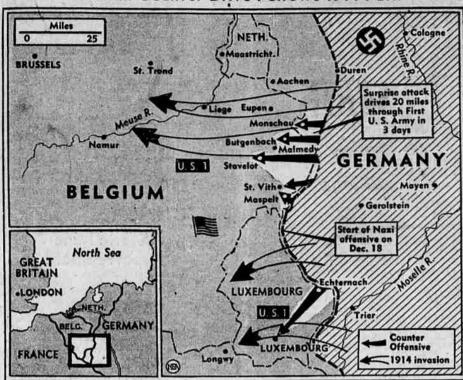
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German Counter-Drive Follows 1914 Path



Map shows how all-out German counter-offensive follows the Wehrmacht's favorite invasion path. In 1914, and again in 1940, they poured through the Aachen-Malmedy sector toward Liege and the Meuse river. Today's news revealed that a German spearhead is now only four miles from the Meuse river.

Soviet Armies Ring Budapest To Doughboys In Quick Move

By Henry Shapiro (United Press Staff Corresp

Moscow, Dec. 26 (IP)-The red

German panzers, infantry and self-propelled guns counter-at-tacked at least 25 times in the past 24 hours, but finally fell back into the city for a last-ditch stand. The advancing Russians slashed across all railways and presumably also had severed the last two second-ary highways running northwest to Vienna.

Tanks Knocked Out

At least 81 nazi tanks were knocked out in the breakthrough area Saturday and Sunday. Front dispatches said some Germans charged the soviet lines drunk and singing, only to be cut down to the last man by Russian machinegunners. Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's

Third Ukrainian army broke open the western flank of the axis lines around Budapest yesterday after a swirling five-day battle that cost

Danube crossing at Esztergom, 19 miles to the north.

Germans Retreat

A communique said the enemy was in full retreat, abandoning huge quantities of equipment in a rush to escape the rapidly-closing trap. Thousands of nazi and Hungarian soldiers were hemmed Japanese army," MacArthur as inside the city tiself, however, serted.

Subway Strikers

Girls Line Up To Give Blood

nas was over today, but in a big mas was over today, but it a big stone building not far from the capital government girls began to queue up early this morning to walf their turn in line to give their biggest Christmas gift— blood for soldiers in Europe.

Hungarian troops to death or surrender inside the tottering capital.

A new Hungarian provisional government already was preparing to enter Budapest behind the

Isle Conquest By Americans Is Completed

pines, Dec. 26 (P—American forces set their sights for other Philippines islands today after completing the capture of Leyte, Philippines islands today after completing the capture of Leyte, where, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the Japanese lost 113,221 men in their worst military defeat in

Hungarian soldiers were hemmed inside the city itself, however, and it seemed certain that in a matter of days at the most they would have an opportunity to make good their boast to turn Budapest into another Stallingrad. With little prospect of extricating more than a scattering of men in the properties of the capture of the company of the company of the company of the company of the capture of the capture

Forty tons of bombs were dropped Sunday, when escorting fighters shot down 18 to 20 of 50 to 60 in-

London, Dec. 26 (IP—Striking London subway workers returned to work today and the London transport system operated on a near-normal schedule.

Workers struck yesterday against the advice of union leaders in protest against the London transport board's refusal to give them at least two days off in the Christmas holiday weekend. The Christmas holiday weekend the Washington area were paralyzed by the walkout.

Full service probably will not be restored tomorrow, since today is also a holiday—boxing day, traditionally the day in which servants receive gifts.

American plane was lost.

New Landings Made

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RENT CONTROL DUE

Washington, Dec. 26 (IP—The office of price administration and pounced today that residences in Lane county, Ore, will come under the latest two days off in the Christmas holiday weekend.

