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Second Saar Crossing Forced by Patton; Storm Into Outer Siegfried Fortifications

TWIN SPEARHEADS AIM AT HEART OF INDUSTRIAL BASIN

Gen. Hodges' Tank Column Charges Out of Forest to Within Mile of Upper Roor

Paris, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army forced a second crossing of the Saar river south of the Saarlautern bridgehead today and punched forward a mile into the outpost fortifications of the Siegfried line.

Front dispatches reported that units of Maj. Gen. Harry Twaddle's 95th infantry division stormed across the Saar and carved out a second bridgehead a mile deep in the mineral-rich Saar basin and the dragon's tooth barricades fronting the Nazi westwall.

Other units of the 95th, pouring across the Saar at virtually a conquered Saarlautern, had struck a mile and a half beyond the river, and twin spearheads a few miles apart now were aimed at the heart of the industrial basin and the Rhine.

Tank Force Advances

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army to the north sent a tank column charging out of the Hürtgen forest seven miles below Duren to within less than a mile of the upper Roor river guarding the Cologne plain, capturing the village of Bergstein.

Third army reports said Patton's forces had captured 852 towns in France and Germany since they went into action 27 days ago.

The Sixth armored division of the Third army captured Rouling, six miles south of Saarbrücken, after it had been hit by Thunderbolt fighter-bombers aiming through a cloud cover.

Capture Rail Crossing

Maj. Gen. Paul W. Baade's 35th division pushed within three miles southwest of Saarguemines at Woust Villier in a two-mile gain. Farther south other units gained a mile eastward and captured a railroad crossing 10 miles south of Saarguemines.

Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul's 26th "Yankee" division, in a companion push northward, gained more than three miles in the vicinity of Germingen, four and a half miles north of Saare Union.

Elements of the Fourth armored division gained more than two miles in a northward drive aimed at Dehlingen, 10 miles southeast of Saarguemines.

81 NAZI PLANES DOWNED IN RAID

London, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—More than 550 Flying Fortress and Liberators, escorted by upwards of 800 fighters, hammered industrial targets in Berlin and rail freight yards at Munster, just behind the western battlefront, today in another phase of the non-stop aerial offensive against Germany.

The assault on the German capital attracted the Luftwaffe, which engaged the American raiders in furious aerial combats. Preliminary reports showed that at least 81 German planes were shot down.

The American raid followed a heavy night attack on Karlsruhe and Heilbronn by almost 1,000 British planes.

INVITATIONS OUT FOR EXECUTION OF LAYTON

Salem, Ore., Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Invitations to attend the execution of Richard Harry Layton, who is slated to die in the Oregon state gas chamber on Friday, were in the mail today, prison officials announced.

Cigarette Shortage Caused By Trusts Is Belief of FTC

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—A federal trade commission spokesman said today, after a meeting of the commission, that the group is convinced there are violations of the federal anti-trust laws in connection with the current cigarette shortage.

The spokesman said FTC investigators already are looking into the shortage and trying to determine its causes, and that if their inquiries uncover definite violations of the law formal complaints will be issued.

COORDINATION OF CHAMBERS' WORK AIM OF MEETING

Six men representing various Chambers of Commerce throughout the state are meeting in Medford today to formulate a statewide plan to coordinate promotional efforts of the various sections of the state. The committee was appointed by Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and president of the state organization of Chamber of Commerce secretaries, at a recent state planning conference.

Sessions continued throughout the morning and afternoon and a statement concerning the plan will be drafted for publication this afternoon. Here for the meeting are Frank E. McCaslin, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; David B. Simpson, a past president of the Portland group; Arthur J. Farmer, general manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Fred M. Brenne of the Eugene chamber, Malcolm Epley of the Klamath Falls group and Charles R. Stark of the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce.

TAX COLLECTIONS EIGHTY PER CENT

Current tax collections for the 1944-45 total \$1,020,939.28, or approximately 80 per cent of the total tax levy of \$1,325,351.33, the tax collection department of the sheriff's office reports. The amount does not include delinquent payments for this year. The collection is the largest in the history of the county.

Payments for the full year ended November 15, with a three per cent discount allowance. Taxpayers took advantage of this, which accounts in part for the large amount paid. Practically all the large corporations in the county made full year payments, as did the majority of the individuals.

