believed it to be highly likely.

Courtroom Escape Try Is Blocked

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (UP)—John R. Bayless, Alcatraz prisoner serving a 25 year term for bank robbery, made a break for freedom in the federal district courtroom today but was captured near the judge's bench by Lt. J. H. Simpson, an Alcatraz guard.

Bayless tried to escape when handcuffs were taken off him during his habeas corpus hearing before Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure. He had been sentenced for robbery of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Mansfield, Mo., in 1937.

The handcuffs were removed as Bayless went to the witness stand. He suddenly broke loose and jumped over the railing.

Seal Sale Total At High Mark

Christmas seal sales in Deschutes county for the past month total \$1,712.52, according to figures released today by Mrs. Chris Kostol, Bend chairman of the sale. According to districts, sales amounts follow: Bend, \$1,206.97; Lapine, \$22.00; Sisters, \$48.00; route one, \$58.15; route two, \$34.00; Terrebonne, \$26.20; Redmond, \$307.30. Sales are running slightly ahead of last year, Mrs. Kostol said.

13 Year Old Boy Accident Victim

North Bend, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Emil Parker, 13-year-old son of Mrs. H. O. Parker, died here today of injuries suffered in a two-car accident near Florence yesterday.

His mother was reported in fair condition, as were John Sundman and Milo Johnson, drivers of the cars, who suffered severe chest injuries. Mrs. Parker's jaw was broken.

City Workers Given Orders To Clear Glass

All local police cars and city-owned trucks now carry brooms as standard equipment, and drivers are under instruction to stop and sweep up from the streets any broken glass which they may come upon, it was stated by C. G. Reiter, city manager, today. Reiter made known the new order, which he said later was issued approximately a month ago, in answering a question put at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting at the Pine Tavern this noon.

In case the nature of the work on which a city vehicle is engaged makes immediate glass removal inadvisable, the driver is required to report the fact at once to the city hall, Reiter said.

He emphasized that removal could be speeded up if all residents would telephone the city offices giving the location of broken glass. "Our cars naturally do not cover all the streets every day," he said, "and if we may have general report service of this sort our removal program will be made much more effective."

Sub-Zero Chill Grips Far East

Temperatures Drop to 45 Degrees Below Zero in Some Parts of Northeast

(By United Press)

Most of the eastern half of the United States suffered today in an intense cold wave which extended well into the middle west and southward beyond Washington, with temperatures ranging down to 45 below zero in upstate New York.

Snow covered a large part of the area. Railroad traffic, as well as highway travel, was hampered by the severe cold. Trains were delayed also by Christmas mail, which piled up at stations on main routes, and heavy passenger and freight business.

Cold Diminishes

Weather forecasts indicated that the cold, which was at its lowest in the east yesterday morning, was diminishing. Official temperatures ranged from 18 below zero at Albany, N. Y., to 1 above at Washington, the lowest December temperature for the nation's capital since 1880. New York City had its coldest weather since Feb. 9, 1934, when thermometers recorded 14 below.

New York City recorded a low of 3 below at 10 a. m. yesterday but the lowest temperature today was 1 below.

New Englanders rushed to ration boards for supplemental fuel oil allotments as the temperature touched an official 4 below today after Sunday's minus 11. Through trains from Canada were running four to five hours late.

Deaths Reported

Deaths were reported throughout the area. The 45 below temperature was registered unofficially at Owl's Head, N. Y., and Lake Placid, N. Y., was only one degree warmer.

Official temperatures in the area included: Buffalo, 5 below; Cincinnati 8 below; Duluth 5 below; Philadelphia 1 above; Pittsburgh zero.

RAID ALARMS REPORTED

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 21 (UP)—Air raid alarms were sounded tonight in Zurich and Basle.

(The alarms indicated the possibility of raids by the R.A.F. on objectives in northern Italy.)

Russians Break Through Don Front and Drive Back Nazis As Bitter Cold Grips Region

Stalin, on 63rd Birthday, Sees His Armies Threaten Germans With Encirclement Near All Important Junction of Voronezh-Rostov Line

By M. S. Handler (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Moscow, Dec. 21 (UP)—Red army forces, driving ahead hard in an attempt to win the city of Millerovo, as a birthday present for Premier Josef Stalin were believed today to have threatened additional units of the German army with encirclement near the important junction on the Voronezh-Rostov railroad.

Stalin is 63 today.

Front dispatches indicated there was fighting in the outskirts of Millerovo, which is about 20 miles southwest of Stalingrad. The red army, fighting in bitter weather, was rolling the Germans southwestward and inflicting mounting losses on the enemy. The Russian noon communiqué announced that the Germans had suffered 43,230 killed or captured since the offensive started five days ago.

Nazis Admit Break

(The German high command communiqué admitted that the Russians had broken through on the central Don front after attacks by strong formations. The Germans claimed the Russians suffered heavy losses and that the fighting was continuing with "unabated vigor.")

There were 1,370 Germans killed along the central Don front in the latest operations, the noon communiqué said.

More towns and villages—besides well above 300 that had previously been announced—were taken by the Russians today, the communiqué asserted.

Among more than 100 localities captured yesterday were Mancovo-Kalikhvinskaya and Shestuchovka, on the Kalitva river, a tributary of the Don.