The Trth division, liberators of Ormoc, caught the Japanese completely unawares with its landing at Palompon and forged inland to within 10 miles or less of another column striking along an east column striking along

Japs Damage U.S. Warships, Navy Divulges

ican naval forces have suffered Moscow, Dec. 26 (IP—The red army stormed into Budapest from the west today after apparently completing its encirclement in a spectacular flanking sweep that doomed thousands of German and Hungarian troops to death or sur-hungarian based Japanese aircraft in the ran by the strings of planes hovering over head, waiting to strafe pine sea battle of Oct. 23-25 but anything that moved." James Forrestal said today.

The navy is not announcing what damage was suffered by its vessels because it does not wish vessels because it does not wish
the Japanese to know what ships
they have hit, to what extent vessels have been injured, or how
soon they may be back in action.
Forrestal explained in a statement
reviewing the navy's part in the
Philippines campaign.

Rumors "Not True"
He described as "not true" rumors that the navy has not announced all its losses in the late October naval battle. All U. S. ship and plane losses in that action have been made public, he said. Losses announced were a light cruiser, two escort carriers, two

announced facts, to deprecate the achievement of the officers and men of the third and seventh fleets in that action," he added.

the western flank of the axis lines around Budapest yesterday after a swirling five-day battle that cost the Germans and Hungarians almost 20,000 men killed or captured.

Advancing as much as 15 miles through a 25-mile breach in the gards defenses, the red army sealed the fate of the capital with a thrust to within six miles of the Danube crossing at Esztergom, 19 Danube crossing at Esztergom, 19 miles to the north.

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"Perhaps the best way to assess against our fleets since the second battle of the Philippine sea is to ask whether those attacks have disrupted our plans for future action," he said. They have not. The fall of Leyte and our landing on Mindoro are a concrete demon- the mercury dipping to 16 degrees

Run Reported on Rationed Foods

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26 (IP)-The and equipment from the city, military observers believed the nazis would use Budapest's subways, tills, canals and tall buildings for a destructive and suicidal delaying stand.

Escort American liberators continued their almost daily raids on the network of airfields around day and Sunday on Clark field.

Escort American liberators continued their almost daily raids on the network of airfields around day were literally swamped with customers who were anxious to buy a few groceries before ration. City, Iowa, reported 15 degrees Sunday, when escorting fighters

YANK AIRMEN STRIKE AT FOE Clear Weather Help to Fliers

Thirty Villages Left In Flames; Selected Targets Are Hit Hard

In Great Battle

By Walter Cronkite

U. S. Ninth Air Force Advanced Headquarters, Dec. 26 (IP) — Air men of the Ninth tactical air force were credited today with one of their greatest bags of the war in Christmas day strikes at the Ger-man spearhead in Belgium, knockout more than 1,100 vehicles

Reconnaissance pilots also re-ported that 30 German-held Bel-gian villages had been left in flames after the aerial attacks.

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Mustangs a n d Thunderbolts took off in perfect, cloudless weather to carry the aerial phase of the allied counter-attack against the Germans big gambling offensive into its third straight day.

Called Pay Day

"It was pay day again for us," said 1st Lt. Donald B. Smith, Thunderbolt pilot of Mahaffey, Pa. "All over the battle area there were lots of planes waiting to swoop down on targets. You could almost tell how the main roads ran by the strings of planes hover.

anything that moved."

Reconnaissance pilot 1st Lt.
Karl Brandt of Newport, Pa. said
Thunderbolts in attacks on 30
German-held Belgian villages had left all in flames

"Fires were burning in prac-tically every town in the battle area," he said.

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Meanwhile Marauder medium bombers plastered two bridges on the Moselle river and four communication centers immediately behind the front, continuing the campaign to isolate the German pearhead from supplies and re-

Pilots Optimistic
Other pilots reported that their
big 72 hours over the battle area
already had changed the course of
the conflict. They reported German armored convoys and supply columns for the first time were taking to secondary roads, just as they did in the Normandy aerial massacres, in an attempt to avoid the sky-borne destruction. Luftwaffe strength over the

battle area continued to dwindle as it has daily since the air phase of the battle began. The night airmen encountered

fewer than 100 German fighters. They shot down 26 in isolated combat. Four others, and five probables were destroyed on th

in Subzero Uniii

The coldest weather of the sea son hit the midwest today with below zero at Rockford, Ill., and the federal weather bureau at Chi cago said no immediate relief was foreseen.

