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AMERICAN TANKS, INFANTRY RAM TO DUREN OUTSKIRTS

Timber Wolves and First Gain Strongholds—Saar Battle Rages.

With U. S. Seventh Army, France, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—American troops drove within less than a mile of the German border tonight near Lauterbourg, seven miles southwest of Karlsruhe across the Rhine.

Paris, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—American tanks and infantry today rammed ahead nearly two miles to the western outskirts of the Roer river bastion of Duren, 20 miles southwest of Cologne, and seized the last two fortified towns on the west bank of the Roer to the north.

At the southern end of the 25-mile offensive front southwest of Cologne, first army infantry captured Kesternich, 15 miles southwest of Duren, and plunged almost completely through the Monschau forest on the east bank of the Roer at a point where the river bends west.

The first army's 83d division was set for a frontal assault on Duren, key to the Cologne plain, with a 3,000-yard advance through the western suburbs of Gurzenich to the rim of the fortress city, which lies astride the Roer.

The ninth army briefly rejoined the battle of the Roer, capturing the village of Viechoven, seven miles northwest of Duren, while the 104th division cleared Schofhoven, a mile to the southeast, after two days of bitter street battles.

The fall of Viechoven and Schofhoven cleared the last two enemy strongholds on the offensive front north of Duren and put the doughboys along the west bank of the Roer for a solid stretch of almost 18 miles.

Farther south, the battle of the Saar valley raged on with undiminished fury along a 30-mile front with no appreciable progress on either side, though three additional American crossings of the Biles river east of Sarreguemines were reported. Four more German counterattacks were repulsed by the third army.

The Germans also counterattacked in considerable force against the Allied flank west of the Rhine some 25 miles below Strasbourg and infiltrated the American lines deeply in an attempt to throw the Allied offensive off balance before being ousted.

Seventh army forces sweeping across the eastern tip of France continued their northward march, however, and penetrated to within two miles of Germany's Palatinate border and three miles of the Siegfried line west of Karlsruhe.

78 JAP ADMIRALS NOW LISTED DEAD

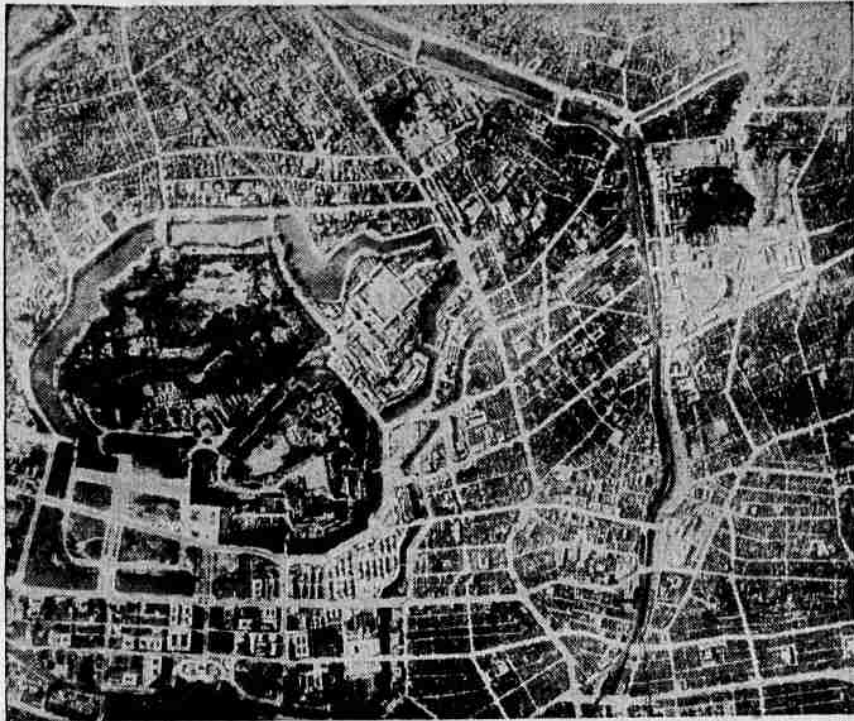
By United Press
 Five more admirals have been crossed off Japan's shrinking list of flag officers, bringing to 78 the number of admirals reported dead by Tokyo since last May 17, a dispatch from the Japanese Domei news agency reported today.

