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Weather News

December 30—High 42, Low 32
Precipitation as of December 24, 1942
Stream year to date 6.23
Last year 5.68 Normal 4.18
Dec. 31—Sunrise 8:30 Sunset 5:18

STALINGRAD NAZIS LIQUIDATED

Weyerhaeuser Buys Long-Bell

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE big news all comes from Russia today, and it's still good.

Not much is doing elsewhere.

THE emphasis in the news is on the Kotelnikovsk area.

At Kotelnikovsk (which, you will recall, was a big German base for operations against Stalingrad) the Russian thrust seems to have split into two prongs, one pushing to the southeast toward Elita (consult your map) to clean out the Germans who at one time threatened Astrakhan, at the mouth of the Volga, and the other pushing on down the railroad toward Salsk, which is the junction point for a rail line taking off for Rostov.

By threatening German communications (in a way that will be made clear by your map) these thrusts are expected to compel the Germans to withdraw from the neighborhood of the Grozny oil fields, which at the peak of their offensive they threatened but were never able to get actually into their grip.

They took the Malkop oil field, on the Black Sea side of the Caucasus strip, and the experts expect them to put up a hard fight to hold it as long as possible. The Malkop field is small, but oil, even in small quantities, must be getting precious to Hitler.

THERE is significant mention today of bitter German counter-attacks in the neighborhood of Millerovo—significant because Millerovo is the northern jaw of the trap the Russians are seeking to force shut against Rostov, thus closing the land route for the estimated million Germans east and south of Rostov.

The Germans are obviously fighting for all they're worth to keep the jaws of the trap pried apart.

The Russians admit today that at first these German counter-attacks, made with massed infantry and tanks, forced them to give ground, but they say they closed in FROM THE FLANKS and drove the Germans back.

THE Germans are apparently holding a long wedge along the railroad, with Millerovo at its northern point. The Russians have thrust down along BOTH sides of this wedge. This explains their reference to flank attacks. (You understand, of course, that a flank attack is an attack from the SIDE.)

CONTINUE to keep a sharp watch for signs of the beginning of a German retreat through this steadily narrowing Rostov land gap. If and when that happens, it will mean that Hitler is abandoning his whole Stalingrad-Volga-Caspian-Caucasus enterprise, which has already cost him heavily, and is saving what he can from the wreck.

That, if it comes, will be a bitter pill for him to swallow.

GIRAUD, now in complete charge in French Africa, arrests 12 persons (identities undisclosed) "to throttle," he explains "any danger of further assassinations."

He intimates that he himself and Murphy, President Roosevelt's personal representative in Africa, are among the assassins' targets.

There's still a lot of mystery about this African assassination business which could probably be cleared up if the censorship permitted.

THE dispatches continue to intimate that the end of the Buna Japs is nearing.

UNLESS, of course, the Jap

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RECORD HIGH WATER FLOODS LANE COUNTY

Hundreds Evacuated As Willamette Goes On Rampage

EUGENE, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Willamette river apparently reached a peak of 16.7 feet here this afternoon, just three-tenths of a foot below the flood of 1927, after surging to a height which was expected to do untold damage.

The 16.7-foot mark was reached at 10 a. m. and the

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31 (AP)—The worst flood since the disastrous \$200,000,000 St. Patrick's day high waters of 1936, reached a peak of 36.6 feet today at the junction of the Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, 11.7 feet above flood stage.

Thousands of persons were made homeless, street, rail and bus traffic was badly disrupted, numerous war bus plants beside the streams were paralyzed and many business firms had to close.

The Red Cross reported it was caring for 7500 destitute persons made homeless in this (Allegheny) county alone.

river held at that point until 2 p. m. No drop had been officially reported at that time, but word from up the river indicated that the level would fall slowly during the late afternoon.

No Casualties
No casualties were reported up to 2 p. m., although several (Continued on Page Five)

Flood Maroons Pelican Squad; Game Scheduled

Marooned in Eugene by the high flood waters over the highway south, the Klamath high school Pelican basketball squad has seized this opportunity to play an unscheduled game tonight with the Oregon Frosh after taking a 30-26 licking at the hands of Albany high school last night in a hastily scheduled vacation-period game.

