

YANKS TAKE SIX ANCHOR TOWNS

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 56
Lowest this morning 50
Precip. past 24 hours Trace

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B-29s Hit Tokyo Third Time in Week

ATTACK IN NIGHT KINDLES FIRES IN JAPAN'S CAPITAL

Tokyo Radio Reports Latest Assault Carried Out by "Minor Formation."

San Francisco, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—American B-29 Superfortresses, attacking Tokyo for the third time within a week, and for the first time at night, started fires in at least two places in the city during a raid that started shortly before midnight Wednesday, Japan time, Tokyo radio reported today.

In broadcasts recorded by the United Press and FCC, Tokyo said the new assault was carried out by a "minor formation" of the big Marianas-based bombers. The enemy said the fires were "immediately placed under control," and that "practically no damage had been sustained."

Interception Claimed
Tokyo said the B-29s dropped both incendiaries and flare bombs, but were "immediately repulsed by our effective interception." The Japanese said the fires were put out by "the timely action of our fire-fighting units."

There was no immediate confirmation of enemy reports of the raid from any American source. Gen. H. H. Arnold, in his capacity as commander of the 20th air force, normally makes a brief and prompt announcement of B-29 attacks.

The Japanese reported the attack while the planes were overhead. The United Press recorded the first announcement at approximately 8:12 a. m., PWT, or shortly after midnight Japan time.

CITY OFFICERS WARN TRUCKERS

City police today called attention of truck drivers to the trucking ordinance, as it was said, there have been some recent misunderstandings regarding the law.

Reach Roer



The American Ninth and First Armies hammered their way to Roer River, last water barrier before the Rhine, in fighting advances that carried Ninth Army to the river at two points only 21 miles west of Cologne.

STETTINIUS HITS COMMITTEE SNAG

Washington, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The senate foreign relations committee today unanimously endorsed the nomination of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., 44-year-old "freshman" in international politics, to be secretary of state.

ANTWERP OPEN

London, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today that the Port of Antwerp is open, after being captured intact, "and is now receiving large convoys of ocean-going ships."

angry Japanese people." An unknown number of the pioneer Tokyo raiders, who dropped the first allied bombs on the enemy capital in April, 1942, were executed by the Japanese. The executions were first announced by President Roosevelt on the second anniversary of the Doolittle mission and were later confirmed by Tokyo radio.

DOCTORS METED PEN TERMS AND SIZABLE FINES

Clancy, Kresse Get 4 Years, 9 Months; Clancy Fined \$8000, Kresse \$1000.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29—(U.P.)—Two physicians were sentenced to prison today for creating a narcotics center in the southern Oregon town of Medford which prosecuting attorneys said constituted the worst narcotics situation in the United States.

Federal Judge James Alger Fee sentenced Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse and Dr. R. W. Clancy both of Medford, to four years and nine months in prison, as well as heavy fines.

1000 BOMBERS IN RAID ON GERMANY

London, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by an equal number of fighters, attacked the big oil refinery at Misburg, freight yards at Hamm, and other targets in northwestern Germany today following a heavy British bombardment of Nurnberg, Ansen and Neuss.

KING GEORGE PLEDGES MORE BLOWS FOR JAPS

London, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—King George VI declared in a speech at the opening of the new session of parliament today that the British Empire forces now arrayed against Japan will be reinforced "as rapidly and powerfully as possible."

CONSCRIPTION HAS GROWING BACKING

Ottawa, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—Belief that Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King would carry the expected confidence vote of the house of commons despite nationwide protests against his new military conscription policy began to rise today as compromise moves were effected in army and government quarters.

BOND DRIVE PLANES TO ARRIVE THURSDAY

Plans are being made today by Sixth War Loan Drive committees for the arrival here tomorrow of a squad of army planes to promote sales in the Sixth War Loan Drive. The planes are to come to Medford from Marshfield and other coast towns.

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Also captured were Mohacs, on the Danube near the frontier; Bataszek, 14 miles north of Mohacs and 10 miles west of the river, and scores of other Hungarian towns and villages.

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DORSEYS RELAX IN COURT



As their trial — and that of friend Allen Smiley — on assault charges opened in Los Angeles court, bandleader Tommy Dorsey and his actress-wife, Pat Dane, enjoy each other's company while waiting for attorneys to pick jury to hear details of the Hollywood party that ended with near-amputation of actor Jon Hall's classic nose.

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BLACK TORNADO FAVORED TO WIN

Twenty-seven members of Medford high school's football team, with Coaches Al Simpson and Ed Kirtley, will leave by train tonight for Portland where they will meet La Grande Tigers at Multnomah stadium at 2 o'clock Saturday for the state championship.

HODGES' DOUGHBOYS ROUT LAST GERMAN IN LANGERWEHE, 5 MILES FROM DUREN

Paris, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—American forces captured Langerwehe, biggest German-held town west of Duren, and five other anchor towns of the yielding Roer river line today in slow, but steady gains along a 16-mile front aimed at Cologne.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army tanks, tank destroyers and bazooka-armed doughboys routed the last German troops from the fortress-like cellars of Langerwehe, five miles west of Duren.

On either side of already bypassed Langerwehe, the Americans seized Koslar, Frenz, Jungersdorf, Kleinhaus and Hurligen in violent fighting that now posed direct threats to Duren and Julich, main strongholds of the Roer river line.

First army troops also drove into Lammersdorf, six miles northwest of Duren, but a violent counter-attack shoved them back to its southern outskirts.

The weather cleared around noon, permitting fighter-bombers to swarm in to the close support of the 1st and 9th armies. Medium bombers attacked Pier, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Langerwehe, and nearby Marlweiler with results described officially as "good."

Hodges was revealed to have expanded his offensive with new attacks in the area of Vossenack, two miles below Hurligen. Field dispatches reported gains north and northeast of Vossenack.

JAPANESE ATTACK ON CHUNGKING IS HELD NOT LIKELY

Chungking, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—The government, in an attempt to allay the fears of business men and other uneasy elements here, today issued a statement minimizing the threat of a Japanese attack on Chungking.

POLISH GOVERNMENT FORMATION DELAYED

London, Nov. 29—(U.P.)—Jan Kwapiński abandoned his efforts to form a Polish government today and President-designate Tomasz Arcelewski, chairman of the executive committee of the Polish socialist party, was asked to undertake the task.

Throughout the week there have been signs of grave apprehension among businessmen and certain other elements in the capital of free China, Tokyo has claimed that Japanese columns crossed the border of Kweichow province. If this is true, the enemy now is nearer Chungking than at any time since last year's advance to Santouping, 275 airline miles from the capital.

Kweiyang, which appears to be the objective of the enemy drive beyond Luichow, Kwangsi province, is 209 airline miles from Chungking.

Minister of Information Liang Han-Chao said the government recognizes that the situation is grave, but is not discouraged and still is confident of the ultimate outcome.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —
"E" Bonds\$170,292
Total Sales
\$557,067