Domei said the Yokosuka naval station, largest Japanese home base, announced yesterday that the five additional victims had "died in action," without indicating the dates or circumstances of their deaths.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
 Dennis Patrick McCann regarding a sideglance reporter with suspicion.
 Ben Schmidt deciding he better turn down an invitation to have refreshments with a group composed entirely of women.

Super-Fortress View of Hirohito's Home



(Army Telephone)
 The moated grounds of Hirohito's Tokyo palace are photographed for the first time by a B-29 cameraman as the giant Super-Fortresses roared over the Japanese capital city to unleash death and destruction. To the right, the Sumida River winds through the city. To keep B-29-set blazes from smothering the emperor's whims, the Japs have constructed a huge firebreak, above, right, by clearing a wide strip through the congested area. American airmen have refrained from bombing the Imperial palace. 20th Air Force photo.

STIMSON SCORES COAST ATTITUDE ON JAP-YANKEES

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that reports of discrimination on the west coast against soldiers of Japanese ancestry were "wholly inconsistent with the American ideal of democracy."

Stimson said he had not heard of such reports until they were cited by a questioner at his press conference. He added, however, that it was inconsistent with democratic ideals "that these loyal citizens should be subjected to any discrimination."

He praised the performance in European combat of U. S. soldiers of Japanese descent, adding that nearly 13,000 of them have served or are serving with the armed forces.

The 100th infantry battalion, composed largely of men from Hawaii, has been overseas for more than a year, and its combat record in Italy, Stimson said, was such that it received a unit citation for gallantry. Stimson personally reviewed the battalion last summer in Italy.

The 442nd combat team, also composed of Japanese-Americans, has been fighting with similar courage in the European theater, the secretary said.

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Names of 16 Japanese-American soldiers were still missing today from the Hood River American Legion post roll of honor despite a growing protest and the comment of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that such action "was wholly inconsistent with the American ideal of democracy."

NEWBURN'S TRIAL READY FOR JURY

Judge H. K. Hanna this afternoon instructed the jury in the trial of Woodrow Wilson Newburn, charged with statutory rape of a minor girl, and the case was expected to be in the hands of the jury about 2:30 o'clock. Closing arguments of G. W. Nelson, district attorney, and O. H. Bengtson, defense attorney, took up the morning session.

Newburn's trial has consumed more time than circuit court officials originally planned having been opened Tuesday morning. Eight men and four women make up the jury.

More new wood is grown in the south each year than cotton.

JURY TO DECIDE IF CHAPLIN PAPA OF JOAN'S BABY

Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Superior Judge Henry M. Willis today ruled that a jury must determine whether Charlie Chaplin is the father of Joan Barry's chubby baby daughter, and refused to dismiss the suit on grounds that a blood-test agreement precluded further prosecution.

Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Wearing the same polka-dot tie that saw him through acquittal of Mann act charges, silver-haired Charlie Chaplin today testified as the first witness in Joan Barry's paternity suit against him.

Grinning nervously, the British comedian got only as far as his name and address before opposing attorneys got into such a row that Superior Judge Henry M. Willis asked him to step down again.

Who was going to pay the \$25 a day for a transcript of proceedings for the 14-month-old plaintiff—his client, Attorney Joseph Scott wanted to know.

M'ARTHUR'S MEN TIGHTEN PINNERS ON ORMOC NIPPS

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The 77th division struck north up the Ormoc corridor today, tightening a giant American nutcracker gradually squeezing 20,000 or more Japanese back against the northwest coast of Leyte.

At the northern end of the corridor, weary veterans of the 32nd division slugged farther south to within less than 15 miles of a junction with the 77th, while other forces slowly closed in on the bitterly-resisting Japanese from hills to the east.

The application of "pressure northward" from Ormoc by the 77th division was disclosed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his daily communique. A spokesman said, however, that the troops mainly were feeling out the enemy lines and had not yet begun an all-out assault.

