

Metz Defense In Sudden Collapse; French Flank Belfort

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; for Tuesday morning; continued cold.
Highest yesterday _____ Temp. _____
Lowest this morning _____ 23

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U.S. Carriers Evade Attacking Japanese Bombs



A Japanese bomber burns on the water as an Independence class U. S. Pacific Fleet carrier maneuvers violently to avoid other attacking Jap planes. Action occurred during second battle of the Philippines in which the U. S. fleet won a naval victory so overwhelming that it may prove one of the decisive battles of modern times.—U. S. Navy photo.

GRESHAM GAME TO BE PLAYED HERE THURSDAY

Gresham high school, selected to represent district 3, will meet Medford high's Black Tornado on the Medford turf Thanksgiving day at 2 o'clock. It was announced today. The game will be a semi-final contest with the winner to play the winner of the Roosevelt-La Grande game, to be played Thursday, for the state football championship.

A coin was tossed in Portland to determine if the game would be played there or in Medford.

Coach Al Simpson of the Tornado said his team came through their 32-to-14 quarter-final win over Coquille in fine shape and will be at full strength, with the exception of Bud Cahill, for this contest.

Gresham has an undefeated record and a fast and heavy ball club, according to advance information.

Principal Lester Harris said today that due to the high cost of bringing the game here it will be necessary to increase admission prices. Season reserved tickets will not be honored and all of the grandstand will be reserved.

Reserved seat tickets will go on sale Tuesday morning at the high school office. Buyers must call in person for no reservations will be made over the telephone.

NAZIS SUSPECT WAR END NEAR

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—In an address before the Economic club of Detroit today, Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, read a cable he had just received from United Press correspondent Richard D. McMillan, quoting Germans inside their own country as saying that Germany might not "be able to go on with the war beyond Christmas."

McMillan reported that on a 20-mile tour of the British front inside Germany this week he saw the Reich homeland "being laid waste town after town and village after village" and predicted that the current merciless attack will go on until the Germans cry "enough."

Baillie had asked McMillan to send him a report on British front operations since he and McMillan visited it together last month.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ray Ish spilling his attempts to leave the house noiselessly by stepping on the tail of the family cat.

J. A. "Mac" MacDougall urging a reporter to put Erwin Randolph in the sidglances.

"Sarge" Daws, retired army man, incognito, he being in civvies.

At the present time, there are 3,800,000 women volunteers in the American Red Cross.

300 Carrier Planes Plaster Manila; Tokyo Says U.S. Task Force Bombed

Pearl Harbor, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Tokyo reported today that about 300 American carrier planes attacked Manila and several other sectors of the Philippines last night (Philippine time) in the second aerial bombardment of the capital within 24 hours.

The night raiders hit "various sectors of the Philippines, including Manila, Clark Field, Lipa, Batangas and Aparri" on Luzon, a Domei News Agency broadcast recorded by the FCC said.

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BULLETS FLY IN CROWDED COURT

Gallup, N. M., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Pete Talamante, 55, had just gone on trial today on charges of murdering his wife, when two shot rang out in the crowded courtroom, and bullets whizzed past the defendant.

One bullet smacked into the wall about six feet from District Judge William J. Barker's head. The other ploughed through a panel into the jury box, which was empty at the time.

Talamante had just finished pleading innocent—by reason of insanity—to charges of murder growing out of the fatal shooting of his wife, Antonia, and District Attorney David W. Carmody was standing before the judge, requesting permission to get a law book.

Then Lucy R. Reyes, 35, sister of the slain woman, got up from her seat among the spectators and walked toward the rail. When she was only four feet behind Talamante, she raised a .38 calibre revolver in both hands and pointed it at her brother-in-law.

The district attorney saw the gun, and grabbed Miss Reyes just as she fired. The bullets went past their target.

ACTION EXPECTED TO END WALKOUT

Cleveland, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—The war labor board was expected to take action today to end a four-day strike of telephone operators which has crippled long-distance communication lines in at least 26 Ohio cities, including Cleveland.

The strike was referred to Washington Saturday by the regional WLB here after leaders of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, an independent union, had ignored a back-to-work order and had declined to attend a show-cause hearing.

The national board stayed action over the week-end, it was reported, to observe the effectiveness of the strike before stepping into the case.

Since starting in Dayton, O., Friday the strike has spread to every major city in Ohio except Cincinnati. The Dayton operators struck in protest against employment of out-of-town operators with \$18 weekly maintenance pay.

anti-aircraft batteries shot down nine American planes, including one listed as "probably destroyed," and damaged another. The Manila radio reported earlier that U. S. carrier planes struck at Manila yesterday morning and other reports said that American air and sea blows left at least 27 Japanese ships sunk or damaged.

Week end communiques from Pacific fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the Philippines listed six vessels sunk and 21 damaged, including a battleship and two other warships, in air raids last Wednesday through Saturday.

