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Chaplin Ignores Alleged Daughter



Charlie Chaplin, with head high, walks past Carol Ann (arrow), held by her grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Berry, after a fleeting glance at the chubby 14-month-old girl when he entered Los Angeles courtroom to face Joan Barry's charge that he is father of the child.

JUVENILES HELD ON VALLEY FUEL ROBBERY CHARGE

Two Medford juveniles are held in county jail, having allegedly admitted robbery of the Valley Fuel company office the night of Nov. 29, according to city and state police who have been working in conjunction on the case. The boys are said to have entered through a window in the back room and to have stolen money, cigarettes, two cured hams and two dressed turkeys.

Shortly after the robbery state police came across the boys attempting to roast a ham in the Little Switzerland district. The youths gave the officer, who had not heard of the robbery, a satisfactory alibi, according to city police. They were later picked up on a charge of stripping a car in the same district, the report said.

They are also said to have admitted stealing bottles from the rear of Brown's club and attempting to sell them.

The youths will be held in jail pending further investigation and disposition of their cases, state police said.

20 ARRESTS RESULT OF POLICE TRAFFIC CHECK

Twenty arrests resulted from a state police traffic check at the state weighing station at the fairgrounds yesterday, according to a police report.

Violations included no operator's license, truck overload, no PUC permit, no warning device, no muffler and other minor infractions of the law, the report said.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Dr. W. W. P. Holt receiving congratulations on his birthday anniversary.

Jerry Latham beaming brightly and bearing cigars and candy to announce the arrival of an eight-pound daughter, Julie Lee.

State Policeman Fred Cuthbertson unexpectedly finding an old acquaintance while acting in the line of duty.

Harry (Grandpaw) Morris feeling quite ancient when son Gene mistakenly added several years on his navy enlistment papers.

County Treasurer Ralph Sweeney expounding on the merits of Mrs. Sweeney's cherry pie.

Note to R. T. Mollison, Jr., Postmaster Frank DeSouza wants to see you!

Superforts Dump Superloads On Nagoya Aircraft Factories

Headquarters, 21st Bomber Command, Saipan, Dec. 22—(UP)—(Via Navy Radio)—Carrying individual bomb loads hundreds of pounds heavier than ever before, Superfortresses from this Marianas base today attacked the aircraft center at Nagoya for the third time in nine days in an attempt to deal an eventual knockout punch to Japanese aircraft production.

The first sizeable wave of B-29s flashed word from the target that bombs were dropped through the overcast just before 1 p. m. (Nagoya time).

For nearly 2 1/2 hours the silvery Superforts, veterans of eight major raids in strength, all but one of which were against targets on Japan's main island of Honshu, kept the huge, sprawling aviation manufacturing and assembly center under attack in a carefully-planned assault.

Today's attack evidently was intended to knock out permanently buildings and installations badly damaged in an attack Dec. 13 against the Hattusuki factory of the Mitsubishi works. In the latter raid 670,000 square feet of roofs were burned with the insides of the buildings gutted by fire. According to photographs only concrete and steel frameworks remained upright.

At least 22 buildings were demolished or badly damaged besides damage to the main assembly buildings and machine shops in the first raid, which was the best pulled to date on Honshu targets.

The releases were ordered by Federal Judge John C. Knox.

Bloff was serving 10 years and Browne, eight years.

Judge Knox ordered the releases because of the two convicts' good behavior and because of testimony they gave at the trial of Chicago gangsters.

ESCAPING JAIL INMATE HAS YULETIME SPIRIT

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 22—(UP)—The yuletide spirit was with Harry Payne today as he happily sawed his way through a quarter-inch steel wall to escape from the county jail.

Before he left, Payne scribbled a note to federal Bureau of investigation agent M. O. Eld, wishing him:

"A merry Christmas and the worst of luck in following me."

COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$38,863

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22—(UP)—The secretary of state's office has announced the first distribution of \$1,048,715.69 out of the state elementary school fund to the 1539 school districts in Oregon.