Sub-zero temperatures were re ported for the entire bloc of north

Hitler Reported Master Mind in German Drive Big Nazi Drive on West Front

Nazis Shatter U. S. Lines

By James McGlincy
(United Press War Correspondent)
Parls, Dec. 26 (IP) — Supreme headquarters reported today that Adolf Hitler personally conceived and planned the present all-out German offensive during the rumor-clouded months when the world was swamped with reports that he was dead, gravely ill, or

On High Divide

out Central Oregon were seriously disrupted today as a result of

break in the Pacific Telegraph L Telephone company main cir-

cuit at Criterion summit, south

of Maupin, due to icy conditions

A dense fog covered the district and froze to the lines, causing

and froze to the lines, causing them to snap shortly after midnight, it was reported.

Two crews of linemen, one from The Dalles and another recruited from Central Oregon points, worked throughout the remainder of the night and today to repair the damage. Linemen estimated they would have the service restored by late today.

In an effort to restore normal service, the hard-pressed linemen

service, the hard-pressed linemen worked day and night throughout the holidays, to repair damage which began several days ago with the first silver thaw.

Programs Interrupted Mutual broadcasting programs over radio station KBND were in-

terrupted yesterday and again this morning, by the wire dam-age, but the network programs were expected to be normal by

While there were no traffic ac cidents reported, icy conditions in Bend claimed at least one casual

ty, police reports stated today. Officers were called to Drake park where a man was reported down, and they found Verne Lor-

enzon, a logger residing at 1029

Lexington avenue, with a broken leg. He was removed to St. Charles hospital.

the city's new \$7,000 snow loader

into use for the first time.

Roads Snow Covered

Conditions of state highways

Street department employes resumed the task of removing snow
from downtown streets, and
planned this afternoon to bring highway.

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Conditions of state highways
over the Cascades and through automobile licenses, R. I. Hamby,

Central Oregon remained practi-cally unchanged over the week-end. Reports today to the local possible to avoid a rush on Friday offices of the state highway de-and Saturday morning. The sher-

partment told of packed snow on lift's office will close at noon on (Continued on Page 7) Saturday.

Already committed to it were that he was dead, gravely ill, or one infantry army, one panzer army and the first had set up the grand attack now beating at the approaches of the Meuse line and the French border region, he turned over its execution to Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt and the Staff Von Rundstedt and the Dinant.

Already committed to it were one infantry army and the Seventh Infantry army. By SHAEF account, the big push from the Belgian-Luxembourg frontier zone had its origin and development in Hitler's mind in the last three months while his engrossment covered up with rumors of his rug-chewing, an operation for a critical threat all.

turned over its execution to Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt and the Dinant.

The original plan was reported frustrated in its initial phase by a reported whipped into shape under cover of the smoke screen of "Hitler's rumors" craftily thrown up by nazi propagandists, the first authoritative appraisal of the original plan was reported when Hitler failed to speak on the anniversary of the Munich beer cellar putsch, a sort of "holy day" in nazidom.

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Death Toll Six

Over Holidays

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26 (IP-At

east six traffic deaths-five of

them in the Portland area-were

recorded over the Christmas week

Domingo V. Ruez, 62, killed on a

Portland street Monday night

the death of John Burton, Port-

land tavern operator, who was

killed early Sunday during a Port-land collision between his car and

a motor freight truck.

A head-on automobile collision
in Portland Saturday night
brought death to two-William
Smarten, 42, Portland, and Carl
Chiles, 39, Milwaukie, Ore.
Another Milwaukie man, Jos.

