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HODGE'S ARMY OPENS NEW PUSH

DOUGHBOYS DRIVE THROUGH SNOW OF MONSCHAU WOODS

Storm Suburbs of Duren—Patch's Force In East Near Siegfried Line.

Paris, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—American first army troops plunged forward up to two miles through three towns in the snow-blanketed Monschau forest below beleaguered Durne today in a new attack which broadened Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Rhineland offensive front to at least 20 miles.

The doughboys were storming the suburbs of Duren, key citadel 20 miles west of Cologne, and Berlin said they had reached the Roer river on either side of Duren while pressing attempts to break into the town itself.

Hodges' new push in the Monschau forest some 15 miles southwest of Duren broke a three-month lull in that sector and in the first few hours rolled eastward through Rollesbroich, near the headquarters of the Roer, and the villages of Bickerath and Simmerath, a mile apart and two miles southwest of Rollesbroich.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army at the other end of the active western front raced northward through the eastern tip of France within sight of the Siegfried line and the German border where it cuts westward from the Karlsruhe area.

Patch's veterans of the drive from the Mediterranean smashed across a river beyond Seltz, near the Rhine, and also above Langensoultzbach, north of Hagenu, in new gains advancing the potential threat of turning the westwall at its Palatinat elbow.

TWO-PRONG PUSH United Press Correspondent Jack Frankish reported from the Monschau forest of Germany that in their new attack the first army troops were driving uphill and through melting snow in the woods lying directly below the Hurtgen forest.

It was a two-pronged push that Hodges loosed at dawn under a heavy artillery bombardment but without air support which the murky overcast made impossible.

By nightfall, Frankish said, the gains ranged from one to two miles. The first objective, Rollesbroich, was in American hands by mid-morning. Later in the day the neighboring hamlets of Bickerath and Simmerath, the latter a secondary road junction, were captured.

The Germans pocketed in the Colmar area along the Upper Rhine counter-attacked heavily in the area of Selesat, 17 miles northeast of Colmar.

Front dispatches reported some street fighting at Seltz, 15 miles southwest of Karlsruhe, but said the spearhead driven beyond the town to the border region had been widened to embrace Niederodegen, three miles to the west.

Another seventh army spearhead probing northward from the Hagenu area was four miles or less from the border and breasting heavy fire from the German guns in the Siegfried line.

ASK WAGE BOOST Denver, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—An international organizer for the union representing approximately 8,000 employees of six sugar beet companies today presented employees' demands for higher wages to the National Sugar Panel in Denver.

WEEKLY SOLD Winters, Cal., Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—F. C. Hemmenway, editor and publisher of the Weekly Winters Express, today announced sale of the newspaper to Walter W. Stark of Sacramento, formerly a banker at Winters.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The threatened shutdown by New York butchers prompted the office of price administration today to renew its pleas for price ceilings on live cattle.

Center of Barry Paternity Suit



Carol Ann Barry, 14 months old, unconcernedly looks over huge legal tome in lawyer's office as her mother, Joan Barry, prepares to prove in Hollywood court that comedian Charlie Chaplin is the child's father

CHAPLIN DENIED DELAY BY COURT IN JOAN'S SUIT

Hollywood, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt today listened to a plea for delay by Charlie Chaplin's attorneys and then ordered them to get on with the business of finding out who is the father of red-haired Joan Barry's baby.

Miss Barry, a freckle-faced former Brooklynite, says it is Chaplin. The multimillionaire comedian's attorneys say it could be any one of a number of people, including perhaps Hans Reusch, the writer on whose account they asked Judge Schmidt to delay the suit.

Reusch, said Attorney Pat Millikan, is in New York and won't come back if subpoenaed to testify.

Before denial of the motion to dismiss, Millikan said Reusch's testimony was relevant and that if he were here to testify, he would say that Miss Barry spent considerable time in his apartment, told of taking trips with other men, including millionaire oilman J. Paul Getty, and that she wanted Chaplin to support her.

A note she left Reusch, according to the Millikan version, said: "I did care for you. If only Charles had provided means for me to live I would have wanted to know you better. Forgive me, Mommy."

On New Year's day, 1943, he came home in the morning, Millikan said, to find Miss Barry's clothes strewn about and his pajamas missing.

Miss Barry presumably was in them, but Millikan never got to that point.

Both Miss Barry and Chaplin were on call, but not present in court as it opened. His chief defense, it appeared, would be a blood test.