American shore batteries sank three troop-laden Japanese ships with all hands at point-blank range Tuesday night. The ships sailed into the harbor under cover of darkness, apparently unaware that the port had been captured by the 77th division last Sunday.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE TERRIFIC STRAIN ON AXIS PEOPLE

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that the current Allied offensive in Germany is placing a terrific strain on the Nazis, depriving them of an expected winter breathing spell and preventing completion of last-ditch mobilization plans.

Stimson revealed that supreme headquarters estimated the Germans had suffered 152,000 casualties between Nov. 8 and Nov. 30, an average of almost 7,000 a day.

U. S. army casualties in all theaters through Nov. 28, he said, have reached 483,957, including 92,135 killed, 272,351 wounded, 62,786 missing and 56,885 prisoners. This was an increase of 9,059 casualties over figures announced a week ago through Nov. 22.

Stimson's figures, raised overall U. S. war casualties in world war II to 562,468, since the navy has reported casualties of 78,511 through Dec. 13.

The navy total includes 30,029 dead, 34,503 wounded, 9,493 missing and 4,486 prisoners of war.

Stimson said that of the 272,351 army wounded, 126,592 have returned to duty.

He also revealed that U. S. ground force casualties in Italy from the original landings at Salerno in 1943 through Dec. 9 were 98,366 including 18,888 killed, 67,194 wounded and 12,274 missing.

ELKS' YULE PARTY DINNER TONIGHT

The Medford Elks' lodge annual Christmas party will be held tonight with dinner served at 5:30 o'clock and followed by games and a fun program. Dr. C. W. Lemery, general chairman of the committee in charge, urges every Elk in the community to attend.

Dr. Lemery pointed out that this is a stag party and that Elks were permitted to bring guests.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are—
 "E" Bonds \$459,577
 "E" Quota \$600,000
 Total Sales \$2,022,381

LUPE VELEZ, FILM STAR, TAKES OWN LIFE, NOTES SAY

Fear of Becoming Unwed Mother and Broken Love, Inspire Act.

Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Lupe Velez, fiery Mexican actress found dead today of an overdose of sleeping powder, left a note saying that she was taking her life rather than become an unwed mother.

The 33-year-old film star, who only four days ago announced that "all was over" between her and her fiancé, French Actor Harold Ramond, left him a note reading:

"May God forgive you and forgive me too, but I prefer to take my life away and my baby's before I bring him with shame or kill him. How could you, Harold, fake such great love for me and our baby when all the time you didn't want us."

Dr. Ed Gourson, Beverly Hills police surgeon, said his preliminary examination indicated Miss Velez had been pregnant.

Ramond, who went to the Velez house as soon as he was notified, told Beverly Hills police Capt. W. W. White that he had never known for sure whether Miss Velez was to become a mother.

"Sometimes she said 'yes,' sometimes she said 'no,'" he said.

The convent-reared star left a second note to Mrs. Beulah Kinder, her friend and secretary.

"My faithful friend, you and only you know the facts for the reason I am taking my life. May God forgive me and don't think bad of me," it read. "I love you."

The actress' body was found, dressed in a white nightgown and lying in bed, only five hours after Mrs. Kinder had wished her goodnight.

On a bedside table was a nearly empty bottle of sleeping tablets, sitting neatly atop the notes to Ramond and Mrs. Kinder.

Coroner Frank Nance ordered an autopsy, but Autopsy Surgeon Victor Cefalu said that it probably would take several days to complete a blood analysis and confirm the cause of death. The autopsy was to be performed at Forest Lawn mortuary, where the body was taken.

Miss Velez, who had flittered back and forth between New York and Hollywood for the past several years, was scheduled to leave for Manhattan again Saturday.

War Bulletins

Chungking, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Chinese troops drove a beaten Japanese column more than 25 miles southward into Kwangsi province today and an American army spokesman asserted there was a strong possibility that the former U. S. air base at Uichow may be recaptured from the invaders.