The Japanese-controlled Manila radio said American carrier planes had raided the capital Saturday (Sunday, Manila time), but had been driven off before they could cause any damage.

First Since Nov. 12
It was the first reported raid on Manila since other carrier planes sank 16 Japanese ships and damaged 158 to 168 planes in the capital area Nov. 12.

A Tokyo broadcast heard by FCC monitors said Japanese planes had caught an American task force in waters east of the Philippines Saturday and Sunday (Sunday and Monday, Tokyo time), and had sunk two cruisers. An aircraft carrier and a battleship were set afire, the broadcast said.

(Tokyo also claimed that Jap-

ALLIES LAND VAST STORE IN EUROPE

Paris, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Admiral Sir Bertram Home Ramsay said today that up to September 15 the Allies landed more than 2,200,000 men, almost 4,000,000 tons of supplies and more than 450,000 vehicles on the beaches of western Europe and in captured ports.

Ramsay, Allied naval commander in chief under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, said one-sixteenth of 1 per cent of the supplies were lost through enemy action.

The current minesweeping of the Schelde estuary leading to Antwerp is the toughest job of its kind ever undertaken, Ramsay said.

REGISTERED NURSES NEEDED AT HOSPITAL

Officers at the Station Hospital, Camp White, today called for registered nurses to work at the hospital. It was stated that the nurses will be paid a salary of \$2190 a year. Any registered nurse interested is asked to call the civilian personnel branch at the camp, extension 3198.

SHRINE CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED TUESDAY

Jackson County Shrine club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. at the Holland Hotel for dinner.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Sixty-seven Japanese, excluded from Hawaii by military order, have arrived in Seattle en route to the Tule Lake, Cal., segregation center, the western defense command announced today.

anese navy air units sank four "enemy submarines" Saturday in the western Pacific).

Iwo Bombing Told
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz belatedly announced that ships of the Pacific fleet had steamed up to Japan's doorstep and bombarded installations on Iwo Island in the volcano group 700 miles southeast of the enemy homeland Nov. 10.

"Several explosions were observed after the first salvo," Nimitz said in his communique. On Leyte the Japanese moved up tank reinforcements in an effort to break through the American road block south of Limon and relieve the trapped forces. One counterattack was repulsed Friday after a bloody three hour battle.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that American troops had killed or wounded 53,000 Japanese on Leyte in the first month of the campaign at a cost of 5691 casualties of their own.

SWING SHIFTERS RETURN TO WORK

Portland, Ore., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Conversion dock employees resumed work at the Commercial Iron Works today after first reporting for duty but refusing to take up their tasks in a swing-shift walkout that started Saturday.

The union workers showed up this morning, in accord with a request from union officers, but withheld work until after a mid-morning meeting between management and union officials.

A joint labor-management statement said that the general superintendent of plant 3 and his assistants on the second and third shifts had been removed from active duty during a joint investigation.

MRS. ROONEY EXPECTS

Hollywood, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Shapely Betty Jane Rose, who married pint-sized film comedian Mickey Rooney Sept. 20 after a whirlwind courtship, disclosed today she would become a mother late next summer. Miss Rose, the Miss Birmingham, Ala., of 1944 and fifth in the Miss America contest, said the actor, now overseas, had hoped that "we'd have a boy."

Pay Increases Must Wait Victory Is Hint by Economic Stabilizer

Washington, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson delivered another setback today to organized labor's hopes for an immediate revision of the little steel formula to allow general increases in wages.

Declaring that the nation must continue wage and price policies that will guarantee wartime economic stability and lead to 60,000,000 peacetime jobs, Vinson gave his official endorsement to the weekend report by the president's special cost of living committee—a report generally interpreted as unfavorable to labor demands for modification of present wage policies.

CHIANG REMOVES SIX OF CABINET TO HUSH CRITICS

Shake-Up Believed To Stem From General Stilwell's Recall From China Duty

Chungking, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek removed six of his top ranking cabinet members from office today, including the war and finance ministers, in a government mental shakeup apparently aimed at silencing the recent barrage of criticism directed against his regime.

(Chinese government censors prohibited amplification of the reasons behind the reorganization, permitting correspondents to say only that it was undertaken to meet the objections of the people's political council, which is headed by Chiang.

Result of Recall
(The shakeup, however, appeared to stem directly from U. S. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's recall from China last month, following a disagreement with Chiang on the prosecution of the war.)

Major victim of the wholesale "purge" was Gen. Ho Ying Chin, who was ousted as minister of war. Ho, whose direction of China's armies long has been the butt of criticism from the people's political council as well as American quarters, retained his post as chief of staff of the army, however.

His war ministry was taken over by Gen. Chen Cheng, former commander of the 1st war zone and for years a confidential advisor to Chiang. He is regarded here as one of China's "strong men."

