

Yanks Storm Through Metz Defenses Behind Barrage

Weather

Forecast: Clear with freezing temperature tonight; fog Wednesday morning, clearing in afternoon; slightly warmer Wednesday afternoon.
Temp. 59
Highest yesterday 59
Lowest this morning 24

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ROLL NAZIS BACK TO OUTSKIRTS OF BESEIGED BASTION

Two Of Great Steel And Concrete Forts Guarding City In American Hands

Paris, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—American infantrymen, attacking behind a blazing artillery barrage, stormed two to three miles through the main German defenses south of Metz today and rolled the Nazis back to within 2½ miles of the beleaguered city.

Two of the nine great steel and concrete forts girdling Metz already were in American hands, both of them on the weakened southern flank, and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army veterans were crowding in from the south through the last inner belt of defenses.

Pouilly, three miles north-northwest of Orny and 2½ miles from the southern end of Metz, fell to units of the United States 5th infantry division this afternoon after a fighting three-mile advance. Simultaneously, other 5th division troops battled into the streets of Meuleuven, four miles to the east and barely three miles from Metz.

At the same time, a broadcast over the Allied army radio in the Netherlands reported that British 2nd army forces went over to the attack in eastern Holland late today in what might prove the start of another major drive to turn the northern flank of the German Siegfried line. (The London radio said the British offensive was launched in a sector some 15 miles southeast of Eindhoven, after a tremendous softening-up barrage by 4400 massed cannons.)

F.R. KEEPS DEWEY LETTER SECRET

Washington, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he received yesterday a letter of congratulations on his re-election from the defeated Republican candidate, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, would not divulge the contents of the letter. He told reporters at a news conference that he would not give them access to his personal files.

The letter received yesterday was the first direct word Mr. Roosevelt had had from Dewey since the election.

GERMANS RENEW FLYBOMB ATTACK

London, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—After a long lull, the Germans launched a small-scale flying bomb attack on the London area and southern England last night, causing some damage, but no casualties.

Several of the bombs were shot into the sea by antiaircraft fire, east coast observers reported, and one fell harmlessly in open country.

The flying bomb attacks, including V-2 raids, caused 588 casualties in England last month.

WATERLOGGED L.A. PROMISED RELIEF

Los Angeles, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—With all rainfall records in Los Angeles shattered for 44 years, the weather forecasters today promised only a partial letup. Scattered showers this morning brought to 3.72 inches the rainfall in Los Angeles this month, making it the drippiest November since 1900 when a record of 6.53 inches fell.

Negroes Walk Out At Packard Plant

Detroit, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Aircraft production at the Packard Motor Car Co. was threatened today by a walkout of a majority of the firm's 6000 Negro employees, protesting alleged discrimination against Negroes on pay rates.

Company spokesmen were unable to quote exact figures on the number of strikers out this morning, but estimated the entire 6000 Negroes in the plant would be out by the end of the day.

Hitler Has Throat Operation Reports High German Source

TUMOR REMOVAL IS EXPLANATION FOR HIS SILENCE

Fuehrer Still Convalescing Berchtesgaden Says Informant—Chaos Hinted

London, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—A "high German personality" reported in Switzerland today that Adolf Hitler had undergone a throat operation at Berchtesgaden after a dangerous tumor had developed from an old ailment.

The mysteriously absent Hitler now is at his Berchtesgaden retreat in the Bavarian Alps after submitting to the operation, a United Press dispatch from Zurich quoted the unidentified German informant.

Authenticity Seen
Observers agreed that the report had an authentic ring, and would go far toward explaining the long silence of Hitler during this crucial phase of the war.

Hitler, then a corporal, was gassed in the First World War, and it appeared probable that any "dangerous tumor" of the throat might have stemmed from that cause.

The operation was performed by a Professor Eicke of Vienna, the Zurich dispatch said. It gave no details of the reported operation, how Hitler responded to it, and his present condition, but did say that he still is at Berchtesgaden.

