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Weather News

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| Max. (Nov. 19) | November 20, 1944 | Min. | 47 |
| Precipitation last 24 hours | 5.1 | | 80 |
| Stream year to date | 2.19 | Last year | 2.85 |
| Normal | 4.20 | | 1.59 |
| Forecast: Clear and cold. | | | |
| Tuesday Shooting Hours | 7:37 | Close | 5:17 |
| Tulelake: Open | 7:24 | Close | 5:01 |

FRENCH BRIDGE RHINE; YANKS HIT INTO SAAR

Resistance In Metz Collapses Rapidly

By WILLIAM FRYE

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—French troops were reported throwing bridges across the Rhine near the Swiss border and American armor struck into the rich industrial Saar for the first time today in two new invasions of Germany.

Resistance in the old Roman fortress city of Metz collapsed rapidly as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army infantry overran three-fourths of the town and captured the SS commander.

While the 10th armored division of Patton's armor rumbled two miles over the Saar border toward Metz, other troops threatened new thrusts into Hitler land.

Battles Rage

Fighting continued only in the northern and southern tips of Metz after eight doughboys kicked in the door of Gen. Duckern's headquarters and collared him without firing a shot, a front-line Associated Press dispatch reported.

The entire southern anchor of the German line in France was swept away as the French announced that armor and infantry had broken through the historic war path of the Burgundy gap, entered the guardian fortress of Belfort, and stabbed to the Rhine.

The Paris radio declared the French armor and infantry sweeping on in the greatest breakthrough since Normandy, had battered its way as far as Mulhouse, a city of 90,000, 23 miles northeast of Belfort and eight miles from the Rhine.

Strongly Guarded

The attempted Rhine crossing was southeast of Mulhouse, the Swiss announced said, where the river is comparatively narrow but guarded by steep hills studded with formidable forts and some of the strongest works of the Siegfried line.

The Rhine was reached by the first French armored division and infantry.

All along the 400-mile western front, from Switzerland to Holland, the Germans were trying desperately to plug the holes between.

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Kirk, Jackson Elected Delegates

Seldon E. Kirk and Boyd J. Jackson were chosen as Indian representatives to Washington, D. C., at an election held at Beatty, Sprague River and Chilcoquin on Saturday, November 18.

Three hundred and three of the 515 eligible voters turned out for the polls, a larger percentage voting than ever before, it was reported by B. G. Courtwright. Kirk received 147 votes, Jackson 133.

The two new delegates will leave sometime in January for Washington, D. C., where they will appear before congressional committees and otherwise represent the Klamath, Modoc and Yookoskin band of Snake Indians.

Kelly Farris Case Dismissed

The case of Kelly Farris, 16, who was booked on a charge of failure to leave his name and address at the scene of an accident, was dismissed at a hearing held on Thursday, November 18.

According to Harold Hendrickson, head juvenile officer, the evidence submitted at the hearing did not substantiate a hit and run charge. The two boys involved were felt to have exercised enough care by stopping to assist the victim, Jose Barron, Weyerhaeuser employe, Henri drickson said.

Jap Counterblows Throw Back On Leyte

First \$5000 Bond Buyer



First to buy a \$5000 bond in the 6th War Loan drive here was Joe Luis, shown here with marines who are lending a helping hand at bond headquarters in the old Vox theatre. The bond drive opened in Klamath county today with a kick-off breakfast and a meeting of retail store employes.

Soviets Advance Toward Key Hub on Slovak-Hungary Border

RIVAL UNIONS OPEN ANNUAL CONFABS

CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (AP)—President Philip Murray told 600 cheering CIO delegates today "We're not here beating our chests" for election successes of PAC, but he suggested they were opening a "victory convention."

Keynoting the start of a week's convalescence, the CIO chief referred to "that great day—November 7" as a "people's day" and "another kind of labor day."

"We sent the forces of reaction in the USA back upon their heels—if heels is the word that ought to be used," Murray said with a grin.

Becoming serious, Murray asserted: "Our commitments we will live up to—referring to the no-strike pledge which he asked to be carried through for the duration of the war."

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20 (AP)—American Federation of Labor delegates, claiming representation (Continued on Page Two)

26 Yank Soldiers Killed in Crash

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Twenty-six American soldiers were killed and four injured in the crash last night of a C-47 skytrain, a transport type that has carried thousands of men to battle, crashed near an 800-foot peak north of Brighton, in southern England. Six victims were taken to a nearby hospital, where two died and the others remained in serious condition.

U. S. Supreme Court Refuses to Review 'Lower 13' Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The supreme court refused today to review the "Lower 13" murder case, in which the wife of a Pullman porter was killed in a Pullman car. The review was asked by a negro train cook, