

First Metz Fort Captured; Escape Corridor Narrowed

Weather
 Forecast: Clear and cool tonight; increasing cloudiness Tuesday; slightly warmer Wednesday.
 Highest yesterday 51
 Lowest this morning 35

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DOUGHBOYS TAKE FORT VERNY AND NEIGHBOR TOWNS

Churchill, De Gaulle Honor Unknown Soldier



(Acme Telephoto)
 Winston Churchill, prime minister of Great Britain, and Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Provisional President of France, bow their heads before French Unknown Soldier's tomb in Paris in brief Armistice Day ceremony. Later they walked down the Champs Elysees to a reviewing stand to watch parade of American, British and French troops as a wildly cheering Paris crowd saluted them and the first Allied military parade since city's liberation. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

FD'S PLURALITY OVER 23,000 IN OREGON BALLOT

Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—The unofficial returns for all of Oregon's 1829 precincts were complete today, and they showed that President Roosevelt won out in this state with a plurality of more than 23,000 over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

A United Press tabulation, completed with the figures from the lone Vanport precinct just submitted to the Multnomah county clerk, showed:

President Roosevelt 248,453; Dewey 225,009. Minor party presidential candidates received: Thomas 3843 and Watson 2241. Final figures for U. S. senate showed:

Short term—Sen. Guy G. Condon, (R), 252,220; Willis Mahoney, (D), 191,871.

Long term—Wayne Morse, (R) 263,559; Edgar Smith, (D), 189,289.

Homer Angell, (R), was re-elected congressman from the third district—Multnomah county—receiving 94,898 votes to 77,168 for Lester Sheeley, (D). The other congressional races had already been decided—James W. Mott winning in the first district; Lowell Stockman in the second, and Harris Ellsworth in the fourth.

One Race Close
 The closest statewide race was for attorney general, but Republican incumbent George Neuner emerged the winner over Democrat Jack Spaulding, 209,351 to 206,702.

Republican Leslie M. Scott was elected state treasurer with 244,818 votes to 177,309 for Democrat William T. Lambert.

Double bank indemnity, yes 173,870, no 117,708; managerial county government, yes 173,870, no 152,703; war veterans fund, yes 187,952, no 176,653; prisoner voting, yes 177,849, no 151,855; education aid, yes 229,215, no 131,272; sales tax, yes 94,351, no 260,848; wines sales, yes 221,147, no 174,873; school tax increase, yes 174,590, no 183,405; old age assistance, yes 178,308, no 216,600.

SIX DIE IN CRASH
 Halls, Tenn., Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Col. M. J. Carter, commanding officer at Dyersburg army air field near here, announced today that six army aviators were killed and four critically injured in the crash of a Flying Fortress there last night.

Eisenhower Appeals For Support Of Loan Drive With Work and Coin

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme allied commander in Europe, appealed today for support of the \$14,000,000,000 sixth war loan, which begins Nov. 20, and especially asked civilians to sign up as workers in the drive in their communities.

His message to all Americans follows:

"Your assistance is needed and the most important job now for the people at home is to make the sixth war loan a success. To make sure of final victory we must redouble and sustain our efforts, both here and everywhere.

"The fighting man still faces

TIRPITZ SUNK BY SIX-TON BOMBS

London, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—British Lancaster bombers sank the German super-battleship Tirpitz in Tromsø Fjord off the northern coast of Norway with six-ton earthquake bombs yesterday, the admiralty announced tonight.

The Tirpitz, sister ship of the Bismarck and the last major fighting unit in Germany's elusive high seas fleet, capsized and sank so swiftly that most of the skeleton crew aboard were believed to have been trapped and drowned with her ship.

Twenty-nine Lancasters, the RAF's biggest raiders, carried out the attack and one plane failed to return, the admiralty said.

MISS BARRYMORE RESTING EASIER

New York, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Ethel Barrymore, famous stage actress, was "resting comfortably" at Flower hospital at noon today, a hospital physician said.

The noon bulletin on her condition reported "increasing congestion of the lungs, heart condition satisfactory, no evidence of pneumonia."

Earlier, Dr. Louis Rene Kaufman, her physician, said that she had "pneumonia and a cardiac condition." Her pulmonary illness was believed to be influenza.