Another Milwaukie man-Jos-

eph Roy, 51,—was killed Saturday night when struck by an auto-mobile on the southeast outskirts

of Portland, and Jack Marston of

LICENSES DUE SOON

when struck by a streetcar. A hit-run driver was sought in

nd.

Latest fatality was a jaywalker, E.L.A.S. delegates for the confer-

which threatened the make-up

of the British coalition gov-

Civilians Demonstrate

Two hundred civilians gathered near Constitution square shout-ing "Churchill" and "Roosevelt."

ant British and Greek flags.
Themistocles Sophoulis, elder statesman and liberal party leader, sald he had been invited to the

conference, but was asking for further details. He said he did not want to attend a meeting where the communists were represented,

considering them rebels with whom negotiations were impos-

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Athens, Dec. 26 (IP)—Allied and Greek leaders met late to-

day, a few hours after the thwarting of a possible plot against Prime Minister Wins-

ton Church!!! by discovery of a dynamite cache under the Great Britain hotel, for a

momentous conference aim

ed at settling the civil war in

Gaining Speed On West Front

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Spearhead Reported 4 Miles From Meuse as Armies Press Onward

By J. Edward Murray

(United Press War Correspondent)
Paris, Dec. 26 (IP—Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's offensive, backed by two and possibly three full German field armies,

"Hitler's rumors" craftily thrown up by nazi propagandists, the first authoritative appraisal of the of the entire war emerges.

Iced Telephone Lines Give Way

On High Divide

Tore the full picture of one of the most confused military situations beer cellar putsch, a sort of "holy day" in nazidom.

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conferenc aimed at ending the Greek civil war was reported

force.

An Allied military spokesman at Shaef said the offensive had been personally planned by Adolf Hitler and was designed to crush the Allied forces in the west.

He said the initial objective of the Germans was the Meuse river line and the fortress cities of Liege, Namur and Dinant. The plans had been thwarted, in measure, he said, but further German The dynamite was found in a sewer under the hotel a few hours before a planned convocation of British and Greek fac-tional leaders, and the fused cache was removed. Greek government sources said representatives of all elements of the civil war were invited to a conference at which Churchill and Foreign Secre-tary Anthony Eden were exure, he said, but further German gains must be expected. pected to make their supreme bid to iron out the difficulties

Panzer Army Used
Von Rundstedt has hurled the
seventh German infantry army
into his attack and is emplying
the fifth German panzer army and possibly a second panzer army.
With the crumbling away of

(An Athens dispatch of the British Exchange Telegraph said a car carrying a white flag left government headquarters at the the American positions in the cen-ter of the German salient the nazis were pounding hard for the nazis were pounding hard for the Meuse river despite fresh tactical assaults by the ninth air force. The ninth had flown 325 sorties by noon and destroys 1

by noon and destroyed six German tanks and damaged five. They had also shot down 22 Gering "Churchill" and "Roosevelt."
They dispersed good naturedly at the request of police. A ragged column marched away behind and British and Greek flags.

On the southern side of the

German salient, where the Ameri-German salient, where the Americans have been throwing in powerful counterattacks, our troops registered slight gains, taking high ground near Eppeldorf, four and a half miles southeast of Dickirch and three miles west of the Luxembourg German frontier.

Supply Routes Hit Fight air force flying fortresses

and liberators again joined the battle, smashing at the nazi sup-ply route and freight yards along the Rhine.

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Flying conditions were not quite as good as they had been but most of the bombing was done visually. The sudden collapse of the American pocket below the Mal-Medy-Stavelot line after two days of relative stability sent nazi tanks and armored troop carriers spill-ing westward along the northern ing westward along the northern wall of the corridor to join their central spearheads driving for the

Exploiting the break-through, the nazis sent three armored spearheads through the riddled center and right center of the American first army line on a 13-mile front pointed squarely at the Meuse river citadels of Dinant

Food Supplies of Nation Reported at Low Ebb, Says OPA; Ration Points Increased

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