The fund is apportioned on the basis of the number of teachers employed in the first eight grades, under provisions of the 1943 law.

Among the apportionments for counties were:

BAND LEADER MISSING
San Francisco, Dec. 22—(UP)—Neil Bondshu, 30-year-old band leader whose orchestra has been playing at the fashionable St. Francis hotel, was reported missing today.

NO PAPER MONDAY

Following long-established custom the Mail Tribune will not publish on Monday, Christmas day, in order to permit employees to enjoy the holiday in their homes.

GREEK CIVIL WAR SPREADING NORTH BRITISH ARE TOLD

ELAS Forces Capture Eight Villages; Bulgars, Albanians Reported Moving In

Athens, Dec. 22—(UP)—Reports circulated today that the civil war had spread to northern Greece and that left wing ELAS forces had captured eight villages from the Rightist EDES followers of Gen. Napoleon Zervas.

Northern Greece was reported seething with unrest, accentuated by an infiltration of hot-blooded elements from Bulgaria and Albania.

Open warfare between the ELAS and EDES factions threatened or already had begun.

The reports said that 300 Bulgarians who were supposed to be deserters from the Bulgarian army had been counted in the area northeast of Salonika, big port in northeastern Greece.

A number of Albanians were reported moving through ELAS territory toward zones controlled by Zervas followers in Epirus.

Germany Busy
Coincident with mounting unrest, German broadcasts were reported to have begun a propaganda campaign to "free Macedonia."

The Greek government was described as fearful that Bulgarians and Albanians were planning some kind of coup to split Macedonia from Greece.

On the Athens "front," British troops and tanks crossed Piraeus harbor in assault craft, landed on the northern rim, and drove inland, bringing the entire port under British control.

Chaplin Accuser Collapses During Gruelling Grill

Hollywood, Dec. 22—(UP)—The trial of Joan Barry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin was recessed today until next Tuesday when the comedian's former drama protegee will return to the witness stand to relate more of the intimate details of their romance.

Court adjourned yesterday just in time to prevent Miss Barry from collapsing in hysterics on the stand, after a day of gruelling cross-examination, punctuated frequently by her tears and hysterical wails that she couldn't "go on with this thing any longer."

Twice during yesterday's questioning by Attorney Charles E. (Pat) Millikan, Miss Barry collapsed and buried her head in Scott's shoulder, crying hysterically.

Rome, Dec. 22—(UP)—Cornelia Tanzi, former mistress of Benito Mussolini, was sentenced today to 40 years imprisonment for collaborating with the enemy.

OWI Backs Up Statement On War Censorship Ruling

Washington, Dec. 22—(UP)—Director Elmer Davis of the office of war information has backed up George Lyon, his personal representative at allied headquarters in Europe, who publicly described as "stupid" the news blackout originally imposed on the German offensive.

Davis said Lyon's return to the United States later this week was in no way connected with his remark. The OWI director said he regretted that such a strong statement was made publicly, but that it seemed to him that "Mr. Lyon was right."

"One indication of that is that the ruling was subsequently modified," Davis said.

WESTERN SOLONS DEMAND HEARING ON MEAT PRICES

Washington, Dec. 22—(UP)—Senators from ten western states demanded today that livestock producers and packers be permitted to present their side before any "on the hoof" price ceilings are set on livestock.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles disclosed yesterday that regulation dealing with price ceilings on live animals has been sent to Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson for approval.

Oppose Changes
The senators conferred with War Food Administration and OPA officials at a meeting called by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo. O'Mahoney told reporters that the senators "as a unit opposes any change of rules that might and probably would result on the sale of more animals and leaner meat."

He said consumers would get less meat if 40,000,000 head of cattle weighing 500 to 600 pounds each were slaughtered as a result of price regulations in the coming year than from 35,000,000 weighing 900 to 1,100 pounds.