OREGON FLIER BAGS BIG JAP TRANSPORT

An American Airbase in the Philippines, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Lt. R. V. Umphrey, navy Ventura bomber pilot of Milwaukee, Ore., shot down Saturday one of the few Japanese transport planes bagged in the entire war.

Umphrey, on a search mission, spotted the transport 80 miles southwest of Manila in the afternoon.

TARGETS IN JAPAN ARE SPOTTED FOR COMING BOMBINGS

Superfort Extends Reconnaissance—Yanks Tighten Siege On Japs In Leyte

By United Press

Tokyo reported that a lone B-29 Superfortress flew over Japan today, extending reconnaissance for an expected major aerial assault on the homeland, while American invasion forces battled increasing resistance to tighten a siege arc on an estimated 45,000 enemy troops in northwest Leyte.

The official Japanese Domei agency said the Superfortress, apparently from a base in the Marianas, flew over the "west coastal area" of Ise bay for half an hour and then left without dropping any bombs.

Two Bombed
 Ise bay cuts into southern Honshu, largest of Japan's home islands, and at its head lies Nagoya, huge aircraft center.

Domei also reported that an "undisclosed number" of American warships had bombarded Iwo Island in the Volcanos, 700 miles south of Japan proper, Saturday night.

Growing power of the 20th bomber command of Superfortresses was demonstrated Saturday in a three-way assault over a 700-mile arc. One group bombarded Nanking, puppet capital in occupied China, another hit Shanghai, and a third blasted Omura, aircraft center on Kyushu.

Two warships were believed sunk at Nanking but clouds obscured results of the other two attacks.

Advance on Ormoc
 American tanks and infantrymen hacked closer to the Japanese stronghold of Ormoc on the west coast of Leyte, on a 46-mile front through jungles, mud and mountains in savage fighting.

Meanwhile the Pacific 3d fleet's aircraft and army planes maintained a blockade of the west coast of Leyte. In a three-day series of attacks through Sunday, the two airforces sank 13 Japanese destroyers and seven transports attempting to bring reinforcements to Ormoc.

A Japanese communique claimed Japanese planes sank an American battleship and a transport in Leyte gulf.

BLANKS MAILED FOR VET LOANS

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Application blanks for veterans home loans under the G. I. bill of rights are now being mailed out, the veterans administration announced today.

It said regional offices already have received the forms and that all lending agencies, including banks, building and loan associations, and authorized government subsidiaries, should receive theirs soon.

HEAVY SNOWFALL AT CRATER LAKE

E. L. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, stated today there was a terrific snowstorm in Crater Lake area Thursday and Friday and there is now 30 inches of snow now at park headquarters. All closed with Union Creek being the end of the road on highway 62.

Leavitt estimated there must be at least four feet of snow at higher elevations.

MRS. D. J. BERGMAN PASSES AWAY SUNDAY

Mrs. Delbert J. Bergman, 811 West Jackson street, died at a local hospital at 3 p. m. yesterday. An obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced later when completed. Services will be in charge of Peril funeral home.

George Barrow was an English writer and traveler.

Hitler's Task Passed On To Himmler and Others Is Admission Nazi Spokesman

London, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—A Berlin radio spokesman, shouting defiantly that Nazi Germany will not repeat the surrender of 1918, acknowledged today that Adolf Hitler has been "compelled" to pass on to Heinrich Himmler and other party leaders the task of rallying the German nation for the final phase of the war.

The Berlin commentator, Rudolf Semmler, told the German public in a nationwide broadcast that the decisive hours of the war are at hand, with the mysterious silent fuhrer still absent.

Surrender Ruled Out
 "Within a measurable space of time," he said, "the question will arise: Do we capitulate in front of superior enemy odds in men and material, or will they capitulate as they see our unshakable determination?"

Semmler declared that surrender has been ruled out by the Nazi leaders, and he exhorted the people to rally to the newly-organized "volkstrum," the people's army.

"Our leaders," he promised, "will not let the German people down as did the cowardly government of 1918."

Then, attempting to explain Hitler's singular absence from public life at this critical hour, Semmler added fresh fuel to the world-wide speculation that the fuhrer was sick or dead, or had been driven insane by disaster.