Furman Evernham Family Has Twins Born Here Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Evernham of 519 Mayette street are the parents of twins born yesterday at Sacred Heart hospital. The twins are a boy and a girl, the boy weighing six pounds and three ounces and the girl four pounds and nine ounces. The Evernhams already have one child, a daughter, two years old.

Mr. Evernham is manager of the Joe Hearin Lumber company in Ashland and formerly was employed by the Commercial Finance company. The couple reports that there is a history of twin births in both Mr. Evernham's and Mrs. Evernham's family.

There were 7,500,000 more women employed in the United States in 1944 than in 1940.

JAP WAR CRAFT SUNK IN WATERS OFF LEYTE ISLE

Communique Reveals Return of Nips to Philippines Since Big October Fight.

By United Press

The reappearance of Japanese warships in Philippine waters for the first time since the big air-sea battles of last October was revealed today in a communique announcing the sinking of one enemy destroyer and heavy damage to a second in a new night action off Leyte island.

At least three Japanese fighting ships, all apparently destroyers, were discovered in Ormoc gulf off the east coast of Leyte Saturday night when an American destroyer flotilla steamed in to bombard the enemy's shore installations.

U. S. Destroyer Lost

One American destroyer was sunk, either by a floating mine or by the Japanese bombers that joined in the action, but six or eight enemy planes were destroyed in addition to the losses inflicted on the enemy's surface units. Most of the American warship's crew were rescued.

Meanwhile, American warplanes sank six enemy merchant vessels and damaged three others in Philippine waters and off Boreno and struck heavily at Ormoc and enemy airfields on Negros and Cebu islands.

Yanks Push On

American troops on Leyte pushed down the eastern rim of the Ormoc corridor despite continued heavy rains that made the terrain all but impassable and cleaned out a number of bypassed Japanese positions.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur also reported that Allied ground forces mopping up by-passed areas in the southwest Pacific killed 1,821 Japanese and captured 180 in the Moluccas, New Guinea, the Bismarck archipelago and the Solomons between October 7 and December 1. They also liberated 713 Allied nationals who had been held captive in those areas.

JAPS WILL DESTROY MONUMENT TO PERRY

Chungking, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—A memorial monument erected at Yokohama to Commodore Matthew Perry, American navy officer who "opened" Japan to world trade in 1853, will be "ceremoniously destroyed" December 8 as an early observance of a month-long "crush America" period in the Japanese homeland, the Chinese newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, said today, quoting a Tokyo radio broadcast.

Icaza Muddles Dorsey Trial With Many Evasive Answers

Hollywood, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—With 39 "I don't remember" in 10 minutes under the grilling of Defense Attorney Jerry Geisler, Antonio Icaza, the Panamanian actor, today concluded two days of confused and contradictory testimony that left jurors in a daze and the prosecution with only one more witness, a guitar player who appeared out of nowhere to wind up in the middle of a brawl at Tommy Dorsey's apartment.

Icaza, who remembered everything three ways or not at all, had Superior Judge Arthur Crum throwing up his hands before he stepped down in favor of Jesus Castillon. Castillon joined the Dorsey birthday party at the Swank Clover club and followed it to the balcony where

FIGHT LOOMS ON SOME SELECTIONS FOR STATE DEPT.

Four Votes Cast Against MacLeish in Committee Meet; Laud Grew Naming

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee today approved the nominations of the new state department high command, but a senate floor fight against some of President Roosevelt's selections appeared imminent.

Nomination of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary was endorsed unanimously.

Four Against MacLeish

There was one vote against William L. Clayton as assistant secretary—that of Sen. James M. Murray, D., Mont.—and four unidentified votes were cast against Archibald MacLeish as assistant secretary.

Committee members reported there also was "some discussion" of the designation of Nelson A. Rockefeller as assistant secretary.

All four nominations finally were approved by the committee, however, with some members reserving the right to oppose some of the names when they are brought up on the floor of the senate for confirmation.

The committee also approved a bill to create two new assistant secretariats, raising the total to six. The two new posts, it was understood, will be filled by James C. Dunn, chief of the department's European division, and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes, civil affairs director of the staff of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

COL. GREEN BACK ON ACTIVE DUTY

Mrs. Fred Green, West Main street, recently received a letter from her husband, Lt. Col. Fred Green who was wounded on Leyte, October 25, stating that his wound was inflicted by a shell fragment near the heart. The letter hinted that he was again on active duty. Col. Green is with the combat quartermaster corps on Leyte.