At the same time, Chungking revealed that Chinese forces on the Burma front have penetrated within 120 miles northeast of Mandalay in a surprise thrust menacing both that big Japanese stronghold and the enemy-held section of the Burma road above Lashio.

Rome, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Canadian troops of the eighth army have enlarged their bridgehead over the Lamone river northeast of Faenza after repulsing several strong counterattacks and are thrusting to the north, headquarters announced today.

By United Press
 The allied military government in Germany will attempt to return to rightful owners all works of art and objects of scientific or historical value stolen by the Nazis in occupied countries, a proclamation issued in the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today.

TRUCE COMES IN GREEK UPRISING, ELAS ASK TERMS

Amnesty and Inclusion of Leftists in New Regime Asked of British.

Athens, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—E. L. A. S. forces resumed shelling central Athens this afternoon, breaking a lull during which reports circulated that peace negotiations were about to end the 11-day battle of Athens.

Athens, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—ELAS sources reported today that the EAM had decided to accept terms and evacuate Athens provided the British guarantee general amnesty for ELAS men and the inclusion of leftists in a new national government.

The report of a decision to end the 11-day battle of Greece lacked official confirmation.

It emanated from the ELAS armed forces of the leftist EAM faction, and said the central committee of the EAM had decided to convey its decision to Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie, British military commander.

The peace report circulated amidst a lull in the fighting. There was reason to believe the ELAS forces had lost their last chance of overrunning the British, who were receiving constant reinforcements, some arriving in a spectacular manner.

EAM acceptance of terms was reported conditioned on Scobie's guaranteeing that a national government would be formed to take over from that of Premier George Papandreu and to include a "proper proportion" of leftists.

EAM left wingers reported the central committee's decision would be delivered to Scobie by the EAM's secretary, Gen. Mitsos Eatsalides.

It was understood the EAM was not insisting on any particular representation in the proposed national government, presumably leaving that to be worked out after the end of the fighting.

(Roper's report of the arrival of reinforcements in a "spectacular manner" was not explained, but suggested the possibility that the British might be rushing in troops by air in a bid for a quick decision in the Greek crisis.)

SENATE APPROVES FIVE APPOINTEES, ONE TENTATIVELY

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee today approved all six of the top state department nominations by divided votes that included last-minute switches.

The nomination of Archibald MacLeish to be assistant secretary in charge of public and cultural relations won tentative approval when Sen. Joseph E. Guffey, D., Pa., changed his vote to author-poet's side.

Guffey's switch broke a 10 to 10 tie which had apparently defeated MacLeish and made it 11 to 9. The change came after the closed session in which the votes originally were taken had ended.

Guffey telephoned his decision to Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., while the chairman was conducting a press conference relating to the outcome of the session.

Latest Fag Trick

Onawa, Ia., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Here's the latest wrinkle to combat the cigarette shortage.
 W. W. Lupton, Onawa druggist, reported this notation at the bottom of a prescription from the Onawa hospital: "Tobacco cigarettes 20. Use as directed."
 The prescription was filled.

HUGE FIRES AND RUSSIANS SWEEP BUDAPEST FRONT

House to House Battle In Suburbs as Outer Defenses Fall.

London, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Red army troops battled through the inner belt of fortifications in the eastern and northeastern suburbs of Budapest against suddenly stiffened German resistance today, while unconfirmed reports said great fires were sweeping uncontrolled through the center of the city.

Bloody hand-to-hand and house-to-house fighting raged all along the edge of Pest, on the east bank of the Danube, with casualties running high on both sides, and the thunder of heavy cannonading by the shocked Russian and German guns shook the city.

Both Berlin and Moscow agreed that the battle was mounting hourly in fury as the Soviet onslaught carried deep into the final hard core of the Nazi defense system.

A cryptically-worded Russian communique said the Germans were "replenishing and reinforcing" their troops defending the approaches to the city, but it did not make clear whether they were fresh units rushed down from Austria or reserves drawn from the Budapest garrison.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army stormed and captured eight towns and three railway stations on the immediate outskirts of Pest yesterday after a desperate all-day struggle that pushed their main columns within eight miles of the city on the east and six miles on the north. Armored spearheads were operating well beyond the main body, however, and may already have infiltrated the streets of Pest proper.

