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Forecast: Partly cloudy and clearing Sunday, little change.
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GERMANS MASS FOR ROER CRISIS

GERMAN ABILITY TO LAST WINTER IN SEVERE TEST

Ninth Army Storms Four Towns in Critical Sector To Peril Nazis

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 3—(U.P.)—The U. S. Ninth army stormed into the German today—Linnich, Leiffarth, Roerdorf and Flossdorf—crushing all but a handful of nazis resisting on the west bank of the Roer and creating such a peril that the nazi command was reported to have thrown one-third of its entire western front strength into that critical sector.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth army doughboys also drove into the Roer river bastion of Julich and there were indications that battle soon may be fought between the Roer and the Rhine which will determine whether the Germans can hold out through the winter.

Gains of a mile at most were registered on the 25-mile Rhine-land front by the Ninth army and the U. S. First army on its right flank. The Germans were fighting back with a fury unsurpassed since Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's legions opened the battle for liberation of Europe last June 6.

On the upper Rhine, the Germans blasted down the three bridges over the river east of Strasbourg and abandoned their Huningue bridgehead just west of Swiss Basel, paving the way for the allied Sixth army group to form a 80-mile front against the stream.

In the Saar basin, the U. S. Third army pounded into the communications centers of Saar-lautern and Sarreunion, 28 miles northeast and 40 miles east of Metz, and swept up to the Saar itself on an 11-mile front inside the Reich east of Luxembourg.

In Holland, the British Second army eliminated the last German pockets west of the river Maas and flexed its power for an attack through the formidable Siegfried line by the most direct route to the Ruhr valley, heart of the German war effort.

All other action paled in contrast to the battle for the northern Rhineland and Germany's great industrial cities where the First army alone had destroyed four German divisions, normally 60,000 men, and gravely impaired two others since opening its offensive November 16.

Linnich, two miles southeast of Lindern, lies on the west bank of the Roer while Julich is astride the stream. The Yanks had not crossed the river at any point, however, and the German defense was being conducted with great skill as well as courage—a circumstance which prompted an American field officer to remark that Adolf Hitler's "intuition" certainly was no longer guiding the enemy effort.

"Germany has shown a remarkable resurgence of military power in the last two months," the officer said, adding that Field Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt and his staff of old-line German officers were defending the Rhine with "very professional touches."

Counter-attacking nazis had dislodged the first army from the village of Merode, three and one-half miles west of Duren, central bastion of the Roer line, and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, troops made little progress on other sectors during the day.

NEW ENGLAND HIT BY WINTER CHILL

Boston, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—New England will experience its coldest weather of the season tonight and tomorrow with temperatures dropping as low as 15 degrees below zero in northern sections, the weather bureau reported today.

London, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Premier Gen. Constantine Sanatescu's Romanian cabinet resigned today, Romanian broadcasts said tonight.

Plan Quick Wedding



Col. Elliott Roosevelt and actress Faye Emerson pose happily together in Hollywood after revealing their plans for a quick wedding and honeymoon before the President's second son leaves for another overseas assignment.

PRESIDENT'S SON WILL WED TODAY IN GRAND CANYON

Hollywood, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Col. Elliott Roosevelt and blonde actress Faye Emerson left here late today by air for Williams, Ariz., from where they were to proceed to El Tovar Lodge, Grand Canyon, to be married Sunday.

The couple still was trying to keep secret the site of their marriage, but its location was learned from other sources.

The president's second son put an engagement ring on Miss Emerson's finger Friday after trailing her around the Warner Bros. lot where she was working on set. It was a small platinum ring with three diamonds.

GERMAN PRISONER IN CAMP ESCAPES

The state police, FBI agents and county officers were conducting an extensive search for an escaped German prisoner of war, Karl Pfeifer, 19, who fled from Camp White late Friday.

Pfeifer was wearing the regulation blue denim uniform with PW printed on the back when he fled from a work detail about 18 miles from the camp. Clinton W. Stein, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Portland, said the prisoner may also be wearing a regulation U. S. army raincoat.

