

# Patton's Third Army Spurs Forward on 60-Mile Front

## Weather

Forecast: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature. Temp. 45  
Highest yesterday 45  
Lowest this morning 35  
Precip. past 24 hours Trace

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## 48 JAP VESSELS LATEST COUNT IN LUZON SINKINGS

### Recap on Friday Raids Shows Cruiser, 3 Destroyers Among Ships Sunk.

By United Press

American carrier-based planes sank or damaged a total of 48 Japanese vessels, some of them warships, in a heavy attack on Luzon in the Philippines last Friday, a recapitulation showed today and Tokyo again made fantastic claims of destroying four American battleships or heavy cruisers in Leyte bay yesterday.

The revised figures for the attack on the invasion-marked capital island revealed that 20 ships—including a heavy cruiser and three destroyers, were sunk, nine wrecked, and 19 damaged. Early reports of the raid had shown only 18 ships sunk and five damaged. In addition 119 planes were destroyed or damaged.

### Tokyo Claim High

Tokyo radio's claim that four warships were sunk and six transports damaged at Leyte about noon yesterday was wholly without confirmation.

Ground activity in the Philippines was halted by rain and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops presumably were awaiting clearing skies before making the final assault on the enemy's Ormoc pocket on the northwest coast of Leyte.

The Japanese, apparently seeking revenge for the B-29 raids on Tokyo, raided the Superfortress base at Saipan in the Marianas twice yesterday and lost 13 planes in the second attack.

The first raid was made by only two or three planes but in the second a total of 13 participated. All were destroyed, six of them being shot down by army fighter pilots and the seven by anti-aircraft batteries.

### Jap Bases Bombed

American bombers continued their neutralization raids on widespread enemy bases in the Pacific. MacArthur's southwest Pacific bombers and fighters hit airfields on Cebu and Negros, south of Luzon; Matina airdrome at Davao, Mindanao, and shipping off Palawan, all in the Philippines. Eight planes were destroyed in the attacks together with three barges.

A delayed dispatch disclosed that a U. S. task force hurled almost 5,000 shells into Matsua island, in the Central Kuriles, on November 20. Matsua is an important Japanese air base approximately 1,050 miles north of Tokyo. Fires among installations were visible 30 miles at sea.

## Hull Resigns



President Roosevelt yesterday accepted "with great regret" the resignation of the ailing Sec. of State Cordell Hull (top), and four hours later nominated Hull's understudy, Undersecretary Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. (lower) to be his successor in the No. 1 cabinet post.

## FAG SHORTAGE STILL MYSTERY

Washington, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—The House of Agriculture committee failed today in an attempt to learn the cause of the cigar shortage, but, according to Chairman John W. Flanagan, Jr., D., Va., "eliminated the tobacco grower as the reason."

Committee members learned that the United States is producing more cigars than ever before in its history. They were told that, although there is a three to four per cent reduction in the quantity available to civilians this year as compared with last year, this year's civilian supply is 50 per cent greater than the average for 1935-39.

San Francisco school children travel for less than half-fare on the city's street cars and buses.

## RUSSIANS EXPAND OFFENSIVE FRONT IN EAST SLOVAKIA

### Reds Wedge Five to Nine In- to Mountain Defenses— Rains Bring Stalmate.

London, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—The Red Army broadened its offensive front in eastern Slovakia to more than 75 miles today, wedging five to nine miles into the formidable chain of mountain defenses linking the German armies in Poland and Hungary.

Elsewhere on the long eastern front, gale-lashed rains enforced an uneasy lull in the fighting, with both Berlin and Moscow predicting that the stalemate might be broken at any time by the long-awaited Russian winter offensive.

Tough mountain troops of Gen. Ivan I. Petrov's 4th Ukrainian army hammered out the only important gains reported in Moscow's early morning war bulletin, swinging their northern flank down across the Polish border into Slovakia in a bold maneuver that cut off the southern entrance to the Dukla Pass and virtually isolated its Nazi defenders.

## ALLIED SHIPPING LOSSES AMOUNT TO 5,758 SHIPS

Washington, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—The United States and Britain, in the first complete report on wartime shipping losses, revealed today that allied and neutral countries lost 5,758 merchant ships—an average of between three and four a day—from the start of the war in September, 1939, to the end of 1943.