DEFENSE STARTS IN NEWBURN CASE

Witnesses for the prosecution were cross-examined by the defense attorney, O. H. Bengtson, this morning in the circuit trial of Woodrow Wilson Newburn, charged with statutory rape of a minor. There were no defense witnesses. The case is being heard by Judge H. K. Hanna.

ESSEN PLASTERED ANEW BY R.A.F. IN NIGHT ASSAULT

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—More than 500 British heavy bombers attacked the German rail and industrial center of Essen in the Ruhr valley last night while RAF Mosquito raiders pounded enemy targets at Osnabruck.

Dense cloud formations blanketed Essen, but returning bomber crews reported that the glow of huge fires was clearly visible through the overcast and that pillars of smoke billowed up almost four miles over the city.

Night fighters of the RAF bomber command supported the main attack, destroying five enemy fighters and shooting up Nazi airfields enroute.

Most of Essen already had been badly battered by repeated British and American attacks, but the city still was considered an important cog in the German army's western supply and communications system, containing more than a score of big freight yards.

HOUSE VOTE EVEN, MAGNUSON QUILTS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Rep. Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash., who was appointed to the U. S. senate yesterday, today notified Speaker Sam Rayburn that he has resigned his seat in the house.

The resignation wiped out the Democratic party's numerical superiority in the house for the first time since 1930. Both the Republican and Democratic parties now have 212 members in the lower chamber.

Magnuson was named by Republican Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington to serve out the unexpired term of Homer T. Bone who resigned Nov. 13. Magnuson, elected to succeed Bone last month would have taken office to begin his six year term in January. By taking up his senate seat now, he will have seniority over other newly-elected members who take their seats Jan. 3.

TEN MORE ENEMY SHIPS WIPED OUT, HUNDREDS PERISH

Attempt to Save Trapped Japs on Leyte Falls; Final Battle Phase Near.

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur regrouped his ground forces for the final phase of the battle of Leyte today after his planes and torpedo boats wiped out their ninth Japanese reinforcement convoy in six weeks off the northwest coast.

Ten of 11 ships in the convoy were wrecked and thousands of soldiers drowned in a two-day air and sea battle that smashed at 11th hour Japanese attempt to reinforce and supply the 20,000 to 25,000 troops facing annihilation in the Ormoc corridor.

American fighters and fighter-bombers sank three transports totaling 19,000 tons and three escorting destroyers in a series of attacks lasting from dawn Monday to dusk Tuesday. Two medium transports and another destroyer were left dead in the water and burning.

A torpedo boat sank a fourth cargo transport of 5,000 tons Monday night. Only a single destroyer escaped from the battle without serious damage.

A spokesman for MacArthur acknowledged, however, that some of the vessels may have landed a few supplies and troops at Palompon, sole west coast port remaining in Japanese hands before they were wrecked. Japanese planes struck back with an attack on an American convoy steaming south after unloading supplies and reinforcements for the American 77th and 7th divisions at Ormoc. "Some damage and casualties" were caused, MacArthur's communique said, but these were not considered great.

SENATE TO VOTE TOMORROW UPON HURLEY & HELLER

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The senate military affairs committee today recommended senate confirmation of former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut and Lt. Col. Edward M. Heller of California as members of the surplus property board.

The vote was along party lines, with 10 Democrats and two Republicans voting for Heller and five Republicans voting against him. The vote on Hurley was 10 to 6, with 9 Democrats and one Republican, Sen. Rufus C. Holman, R., Ore., voting for him, and five Republicans and one Democrat, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., voting against him.

Sen. A. B. Chandler, D., Ky., took the nominations immediately to the senate floor. He told reporters they will go on the calendar and will probably be acted upon by the senate tomorrow.

They are expected to run heading into opposition from nearly all of the senate's 37 Republican members.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The senate foreign relations committee today concluded open hearings on six high state department nominations and immediately went into executive session to determine its next step in connection with them.

Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., seeking the six nominations before the senate tomorrow afternoon, indicated that he hoped the committee would vote this afternoon to endorse them.

The hearings ended with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., assuring Sen. Albert B. Chandler, D., Ky., that the state department "stands on its own feet" in diplomatic relationships throughout the world.

About one-third of the United States is forest land.

Jap War Plants on Home Island Blasted

BUDAPEST AFIRE FALL IMMINENT, LONDON REPORTS

Nazis Arm Civilians For Suicide Defense of Hungary Capitol.