Coach Wayne Scott telephoned Stanley Woodruff, high school principal, today from Eugene, reporting that the team was stranded in Eugene and after playing tonight's tilt would try to return Friday or Saturday, weather permitting.

Albany's basketballers potted a brace of field goals in a tight last quarter last night to defeat the Pelicans, after the final period opened in a 24-24 tie. The expert work of Long, Albany center, at controlling backboard rebounds kept the ball in the hands of his team most of the bitterly-fought concluding period, and resulted in the victory.

The game was nip-and-tuck all the way. Klamath led 7-6 at the end of the first period and 15-14 at the half. Bocchi was high point man for the Pelicans with 12 counters—the same number accumulated by Long of Albany.

Bern Reports 100 Arrested in Raid On Toulon, France

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Bern radio, quoting advices from Paris, reported today that 100 persons had been arrested by police in a sweeping raid in Toulon "in which whole streets were blocked off and all passersby had to show their credentials."

The broadcast, heard by the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence service, did not indicate the purpose of the raid.

War Has Major Role In Local News Parade

By MALCOLM EPLEY

The black shadow of war is cast across the strange local news picture of 1942. Six of the 10 biggest news events of the year in this western community are definite war-time stories and the influence of the great world struggle may be noted in some of the others.

It was an active 1942 here, and it produced a generous quota of major news stories for the front pages. Violence, suspicion, play, tragedy, destruction and mighty productive effort highlight the news parade of 1942 as it passes in review in the dying hours of an unusual year.

There might be some question about the placement of "Our Men in Service" at the head of this year's news story list, on the basis of pure news judgment, but there they go for reasons of honoring them if for no others.

And unquestionably, a big news story of 1942, a story that continued through the year with sustained interest, had to do with these 3000 or more Klamath men who are serving their country in its armed forces.

Pride and tragedy walked hand in hand as this story developed through the year. The training, the promotions, the fighting exploits of our service men and the honors they won were a constant source of news throughout the year.

And, because war is what it is, there were the inevitable, heart-rending stories of casualties, that appeared in increasing numbers on the front pages of 1942.

The meaning of war in the loss of men's lives came with its first local impact, perhaps, in the death of Tommy Pritchard early in the year. A letter, signed only by Classmate, was published on the front page after word of Tommy's death was received here, and it is cherished by many who did not even know Tommy Pritchard. (Continued on Page Six)

Indictments Back On Boston Fire

BOSTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—A grand jury today returned 11 secret indictments in connection with the Coconut Grove holocaust, in which 489 pan-stricken men and women lost their lives in November 28 in a horror of flame, smoke and gas.

Klamath Basin, Engaged in Production of Materials Vital to War Effort, Has Prosperous Year in 1942

Gross Income One of Largest, Reports Tillotson

By MITCHELL TILLOTSON
Manager, Klamath Falls Branch First National Bank of Portland

From the standpoint of gross income, the Klamath basin has had one of the largest years in its history during 1942. It is engaged principally in the production of foods and lumber, both highly important ingredients in the national defense program. Klamath basin products have moved to market in volume and at prices in excess of those received in prior years. This has tended to increase the inflow of money into the territory and general wage increases in all lines have tended to distribute this money more generally into the hands of the buying public. Tax increases, increase in cost of production and the increase in the general cost of living will

The Big Ten

1. Over 3000 Klamath men in service.
2. Jehovah's Witnesses incident.
3. Tulalake Japanese center.
4. Potato harvest drive, high wages, ceilings.
5. Big lumber year despite manpower problems.
6. Pelican gridsters claim state championship.
7. Pelican Bay conflagration and other bad fires.
8. Rationing.
9. Republicans sweep elections.
10. The Nalls bandits.

GIRAUD THROTTLES MURDER ATTEMPTS

12 Held in Effort to Cut Off Further Upsets

By NOLAND NORGAAARD
ALGIERS, Dec. 31 (AP)—General Henri Giraud held 12 persons under arrest today in an announced effort to throttle any danger of further assassinations in North Africa—a threat in which Giraud himself and Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's personal representative, were mentioned specifically.

Giraud, acting with military firmness only three days after the French imperial council named him to succeed slain Admiral Jean Darlan as high commissioner for North Africa, announced the arrests last night. He did not tell the names of the prisoners.