A dangerous affliction of the throat would account for Hitler's silence last week on the anniversary of the Munich beer cellar putsch. The alarming effects of his silence on the German people were acknowledged by the frantic Nazi efforts to cover up with a broadcast version Sunday of a diatribe attributed to him.

Chaos Hinted
Along with the mounting wave of speculation on the whereabouts and condition of Hitler, weaver unconfirmed reports from the continent of "chaotic" conditions in Germany.

The reports were received with reservation pending more authoritative information on the German people's acceptance or rejection of the Nazi hierarchy's desperate efforts to bolster resistance against the allies winter campaign.

German industrialists arriving in Switzerland told newspapermen that "nearly chaotic" conditions prevailed in southwest Germany, with hordes of foreign workers and escaped prisoners of war terrorizing the countryside.

The workers and prisoners, Swiss dispatches said, escaped after the recent bombing of Stuttgart and other industrial centers in that area.

The U. S. office of war information reported that Stockholm press dispatches said financial panic worse than that experienced during the bank crash of 1931 was sweeping Germany.

The report, relayed from New York, said "runs" had started on many German banks after the arrest of two prominent German bankers.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Margaret Fabrikoff offering to pay part of a club telephone bill herself and confessing that she had prolonged the conversation slightly with a political discussion.

Zoe Hurd's friends deciding that she is suffering from a touch of "Californiaitis."

Jack Meyer, United Air Line station manager, welcoming Pilot Stork who brought a 7-pound daughter for the Meyer menage.

The record high temperature in San Francisco has been 101 degrees for more than 20 years.

Filipinos Kill 5,000 Japs With Bows and Iron-Pronged Arrows

Leyte, Philippines, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—A 27-year-old guerilla leader arrived from his headquarters on one of the largest Philippine islands today and reported to President Sergio Osmeña that his 1,000 men, using bows and iron-pronged bamboo arrows, had killed 5,000 Japanese soldiers in three years without losing a man.

"We counted the bodies, day by day," he said proudly. "Sometimes we attacked every day, sometimes we attacked only three or four times a week," he said. "We always have fought in the jungle with bow and arrow and we know how to move without being seen."

The youthful leader said he frequently had used all of his

men to surround a small Japanese camp.

"We would be in trees, in the tall grass, and in bushes," he said. "We would wait all night and at dawn when the Japs came out of their holes and huts for chow or to bathe we would open up, killing as many as 25 or 30 at a time."

"Each Jap was struck by many arrows hitting him from all sides. They had no chance to fire back at us."

The guerilla leader, who was a lieutenant in the Philippine army, fought through Bataan and was imprisoned for three months by the Japanese after the surrender. Most of his guerillas also have been in the enemy's prisons.

DR. THAYER DIES AFTER EXTENDED PRACTICE HERE

Dr. F. G. Thayer, long time physician of Medford, passed away this morning in a local hospital.

Dr. Thayer, who came to Medford in 1909, had served as city health officer, member of the water board, member of the planning commission and was a past president of the Jackson County Medical society. He retired in April, 1941.

He was born October 21, 1881, in Maitland, Mo., and came to Oregon City as a youth. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon with the class of 1903 and graduated from Northwestern University in 1907. In 1927 he went to New Orleans where he took a course at Tulane University in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, returning to Medford in 1928.

We were united in marriage to Etha Williams at Eugene in 1908, the couple coming here the following year. His wife is the only survivor.

Private graveside services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. in Siskiyou Memorial cemetery with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating. Conger-Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. C. W. Lemery, Dr. J. C. Hayes, Dr. A. E. Dodson, Dr. C. I. Drummond, Dr. R. E. Green and Dr. W. W. P. Holt.

Active pallbearers will be M. N. Hogan, T. E. Daniels, H. L. Noblit, Larry Schade and Morris Leonard.