"If the fuhrer spoke so seldom during recent months and was compelled to pass on this task to his nearest collaborators, we know all the same that every single word of his has special importance," he said. "The whole world realizes this."

Himmler May Lead
 Semmler made no further mention of Hitler, in whose name a proclamation was read yesterday calling on Germany to fight against enemies "with in and without the nation."

London observers speculated that Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler might be emerging as the actual ruler of Nazi Germany and that the shrewd "hangman" was seeking only to preserve the Hitler legend while establishing himself in power.

The mystery of Hitler's disappearance from public life and the domestic situation in Germany also was deepened by: 1—Hitler's failure to show himself yesterday even for the postponed observation of the Munich beer hall putsch anniversary.

2—The fact the fuhrer's proclamation was read by his gestapo chieftain, Heinrich Himmler.

3—Frank admission by Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda and total war mobilization, that the European war was in its last round.

4—Unconfirmed reports from Sweden that Hitler was either dead or out of power and that Himmler was preparing to assume the job of No. 1 Nazi.

The proclamation, read by Himmler in a voice that occasionally sounded like a poor imitation of Hitler's, was based almost entirely on an attempt to preserve the German nation from its inner and outer enemies which Hitler claimed his national socialist movement accomplished in 1933.

APPLEGATE HERD LAW IS APPROVED

A measure to put into effect a herd district law in the Applegate was carried in the recent election according to George R. Carter, county clerk, contrary to first reports. Due to the wording of the measure, confusion resulted and some residents even voted contrary to their intention, it is reported.

The vote was "for cattle to run at large, yes, 65; no, 86. According to the clerk, and residents of the district, this means that the measure carried and a herd district will be put into effect in the near future.

Wife Cheats Hubby Out Of Kiss From Clubhouse Hostess

Boston, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Pretty Norma Gleason of Belmont, 21-year-old hostess at the servicemen's Buddies club on Boston Common, stationed herself at the clubhouse door yesterday, waiting to reward visitor No. 3,000,000 with a kiss.

Nos. 2,999,997, 2,999,998, and 2,999,999 came in—un-kissed.

Then Boatwain's Mate 1/c Richard A. Hendry, 28, a U.S. coast guardman, approached.

Norma stepped up to him, lips pursed, and eyes closed.

Hendry, a veteran of north Atlantic patrols and Pacific battles, stepped back hastily.

"I'd like you to meet my wife," he said, pushing forward a little blonde Spar.

SNOW IN NEVADA

Renov, Nev., Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Nevada today dug itself out of what the U. S. weather bureau described as an "unusually heavy" fall of snow for early November, following a week end storm which hit practically every section of the state except the Las Vegas area.

RED EFFORTS TO FLANK BUDAPEST MAKE PROGRESS

Big Transport Center Is Captured — Bridgehead Established On Danube

London, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Berlin said today that strong Russian forces had smashed into Jaszbereny, big transport center 31 miles east of Budapest, and Moscow reported that the red army had established a firm bridgehead across the Danube just below the Hungarian capital.

By Russian and German account, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's drives to outflank Budapest were developing steadily, and Moscow said the outskirts of the city were under steady Soviet gunfire.

New Siege Planned
 The Nazi acknowledgement of the Soviet penetration of Jaszbereny, key base guarding the eastern approaches to Budapest, indicated that the city soon would be besieged from that direction as well as from the south.

"The battle in the area east of Budapest has increased in intensity," Ernst von Hammer, Nazi radio commentator, said. "Both sides are continually bringing up reinforcements. A strong Soviet tank formation penetrated the town of Jaszbereny. German panzer grenadiers supported by Tiger tanks and assault guns pierced the enemy assault wedge and pressed the Soviets back to the southeast."

Reds Mop Up
 United Press Correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from Moscow that Malinovsky was carrying out mop-up operations between the Danube and Tisza and had expanded his bridgehead on the west bank of the Danube south of the capital.

"The young Soviet marshal, who in the course of the last month claimed more than 142,000 Germans and Hungarians killed or captured, now appears determined to wipe out the enemy forces and knock Hungary out of the war in the nearest future," Shapiro's dispatch said.

