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Forecast: Partly cloudy to night and Thursday. Little change in temperature.
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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 22.—Mr. Roosevelt's high commissioner for lend-lease with the British at Cairo, James M. Landis, flew into town a few days back for an unscheduled, unannounced series of conferences, and since then the air in the highest government halls has carried thin threats that Landis may quit the whole business and resign in disgust.

Mr. Landis is moving quietly and secretly because evidently he does not wish to bestir another useless flurry of British criticism, such as backwashed reports of the five globe-traveling senators upon their return some weeks back. But what the senators found it not much more than half of that in which Mr. Landis has been mired at Cairo.

MR. LANDIS' experiences come only second-hand from those with whom he has conferred, but there are enough of these to piece together a rather solid confirmation of the unsatisfactory situation. His hearers avow he has been blocked by and bypassed completely in the job to which he was assigned after the published criticism of British business enthusiasm, namely the job of seeing that the interests of the lend-lease were fully understood and protected thereafter.

If he denies trucks to the Persian government, for instance, the British will send our trucks from lend-lease in their own name. When he sends a man to London to make a lend-lease point he generally can obtain only an American captain to deal with a British general, the difference in rank assuring British success for any argument.

BUT if he himself effects a decision in Cairo, he cannot be sure of averting a reversal from Washington.

All that the British officers must do to reverse him is to

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12 THUNDERBOLTS DOWN FIVE NAZIS IN SURPRISE RUN

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Twelve U. S. Thunderbolt fighter planes, diving into action with guns blazing, shot down five Nazi fighters about to deliver the death blow to a crippled Flying Fortress straggling home from Monday's American raid on Bremen.

The American fighter group, headed by Col. Joe L. Mason, of Columbus, O., had just left the bomber formation and headed for home at 20,000 feet when it sighted the German planes readying for the attack on the wounded bomber.

With the sun at their backs, the Thunderbolts roared in and destroyed the German fighters before the latter could fire a single burst in their defense.

Then the Thunderbolts nursed the crippled bomber across the channel.

As the Thunderbolts landed at their base, the Fortress, its rudder and one stabilizer shot off and its fuselage and wings riddled with flak, dropped its wings in perilous salute to the rescuers before continuing to its base.

First Lt. Harold S. Riley, Sr., of Portland, Ore., downed one of the German planes.

OLDEST GOVERNOR 81
Madison, Wis., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Acting Gov. Walter S. Goodland, the nation's oldest state executive observed his 81st birthday today by reporting to work as usual at 9 a. m.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lulu Brown driving around the block several times hunting for a spot to park the family car only to find that Hubby Harold had become impatient and walked home.

Janie Smith "doubling in brass" for the forest service, fellow office workers all being home with the flu.

Nazis Strike Surprise Blow At Bari



Allied ships burn furiously in the Italian Adriatic port of Bari following the devastating surprise air raid by German bombers last Dec. 2. Seventeen vessels were sunk and casualties totaled 1000. The allies had no air coverage over Bari at the time, despite the port's vital importance as a supply depot. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

Nazi Defense Belt Crumbles Before Reds' Winter Drive; Allies Make Gains in Italy

By United Press

The Red army's winter offensive smashed deep into the heavily-reinforced German line guarding the approaches to the Baltic states today, as American, British, and French troops advanced slowly in bloody, close-quarters fighting all across the Italian battlefield.

BUSCH GRANDSON UNDER ARREST IN SERVICE EVASION

New York, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Hans Von Contard, 37, grandson and heir of Adolphus Busch, founder of the Anheuser-Busch breweries of St. Louis, was arrested here today on a charge of conspiracy to evade the selective service act.

Arrested with Von Contard, a naturalized American of German birth, were an army intelligence officer, Von Contard's personal physician and an official of a uniform manufacturing company, all of whom are charged with conspiracy to delay Von Contard's induction. A draft board clerk also was named in the sealed complaint which was presented before U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter, but he had not been arrested.

