

JAP RESISTANCE ON LEYTE SHOWS DISINTEGRATION

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Japanese resistance on Leyte showed increasing signs of complete disintegration today as planes of the third fleet boosted their toll of enemy shipping in an around-the-clock bombardment of Luzon to 102 vessels sunk or damaged.

Three American divisions on Leyte were rolling up the last defenses of the shattered Yamashita line after capturing the Japanese headquarters town of Valencia, seven and a half miles north of Ormoc, and hurling the defenders back into the wild hills to the northwest.

On Mindoro, 300 miles northwest of Leyte and only 75 miles south of Manila, American and Australian combat engineers were rushing airfields to completion to cover the next phase of the Philippines campaign.

The Pearl Harbor communiqué covered attacks Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Though there was no official word that the raids extended beyond the week-end, a Pearl Harbor dispatch yesterday described the offensive as "continuing."

Nearly 12 tons of steel and high explosives were fired by one battery of army ordnance 75-mm. pack howitzers in eight hours during the battle for Myitkyina, Burma.

DRIVERS BLOCKADE EUGENE SAWMILLS

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—More than 200 log truck drivers who left their vehicles standing Tuesday afternoon today had cut off virtually all supplies of lumber to mills in the Eugene area, often called "the lumber center of the world."

The drivers left their jobs in protest against log rolling methods adopted by state police in weighing in loaded trucks for highway weight limits.

Mill owners said the situation is extremely serious and "we have had no chance to intervene to help clear up the dispute."

Truckers long have objected to state laws that empower police to roll logs off trucks or cut off a log until the load conforms with the legal limit.

Drivers regard this as an unwarranted waste of time and lumber, as no cranes are available at the scales to reload logs once they have been dumped.

Another objection was to methods allegedly used by state police recently when drivers were taken from their trucks and made to appear in court, leaving their trucks to stand idle.

REPORT ON MASSACRE OF UNARMED YANKEES

First American Army Headquarters, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—The First American Army today forwarded to Washington an official report on the massacre of more than 100 unarmed American prisoners by Nazi Schutzstaffel and panzer men of a tank column south of Malmédy Sunday afternoon.

The report was sent forward after the interrogation of 15 men who escaped from a group of 120 to 150 American prisoners. The GI's reported that the Germans lined them up in a field and sprayed their ranks with the machine guns of their tanks.

CHINESE 8TH RECOVERS VAST NORTHERN AREA

By United Press
A Chinese communist spokesman disclosed today that the Chinese 8th route army had recovered 3,000 square miles of territory and liberated 1,405 villages with a population of 259,632 in northern China during the first 10 months of 1944.

The report was made in a broadcast by the communist transmitter at Yenan and recorded by the FCC.

Hilarious Comedy Here Sunday



Starting Sunday at the Craterian Eddie Bracken and Ella Raines co-star in the hilarious comedy "Hall the Conquering Hero" with William Demarest and Franklin Pangborn.

SCREAMING SIRENS STARTLE ASHLAND

Ashland, Dec. 20.—People all over town were startled Tuesday when all of the sirens in the city, including the ones intended to notify the people of air raids and such catastrophes of the war, in addition to the fire siren, pierced the early morning quiet.

This was merely the result of an error, as the buttons controlling the air-raid sirens were punched when only the fire siren control should have been turned on.

Many inquiries were received by various officials and agencies when the wailing of the air-raid sirens awakened many people.

Junior Red Cross Windows Painted With Xmas Scene

Christmas decorations, painted on the Junior Red Cross headquarters window in the Holly building by Hortense Jennings, feature a snow scene with decorated trees, peppermint sticks and houses, backed by a real fir tree covered with trimmings and gifts.

Miss Vera Humphrey, in charge of the Junior Red Cross workshop, states that the gifts, including dolls, games, slippers, trays, etc., will go to children's refugee camps and army hospitals.

WOOD RELEASED AFTER JUSTICE COURT FINE

Harvey Wood of Rogue River, whose wife was found dead in Rogue river near her home there last Sunday, was fined \$18 and costs in justice court here on an intoxicated in a public place charge. He paid the fine and was discharged.

CHURCHILL CONCEDES ALLIED DISAGREEMENT

London, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill conceded today that the "Big Three" have fallen into disagreement over allied policy in liberated Europe, but said Britain was doing her utmost to heal the breach.

GERMAN GRIP ON SLOVAKIA SLIPS UNDER RED DRIVE

Moscow, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The German grip on eastern Slovakia loosened under increasingly heavy Soviet blows today as two red armies advanced through the Nazi puppet state on a 100-mile front in converging drives on the enemy stronghold of Kassa.

Late dispatches said the Germans and their Hungarian allies were falling back slowly all along the attack front after losing more than 4000 men in a series of pitched battles in the mountain passes east and south of Kassa.

Kassa Hit Hard

More than half the axis casualties were inflicted by Gen. Ivan I. Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian army, which swung against Kassa from the east and southeast over the week-end in a thrust coordinated with Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army strike across the Hungarian-Slovak border.