"NO STRIKE" PLEDGE

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Approximately 4,500 warehouse employees and a group of some 200 employers today were pledged against strikes and lockouts for the duration of a three year contract, believed to be one of the first of its kind in the United States.

Belgian Victims of Nazi V2 Bomb



Dead and wounded civilians lie where they fell on Belgian city street after German V-2 bomb screamed from the sky into a huge shopping crowd. Force of blast was so terrific that the victims' clothes were blown off. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

FALL FROM TRUCK PROVES FATAL TO VALLEY VIEW MAN

Delwin Othello Hurley, 69, route 2 Ashland, was killed about 5 o'clock yesterday when he fell from the running board of a 1934 model Ford truck driven by Robert Wendell Reynolds, 18, also of route 2. The accident occurred about a half-mile east of Talent on the Valley View road. Reynolds, who was driving the truck, registered to George Yockel, Lithia Hotel, Ashland, had picked Hurley up to take him to his home.

Hurley died of a fractured skull and a broken neck. Investigation showed Reynolds was not responsible for the accident, according to C. M. Little, deputy coroner.

Hurley was born August 28, 1875, in Jewell City, Kansas, and had lived in the Rogue valley over 40 years. He is survived by two brothers-in-law, Frank and Charles Holdridge of Talent.

The body is at Little's Funeral Home in Ashland pending funeral arrangements.

RAVENNA RETAKEN BY EIGHTH ARMY

Rome, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Eighth army troops have captured the important road center of Ravenna, eight miles inland from Italy's Adriatic coast, it was announced today.

Ravenna, with a population of 30,000, is the focal point for highways leading to Bologna in Italy's Po valley and to northeastern Italy.

British infantry units previously had cut the Ravenna-Bologna railway line in occupying Godo and Russi, midway between Ravenna and Faenza, the latter a key center on the important Bologna-Rimini highway.

(A Berlin military spokesman reported that Field Marshal Harold R. L. G. Alexander, commander-in-chief of Allied Mediterranean forces, had launched a new offensive in Italy.)

FEDERAL PRISONERS HOLD FOUR OFFICERS

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Warden Joseph W. Sanford of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta advised the justice department that about 25 prisoners barricaded themselves in a prison building today and held four officers as hostages.

The department said "it has been impossible so far to learn exactly the cause of the difficulty, except that some objection has been made to the quartering of German saboteurs and spies in the same building."

Woman Takes Four Furs Off Dummies In Daring Robbery

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The woman who calmly removed four furs valued at \$1,339 from the dummies in a display window of a downtown Portland department store and then walked nonchalantly out in the broad if cloudy daylight, was no dummy herself, police admitted ruefully today.

An assistant window dresser saw the woman in back of the display windows and asked her what she was doing there. She replied that she was an employee and the store wanted to see the price tags on the furs.

The theft was discovered a few moments later.

BLAZE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK IN APPLGATE AREA

Fire yesterday afternoon totally destroyed the old Frank Cameron home in the Applegate district. The home, constructed in 1868, stood near the bridge which marks the junction of the Little Applegate and Applegate rivers and was considered a landmark of the Applegate area.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murphy were residing on the place as caretakers and were able to save most of their possessions. The Murphys reported that the blaze evidently started from the flue or wiring upstairs and that the entire second story was well afire before they discovered the blaze.

The house had no water system. A pressure pump had recently been purchased for a newly dug well and was to have been installed yesterday about the time the fire started.

The ranch and home was leased last summer to James Miller of Ashland and extensive repairs and remodeling had recently been completed.

MILK PASTEURIZATION LAW WILL BE SOUGHT

Salem, Ore., Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—E. L. Peterson, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, will urge the passage of legislation requiring the pasteurization of all dairy products as a means to combat undulant fever, in his biennial report now being prepared for the legislature, which will meet in January.

A conference of various state officials and other persons interested is expected to be called soon by Gov. Earl Snell, Peterson said.

NO BEET CHANGE

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration today told representatives of the sugar beet industry that no change will be made in the announced 1945 price support program for beets.

FEDERALS SEIZE HUGE STOCK OF UNTAXED LIQUOR

Denver, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The seizure of \$50,600 worth of whisky, gin, rum and wine in three southeastern Colorado towns near the Kansas and Oklahoma borders was disclosed tonight by District Superintendent A. V. Anderson of the federal alcohol tax unit.

It represented the largest seizure of liquor in the history of the 13th district, which includes Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico, Anderson said.