FDR CLAIMS END OF WAR IN SIGHT

Washington, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt said today that ultimate victory is in sight both in Europe and the far east and that the United Nations, without diminishing their war effort, must begin to organize the peace.

His remarks were made when the newly-appointed Australian minister, Sir Frederic William Eggleston, presented his credentials.

GRAND JURY TO STUDY TEEN AGE DELINQUENCY

The grand jury, E. C. Faber, Central Point, foreman, will reconvene tomorrow, and take up new cases and criminal matters unfinished when adjournment was taken three weeks ago. District Attorney George W. Nelson said today.

Angles of "teen-age delinquency," revealed the past ten days, will also be brought before the grand jury, the official said. The grand jury is expected to be in session for the better part of a week.

Fourth Inaugural At White House, Is Wish of F.R.

Washington, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt will be inaugurated for his fourth term at the white house instead of in traditional ceremonies on the capitol steps, it was disclosed today.

The decision to conduct the ceremonies on the south portico of the white house was revealed by Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D. Va., chairman of a joint senate and house committee responsible for making inauguration arrangements.

Byrd said the choice was made by the president in view of the shortage of critical materials and the economies that could be made by foregoing the usual elaborate show at the capitol on January 20.

BILL THORNDIKE WRITES OF WOUND

Cpl. Bill Thorndike, wounded the middle of October while fighting with the 29th infantry division in Germany, is now in an army hospital in England recovering from shrapnel wounds in the left leg. The young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thorndike, Berkeley Way, received letters from him yesterday and today.

In the second letter the corporal stated that but a short time after he was assigned to the 29th division and went into combat, an artillery shell landed on his foxhole, killing his buddy and wounding himself. "Things have happened fast and furious," he wrote. The 29th division is commanded by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, formerly commander of the 91st infantry division at Camp White.

Cpl. Thorndike wrote that his wounds were slight and that he expected to be able to leave the hospital before long.

PENITENTIARY ESCAPEES BELIEVED NEAR SALEM

Salem, Ore., Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Martin C. Broom, 63, and C. P. Long, 33, who escaped from the state penitentiary in a captured station wagon last Saturday, were still at large today, and state police and prison guards intensified the search for them in an area south and west of Salem, near where the stolen car was found.

The men have some food which was in the station wagon they stole, and which belonged to the Oregon state blind trades school in Portland. They are believed to be hiding in some cabin in the woods.

Radio Highlights

New York, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Twenty-four war correspondents who have lost their lives in this war will be honored on NBC's "Words at War" program at 8:30 p. m., PWT, tonight, in a dramatization of the late Tom Treanor's book, "One Damn Thing After Another."

Treanor, correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and NBC, was killed in France on August 21, 1944.

YANKEE TROOPS THREATEN JAPS ON LEYTE FRONT

Enemy Communique Claims American Carrier-Based Planes Bomb Manila

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—American invasion forces threatened to cut the Japanese front in north-west Leyte in two today with a push to within five miles of the key road junction of Libungao, 10 miles north of Ormoc.

(A Japanese communique said Japanese planes had sunk an American battleship in an attack on a task force east of Luzon last night. Another Tokyo broadcast, heard by CBS, said American carrier planes bombed Manila, 350 miles north of Leyte, twice yesterday.)

The fall of Libungao, already under American artillery fire, would isolate two enemy divisions delaying the American advance down the main highway from Finamopan to the north from the main Japanese garrison around the west coast sea and air base of Ormoc in the south.

Cut Alternate Route
It also would cut the main link between Ormoc and Palompan, 16 miles to the northwest, an alternative reinforcement and evacuation port on the west coast, though several rough mountain trails between the two towns still would remain in Japanese hands.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed in his daily communique that the Japanese now have committed five or their best divisions—possibly 75,000 troops—to the Leyte front in an attempt to smash the American invasion of the central Philippines.

Two of the divisions, the 26th and the 1st, were giving ground slowly in bloody fighting along the Pinamopan-Ormoc road just south of Limon, 10 miles north of Libungao.