The losses, which included 753 American vessels, represented 25,472,000 gross tons, or some 37 per cent of all merchant shipping afloat in the world just before the outbreak of hostilities.

Based on official figures from the British government and the U. S. War Shipping Administration, the report was issued through the Office of War Information to give the first overall picture of the price in merchant ships paid by the allies in the battle to keep a steady stream of supplies to the far-flung world battlefronts.

The report listed no losses beyond the end of 1943, but an unofficial United Press tabulation showed at least 17 losses for this year, 13 of them American ships. This would raise total losses to 5,775.

## FIRST WITNESSES CALLED TO STAND IN BAILEY TRIAL

### Establishment of Death of Victim First Order After Completion of Trial Jury.

First witnesses in the trial of Fred A. Bailey were called shortly before noon, and their testimony tended to establish the corpus delicti, or proof of death. Mrs. Mable Brock, south of Medford housewife, and Louis J. Upp, were named as alternate jurors.

A regular jury, in the trial of Fred A. Bailey, San Quentin camp escapee, indicted for first degree murder of Ira Clyde Carman, 45, millworker, last September 3, was completed in circuit court yesterday afternoon. Selection of two alternate jurors, from a special venire of six persons, was started at opening of court today.

The special venire drawn includes L. J. Upp, route 3, Medford; Lottie M. Howard, Lawrence Duff, George Childreth, L. C. House, all Medford, and Mrs. Mable Brock, route 2.

Mrs. Brock, wife of an orchardist, residing just outside the southern, city limits, and L. C. House, California-Oregon Power company maintenance foreman, were the first called for questioning on their qualifications to sit as alternates.

Two alternates will be selected. They hear all testimony in the case but take no part in the final deliberations unless an emergency arises that will cause a vacancy in the regular jury.

Two women on jury. The regular jury, after both state and defense had exercised challenges, is composed of two women and ten men, as follows: Ward Spatz, Medford; Frank W. Houston, Talent; Stella Hughes, Medford; Ray Zulaut, Phoenix; Robert M. Miksche, C. A. Marshall, Gladys L. Roberts, route 2, Frank Sauer, route 2, Ernest S. Madden route 4, Everett Finley route 2, and David A. Hood, route 2, Medford.

Following selection of the alternate jurors and opening statements of both sides, the first witnesses for the state will be called. District Attorney George W. Neilson said Mrs. Hazel Robbins and Mrs. Rose Jones, Central Point district residents, near the Elden place, where Carman was found fatally beaten, would be the first, followed by Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, and local doctors.

The defendant appeared in court today neatly dressed and shaved and watched the proceedings with interest. He was flanked by Attorney Roy Dempsey of Marion, Indiana, a friend of the Bailey family.

Death Penalty Discussed. Jurors were asked by both sides if they had any conscientious or religious scruples against infliction of the death penalty. Defense questioning brought out the jury could recommend life imprisonment.

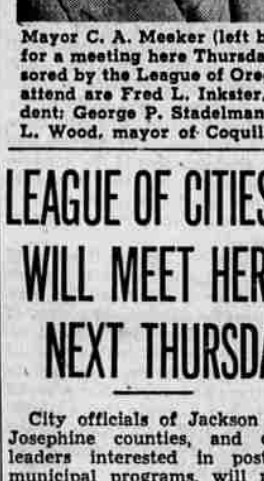
In yesterday's Mail Tribune it was inadvertently stated the present murder trial was the first in this county in more than 15 years. Bernard Joseph Lotka, Camp White soldier, charged with the slaying of his baby boy born out of wedlock, was tried, and convicted of second degree murder less than two years ago and is now serving a life sentence in state prison.

It is expected the present trial will be in the hands of the jury Thursday afternoon.

## ARMY PLANES TO BE SHOWN HERE

A squad of army planes is scheduled to be in Medford Thursday to promote bond sales in connection with the Sixth War Loan drive now in progress. The planes were at a Portland field over the week-end and are booked for Marshfield and other coast towns today and tomorrow. It is understood that the planes will be on display at the Medford air base and will make flights over the city. In the group are a P-38 Lightning, B-17 Flying Fortress, P-51 Mustang, C-47 transport and a B-24 Liberator.