The liquor—1,716 cases of nationally known brands—did not bear the federal wholesale tax stamps.

It was seized from three establishments—the Jones liquor store at Holly, of which Ed Jones is proprietor; the Dulaney liquor store at Buckeye, of which Mrs. Iva Hazel Dulaney is the owner, and the Oasis liquor store at Walsh, the owner being Paul Thompson.

Each of the proprietors is being held in technical custody.

ALARMED NAZIS FLEEING VIENNA

London, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Russian armored columns crashed through the German defenses on both sides of Lake Balaton in a mile-an-hour drive on the Austrian frontier today and roundabout Berlin dispatches said alarmed Nazi officials were fleeing Vienna in the path of the red army juggernaut.

Routed German and Hungarian troops fled westward over roads choked with refugees as the soviet onrush crumpled both flanks of the Lake Balaton line barely 60 miles from Austrian soil and 120 miles or less from Vienna.

Berlin acknowledged the fall of Siofok on the northeastern shore of the lake to a fast Russian column that pushed up four miles from captured Sagvar, and spoke vaguely of "elastic" defensive tactics in that sector—the usual prelude to announcement of a general German withdrawal.

MADE IN JAPAN

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Rep. John Z. Anderson, R., Calif., told the house today that some trophies sold at the Army-Navy football game at Baltimore last Saturday were stamped "Made in Japan."

STAR DIVORCED

Hollywood, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Film Star Eleanor Parker held a divorce decree today from Lt. Fred L. Losee, navy oral surgeon, because, she said, he told her being married to a movie star just wasn't the life for him.

ALLIES WILL USE WEIGHT OF ARMS TO KEEP ORDER

British Forces In Greece Will Attempt to Stave Off Civil War, Commons Told.

London, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today the Allies would exert their full weight of arms to restore order in strife-torn Greece, but they could not succeed if tommyguns provided for use against the nazis were used in an attempt to impose a "communist dictatorship" on the country.

Churchill sketched for a clamorous house of commons, which frequently interrupted him with pointed questions, the bloody crisis in Greece. He said the "considerable" British forces in Greece would be engaged fully in an attempt to put down leftist demonstrations and attacks, and to stave off the threatened civil war.

New Outbreaks

Even as he spoke, Athens' dispatches reported new outbreaks of violence.

"We and our American allies are doing our utmost to give assistance and our troops are acting to prevent bloodshed," Churchill told a cheering house of commons.

Whether the Greek people establish a monarchy or a republic, a government of the right or left, "are matters entirely for them," Churchill said.

Athens, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Fierce fighting broke out at several points in Athens today and minor clashes spread throughout the city after an unofficial report circulated that Premier George Papandreu had resigned.

Athens police estimated today that about 100 persons were killed in yesterday's rioting and possibly as many as 250 persons were wounded. Forty-three were killed or spirited away by the Elas forces in an attack last night on city prisons, authorities said.

Leftists Attack

Leftist Elas forces attacked the gendarmerie barracks of Hadjiohanna in the center of Athens and a pitched battle ensued with both sides using mortars.

Followers of the rightist Edeas organization barricaded themselves in the Metropolis hotel. They showered pistol fire hand grenades on Elas demonstrators who counter-attacked with heavy weapons, precipitating some of the heaviest fighting of the three days of disorders here.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The state department today set forth an official policy toward internal politics in liberated areas which seemingly placed the United States in direct opposition to British exercise of influence in Italian and Greek governmental affairs.

The cabinet crisis in Italy, the department said in a prepared statement, is "purely an Italian affair" which should be settled by Italians "along democratic lines without influence from outside." The statement left the clear implication that this country disapproves of British influence as expected in current efforts to set up a new Italian cabinet.

HOUSE FOR INCREASE IN WAR PENSIONS

Washington, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—The House today passed and sent to the White House a bill to increase the government compensation paid to the widows and orphans of the first World War.

Limiting total benefits in any case to \$74 per month, the bill authorizes a pension of \$35 a month for a widow with no children, \$45 a month for a widow with one child and \$5 a month for each additional child.

COVER GIRL "SERIOUS"

Hollywood, Dec. 5.—(U.P.)—Cover-girl Kay Aldridge who is now a "queen" of the serials, today admitted she was "serious" about Arthur Cameron, wealthy Texas oil man, whose divorce from Actress June Knight caused headlines across the nation, but said there was no engagement.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are—
"E" Bonds\$296,335
Total Sales
\$1,209,303