

# Nose of Nazi Spearhead Pushed Back 15 Miles by Yanks

**Weather**

Forecast: Showers tonight. Clearing and colder Saturday.

Temp. Highest yesterday 48. Lowest this morning 38.

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**PATTON'S ARMY HAMMERS HARD AT FOE'S FLANK**

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## Japs Scent New Philippine Invasion

### BIG YANK CONVOY DECLARED MOVING IN MINDANAO SEA

30 Transports and 20 Warships Reported Westward Bound; Honshu Bombed.

By United Press  
Tokyo disclosed new American aerial assaults on the Japanese home island of Honshu today and reported that a big American convoy of 30 transports and more than 20 cruisers and destroyers was sailing westward through Mindanao sea, possibly for a new invasion in the Philippines.

### TWO RAIDS

The Japanese claimed that two of the raids were made on the "eastern sector of the capital," but did not specify whether Tokyo itself was hit.

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Reported presence of the American convoy in Mindanao sea following recent Japanese speculation that Gen. Douglas MacArthur was getting ready for amphibious landing operations against Luzon, principal island of the Philippines.

### Jap Unrest Grows

"By next summer, the Japs will be sitting on a decidedly uneasy seat in their empire," Mitscher said in his first interview since returning from Washington to Pearl Harbor for a new but secret assignment.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
The Rev. Harry Hansen unable to account for one day lost out of his reckoning for the week.

### TWO U. S. ARMY HOSPITALS BOMBED BY NAZI PLANES

By United Press  
Dispatches from the western front today reported that German planes had bombed two American army hospitals, one in north-eastern France and the other in Belgium.

### SOLDIERS ADMIT SALE OF TOBACCO ON BLACK MARKET

Paris, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Two hundred enlisted men and two officers who were arrested by the army's criminal investigation department in late November and early December have confessed receiving more than \$200,000 from the sale of stolen American cigarettes in the black market, the army disclosed today.

### WYOMING BALKED BY POCKET VETO

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today killed by "pocket veto" the bill to abolish the 221,610-acre Jackson Hole National Monument in Wyoming.

### COOS BAY VOTERS FOR RETAINING NEW NAME

Coos Bay, Ore., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Map makers were happy today—the new name of Coos Bay for Marshfield is going to stay Coos Bay.

### TRAGIC CRASH

Sacramento, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Don Mayo Ellis, 28, of Wapato, Wash., was killed instantly and his wife, 26, died en route to a hospital following a collision of two cars near Lincoln, 25 miles north of Sacramento.

### SERIOUS SESSION OF LEGISLATURE OREGON OUTLOOK

Speedy Organization, Attention to War-time Duty Expected; Most Posts Filled.  
Salem, Ore., Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Oregon's state legislators are expected to settle down rapidly to a serious war-time session after disposing of the preliminary organization, when they meet for the 1945 biennial session.

### WARD CO. REFUSES DELIVER BOOKS TO ARMY OFFICERS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Montgomery Ward and Company refused today to turn over its books to the army officers named by the government to operate the company's facilities in seven cities under a presidential seizure order.

### JAP MORALE DIPS REPORTS IZVESTIA

Moscow, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The government newspaper IZVESTIA, in a review of the situation in Japan, reported today a marked deterioration in public morale and the political setup as a result of Japanese defeats by the American armed forces and Superfortress attacks on Tokyo.

### MILWAUKEE IS FIRST TO REACH WAR BOND QUOTA

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—Milwaukee is the first among eight competing metropolitan centers to attain 100 per cent of its Sixth War Loan E Bond drive quota, the treasury reported today.

### Ickes Disgruntled By F. D. R.'s Policies May Quit, Says PM

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The newspaper PM reports editorially that Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes is so disgruntled by some of President Roosevelt's policies that he may resign from the cabinet if the situation fails to change.

### Our Turn to Attack



American counter-blows nip off tip of German drive toward Meuse, encircle a panzer force between Celles and Rochefort, while to southeast Third Army drives into Bastogne to rescue Americans and score other gains in flank. Germans are revealed holding Echternach.

### Attorney Denounces Chaplin As Liar, Despoiler of Women

Hollywood, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—In a scathing denunciation as he ever been aired in a courtroom, 77-year-old Joseph Scott today assured jurors that Charlie Chaplin was the father of Joan Barry's baby and a reptile, a runt, a cockney cad, a liar, a Svengali, and a despoiler of women in the bargain.

### OFFICES, STORES CLOSING MONDAY

In observance of New Year's Day almost all places of business in Medford will be closed Monday. The county courthouse, city offices and banks will be closed as well as most shops.

### HANNA CONDITION SLIGHTLY BETTER

Slight improvement in the condition of Judge Herbert K. Hanna, a patient in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, was reported this afternoon from that city.

### One Case Typhoid On Health Report

One case of typhoid fever, in Ashland, and two cases of scarlet fever, both in the Prospect area, were reported to the county health officer during the week ending December 22, the weekly report shows.

### Threat to Meuse River Line Definitely Lifted; General Withdrawal May Follow.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—American forces today punched the nose of the German salient back a good 15 miles, lifting any current threat to the Meuse river line, and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's fighting third army hammered solid blows into the under flank of the German bulge in an effort to force a general German withdrawal.

### Reds in Budapest

Two red armies in Hungary were moving toward the Austrian border on a 90-mile front on both sides of the Danube as a battle of annihilation continued inside Budapest.

### LT. COL. GREENE HOME ON LEAVE

Terminating 34 months' duty in the South Pacific, Lt. Col. Fred W. Greene arrived in Medford yesterday for a brief leave with his wife, son and daughter, at the family home, 1716 East Main street.

### 586 MARRIAGE PERMITS ISSUED OVER PAST YEAR

Marriage licenses issued in Jackson county during the past year, up to noon today, totaled 586, the county clerk's office reports.

### USE V-MAIL MORE, IS PLEA VOICED BY OWI

Washington, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—The Office of War Information appealed to the public today to make greater use of V-mail to conserve "critically needed" transport space.

### NO PAPER MONDAY

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