DOOMED TOT HAS EARLY CHRISTMAS

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Forrest (Nubbins) Hoffman lay in his lavender crib today, his 3-year-old heart as crammed with happiness as only a child's can be with the floor about him strewn with glittering Christmas toys.

In his pale, small hand he held the glass fire engine, filled with bright candy, which his mother gave him. His dancing eyes followed the black cocker spaniel puppy as it capered around the room. In the corner sat a bright red automobile. The little blue music box beside his bed, its tinkling notes echoing the beat of Nubbins' gay heart, slowly ran down.

Christmas had come and gone and Nubbins was tired. Christmas, this extra-special Christmas which came to the modest home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall H. Hoffman more than a month ahead of time so their only child, failing rapidly from an incurable bladder ailment would know the meaning of the day, began shortly after dawn yesterday.

Poses Search Desert For Four Year Old Boy
Palmdale, Cal., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Automobile, foot and horse posse searched the flat, arid desert near here today for four-year-old Neil C. Allen, missing since late yesterday since he disobeyed his parents and wandered away from their parked car on a family outing.

Chinese Break Into North Burma Base
Chungking, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops have broken into Bhamo, one of the last two remaining Japanese bases in northern Burma, after a heavy dive-bombing attack by American warplanes which smashed the enemy's outer defenses, a communique said today.

One block on the southwestern side of the town was taken in the first penetration and the communique said the Chinese captured a Japanese 75-millimeter gun and a large amount of ammunition, along with other abandoned enemy equipment.

SEVEN HEARTS WINS
Pimlico, Md., Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Seven Hearts broke on top of the field and led all the way to the \$25,000 Riggs Handicap at Pimlico Park today. Seven Hearts withstood a late bid by Bon Jour to win by a length. Styrmie was third.

Kin Will Receive More Details On Army Casualties

Washington, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Next of kin of soldiers killed or seriously wounded will receive detailed information directly from the company commander or chaplain under a new plan now being put into operation by the war department.

Under the new plan, the original casualty notification telegram from the war department in Washington will be followed by the letter direct from overseas to the next of kin.

In the case of a soldier who is killed, it will describe the circumstances of death, funeral arrangements and burial.

RUSSIANS CRACK NAZI FLANK ON BUDAPEST FRONT

London, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Reinforced soviet shock troops, perhaps a half-million strong, cracked through the 80-mile German flank northeast of Budapest at a half-dozen points today, as axis and allied sources hinted that Russia's northern armies were about to explode their last and greatest winter offensive of the war in Poland and East Prussia.

Berlin, apparently paying the way for news of a smashing Russian triumph, reported that fresh soviet troops were pouring into the battle for Budapest hourly, swelling Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian army to 35 infantry divisions and seven mobile corps.

Reds Shift Drive
Stalled at the southern gates of the capital by ferocious German and Hungarian resistance, Malinovsky shifted the main weight of his assault to the northeast in a great enveloping sweep that crushed through a maze of Nazi tank-traps and pillboxes extending up across the plains and rolling foothills to Miskolc, 80 miles away.

Moscow dispatches said the soviets forced at least six breaches in the enemy line, cutting direct communications between Budapest and Miskolc and driving to within less than 19 miles of the Upper Danube at one point.

F. R., Eisenhower Urge America To Back Up Fighters

Washington, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—The sixth war loan drive got underway today with President Roosevelt and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower urging the nation to back the men on the fighting fronts by buying bonds and still more bonds until the \$14,000,000,000 goal is met and oversubscribed.

Mr. Roosevelt officially opened the drive in a radio address from the White House last night, calling on every man, woman and child to "sacrifice some of our comforts to the needs of the men in service—and yes, even some of our needs to their comforts."

Eisenhower, reminding the nation that the capture of Aachen was delayed by a shortage of artillery ammunition, said that although much has been accomplished in war production "a new and even greater miracle" will save countless lives and shorten the war.

Seven Meet Death In Apartment Fire

Chicago, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Seven persons were burned to death early today when a fire, which officials said was of incendiary origin, swept through a three-story apartment building on the south side of the city.

The bodies of the dead, including five women and two men, were taken from the building more than an hour after the fire was discovered.

Hitler Unimproved Says Bern Report

Rome, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—A Bern dispatch to the newspaper A-Zurich said today that a throat operation had not improved Adolf Hitler's condition and Heinrich Himmler had warned the German people that "bad news can be expected."

On the basis of the dispatch, Rome newspapers did a land office business by shouting "Hitler dying."

INSISTENCE UPON FREEDOM OF AIR IS POSTWAR SNAG

U. S. Wants Agreement For Pick-Up Or Discharge Of Passengers Anywhere

Chicago, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—American insistence upon a fifth freedom of the air—to permit carriers to take on and discharge passengers in intermediate countries on their international routes—has held up the announcement of the American-British-Canadian plan for post-war aviation, it was learned today.