ALLIES AGAINST GREAT PURGE AND MORGENTHAU WAY

London, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Allied leaders mapping the postwar control of defeated Germany were understood today to have rejected flatly the so-called "Morgenthau plan" for the destruction of all Nazi industry and spurned all blood-thirsty proposals for a great purge of the German people.

Reliable sources said postwar Germany would be permitted to retain her non-war industries under stringent Allied control to be exercised by a "relatively small" occupation army.

But the same policy also calls for the complete demolition of Germany's economic power to make war.

According to these sources, the policy-makers feel the "Morgenthau plan," calling for destruction of industry and conversion of the reich into an agricultural nation, is unworkable on grounds it would drag the victorious nations into the unwanted task of trying to keep 20,000,000 Germans from starving to death.

Likewise, all proposals for purging the German population have been discarded, but there has been no relaxation in demands for the full punishment of war criminals, it was learned.

SP TRAIN HITS PASSENGER CAR

Southern Pacific officials said today that the northbound passenger train struck an automobile at the 11th street crossing at approximately 7:50 o'clock last night.

The occupant of the car was uninjured, the report said, but the car was considerably damaged.

RANGOON, NAGOYA, BANGKOK BASES TARGETS OF B-29'S

Photos Show Precision Hits Leave Smoking Ruins In Daylight Raids.

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Direct hits scored in daylight precision bombing left smoking destruction in three highly important Japanese war centers after yesterday's Superfortress attacks on aircraft facilities at Nagoya in Japan, marshalling yards at Rangoon in Burma, and the transportation hub of Bangkok in Thailand, the war department reported today.

Some 100 B-29s from Saipan scored repeated direct hits on the Mitsubishi aircraft plant at Nagoya, a 20th air force communique said, and a few hours later "a substantial force" of Superfortresses from Indian bases hit Rangoon and Bangkok.

One B-29 failed to return from the Nagoya raid, the communique said, and must be presumed lost. Nothing was said of any losses in the other attacks.

Of the Nagoya attack the communique said:

"Precision bombing by the sizable force of B-29s was aided by clear weather with little or no cloud cover. Crews returning from the daylight mission reported good results. Direct hits were observed on the Mitsubishi aircraft plant and numerous bomb bursts were seen in the areas adjacent to the main target. Large fires were visible as Superfortresses headed homeward for their Saipan base."

The raids on Bangkok and Rangoon were aimed at transportation targets. Excellent results were reported at Rangoon where the railroad marshalling yards were attacked in clear weather.

Important military transportation facilities were the targets at Bangkok. Good results were reported despite considerable cloud cover.

Meanwhile, Tokyo reported a new Superfortress nuisance raid on the Japanese capital.

Reconnaissance photos of yesterday's record blow against Nagoya showed at least 40 direct hits on the Mitsubishi aircraft works.

Reports from 21st bomber command headquarters in Saipan indicated that damage by more than 100 of the B-29s on Mitsubishi's Hatsukodi assembly and production plant on Honshu island was extensive, with fires and explosions heavily damaging precision machinery vital to the enemy's aircraft production.

Photographs showed bombs scattering debris and dust among the low assembly buildings. Many near misses which would cause blast damage to the structures also were shown. The water works and filter system were hit.

One picture alone showed 40 direct hits, indicating clearly where the bombs penetrated the roofs of buildings and exploded inside.

Although the concrete and steel factory buildings, packed with machinery, probably helped to minimize the number of fires set by the raiders, many photographs showed smoke funneling skyward.

Headquarters spokesmen said the raid undoubtedly was the most effective of five staged against military objectives on Honshu, the main Japanese home island. Photographic coverage was of the best because of clear weather over the target.

Today's assault against military targets in Thailand was by Superfortresses based in India.

LOADINGS DROP

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended December 9 fell 14,708 cars to 793,554 cars, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

SHASTA STORAGE
 Sacramento, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Water storage behind Shasta today reached a record 1,283,000 acre-feet, the Bureau of Reclamation reported today.