

SHAEF Charges Nazis Murdered 115 Americans

Paris, Jan. 1 (AP)—Supreme headquarters, in a statement describing the murder of approximately 115 captured American officers and soldiers Dec. 17, said today the men were lined up six abreast and machine gunned by the Germans.

The United States government already has sent the "strongest possible" protest to Germany through Switzerland.

The victims were taken prisoner near Malmédy at the opening of the German counterattack. After the Germans took their weapons and valuables a guard for no apparent reason began firing at them and was joined by machine gun-firing tanks. Other German soldiers fired their small arms.

"Evidence resulting from a preliminary investigation leads First army authorities to believe that on Dec. 17 a German tank detachment shot down in cold blood approximately 115 United States officers and soldiers, mostly from a battery of field artillery observation battalion," the SHAEF statement said.

Taken Prisoner
"They had been taken prisoner near Malmédy at opening of the German counterattack. Some 15 members only of this group eventually escaped the Nazi massacre which took place at approximately 1500 hours (3 p. m.) Dec. 17 about three miles below Malmédy."

"The battery was proceeding in convoy and upon arriving at a junction in the highways to St. Vith and Walmes a number of German tanks traveling in the opposite direction were suddenly observed. The enemy opened fire immediately.

"Upon being fired at by the tanks, the men of the battery quickly abandoned their vehicles, seeking cover as best they could. About 14 vehicles of the battery had already safely passed the road junction and headed toward St. Vith.

"The first Americans to be captured were two enlisted men who were driving an unoccupied ambulance just past the junction on the road to Walmes. Their truck was wrecked and they were taken prisoner, being brought back to the road junction in a German tank.

Battery Captured
"In the meantime all of the battery's personnel were captured and rounded up on a cleared field, being lined up six ranks deep. They were immediately searched for cigarettes and other valuables.

"Suddenly and for no apparent reason shots were fired into this group of defenseless prisoners by the German guard. Immediately following this outbreak, two of the German tanks began spraying the Americans with machine gun fire at a distance of about 75 to 120 feet.

"Killed and wounded prisoners fell to the ground, including those who were not hit, but it is thought the majority of these latter men were killed later when the machine gunners continued spraying the men on the ground.

"As the tanks prepared to depart from the field they drove past the fallen prisoners, machine guns pouring additional bullets into those already killed and men who were wounded. As a parting gesture German infantrymen on the top of the tanks fired their small arms into the helpless mass.

"Approximately 20 or 25 soldiers, the majority wounded, decided to 'make a run for it.' The guards immediately opened fire as the men broke into a run and only about 15 eventually managed to gain their freedom."

Mrs. Ruth Simms Dies at Age of 64
Chicago, Jan. 1 (AP)—Funeral services will be held Thursday at Albuquerque, N. M., for Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, daughter of the late Sen. Mark Hanna of Ohio and former congresswoman-at-large from Illinois, who died yesterday at Billings hospital. She was 64 years old.

Mrs. Simms, who was publisher of the Rockford (Ill.) Register-Republican and Rockford Morning Star, died in her sleep at 11:50 a.m. after a quiet night. She had been critically ill since Dec. 26.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



KWIZ KOTNER

CRINOLINE IS WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING?
A KIND OF CLOTH
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A TYPE OF LETTUCE



ANSWER: A kind of stiff cloth very popular in hoop skirt days.

FDR Works on Budget Message

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt devoted much of his time today to completing the annual state of the union and budget messages he will present the new 79th congress.

The annual message, which probably will be sent up Wednesday or Thursday, is expected to review military progress, discuss in general terms what can be expected in the future, and present in some detail Roosevelt's ideas on preparing the nation for the impact of peace-time reconversion.

The budget, to be presented after the state of the union address, probably will call for \$88,000,000,000 in expenditures during the 1946 fiscal year, beginning next July 1, a sum that would fall some \$11,000,000,000 short of the record \$99,000,000,000 being spent in the current fiscal year. According to reliable estimates, budgeted expenditures will include about \$78,000,000,000 for "war" purposes, \$5,700,000,000 for non-war federal activities and slightly more than \$4,000,000,000 for interest on the national debt which has soared to more than \$231,000,000,000—the highest level in history.