Nip Plot
He said, however, that four were police officers who "knew Darlan was going to be murdered and did not warn their superiors," some were "my best friends" and some were persons (Continued on Page Five)

War Bulletin

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Dec. 31 (AP)—Adolf Hitler predicted victory tonight, however "severe the struggle is and will be and no matter how often the scales seemingly tip in favor of our war enemies."

TIMBER TRACT, COMPANY PLANT CHANGE HANDS

Wednesday Transaction One of Largest Here in Years

Weyerhaeuser Timber company today became the owner of the Long-Bell Lumber company plant on Klamath river and the big Long-Bell timber tract in northeastern Klamath county and Lake county.

The transaction, one of the largest timber and mill deals here in years, was completed at 5 p. m. Wednesday.

It was announced that the Weyerhaeuser company will cut the timber from the Yamsay tract in the Weyerhaeuser mill here, and the Long-Bell plant is to be shut down immediately. The Weyerhaeuser company will take over as many of the Long-Bell sawmill crew as can be absorbed, and the remainder of the crew will work at the Long-Bell plant on shipping operations.

Brought to K. F.
The shipping department at Long-Bell will be operated until the present inventory is disposed of. As the shipping crew completes its work as many as possible will be taken into the Weyerhaeuser operation, it was stated.

Purchase of the timber by the Weyerhaeuser company assures that it will be brought into Klamath Falls for manufacture, it was pointed out.

The timber acquired by Weyerhaeuser is on what is known as the Yamsay tract, and is the largest privately owned stand (Continued on Page Five)

Hunger in North Africa Threatens Operations, Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Hunger among the civilians of North Africa threatens to hamper military operations and there may be "serious disturbances" unless substantial shipments of food and clothing are landed there by February 1.

That was the word brought back by Milton S. Eisenhower, associate director of the office of war information and brother of Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who returned Sunday from a two-week visit in North Africa, where General Eisenhower is directing allied operations.

Resources, Industry Developed, Says Blohm

By G. C. BLOHM
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At the end of 1942, Klamath basin continues to have a vital store of natural resources of timber and agriculture production as well as thriving industries and commercial activities. A new potential force in this community lies in the fact that a total of more than 3300 of its young men and women are enrolled in the armed forces of the United States. This is approximately nine per cent of its population and exceeds the average for the country as a whole.

Lumber Contributes
Without question, this is a real contribution to the war effort and at the same time is



"AAF Hero"

Lt. Robert D. Shaw, flying with the United States air corps as co-pilot on one of Uncle Sam's Flying Fortresses, was termed "hero of the AAF in England" when he brought his fort safely home after the pilot was killed during operations over the Bay of Biscay off the coast of France.

Curtin Asserts "Hitler First" Idea Overdone

CANBERRA, Australia, Dec. 31 (AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin said in a statement today that the United Nations in the Pacific area were denied aid for their total war effort while Japan was building up its strength.

"There is no doubt that Japan is consolidating the gains she has made," Curtin said.

"Delaying an offensive against her makes it certain that the offensive undertaken will experience greater resistance."

"Meanwhile, the United Nations in the Pacific area are being denied resources for their total war effort which is invaluable to them, and resources are being reserved by Japan for building up her capacity not only to wage war but to resist an offensive."

He said he agreed with state-

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Naval Battle on In "Northern Seas," Britain Reports

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The admiralty announced tonight that British warships "made contact with an enemy force in northern waters" early today and an enemy cruiser was damaged and forced to withdraw in the ensuing engagement.

An enemy destroyer also was "severely hit and when last seen was in sinking condition," the communiqué said.

It added tersely "operations continue."

Lt. Shaw Termed "Hero of AAF" For Daring Feat

Lt. Robert D. Shaw, flying with the United States air corps as co-pilot on one of Uncle Sam's Flying Fortresses, was termed "hero of the AAF in England" when he brought his fort safely home after the pilot was killed during operations over the Bay of Biscay off the coast of France.

Shaw's wife, Patricia Gallagher Shaw of this city, received many calls from friends who heard a news broadcast Wednesday night telling of the young flyer's work. From England, Lt. Shaw told his superiors, "Tell my wife I'm all right." The Shaws were married here last July.

U. S. BATTERS AWAY AT SOLOMON JAPS

Five Enemy Barges Destroyed North of Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—American air forces battered today at Japanese ground installations and barges northwest of Guadalcanal island in the Solomons, the navy reported today.