Uncertainty over prices, O'Mahoney warned, may result in the sale of many lean animals in an effort by producers to protect investments in a falling market.

TIRE SUPPLY CUT TO AID MILITARY

Washington, Dec. 22—(UP)—The war production board today cut the scheduled output of passenger car tires in the next three months by 3,000,000 to facilitate increased production of military tires.

James F. Clark, head of WPB's rubber bureau, said the action means that a card motorist must continue to ride on their present tires for "a good part" of 1945. Holders of B and C cards, he said, will not receive as many grade 1 tires next year as had been planned.

RED OFFENSIVE MAKES HEADWAY GERMANS ADMIT

Lines Broken at Several Points on Northern End of Eastern Front, Revealed

London, Dec. 22—(UP)—Berlin said today that the Red army, launching a new offensive at the northern end of the eastern front, hurled 27 divisions—possibly 400,000 men—against the southern rim of the German pocket in northwest Latvia and conceded that the soviets had broken into the Nazi lines at several points.

The offensive, if confirmed, would appear an all-out attempt to liquidate tens of thousands of German troops trapped against the Baltic and thus release additional Russian forces for the soviet winter offensive in East Prussia and Poland.

Reds Missing

A United Press dispatch from Moscow said the Russians were believed missing the greatest concentration of men, artillery, tanks and aircraft yet seen on the eastern front for a "campaign that is expected to conclude the war."

"Observers confidently expect that when the Red army hits the German fortified lines from East Prussia to the Carpathians, it will break through to Germany in successive, fast operations," the dispatch said.

Vrnat von Hammer, German military commentator, reported the Latvian offensive in a Berlin broadcast. He said the soviets had attacked along a 22-mile front southwest and south of Saldus, 55 miles east of the Baltic port of Liepaja (Libau), yesterday with strong air, artillery and tank support.

MARIJUANA CARRIER NABBED WITH CARGO

San Francisco, Dec. 22—(UP)—The narcotics division of the state department of justice today reported the arrest of Robert Salazar, 31, and the coincident seizure of \$20,000 worth of narcotics.

Arresting agents said Salazar had in his possession enough marijuana to make 20,000 cigarettes retailing for one dollar apiece. The marijuana was contained in 59 cans, amounting to about 16,000 grains and a five-pound sack, amounting to about 35,000 grains.

WORK AS USUAL

Madison, Wis., Dec. 22—(UP)—Walter S. Goodland, the oldest governor in the United States, celebrated his 82nd birthday today by working as usual.

EAST TO SHIVER CHRISTMAS EVE

By United Press
The weatherman predicted today that the winter's worst cold wave would extend through Christmas Eve.

Blister cold gripped the eastern two-thirds of the nation today, and Federal Forecaster E. W. Hanlon at Chicago promised at least two more days of near and sub-zero temperatures in the Midwest, freezing and below in the northeast, and freezing temperatures in the lower Mississippi valley.

The coldest spot in the nation today was in northwestern Pennsylvania, where Morrison Run, Pa., registered the country's low of 34 degrees below zero. It was 26 below at Kane, Pa., and Black Moshannon, Pa., registered 22 below. A season record of 15 degrees below was reported at Cadillac, Mich. Rockford, Ill., reported 12 below. Fort Wayne, Ind., six below and Chicago, two below.

Retreat in Malmedy

First army headquarters said the Germans hurled a smashing attack against American armored forces holding the center of the east-west shoulder of the salient, possibly the Malmedy area, and drove our troops back somewhat, but that the battle was still raging.

In the area southwest of St. Vith American tanks, tank destroyers and artillery poured a hellish rain of fire into Von Rundstedt's armored spearhead and reported they destroyed 55 German tanks, bringing the Nazis to a temporary halt.

German reports asserted that the number of prisoners taken had risen to 25,000—an increase of 5,000 in a day—and that "the number of killed and wounded is estimated many times higher than this figure." Little credence was given this report and anyhow the number of prisoners in a swirling action of this character always far exceeds that of killed and wounded.