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The Germans began arming a rag-tag army of Hungarian civilians for a suicidal stand in the streets of Budapest today as Soviet tanks and shock troops stormed through the eastern suburbs behind an earth-shaking artillery barrage.

The desperate Nazi move came on the heels of a Moscow broadcast declaring that Budapest was at the mercy of the Red army and that its fall was expected imminently.

House-to-house fighting already was raging in outlying districts on the east bank of the Danube, where the Russians overran and silenced scores of enemy guns and cut one of the main loop railways over which the Germans had been shuttling troops to meet the multiple Soviet threat.

But a great concentration of Nazi artillery still was taking the Red army assault lines with a murderous counter-fire and defiant German and Hungarian military authorities proclaimed their intention of defending the capital to the death.

With the bulk of their own regular troops reportedly evacuated to escape entrapment in the burning city, the Nazis called upon the citizens of Budapest to take up the guns of the fallen and fight for their capital.

Moscow reports asserted, however, that defections were spreading among Hungarian troops and civilians and that many of them were turning their weapons against the Germans in the suburban areas.

JUST CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH CIGARETS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Witnesses in effect told the senate investigating committee today that there's a cigarette shortage because there's a shortage of cigars.

The simple fact, they said, is that manufacturers can't produce enough cigars to meet increasing armed service demand, higher civilian consumption, and over-buying at counters.

Contributing factors, witnesses agreed, are manpower shortages in cigar factories which prohibit expansion of production, and, to a lesser degree, a tobacco leaf shortage.

The leaf shortage, they emphasized, will become acute in another 10 to 12 months.

PLAN MORE TIRES FOR WAR NEEDS

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The War Production Board has ordered construction of new facilities for manufacturing military-type tires to increase output by 4,000,000 tires a year to meet rising battlefield demands, WFB Chief of Operations Hiland G. Batcheller disclosed today.

War Bulletins

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Pearl Harbor officials declined comment today on Australian radio reports that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of Pacific ocean areas, would move his headquarters to Guam soon.

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The insurgent ELAS forces apparently held control of the Athens radio station today. It was broadcasting attacks on British forces.

CIO FROWNS UPON GENERAL STRIKE DETROIT SECTOR

War Workers Asked Not to Leave Jobs to Picket Ward Stores.

Detroit, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Union leaders today admonished war workers against leaving their jobs in support of striking Montgomery Ward & Company employees, but said all other support would be given the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store workers in a campaign to force government action against the firm's defiance of the war labor board.

Richard Frankenstein, international vice president of the powerful United Auto Workers (CIO) union, and August Scholle, state CIO director, asserted that fears of a general strike in this war production center over the Ward issue were unfounded.

"The UAW will support the Ward employees in every way except joining them in strike action," Frankenstein said. "The issue, serious as it is, should not interfere with munitions supply." Most Detroit war workers are affiliated with the UAW-CIO.

Labor members of the regional WLB joined the picketing of four Ward stores here as an estimated 1,650 or 2,200 full-time employees extended their walkout in its fifth day.

Striking War workers, members of CIO's United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store employees, formed the spearhead of a concerted CIO drive to break Montgomery Ward's resistance of a 1942 WLB order. The order called for union security and minimum wages in seven states where Ward operates retail outlets.

FARMERS STORAGE PLANTS FAVORED

Sacramento, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Legislation to authorize joint construction and operation by "farmers of cold storage plants when 'normal' cold storage facilities are not adequate to avert crop losses will be considered at a meeting Friday summoned by A. A. Brock, director of agriculture, Brock announced today.

Brock said approximately 70,000 tons of California bumper peach crop rotted this year because canneries could not keep up with production, and that 550,000 bags of potatoes were lost to human consumption for similar reasons.

The amount of money lost by Delta district onion growers would have paid for a cold storage warehouse, Brock said.

ARABIAN LINE HIT

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The proposed Arabian pipeline to be built by federal agencies today was branded "tanta mount to power politics," and "practically a prime mover in World War III," by Congressman B. W. Gearhart, R., Calif., following the annual meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Oil Producers association here.

BEVINS TELLS OF SOVIET-BRITISH DEAL ON GREECE

Pact Initialed by F.D.R. at Quebec Parley — Elms Force Open Offensive.

Athens, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Elms forces opened a full scale attack from all directions on a shrinking British pocket in the heart of Athens today, and in one sector broke into the compound of a military barracks.

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Labor Minister Ernest Bevin revealed today that Britain had an agreement with Russia regarding the "stabilization" of Greece, and that proposals concerning Greece were initiated by President Roosevelt at Quebec.