In a communiqué, the navy said that the air forces had made "several harassing attacks" on enemy installations in the Munda area of New Georgia island, and later destroyed five enemy barges, a large caliber enemy gun, and bombed and strafed float type planes in the Rekata bay area of Santa Isabel island, approximately 150 nautical miles northwest of Henderson airfield on Guadalcanal.

Participating in the repeated attacks were Catalina patrol bombers, Airacobras and Wildcat fighters and dauntless dive bombers with Wildcat escorts.

The text of the communiqué, number 234, follows:

"South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude.)

"1. On December 29 and 30, Catalina patrol bombers (Consol-

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Thinning Jap Lines in Buna Driven to Sea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 31 (AP)—The thinning Japanese defense line near Buna, New Guinea, has been driven by allied troops that have driven a wedge to the sea, and the remaining enemy strongholds are being pounded unceasingly by both ground and air forces, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

"The enemy is being forced into an ever narrowing area," a communiqué said.

"On the left, our troops have driven their wedge to the sea and split the enemy defense zones. On the right, an attack with tanks broadened and deepened the wedge, capturing much equipment, including three-inch naval guns, anti-aircraft guns and machine guns."

The allied air force also ranged over the strong Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, in a dawn attack yesterday to lay 500-pound bombs directly on two vessels of from 8000 to 10,000 tons each and to hit an 8000 ton transport in an attack at mast-height.

The communiqué said that intense anti-aircraft fire met the allied fliers but that all of the planes returned.

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Australian commandos and Dutch guerrillas who have rendered Japanese demands to surrender still are at work throughout much of Portuguese Timor, blowing up bridges, burning camps and sniping at the enemy—killing them in the ratio of a hundred Japs to one commando.

SABOTEURS SHOT
LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Paris radio said today that four French railway men accused of sabotage were shot in Algiers yesterday.

95,000 KILLED, 72,000 TAKEN, ASSERT REDS

Campaign in North Africa in Uneasy Lull

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (AP)—A special soviet communiqué said tonight that the German army in Stalingrad "is liquidated completely."

The communiqué added: "Ninety five thousand Germans have been exterminated, and 72,000 captured as prisoners of war."

"In the course of the battle our troops completely destroyed the fifth, sixth, ninth, 13th, 14th, and 15th Rumanian infantry divisions."

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

The spectre of nightmare disaster was etched more sharply for Adolf Hitler in the fading hours of 1942 today as Russia's armies swept 13 more towns into the net of their great winter offensive in the south and crushed fierce new German counterattacks on the middle Don steppes.

British military observers said that the Russian drive back through the Kalmyk region in the northeast Caucasus would probably force the Germans to shorten their line of communications by 200 miles with a retreat to the Kuban river.

Nazis Withdraw
Latest advices said the Russians, crashing deep into Nazi defenses, had advanced within 10 miles of German-held Elita, capital of the Kalmyk area, and were now menacing the entire German invasion army in the Caucasus.

At the same time, the Berlin radio acknowledged that "in the steppe region south of the Don, it became necessary to withdraw systematically some of our foremost strongpoints."

Malkop Hot Spot
Observers said the nazis, already balked in attempts to capture the rich Grozny oil fields in the central Caucasus, were likely to concentrate on holding the Malkop oil center to the northwest.

Red army headquarters said Russian troops were now driving back across the Terek river in the Grozny sector, and other reports said a German withdrawal from the region was probably already in progress.

Dispatches reported fresh successes for the red armies on every sector of the 1000-mile (Continued on Page Five)

Dutch Subject "Rescued" From Sea Meted Spy's Death

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Johannes Marinus Dronkers, a Dutch subject who was brought to England last May after being "rescued" from the English channel, was executed today as a German secret agent seeking information on American and Canadian troops in England, an official report said.

Dronkers was a member of the Dutch Nazi party, the report said, and, although a seaman by profession, entered the Dutch postal service at The Hague shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

He was found in the channel May 18 in a small yacht, flying the Dutch flag and a distress signal, and was taken aboard a British trawler. Dronkers said he had bribed a Rotterdam fisherman to give him the yacht and sang "for joy" when found by the British. He said he wanted to work either for the British or the Netherlands government.

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