Make End Run
Medium tanks spearheaded the American 24th division's advance along the road, followed by infantry who routed the well-entrenched Japanese from strong roadside defenses with flame throwers and bayonets.

Disoriented elements of the American 1st cavalry division, executing an end run around the Japanese flank east of the road, consolidated their positions on Mt. Catabaran and Mt. Cabungab and pressed on to seize hill 2,926, eight miles south of Carigara bay and five miles northeast of Libungao.

The 1st division also was encountering elements of the 1st Japanese division, which a front dispatch described as one of the best in the Japanese army with an estimated 27,000 effectives.

East of Ormoc, the American 96th division broke the last organized enemy resistance beyond the central mountain range and pursued the fleeing Japanese remnants westward.

MacArthur reported in his communique that the pace of his offensive had dislocated Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's general preparations for a counter-attack by penetrating his potential assembly areas.

This compelled the enemy command to "premature and piecemeal commitments" of its forces for defense of the main bastions of the Yamashita line protecting Ormoc, MacArthur said.

Some Japanese have infiltrated the American lines, but nowhere in sufficient numbers to offer a serious threat.

Chungking, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Clarence E. Gauss, who recently resigned his post as American ambassador to China, left Chungking today for the United States. Pending the appointment and arrival of a new ambassador, George Acheson was in charge of the American embassy.

Falling Bomb Shears Off Fortress' Tail



Flying in close flight formation over European city, the left stabilizer of this U. S. Flying Fortress is sheared off by bomb dropped from another Fort in the same formation. Bomb that struck plane (arrow) veers away from target. Despite enormous damage, mishap wasn't fatal and ship completed mission, arrived safely at home base.

MAD SCRAMBLE FOR CIGARETTES UPSETS MORALE

By United Press
Millions of Americans were scrambling for cigarettes today, upsetting routine and morale of war plants and business offices, enriching hundreds of black market operators and increasing an already acute shortage with extensive hoarding, a nationwide United Press survey showed today.

Paris, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Cigarette rations, reduced last month in U. S. army post exchanges, had vanished completely today as far as officers, GIs and WACs stationed in Paris are concerned.

PX attendants, refusing to sell them, explained that more cigarettes are needed by the men at the fronts.

Everywhere men and women were ready to pay exorbitant prices, stand in line for hours and resort to all varieties of dodges to assure themselves of a smoke.

Black Marketing
Extensive black market operations were reported in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Detroit, Atlanta, Connecticut and Buffalo, N. Y. National and regional office of price administration officials were investigating these exploiters for profit of an unavoidable wartime situation and threatened drastic action.

Dealers everywhere reported unprecedented demands for granulated tobacco and cigarette papers and it was a common sight to see novices trying to "roll their own." Sectional runs on pipes and pipe tobacco, particularly by girls, were revealed. Shortages in these substitutes were threatened.

In government office buildings in Washington, in war plants in Philadelphia, in shops and factories throughout the country, hoarders loaded their pockets with dimes and stood watch over vending machines, to empty them the instant they were restocked.

War Plants Suffer
In Los Angeles, manufacturers reported a lowering of morale among war plant workers because of their inability to get enough cigarettes. Chicago druggists reported their customers were hoarding to give cigarettes as Christmas presents as usual.

In Memphis, the men of the 4th ferrying group and of the Millington naval air station were the centers of a sudden wave of extreme popularity. They buy their cigarettes at service canteens where the supply is unlimited and several boasted they could go out "with any girl in town."

Memphis war plants and offices had been so disrupted by their workers scrambling for cigarettes that retailers were persuaded to sell the limited supply only before and after business hours. In Chicago and other large cities chain stores were selling only at stipulated hours and lines half a block formed in front of them.

The Chicago Retail Druggists association petitioned the OPA for cigarette rationing, contending it was the only way to distribute the available supply fairly, but Washington officials indicated that rationing was not being considered because it would be difficult to administer.