Von Contard, whose American-born mother was the daughter of Adolphus Busch, came to the United States in 1933 and became a citizen in 1938.

CHINESE REGAIN CONTROL IN BOWL

Chungking, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops are rapidly regaining control of the rice bowl area of central China after halting a large-scale offensive launched by the Japanese from their Yangtze river and Tungting lake bases last month, a communique disclosed today.

The Japanese column that evacuated Changteh more than a week ago has been driven back across the Li river, 60 miles to the north, under steady attack by pursuing Chinese forces, the communique said.

WODEHOUSE WRITINGS BARRED BY BBC ORDER

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Comedian Leslie Henson revealed today that the British Broadcasting Co. has forbidden broadcasting of any material written by P. G. Wodehouse, famous British humorist, who has been broadcasting over the Nazi radio during his internment in Germany.

"I thought it was a narrow-minded decision," Henson said, suggesting Wodehouse's broadcasts might have been made under Gestapo pressure.

(Wodehouse fell into German hands when the Nazis overran France in 1940.)

KASPAR K. KUBLI: JACKSON CO. SON, TAKEN BY DEATH

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Kaspar K. Kubli, 74, well-known merchant and former speaker of the state house of representatives, died today after a short illness.

Kubli was born at Jacksonville, Ore., was a graduate of University of Oregon and Harvard Law school. He was the son of the late Kaspar Kubli, Oregon pioneer, and grandson of Daniel Newcomb, wagon train captain and member of the Oregon territorial legislature and the state constitutional convention.

He served 10 times in the legislature and was house speaker in 1923.

His widow, two daughters and two grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be conducted here Friday morning.

The Kubli family is one of the oldest in southern Oregon, the elder Kaspar Kubli settling on a ranch in the Applegate district in 1877. His son, Kaspar, was born on the ranch, which is still in the possession of the family, with Mrs. Maude Kubli, a sister-in-law of the deceased, now making her home there.

Two nephews, C. C. Kubli and Edward W. Kubli, also live in the Applegate district. The family stated that due to poor traveling conditions, none from this county expected to attend the funeral.

Mr. Kubli had recently been invited to attend the launching of a Kaiser ship tomorrow which is to be christened S. S. Jacksonville.

FEWER STEAKS IS CIVILIAN PROSPECT

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—War Food Administration officials said today that civilians probably will get fewer choice steaks during the next few months. The reason is, they said, that maximum prices on the various grades of cattle do not encourage the heavy feeding necessary to produce the choicer cuts of meat.

Prices established by the Office of Price Administration and the Office of Economic Stabilization range from a maximum of \$15 a hundred pounds at Chicago for choice steers to a minimum of \$7.25 for canners and cutters.

KRUPA APPLAUDED ON RELEASE FROM JAIL

New York, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Gene Krupa played his first theatrical engagement today since his imprisonment on a narcotics law violation and was greeted by applause that almost stopped the show.

Krupa, whose appearance was unannounced, grinned nervously behind his battery of instruments as he beat time for Tommy Dorsey's orchestra. The lights went up and wild applause swept the house as the bouncing drummer was recognized by the matinee fans.

NO PAPER DEC. 28

In order to conserve paper under the government's rationing program, the Mail Tribune will not publish on Sunday, December 28.

Brotherhoods Draft Counter Proposals Calling For Greater Salary Increases

EIGHT CENT HIKE ON HOURLY RATE IN NEW PROGRAM

Substantial Boosts Over Those Offered By Roosevelt Now Sought.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The five operating railroad brotherhoods—which have been joined by the 15 non-operating rail unions in calling a strike for Dec. 30—today drafted a counter-proposal calling for substantially greater wage increases than those offered by President Roosevelt.