## Will Attend Medford Conference



Mayor C. A. Meeker (left below), of Medford, will be host mayor for a meeting here Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities. Among those planning to attend are Fred L. Inkster, (upper left), of Oswego, league president; George P. Stadelman, (center), mayor of The Dalles, and O. L. Wood, mayor of Coquille.

## LEAGUE OF CITIES WILL MEET HERE NEXT THURSDAY

City officials of Jackson and Josephine counties, and civic leaders interested in postwar municipal programs, will meet at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. Invitations to attend the meeting, sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and the city of Medford, have been sent to city officials of Ashland, Butte Falls, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Rogue River and Talent by Mayor C. A. Meeker who is on the board of directors of the league, and League President Fred C. Inkster of Oswego.

Proposed federal and state legislation of particular interest to cities, postwar planning, and exchange of information on local municipal problems will feature the evening's program. Meeting will be held at the city of Medford. Local arrangements for the meeting have been made by Mayor C. A. Meeker and City Recorder Ralph H. Woodford. Among the federal programs and policies scheduled for discussion are the two highway aid bills now pending in congress, federal surplus property bills as they relate to cities, and provisions of the War Mobilization Recovery act with reference to local planning, and proposed federal airport aid legislation. Proposals for the revision of the local budget law for retirement legislation for public employees, planning controls in the suburban and metropolitan areas, and new revenue sources for cities will also be discussed.

"Every city, every community, must be prepared to assume its proper responsibilities in the postwar period," said Mr. Inkster in issuing the call for the meeting. "It is futile to hope for a better world unless we can prepare for better communities right here at home. Now is the time for planning. Now is the time to develop plans for coordinating local postwar programs with those of the state and federal government. In this effort the League of Oregon Cities seeks to be of assistance to every city and to every community to the end that local government will continue to make its maximum contribution to the democratic way of life."

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## ROMMEL KILLED BY SANTA ROSA FIGHTER PILOT

Santa Ana, Cal., Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—A 20-year-old Santa Rosa, Cal., fighter pilot today was believed to be the allied fighter who killed Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel.

Films released by the army air corps show bullets from Lt. Harold O. Miller's Thunderbolt pursuit ship pouring into a German staff car shot up on July 24, the day the Nazi radio says Rommel was fatally hurt in such a strafing. Thoroughly checked by the countries' 5,758 merchant air forces redistribution center in the southern California area, Miller's story and films were impressive, though both the army and the lieutenant emphasized that an official claim could be made only if Rommel had been seen to die.

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## HUGE SKY FLEET HITS RHINELAND

London, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—A great sky fleet of 750 or more British heavy bombers lashed at two Rhineland railroad centers and other forward supply bases for the German armies of the west last night, while a strong diversionary force of Mosquito raiders dropped scores of two-ton blockbusters on Berlin. At the same time, a belated announcement revealed that two picked squadrons of RAF heavies breached the vital Mittelstand and Dortmund-ems canals last night in a daring double blow that partially crippled the German system of military communications at a critical moment in the western campaign. In one of the boldest and most successful canal-busting missions of the entire war, the British fliers blasted enormous holes in the canal walls and choked off the flow of water-borne traffic moving over those routes to the western front.

## CENTER OF DRIVE WITHIN 10 MILES OF SAARBRUCKEN

### Ninth Army Drives Two Wedges to Roer River— Say Upper Rhine Crossed

Paris, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army spurred forward two to five miles toward the German border today on a 60-mile front, the center of which was over-running the outposts of Saarbrucken less than 10 miles from the great frontier fortress.

The American Ninth army drove two wedges to the Roer river 21 miles west of Cologne and forged an assault arc around the fortified city of Julich, while to its right the First army won two-thirds of Langerwehe, last stronghold before Duren.

Say Rhine Crossed. French reports circulated that Allied troops had crossed the upper Rhine north of Strasbourg, but supreme headquarters said no word of any such action had been received and that a crossing was highly improbable.

The Berlin radio said that at Sarre Union and along the Rhine southeast of Hagenau, German rear guards harassed by both U. S. Third and Seventh army forces were covering a withdrawal of the main Nazi forces to new lines.

The Nazis said a "great" tank battle was raging south of Sarre Union, 10 miles south of Sarreguemines, with 200 American tanks and elements of a French armored division engaged.