But OPA was moving against the black market. In Detroit regional officials received complaints that cigarettes were being sold at 40 a pack in war plants and an OPA investigator in Atlanta found drug stores selling them at 50 cents a pack.

Mental Medicine Sent Chungking

Chungking, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—The Chinese newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, reported today that Russia, whose trade relations with China have been suspended for two years, this week sent to a Chungking merchant 15,000 bottles of pantocrine, a remedy for mental disorders.

The shipment marked the first consignment of soviet goods to reach Chungking during the two-year period.

BRITISH BLOW UP NINE NAZI SHIPS IN NORWAY SEAS

London, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—The admiralty announced tonight that British warships blew up or sank nine German ships and drove a tenth ashore in an attack on an 11-ship convoy off the coast of Norway Sunday night.

The German convoy was trying to make a northward passage off Lister fjord south of Egersund, when ships of the home fleet, under Rear Adm. Rhoderick McGrigor, attacked.

The Germans were taken by surprise. The British ships steamed close inshore, within range of German coastal batteries.

The German guns ashore joined in the action, but their fire, "although spectacular, was ineffective," the admiralty reported. None of the British ships sustained material damage, all returned safely to port and the number of casualties was small.

The Berlin radio, apparently reporting the same action, acknowledged that "a number" of German vessels were lost.

EIRE DECLINES SANCTUARY BAN

London, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—The government of Eire has declined to join other neutral nations in refusing sanctuary to proscribed Axis war criminals and has reserved the right to shelter such refugees at its own discretion, a British spokesman indicated in commons today.

Replying to a volley of questions from the house, Dominions Undersecretary Paul Emrys-Evans said Eire had rejected the Allied demand that neutral states close their doors to war-guiltily Axis leaders who might try to flee abroad.

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LAME DUCKS OF 78TH CONGRESS START WINDUP

Washington, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—The 78th congress began its last, or lame duck, session today with a fairly crowded legislative slate—including a proposal by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, for a fourth freezing of social security taxes at their present rates.

About 50 senators and 150 representatives showed up for the session opener. After shaking hands all around, transacting a minimum of business and trading yarns about experiences in the late election campaign—which produced at least 85 lame ducks—members of both houses recessed until noon Thursday.

Vandenberg's was the first piece of important legislation introduced in the 78th's last session. Thrice previously Vandenberg has successfully proposed freezing of the social security payroll tax at 1 per cent each on employers and employees, thus forestalling a annual automatic doubling of the rate on January 1 as provided in the law.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn said he hoped the lame duck session's legislative slate could be wiped clean by December 10.

He told reporters that the principal business awaiting the house action was the extension of the second war powers act, the senate approved measure to spend \$1,350,000,000 matching state funds in a postwar highway building program, and a bill to revive the federal crop insurance program.

Nevada Blanketed By Heavy Snowfall

Reno, Nev., Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Every section of the state of Nevada today was blanketed by an unusually heavy snowfall which reached a record of 50 inches in the 8000-foot high Marble Lake sector.

Reno recorded a 3.8 fall and the city of Elko, where the storm was one of the three heaviest November storms since 1898, reported nine inches. Forty-two inches fell at Donner Summit where transcontinental highway U. S. 40 crosses the high Sierra.

Track Star Killed In South Pacific

Los Angeles, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—First Lt. Louis G. Samperini, Torrance, Cal., track star whose national interscholastic mile record of 4:21.2 still stands, today was officially listed as dead by the war department.

The former University of Southern California ace, a bombardier, was reported missing in action in the South Pacific in May, 1943.

MURDER MYSTERY
Golden, Colo., Nov. 14—(U.P.)—The burning of a haystack, which served as a funeral pyre for a bullet pierced body, so charred that the sex could not be determined, still was being investigated here today following discovery of the bones of a human being among the smouldering debris yesterday.