The executive committees of the operating brotherhoods went into conference in midafternoon with a management negotiating committee. It was understood that the conference was scheduled at the request of the White House after the unions had reported they had drafted the counter-proposal.

Provisional Listed

Informed sources said the counter-proposal carried these basic provisions:

1. A straight time hourly wage increase of eight cents, compared with four cents awarded by an emergency board and approved by Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

2. Time and one-half pay after 40 hours a week for all yard men, who constitute about one-half of the operating group's 350,000 members.

3. Full lay-over expenses between runs for workers paid on a mileage basis, in lieu of the overtime demanded for the yardmen.

4. Vacation pay.

Four Cent Limit

Mr. Roosevelt had said he believed the operating employees could receive no more than four cents an hour increase in straight time wages under the stabilization program but had offered an additional four cents as an overtime settlement. Railway employees now are exempt from the 40-hour provision of the wage-hour law. Most of their agreements provide premium pay after eight hours in one day or 48 hours in one week.

UNITED AIRLINE ISSUE IS VOTED

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Stockholders of the United Air Lines Transport Corp. voted today to change the name to United Air Lines Inc., and to issue \$10,000,000 more of preferred stock.

Other changes approved were raising the par value of the common stock to \$10.00, to issue 100,000 shares of convertible stock for the management, to increase the shares outstanding to 2,500,000 and to issue cumulative preferred stock without offering such shares to common stockholders.

The proposed issue is to be 200,000 shares of 4 1/2 per cent preferred, 105,032 to be given to stockholders in the ratio of seven for each 100 shares of common held. The financing will be headed by Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc., officials said.

Former Medfordite Invades Caribbean Island Piggy-Back

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The navy Seabees, whose wartime construction feats have become almost legendary, today offered for inspection some tall tales.

One of them concerns Carpenter's Mate 1/c Benny Floyd, 322 South Riverside Ave., Medford, Ore., who "invaded" a Caribbean island on the shoulders of an Amazon.

A companion, Chief Carpenter's Mate Lawrence J. Holter, Ashland, Wis., said that the Seabee battalion had to wade through half a mile of waist deep water to reach shore.

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Bremen Believed Target For New American Daylight Raid

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Four-motored bombers of the United States Eighth air force attacked northwest Germany by daylight again today, returning to the area where they dropped more than 1,200 tons of explosives on Bremen two days ago.

The new American daylight raid carrying on the record offensive from British bases, followed a night raid on western Germany by Mosquito bombers of the Royal Air Force.

Fighter Support

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's fighter planes, now capable of escorting the big bombers to almost any target and hovering over it for some time, supported the bomber fleet.

The first reports released by the Eighth Air Force did not name today's target.

They followed speculation that Eaker had marked Bremen, Germany's second port, for destruction by daylight attack on the general allied pattern of the concentrated bombardment which knocked out Hamburg.

The Monday attack on Bremen was carried out by more than 500 American bombers, escorted by the biggest fighter escort ever dispatched in this theater.

Kiel Raid Revealed

U. S. army headquarters revealed for the first time that the target of a heavy bomber raid on Dec. 13 was the German naval base of Kiel, on which 900 tons of bombs were dropped. Previous advices had identified the target area only as northwest Germany.

American fighter planes made their deepest penetration in the raid on Kiel, which is more than 400 miles from the nearest part of England.

Today's announcement said the raiders severely damaged industrial and military areas of Kiel.

No Let-up

Meanwhile, there was no let-up in the steady battering of Japanese outposts in the southwest and mid-Pacific.

Allied heavy and medium bombers struck a one-two blow at the main enemy stronghold at Rabaul, New Britain, with a day and night raid that sank a 6,000-ton supply ship, damaged two other vessels, and set great fires raging in the enemy base.

Other raiding formations bombed Japanese shipping off nearby New Ireland, while a third strong force struck again at the northwestern coast of New Britain in what appeared to be a pre-invasion bombing.