3d Advances
 Other 3d army units slugged their way forward another mile from the Moeningmischer bridgehead near the Luxembourg border, attacking on a five-mile front.

Below Thionville a new bridgehead was established across the river and the German position north of Metz was deteriorating in several sectors.

PUPPET PRESIDENT OF CHINA PASSES

By United Press

The Japanese-sponsored Nanking government today ordered a week of mourning and a state funeral for Wang Ching Wei, president of the puppet state, and foremost Chinese quisling, who died Friday afternoon at Nagoya imperial university hospital, Japan.

Tokyo radio, in broadcasts recorded by United Press, San Francisco, devoted virtually its entire news and propaganda periods Monday to reporting Wang's death and eulogizing him.

3 WLB Members Would Quit Including Chairman Davis

Washington, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—Three members of the war labor board, including Chairman William H. Davis, want to quit their jobs, it was disclosed today.

Davis said at a press conference that he hopes to resign by Jan. 1 but has not yet scheduled an appointment to discuss his desires with President Roosevelt.

Dr. George W. Taylor and Dr. Frank F. Graham, public members of the board, also have written the president asking to be relieved.

White House Press Secretary Stephen T. Early had revealed earlier that Davis asked on Aug. 29, his 65th birthday, to be relieved but that the president persuaded him to stay on.

Davis said at his press conference that he resolved a long time ago to "slow down" on his 65th birthday and seek a little recreation. He said he enjoyed his work on the board but added, "I hardly recognize it as recreation."

Taylor reported at the press

Rook-Ribbed Fortresses Found Deserted By Nazis—1st Division Takes Fort

Paris, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—American assault forces stormed the ring of Metz fortifications from the south on a six-mile front today and captured Fort Verny, five miles below Metz, and four neighboring towns in advances ranging up to a mile and a half.

Fort Verny, the first of 22 rock-ribbed fortresses around Metz to fall into American hands, was won by Maj. Gen. Stafford Irwin's 5th division of the U. S. 3d army soon after Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops opened the battle of Metz, key bastion of the German defenses in France.

Germans Gone
 The town of Verry, 800 yards south of the fort; Corny, on the Moselle 5 1/2 miles southwest of Metz; Pommérieux, 6 1/2 miles south, and Liehon, 7 1/2 miles southeast, also were swept up in the first frontal push against the sprawling maze of Metz fortifications.

United Press Correspondent Colie Small reported from the 3d army front that the doughboys entered Fort Verry in a few minutes after noon. They found the Germans had withdrawn from the underground bastion and three giant casemates comprising the fort.

The gap between the prongs of the American pincers clamped on Metz still were about 12 miles apart, Small reported and there were no signs that the German garrison was trying to get out.

Late front dispatches said an unidentified fort on the east bank of the Moselle river at Thionville, at the north end of the 3d army front surrendered this afternoon to the 5th division.

The fort ran up the white flag after a 30-minute artillery barrage. Other sources said the Americans had captured nearly all of Fort Thionville, key to the defenses of the town of the same name, but it was not clear whether this was the fort that gave up.

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On the southern wing of Patton's front, the Germans dug in after several days of retreat and launched a series of vicious counter-attacks against Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul's 26th Yankee division north of Dieuze.

LUICHOW AIRBASE LOST TO YANKEES

Chungking, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—The 14th airforce announced today the destruction and evacuation of its most valuable remaining east China airbase at Luichow last Tuesday under pressure of fast driving Japanese columns.

Loss of the Luichow airfield, the last American base in Kwangsi province, virtually threw the 14th back upon its Kunming base, with only small fields at Kweiyang and Nanning from which to carry on support of China's ground forces.

(The Japanese claimed they captured both Luichow and Kweiin, capital of Kwangsi province, last Thursday.)

BIG V-2'S FIRED AT YANK TROOPS

London, Nov. 13.—(U.P.)—A censor-delayed dispatch from the continent disclosed today that the Germans have fired their big V-2 explosive rockets against American 1st army troops in Belgium.

The date of the dispatch had been deleted by the censor, but it reported that the flying torpedoes up to that time, at least, had not hit any military targets. The only target in Belgium which the Germans have named is Antwerp, which the allies hope to open soon to supply and troop ships.