Considering the rate at which the Russians were advancing, it was believed that the red army probably would be able to announce the capture of Millerovo as a birthday present for Premier Josef Stalin. He was 63 today.

The Russians in their new offensive, already had seized con-

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Prices to Benefit Potato Growers

Changes in prices to country shippers for several grades of potatoes will add 10 cents to the local price, it is believed here, following receipt of a copy of the price amendment from the office of war information at Portland.

Grade differentials are changed as follows: White potatoes, U. S. extra No. 1 grade or better, packed in bag, the county shipper may add 10 cents a hundredweight to already established maximums.

For white potatoes which grade below U. S. No. 1, but are 85 per cent U. S. No. 1, U. S. commercial, or better, packed in bags, the county shipper shall subtract 10 cents a hundredweight for the maximums established for U. S. No. 1. For potatoes lower than 85 per cent of this classification, the county shipper shall subtract 30 cents a hundredweight from the U. S. No. 1 maximum price.

Since the large part of potatoes marketed from Central Oregon fall in the U. S. extra No. 1 grade, it is thought the change increases the local price by 10 cents.

Sub Directed by American Officer Removes General Giraud from France to North Africa

Accompanied him were transferred to the allied plane, and Giraud arrived at the secret headquarters of Gen. Eisenhower Nov. 7 to aid in the allied landing in northern Africa next day and to take charge of the French army there.

Eisenhower ordered Wright, attached to the naval aircraft section of allied headquarters, to go by submarine to pick up Giraud and transfer him to a plane at sea.

No American submarine was available and Admiral Sir Andrew Brounne Cunningham, commanding the British fleet, lent one.

It was the submarine under Lieut. N. L. A. Jewell, of the royal navy, which had taken Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark of the American army to North Africa to make his secret agreement with French patriot leaders before the allied invasion.

With Wright in command, the submarine lay off the French coast for days, awaiting word that all was ready for Giraud's rescue. The submarine kept under the sea by day and surfaced by night.

County Will Get Ship Souvenirs

Trophies From Famed Battleship Oregon to Be Given Bond Buyers

A. L. O. Schueler, chairman of the Deschutes county war bond staff, announced today that 3,500 wood souvenirs from the Battleship Oregon, which is being scrapped to remake into war armaments, are being sent to this county by the Oregon war savings staff.

The souvenirs will be available here, as long as they last, for the adult purchasers of series E bonds between the dates of Dec. 18, 1942, and Jan. 30, 1943. The souvenirs, Schueler said, are in addition and should not be confused with those which will be distributed to the children buying bonds through the school system.

From Famous Ship

The souvenirs of the famous battle ship will be distributed in Bend through the Chamber of Commerce office and in Redmond through the Redmond branch of the United States National bank. Any adult purchaser of any denomination of series E bonds bearing the above dates may obtain one of the souvenirs by presenting the bond either here or in Redmond at the places designated. Only one souvenir to a buyer will be given, Schueler said.

The wooden remembrances were made possible through the generosity of the navy in co-operation with the Oregon motor transport association, which are delivering them to the various county bond chairmen.

County Record Good

Commenting upon the souvenirs, Schueler said: "Although the past record of Deschutes county's purchases of bonds to meet the county quota is tangible evidence that the people of Deschutes county need no further incentive to buy bonds to the limit of their ability, we hope that these souvenirs may stimulate the giving of bonds for Christmas presents during the holiday season."

Distribution date of the souvenirs will be made immediately upon arrival, Schueler said.

GETS 2-YEAR SENTENCE

Ralph Hash, 19, of Chemult, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary on a charge of forgery, this morning, in a circuit court hearing before Judge Ralph S. Hamilton.

A complaint on the charge was signed by K. E. Sawyer, according to District Attorney Irving D. Brown.

Huge Holiday Crowds Choke All Transportation Systems

(By United Press)

Holiday-bound service men and civilians took every available seat on trains, buses and planes today, leaving other thousands to be turned away for lack of accommodations.

Record crowds, apparently disregarding pleas of the office of defense transportation, poured through the nation's important railroad terminals where trains were running hours late. All standing room was gone and platforms were filled with disappointed passengers.

Air Lines Crowded Air reservations were sold out through the holiday season and one air line, reporting the heaviest backlog of reservations in years, said requests for reservations exceeded "three or four times our capacity."

San Francisco reported railroads there were devoting their facilities primarily to service men and trains were running two to six hours late.

Detroit railroads, handling traffic "immensely" over normal, were far behind schedules. Buf-

falo, N.Y., also reported trains running late. In New York city, trains, buses and planes were booked to capacity.

Sixty-nine trains were added to the 300 normally operating daily out of the Chicago Union station, but requests still exceeded accommodations.

Trip Faced

Denver railroad officials said it was the "worst rush and tieup in history." Trains were running a minimum of three hours late and some were over eight hours behind. To facilitate movement of homeward bound service men, furlough tickets were honored on all railroad lines. Air lines were booked through Jan. 1, and only bus lines were able to accommodate all passengers.

In Salt Lake City, railroads were handling nearly twice last year's load, but so far were taking care of all travelers. Some trains were reported nine hours late.

Travelling space in Portland and Seattle was at a premium and in some cases lines were booked through Jan. 6.

Shopping Days Full Christmas. Illustration of a man carrying a large sack of goods.



GENERAL HENRI GIRAUD