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Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —

"E" Bonds\$575,493.75

"E" Quota\$600,000

First Encouraging Report Says Enemy Stopped Cold; Eisenhower Exhorts Forces

Paris, Dec. 22—(UP)—Front reports today said American First army troops in desperate fighting have stopped the German drive across Belgium, but there was no indication that the dangerous Nazi thrust across Luxembourg had halted and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called upon his men to rise to new heights and turn Hitler's "great gamble into his worst defeat."

Eisenhower, in an order of the day to all American troops, left no doubt that the great battle of the west is the crisis which will determine whether Germany can be crushed quickly or whether the war must be prolonged many months.

ON SIXTH DAY OF COUNTER OFFENSIVE

As his dramatic order was flashed to grim-faced American GIs, the first encouraging report since the counter offensive was launched six days ago was wirelessly by United Press War Correspondent Jack Frankish from U. S. First army headquarters.

Frankish reported that the Germans had been stopped cold in their forward progress in Belgium for the first day since the attack started.

Frankish reported at 10:20 a. m. (5:20 a. m. EWT) that "the German counter offensive failed to penetrate any deeper into Belgium" than the spearhead which already had lunged 35 miles to slash the vital Liege-Bastogne-Arlon highway at a point 60 miles from Brussels and 14 miles west of Malmedy.

The Nazis, Frankish reported, paused to consolidate and strengthen the positions they now hold in the knife-like salient and attacked with vigor the American strongpoints which protected the north shoulder of the salient.

MORE AMERICANS RUSH INTO FRAY

German DNB reports conceded that Eisenhower was hurling fresh divisions from neighboring sectors against the flanks of Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's forces.

The Nazis admitted that the fighting at Stavelot, which with Malmedy forms the chief anchor points of the line protecting Liege, was particularly fierce.

It seemed possible that the Nazis had been forced to halt their westward progress because of the danger that Eisenhower's forces driving down from the north in a flanking thrust would sever tenuous communications with their jump-off positions in the Eifel mountains.

But there was still no clear-cut word on the situation to the south where Nazi panzers ripped a gaping 25 to 35-mile wide gap from the vicinity of St. Vith at the southeast tip of Belgium to the region of Echternach—at last reports still in American hands—on the central German-Luxembourg frontier.

Panzer Head for Gap

Here the rampaging German panzers were heading straight for the famed Ardennes Gap through which they broke in 1940, and the fortress barriers to France around Sedan.

London, Dec. 22—(UP)—The German DNB news agency said tonight that "at least seven large American divisions have been annihilated or decimated beyond value" in the Belgian-Luxembourg fighting.

How far their surging onrush had carried them has not been made clear, but it is known that three days ago they were almost all the way across Luxembourg, about one-quarter of the way to the Ardennes Gap.

At the north end of the "fluid" area the German DNB agency reported that St. Vith, which was still held by American forces according to last word from supreme silled headquarters, had been captured and that the American forces there were taken prisoner. Front reports had indicated that the Americans at St. Vith had been cut off from the main First army groups to the north, but had continued to resist.

A front report from the First army said that an unspecified "American bastion" was holding up the German advance southwest of St. Vith, but gave no clue to the fate of the U. S. forces in the town itself.

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Security blackout on western front was lifted to reveal four main Nazi thrusts on First Army front, though progress since Monday noon is still secret. (1) From Echternach, on Luxembourg border, reached five miles southwest. Indications today were that all southeast Luxembourg was overrun. (2) Two-pronged drive from St. Vith, reaching Malmedy to southwest and also pushing straight west. Some American troops were trapped in this area. (3) Thrust through Malmedy, which passed Stavelot and branched out to reach Butgenbach. This thrust may be hitting toward Liege. (4) Drive through Monechau Forest to reach Monechau on Belgium frontier.