Nazi Outlook Bad. In one of the gloomiest Nazi prophecies since Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower opened his six-army winter offensive, a German Transocean news agency correspondent on the western front said:

"After considering all the probabilities for the coming winter battle, one must concede that the Germans will be obliged to give ground and yield several places during the attacks of the enemy, who disposes enormous quantities of material and considerable armed forces."

The Nazis said an "expected" new offensive of the U. S. Third army against the forefield of the west wall is in full swing, and acknowledged the retreat in the wake of which Patton's troops were advancing at a pace promising to carry his entire line into Germany within a matter of days.

95th Near Merten. Patton's 95th division alone was closing against the border on a six-mile front in the area of Merten, 13 miles west of Saarbrucken, while other units wheeled in against the border city on the rim of the Saar.

The 95th cleared seven sizeable towns—Olzing, Oberdorff, Drettenach, Tromborn, Remering, Helling and Remelsang. Other units advanced three to four miles east of Steenberg, passing through Hombourg-Hant and Seinsbouse, six miles east of St. Avold, to within less than 10 miles of Saarbrucken.

The weather was clear and cold over the Cologne front, enabling Thunderbolt and Lightning dive bombers to give the First and Ninth armies close support for the third straight day. Several groups of medium bombers also flew low over the front to blast German positions behind the lines.

## MENTION OF GANGSTER EXCITES DORSEY TRIAL

Hollywood, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—The name of Bugsy Siegel, one-time member of "Murder Inc.," and pal of Allen Smiley, introduced during selection of jurors for trial of the horse fancier and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dorsey, today brought defense attorneys to their feet shouting for a mistrial.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Justin Smith limping as the result of an encounter with the younger set and refusing to state whether or not he was fully insured.

Herb Crain wondering why his official trip to Portland couldn't have been set the day of the championship game.

Chloe Fairweather patriotically doing her Christmas shopping early.

## British Commonwealth Spends \$634 Per Second To Produce Essential War Needs

London, Nov. 28.—(U.P.)—The colossal measure of Britain's war effort was revealed for the first time today in a government White paper showing that the British Isles alone produced 102,000 planes and 25,000 tanks and suffered almost 700,000 civilian and military casualties in the first five years of World War II.

Living under direct enemy attack almost continuously from the beginning of the war in September, 1939, British munitions workers nevertheless turned out 70 per cent of the war materials produced by or made available to the British commonwealth the White paper disclosed.

Most Mobilized. The official report showed that Britain's war spending has reached the astronomical height of \$634 per second, and that the proportion of her population mobilized for war is perhaps greater than that of any other belligerent power.

Other statistics, revealed now only because the war has progressed to the point where absolute secrecy is no longer essential, included:

1—Britain's armed forces now number 4,500,000 men and 500,000 women out of a total population of about 47,000,000.

2—More than one-third of all men in the United Kingdom between the ages of 14 and 64 are under arms, and almost half the women between 14 and 59 are in the armed forces, full-time civil defense or industry.

3—By the close of 1943 Britain had lost 11,500,000 tons of shipping, two-thirds of the tonnage with which she entered the war.

563,000 Casualties. 4—Casualties in the armed forces of Great Britain alone numbered 563,000 by the end of last September, including 176,000 killed; for the rest of the empire, casualties totaled 363,000, including 67,000 killed.

5—One out of every three houses in Britain has been destroyed or damaged in air raids or by robot bombs, and civilian casualties up to the end of August numbered 57,298 killed and 78,818 injured.

ish aircraft plants, operating under strict blackout conditions and frequently under attack, produced 10,018 heavy bombers, 2,389 of them in the first half of 1944, compared with only 41 in all of 1940. Fighter plane production has now reached 940 planes a month.

722 Warships Built. In Britain's special field, ship construction, the White paper revealed that 722 major warships were built in the five war years, along with 5,022 other vessels.

The statistics on merchant shipping disclosed the extent of German U-boat inroads showing that Britain's ocean-going fleet at the end of 1943 totaled 13,500,000 gross tons, 29 per cent less than the 17,500,000 tons on hand in 1939, despite construction of 4,500,000 tons of new shipping in that time.

On the home front, the White paper reported that 4,500,000 of the United Kingdom's 13,000,000 homes were damaged by enemy action, among them 202,000 destroyed or damaged beyond repair. The civilian casualties included 7,250 children and 23,757 women killed.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are—  
"E" Bonds .....\$147,375  
Total Sales  
**\$532,502**