Pfeifer is five feet, six inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has blue eyes, blonde hair and a fair complexion.

SENATOR WAYNE MORRIS TO SPEND MONDAY HERE

Senator-elect Wayne Morse will arrive in Medford Monday morning to talk with groups and individuals on matters pertaining to his coming term as United States senator.

He will spend the day here and will confer with anyone interested in the office of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce building.

TROPICAL RAINS HALT YANK PUSH IN NORTH LEYTE

Allied Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 3—(U.P.) Heavy tropical rains have forced another halt in the American drive down the Ormoc corridor of northern Leyte, but U. S. warplanes sank or damaged three enemy ships and destroyed at least five planes in widespread attacks over the Philippines and Netherlands East Indies, it was announced today.

"Rains continue and only minor ground action occurred throughout the area," said Gen. Douglas MacArthur's daily war bulletin which covered action through Friday.

Front dispatches said that U. S. 32nd division troops, fighting through knee-deep mud, had pressed to within one mile of a junction in a two-pronged drive down both sides of the upper Ormoc corridor road about 17 1/2 miles north of Ormoc before the rains halted the advance.

YULE SUPPLY OF LIQUOR LIMITED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Item: The Pacific coast conference on alcoholic studies, conducted by the Yale University of Applied Psychology for the past week in Portland, ended yesterday.

Item: Today the Oregon Liquor Control commission announced that liquor supplies in Oregon will be limited during the holiday season. Unlike Washington and Idaho, there will be no liquor available above the normal quota of one quart of whiskey, plus the usual "bonus" fifth.

BERLIN WONDERS WHERE IS ADOLF

Stockholm, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—The mysterious disappearance of Adolf Hitler is just as puzzling to the people of Berlin as it is to the man in the street in London or New York, according to persons recently returning from Germany.

AIR FRAYS OVER REICH RAIL CITY COSTS 19 PLANES

Germany Girds for Fierce Battle—Koblenz Bombed in Mass Attack

London, Sunday, Dec. 3—(U.P.) Massive formations of R. A. F. heavy bombers, requiring three hours to pass overhead, streamed out of Britain toward Germany last night after Allied daylight attacks on the Rhineland rail center of Koblenz and a benzol plant at Dortmund in the Ruhr.

London, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—An 800-plane force of American bombers and fighters blasted the Rhineland rail center of Koblenz today, shooting down at least 28 German fighters in fierce air battles which an official prediction said would grow more deadly in the future.

U. S. strategic airforce headquarters said that the Luftwaffe apparently is building up new strength for coming air battles and is increasing fighter production in widely-dispersed underground and "backyard" factories.

Nineteen U. S. planes—11 bombers and eight fighters—were missing from today's raid, but a communiqué said that six of the fighters are believed safe in friendly territory.

Koblenz, a main control point for German rail traffic opposite the U. S. 3d army front, was blasted by 250 heavy bombers through thick cloud cover which enabled German fighters to elude the powerful escort of 550 planes.

Between 30 and 50 German pursuit ships pounced on one formation of Liberators, touching off a furious battle that ranged through and below the clouds. As many as 40 other enemy planes were encountered by one group of Thunderbolt escorts, which destroyed at least ten in the area of Marburg.

While the Americans bombed Koblenz another force of R. A. F. heavy bombers escorted by Spitfire and Mustangs smashed at the Fansa benzol plant on the outskirts of Dortmund in the Ruhr in a continuation of the Allies' campaign of annihilation against Nazi fuel supplies.

GERMAN V-3'S TO ATTACK NEW YORK

London, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Stockholm dispatches reported today that Nazi minister of munitions, Prof. Albert Speer, had announced that a "V-3" weapon would be launched against New York by the end of December.

The Daily Express reported that Speer had told the German war production board that New York would be attacked and that the Nazi high command also was pleased with V-2 bombs, which are being improved.