MEAT "DIVIDEND" DURING HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today issued a meat "dividend" for the holiday season by granting the public five extra points for use in buying pork.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that beginning today and continuing through mid-Jan. 1, spare stamp No. one in ration book four would be good for five points worth of pork.

Bowles said the dividend was made possible because of an unexpectedly large supply of hogs and the danger of spoilage due to shortage of freezer space.

CRITIC DIVORCED

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Socially prominent Mrs. Mona Gilford, daughter of R. H. Aiker of Denver, former member of the Colorado supreme court, was divorced today from Max Gilford, Hollywood attorney, on grounds he criticized her housekeeping.

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GERMANY PLANS RETALIATION FOR KHARKOV HANGING

Military Courts Will Soon Deal With American And British Prisoners, Word.

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Germany proclaimed today that in retaliation for the hanging of three Nazi officers convicted of war guilt at Kharkov, German military courts soon will "deal with American and British prisoners" accused of violating international law.

A government spokesman, according to the official DNB news agency, announced the impending action against Allied captives, evidently airmen, against whom the Nazis have ranted with increasing intensity as the weight of the aerial offensive increased.

Charges Ridiculed

The courts will "deal with British and American prisoners who were involved in serious violations of international law without legal proceedings so far being taken against them," the spokesman was quoted.

Linking his assertions directly with the war guilt trial at Kharkov, the spokesman put up the propaganda defense that the charges there "were so crazy and ridiculous that they could only have originated in the brains of perverted creatures who before have used similar proceedings at propaganda trials."

Torture Claimed

According to the broadcast DNB version, the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said German prisoners were being tortured to extort confessions to non-existent crimes.

"We are not surprised that the criminals of the Soviet government carry out their propaganda with such bestial methods," he said. "We know them as murderers of Katyn and Vinnitsa (where the Nazis accused the Russians of mass murders), and have no doubt that all prisoners who fall in their hands sooner or later are lost."

MORSE MAY SEEK HOLMAN'S SEAT

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Wayne Lyman Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school who is serving as a public member of the War Labor board, said today that he may run in next May's primaries for the republican nomination for the senate seat now held by Sen. Rufus C. Holman, R., Ore.

"It is true that a great many of my friends have urged me to run for the senate," Morse said. "I have not made up my mind and will not for some time. However, if I am convinced that I can render greater public service as a candidate than on the War Labor board, then I will run."

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Two schoolboys, playing with anti-tank grenades believed to have been secured from a nearby army camp, were killed today when one of the deadly devices exploded, and a third boy was near death from injuries.

OREGON'S BURBON DUE IN JANUARY

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—First supplies of five-year-old Kentucky bourbon resulting from the Oregon-Washington twin distillery purchase will arrive here in late January, Ray Conway, state liquor administrator, said today on return from the east to consummate the deal.

Conway said ultimate retail price of Waterfall & Frazier and the Shawhan and Old Lancaster brands obtained through the purchase will not be determined for a month, but he assured Oregon drinkers the cost will be less than that presently asked for inferior brands of rum and gin.

The two states stand to get a total of 1,000,000 cases of the whiskey, which will be taken from bond as it comes of age in the next 18 months. The new supply should save Oregon from further reduced liquor rations in 1944 despite the fact other brands now contracted for may be discontinued unless an alcohol holiday is granted distillers by the government, he said.

BRITISH HOMES OPEN TO U. S. SERVICEMEN

London, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—British families are throwing their homes open for Christmas parties for American servicemen and women and the latter are reciprocating with parties and gifts for British children.

The army special service division has been flooded with invitations from families who wish to have Americans spend the day with them.

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Rose Queen



Brunette Naomi Rindan, above, 17-year-old Pasadena, Calif., Junior College sophomore, tries on the crown she'll wear as queen of the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses. Although the annual parade has been suspended for the duration, other ceremonies will continue "as usual."

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:

\$40,152.09

Quota is \$43,718.40.