Petrov's troops, immobilized for weeks on a line extending across the eastern tip of Slovakia from the Polish to the Hungarian borders, rolled up the German flank on a 25-mile front and drove three armored wedges within 9 to 14 miles of the big railway center.

One attacking column broke open the enemy defenses along the Ungvár-Kassa highway and captured Dargo, 14 miles east of Kassa.

Livestock

Portland, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 207 calves, 25. Market very active, fully steady; common steers \$1.50, common-medium heifers \$2.50 to \$2.80, cutters down to \$6; canners and beef cows \$6.50 to \$7; medium to good beef cows \$9.50 to \$11.50; good beef bulls to \$10.50; medium vealers \$11 to \$12; good-choice vealers saleable \$13 to \$14 or above; grass calves \$10 to \$12.50.

Hogs—Saleable, 250. Market steady, good-choice 190-240 lbs. \$15.75; 245-325 lbs. \$14.25 to \$15; good sows \$13 to \$15.50; feeder pigs in broad demand, good-choice 100 lbs. quotable steady.

Sheep—Saleable, 100, quotable steady, good-choice woolled lambs saleable \$13.25 to \$14.50; medium grades down to \$10; good ewes around \$5.50.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Wholesale produce market: Cauliflower—No. 1 local \$2.50 crate. Celery—California, green celery, \$4.25, white \$6 crate. Potatoes—Deschutes, No. 1 \$3.54; Klamath Falls \$3.54 100 lbs., No. 2 \$1.04 per 50-lb. bag.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Dec. — 1.87 1/2, 1.88, 1.87 1/2, 1.87 1/2; May — 1.62 1/2, 1.62 1/2, 1.61 1/2, 1.62 1/2; July — 1.54, 1.54, 1.53 1/2, 1.52 1/2; Sept. — 1.53, 1.53 1/2, 1.51 1/2, 1.52

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Railroad shares broke to losses ranging to more than a point on the stock market today after this group had risen to a new high since August 31, 1937, in morning dealings.

The drop in carriers brought sympathetic selling in other sections of the list and the whole market was lower before the end of the session with most



SIMPLE HAIR-DO—Eleanor Brown, ballet dancer and singer, acting as junior hostess at Stage Door Canteen, believes returned service men welcome simplicity in women entertainers, most of whom make with too much glamor. So she wears no make-up.

stocks closing around their worst of the day.

The breaks in rails was attributed to a variety of reports, including one that the interstate commerce commission will remove freight rate differentials on southern bound freight and thus reduce revenues of roads in that section.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Tel. 164 3/4; Anaconda 28; Chrysler 80 1/4; Curtis Wright 5 1/2; General Electric 39 1/2; General Motors 63 1/2; Montgomery Ward 50 1/2; Pen R. R. 33 1/2; Phillips Petroleum 43 3/4; J. C. Penney 107 1/2; Radio 10 1/4; Southern Pacific 40 7/8; Standard Oil of Cal. 37 1/2; Texaco Gulf Sulphur 35 1/2; Transamerica 10 1/2; United Aircrafts 29; U. S. Rubber 51 3/4; U. S. Steel 59 1/4.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Dairy market: Butter—93 score 43; 92 score 42 1/2; 90 score 42 1/4; 89 score 41 3/4. Cheese—Whole prices, loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs—Large grade A 56 1/4; 57 1/2, large grade B 43 1/4-44 1/4, medium grade A 51 1/4-52; small grade A 44 1/4-45 1/4.

Approximately 9,604,000 babies were born in the United States between April 1, 1940, and Nov. 1, 1943, according to bureau of the census estimates.

ASHLAND CULPRITS MUST PAY COSTS

Ashland, Dec. 20.—Chief of Police C. P. Talent has notified the four ring-leaders in the youthful gas-theft cases that they owe a total of \$170.28 to repay those from whom they stole gasoline, auto accessories and other items, which the four of them must pay or face payment of the suspended portions of fines, \$100 in each case, and also face jail sentences.

The itemized list of articles which the four youths must pay for includes about 300 gallons of gasoline that they took from various gas receptacles, the largest amount, 110 gallons, having been taken from equipment at Jansen mill in this city.

The list also included spotlights, lunch pail, battery, and even a box of Christmas cards, along with a varied assortment of other items.

Merle Oberon and Alexander Korda In Final Parting

Hollywood, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Actress Merle Oberon today said she and British film producer Sir Alexander Korda have failed to "work out separate lives and careers" and are being divorced.

Confirming long-standing rumors of a breach of their marital happiness, Miss Oberon said that her parting with her nobleman husband was "amicable."

Korda, head of Metro-Goldwyn Mayer studio production in Great Britain, is now in New York.

Born in Tasmania in 1911 as Estelle Merle O'Brien Thompson, Miss Oberon came to this country from England in 1935. He is 51; she is 33.

TRUMAN TO ATTEND OLYMPIA, WASH., DEC. 20

—Vice President-elect Harry H. Truman is planning to attend inauguration ceremonies here January 10 for Governor-elect Mon C. Wallgren, State Senator Carl C. Mohler, in charge of arrangements, announced today.

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