The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet, in a Berlin dispatch, quoted Speer as saying V-3 was even more powerful than V-2 and that it was being produced on a large scale.

SIXTH WAR LOAN AHEAD SCHEDULE

Washington, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—The \$14,000,000,000 Sixth War Loan was slightly more than 38 per cent subscribed tonight as the drive closed its second week with purchased totaling \$5,364,000,000.

On an over-all basis, the drive was approximately \$1,000,000,000 ahead of schedule, primarily because of heavy investments by corporations. The second day of corporation purchases brought large investments to \$3,673,000,000, approximately 40 per cent of the \$9,000,000,000 goal.

Black Tornado Wins State Title

RUSSIANS DRIVE 'IZVESTIA' FLAYS CHINA WAR UNITY, HIGH DEFEATISTS

Stalin in Order of Day Tells Of Victories on Eastern Front—Cross Danube

London, Sunday, Dec. 3—(U.P.) Russian troops, in a spectacular breakthrough on the eastern front, yesterday drove to within 75 miles of Austria and, in a new crossing of the Danube river in northern Hungary, advanced along the west bank to reach points only 48 miles south of Budapest.

Ripping loose both ends of an enemy defense line before strategic Lake Balaton, great natural obstacle on the southeastern approaches to Vienna, Red army mechanized infantry and armored forces rolled through crumbling enemy defenses toward the great barrier along a 66-mile front.

Gaining up to 16 miles in 24 hours for two-day gains of 31 miles, Red army forces seized more than 300 towns and villages in two days of battles and won five major enemy strongholds in a race across the flat, Trans-Danubian plains.

Marshal Josef Stalin, announcing the victories in a triumphant order of the day, revealed that Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army had seized the fortress towns of Kaposvar, Dombovar, Bonyhad, Szekszard and Paks.

Paks, on the west bank of the Danube and described by the Germans as the northern anchor of the enemy defense line before Lake Balaton, was captured in a new crossing of the River 55 miles south of Budapest with the aid of the Red Banner Danube naval flotilla.

BENNY'S PROGRAM STILL UNCERTAIN

New York, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Whether Jack Benny's Sunday night comedy broadcast will go on as promised by the National Broadcasting company, or will be taken off because of alleged use of non-union engineers as threatened by the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) was still unanswered tonight.

While NBC officials declined to elaborate on what engineers and how many were involved and Jack Benny refused to discuss any aspect of the situation, both appeared confident that the show would go on tomorrow at its scheduled time.

BUZZ BOMB NEAR GEN. EISENHOWER

Headquarters, 12th U. S. Army Group, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—A "buzz bomb" passed directly over a building Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was visiting during a trip through the Belgian mountains on his current tour of allied army areas on the western front, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Saturday called on foreign workers in the areas of the Ruhr, Rhinisch-Westphalia and the Rhineland to volunteer to work for the allied armies after the Germans have been driven beyond their towns and villages.

SGT. MELTON D. PITTS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Washington, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—war department today announced that Staff Sgt. Melton D. Pitts, Mrs. Jennie B. Pitts, mother, 915 Queen Ann street, Medford, Ore., has been wounded in action in the European area.

War Bulletins

Bombay, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Mohandas K. Gandhi announced today that he would undergo a "work fast," suspending all activity between Dec. 4 and Dec. 31.

Kandy, Ceylon, Dec. 2—(U.P.) Troops of the British 36th division who captured Pinawa on the Myitkyna-Mandalay railroad without a struggle are pushing patrols southward toward Naba junction, leading to the Jap stronghold of Kaha, a southeast Asia command communiqué reported today.

Athens, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Tanks patrolled the streets of Athens today after the resignation of six leftist ministers from the government, and Premier George Papandreou called a cabinet meeting to consider further steps in the crisis brought on by a dispute over his order that resistance organizations surrender their arms.