Throughout the three-party conferences, the American delegations have held that unless carriers can handle intermediate traffic Britain's desire to avoid wasteful competition could not be achieved.

Canada had proposed four freedoms of the air: freedom of transit, freedom of technical landing, freedom to carry traffic from the point of origin to the destination and freedom to carry traffic to the home country.

Empty Seats Seen
America, seeking worldwide routes, was reported to feel that inability to pick up traffic, for instance, in London en route to New York from Paris would bring about a situation where partially empty planes would be flying the ocean and subsidy elimination would be difficult.

Sources close to the Canadian delegation, which has bridged the gap between America and Britain, felt that the fifth freedom would be acceptable.

A conference spokesman said it was tentatively planned to introduce the three-country proposal at a conference plenary session Tuesday.

HIGH COURT HITS INCOME TAX SPLIT

Washington, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—The supreme court today invalidated an Oklahoma elective community property system under which married persons in that state may divide their total incomes in filing federal income tax returns, thus keeping their income in lower surtax brackets than if it was reported in a single return.

Under the Oklahoma law, a husband and wife may elect to come under the community property system and split their income on a 50-50 basis.

The government argued that the law was passed so that Oklahomans might "gain tax advantages." Oklahoma attorneys contended that tax inequalities among the states, if any exist, must be ironed out by congress.

The court's Oklahoma opinion did not, at first glance, appear to affect the laws of the eight so-called mandatory states. Two years ago Oregon enacted a similar community property law. Eight other states—Washington, Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, California, Idaho, New Mexico and Nevada—have community property laws, but not of the elective type.

Headquarters For Sixth Loan Drive Opened At C of C

Sixth war loan drive headquarters for Jackson county were opened today in the Chamber of Commerce building, 123 West Main street, and committees are making plans for a campaign to meet the county's quota of \$1,309,000.

Emphasis is to be laid on sales to individuals of the "E," "F" and "G" bonds, the quota on this having been set at \$1,110,000. Of this \$600,000 is to be in "E" bond sales. A suggested goal for farmers of the county is set at \$450,000 and special efforts will be devoted to this quota since figures from state and national headquarters show that sales to farmers tend to be proportionately low.

Years Of Prayers For Baby Answered

Salt Lake City, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—Years of prayers by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ehler for a child were answered in a surprising manner yesterday. A new-born boy was abandoned in the hallway of the home of Ehler's place.

Ehler was called. Thrilled with the prospect of fatherhood, he already is preparing adoption papers.

6 ALLIED ARMIES SLUG FORWARD ON 400 MILE FRONT

Nazi Opposition Ranges From Desperate Stand To Headlong Retreat

Paris, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—American troops virtually completed the conquest of Metz today when German resistance collapsed suddenly, and French mobile units raced down the west bank of the Rhine after a 28-mile lightning thrust through the Belfort Gap to the frontier of Germany.

Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny's sweep to the Rhine, outflanking Belfort and leaving some elements behind to drive into its outskirts, was the most sensational single spur of the allied winter offensive.

Opposition Varies
Six allied armies waging Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's greatest offensive of the war slugged forward along a 400-mile front against opposition ranging from a desperate Nazi stand on the Cologne plain to a headlong retreat in some sectors.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army advanced up to almost two miles on a broad front east of Aachen, driving a spearhead through neighboring villages of Wenen and Heister, 25 miles from Cologne.

Northwest of Aachen the British 2nd army drove all the Germans, except a sacrificial rear guard, from the Dudth salient west of the Maas above Roermond, and the American broadcasting station in Europe said Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's forces had burst across the Maas near Venlo.

Germans Counter
The Germans threw a stiff counterattack against 2nd army forces fighting alongside the American 9th and 1st armies above Aachen, and some Nazi units reached captured Sugenath, two miles northeast of Gellenkirchen, but a front dispatch said the enemy was beaten back.

From Metz, United Press Correspondent Colie Small reported that the siege of perhaps the strongest fortress in western Europe was nearly over, with all German resistance crushed save for snipers and a crumbling core in a small barracks in northwestern Metz.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's assault forces were in "almost complete control of the city," Small said. The German stand in the encircled fortress collapsed like a punctured balloon after a bitter two-day battle.

RUHR OIL PLANT BOMBER TARGET

London, Nov. 20.—(U.P.)—British Lancaster heavy bombers attacked targets in Germany's Ruhr today after American Flying Fortresses bombed a Ruhr oil plant at Gelsenkirchen and rail yards at nearby Munster.

Spitfire and Mustang fighters escorted the Lancasters in the afternoon assault on the Ruhr, toward which the northern group of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies were driving.