During the calendar year just closed, government spending and income hit new record highs. Total spending since Jan. 1, 1944, was more than \$97,000,000,000 to top the 1943 record by some \$9,000,000,000. Net receipts were just under \$45,000,000,000 to top calendar 1943 by roughly \$10,000,000,000.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson Dies in Redmond

Redmond, Jan. 1—Mrs. E. M. Wilson died at her home in the Frederick apartments Saturday. She had been in ill health for a number of years.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Wilson is survived by her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Canning of Redmond, and one son, Ernest, who is in the service in the navy, in training at Farragut. One granddaughter, Mrs. James Banks, and a grandson, Terry Wilson, also survive.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of C. H. Irvin, are not completed.

Exiled Poles Get U. S. Recognition

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., announced today that the United States will continue to recognize the Polish government-in-exile in London.

His statement was plain indication that the United States is giving no thought to recognition of the Soviet-sponsored Lublin group of Poles which, over the week-end, proclaimed itself the provisional government of Poland.

Stettinius' reaction was given in answer to a question submitted by reporters as to whether this government was considering recognition of the Lublin group. A British foreign office spokesman earlier had stated that Great Britain would continue relations with the London Polish government.

Officials here anticipated that the Soviet Union soon will grant full diplomatic recognition to the Lublin group. It broke relations with the London group nearly two years ago.

Stettinius welcomed the formation of a regency in Greece. This is an important step, he said, that would appear to pave the way for solution of the difficult situation in Greece.

Balsam and Douglas fir are desirable Christmas trees because they do not drop their leaves for a long while even in hot dry atmosphere.

PRA Chief Says Hard Year Ahead

By Chester Bowles
(Price and rationing administrator)
(Written for the United Press)

Americans know that 1945 will be a tough year. There are scarcities now and the OPA has already had to tighten its food rationing program to see that everybody gets his fair share.

Initiationary pressures against price ceilings and rent ceilings are already great and they will undoubtedly be greater in 1945.

The longer the war lasts the harder it will be to "hold the line." OPA will have a bigger and more difficult job to do next year than ever before.

Frontruns complicated
That job won't be easy. Indeed, it seems to me that never since the early days of OPA have we had so many serious problems to handle. They will be less serious, however, if Americans stick to the rules of rationing and play their part to keep prices down both now and after V-E day.

In 1945 we must keep on the job to hold down prices of all essential commodities and to plan for reconversion so that industry will go to work and employ large numbers of Americans and sell goods at prices all of us can afford to pay.

With that kind of job ahead of us we need the complete cooperation of all Americans.

Masons Attend Church in Group

The annual observance of the first Sunday after St. John's day was held here yesterday morning by Bend lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., when approximately 50 members met at the Masonic temple at 9 a.m. for breakfast, following which they paraded to the First Presbyterian church to attend the 11 a.m. services.

Arrangements for the annual event were in charge of William A. Niskanen, past master of the lodge, and E. H. Kennedy, new master. George McAllister and R. C. Caryl were in charge of breakfast arrangements.

HOME IS TARGET

Boys twice bombarded the home of John Byrd, 217 Thurston street, with snowballs over the weekend, the victim told police today. The snowballs narrowly missed breaking windows, Byrd stated. He furnished the officers with names of several suspects.

RARE LETTERS TO LIBRARY

Fort Wayne, Ind. (AP)—The library of Indiana University purchased the personal papers and library of Hugh McCulloch, Fort Wayne lawyer and banker who served as secretary of treasury under Abraham Lincoln and Chester A. Arthur. Included in the papers are letters from Lincoln, Arthur, General Sherman and many other prominent figures in the Civil War period.

G. I.'S PET WHISTLES

Cave-In-Rock, Ill. (AP)—Pvt. Ross Frayser, Jr., stationed in France, has written his parents that he found a most peculiar pet which had been abandoned by the Germans, a guinea pig that whistles when it is hungry.

CANAL IS BREACHED

London, Jan. 1 (AP)—British Lancaster bombers, escorted by Mustangs, breached the Dortmund-Ems canal for the fourth time in an early morning raid today.

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