HOOD RIVER POST CONDEMNED FOR ANTI-JAP STAND

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Removal of the names of Japanese-American soldiers from the Hood River war memorial by the American Legion post in Hood River brought a rebuke today from the American Civil Liberties union and a condemnation from the Portland council of churches.

Jess Edington, commander of the Hood River post, revealed that the 16 names had been removed from the memorial. He added that the post would try to exclude all persons of Japanese ancestry from Hood River valley.

Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, here during a tour for the study of labor and racial questions, said, "I should presume that the American Legion, as a great patriotic organization, should be the first to accept all veterans—regardless of race. It is a matter of profound regret when race prejudice of any sort takes precedence over patriotism."

The policy committee of the council of churches issued a statement demanding that Japanese-Americans, as citizens, "be guaranteed their constitutional rights."

NEED FOR MORTAR SHELLS CRITICAL

Washington, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Production Chief J. A. Krug announced tonight that \$500,000,000 worth of new facilities must be built immediately to expand the output of critically needed mortar shells and he indicated there could not be much reconversion until some time after Germany is defeated.

At the same time, Krug disclosed that some of the lagging munitions programs are beginning to catch up and that workers in key production centers are returning to war plants in "encouraging numbers."

SOCIAL SECURITY FREEZE OPPOSED

Washington, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Seven members of the house ways and means committee charged tonight that the proposal to freeze social security tax contributions at one per cent is unwise and would "emasculate the proper financing of the true costs of the benefits now provided."

MEDFORD DEFEATS LA GRANDE 14-0 IN HARD BATTLE

Bostwick Intercepts Pass For Score, Doty Tallies Second Touchdown

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Medford defeated LaGrande, 14 to 0, on the Multnomah Stadium gridiron here today to win the Oregon state high school football championship in a game hard fought on both sides.

A crowd of some 10,000 fans turned out and were rewarded with a fast-moving contest in which only four penalties were called.

Medford scored first in the second period on an intercepted pass. Bob Carey, LaGrande quarterback, heaved a long one intended for left halfback Jim Courtney. Glen Bostwick, Medford left half, came out of nowhere, snagged the pass, and raced 55 yards down the sidelines to score. Bob Watson's conversion kick was good and Medford was out in front, 7 to 0.

Medford scored again midway in the third quarter on a double pass good for 22 yards and the touchdown. With fourth down and three to go on the LaGrande 22, Watson, Medford quarterback, took the ball and passed to right half Jerry Clark. Just as Clark was being tackled, he flung a short pass to fullback Marvin Doty in the clear, and Doty raced the remaining 15 yards to score. Watson's kick was again good and the score was Medford 14, LaGrande 0.

LaGrande's aerial offensive which was instrumental in bringing it through the regular season undefeated and past Roosevelt High of Portland in the state semifinals, couldn't get going today, largely because of the tight pass defense displayed by Medford.

Medford gained 132 yards from scrimmage to LaGrande's 38.5. LaGrande gained 52 yards from passes to Medford's 26. Medford made eight first downs, all from scrimmage, and LaGrande made four, three of them from passes.

Lineups:
LaGrande P. Medford
Sherwood Plankett
Hyde Bessonet
Cantrell Porter
Marshall Cave
Eldridge Cahill
Cyr Sheldon
Marrs Riggs
Carey Watson
Courtney Bostwick
Kilgore Clark
Terry Doty

Score by periods:
Medford 0 7 7 0—14
LaGrande 0 0 0 0—0
Medford scoring touchdowns: Bostwick, Doty. Points after touchdown Watson (2).
The team will return Monday morning.

(Play by play on Page 6)

ROOSEVELT VOTE EDGE 3,363,260

New York Dec. 2—(U.P.)—With the official count completed by half of the 48 states and only 2,705 precincts missing in the other 24 states, the United Press tabulation of the presidential popular vote today showed President Roosevelt's plurality over Governor Dewey had reached 3,363,260.

The count: Roosevelt 24,907,349; Dewey 21,544,089.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —
"E" Bonds \$250,204
Total Sales
\$1,130,272