Bevin, in a blunt speech at the British labor party's annual conference, disclosed that the labor ministers in Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet took part in the decisions on Britain's policy in Greece, and "looking back, I cannot convince myself that any of these decisions were wrong."

After Bevin's candid speech which in effect comprised a defense of Churchill and labor leaders, with regard to the crisis, the army approved a compromise resolution urging an immediate armistice in Greece, establishment of a provisional government and eventually free elections.

Informed sources in Washington said that whatever Balkan political stabilization plans Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill initiated in Quebec, could not have anticipated the present civil war in Greece. No one in Washington officialdom interpreted Bevin's speech as meaning the president approved of any plans for interference in the Greek political and military crisis of the last ten days.

DUMBARTON OAKS NOT UNDERSTOOD

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The world peace plans laid at Dumbarton Oaks should be thoroughly understood by all citizens, declared Adm. Arthur J. Heppburn of Washington, D. C., leader of a state department delegation here to conduct a series of conferences with Portland area citizens.

Adm. Heppburn is head of the U. S. navy general board and was senior military delegate to the Dumbarton Oaks conference.

"The general misconception of the peace plan is that an international army would be organized. Instead, each nation in the United Nations group would make a military force available under a joint command such as the Allies are now fighting under," the admiral explained.

Third Time Charm Deserts Cracksmen

New York, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Two burglars broke into an office building looking for safes to crack. They found three. On the first they sledge-hammered the dial, but couldn't work the tumblers. They hammered the second, but couldn't open it. They bored a hole in the third, opened the door and found it empty.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Members of a house subcommittee on naval affairs arrived on the island of Guam, today.

NAGOYA AIRCRAFT CENTER ATTACKED BY B-29 ARMADA

Offensive Speeds Evacuation of Major Industries From Key Cities.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Heavy explosions and large fires were reported by Superfortresses which made a daylight attack today on Nagoya, Japan, home of the Mitsubishi aircraft plant.

The raid was carried out by a "sizeable" force of the mammoth planes from the 21st bomber command base on Saipan, a 20th air force communication base.

Fighter opposition was slight and flak opposition was moderate, the communique added.

No reports of any bomber losses or enemy fighter planes destroyed were included in the report which said such information would be given after final reports of the crews were carefully tabulated.

Nagoya, scene of the 24th Superfortress raid on Japan's resources, is one of Japan's four principal industrial manufacturing centers, a city of nearly 1,500,000.

It was understood the Mitsubishi plant was the main target although the communique did not specifically say so.

"Preliminary reports from Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, commander of the 21st bomber command based on Saipan, reveal that the bombing was accomplished visually and that heavy explosions and large fires were observed in the target area," the communique said.

It appeared from communique issued thus far on the attack that upwards of 100 B-29s participated.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Upwards of 100 B-29 Superfortresses bombed the great aircraft center of Nagoya and other targets on the main Japanese island of Honshu today, and enemy broadcasts admitted that the mounting aerial offensive was forcing the evacuation of major industries from Tokyo and other key cities.

A German DNB dispatch from Tokyo said single B-29s also had made new nuisance raids on the greater Tokyo area itself during the night, dropping high explosive and incendiary bombs "which fell almost entirely in coastal waters without causing damage."

The war department announced today's attack on industrial targets on Honshu without naming any specific objectives, but nearly three hours later Tokyo said the Superfortresses had hit the "vicinities" of Nagoya, 165 miles southwest of Tokyo, and Hamamatsu, 55 miles southeast of Nagoya.

Another Tokyo broadcast heard in London said that as Superfortresses attacks against Japan steadily increased, "priority in evacuation" was being given the "most important industries" and non-essential civilians.

The report indicates that Japan, following the lead of bomb-battered Britain and Germany, was setting up a system of "shadow factories" dispersed over the Japanese home islands to house industries now concentrated in major cities, where they offer juicy targets to American bombardiers.

Axle radios yesterday said that civilians were being evacuated from Tokyo at the rate of 20,000 a day.

Nagoya, named by Tokyo as one of the main targets in today's B-29 attack, before the war was Japan's biggest aircraft manufacturing center. It was the site of the Mitsubishi heavy industries, which manufactured aircraft, engines, hydro-electric and general industrial equipment.

New England now has more area in some form of forest growth than it did 150 years ago.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are: "E" Bonds \$445,870 Total Sales \$1,989,374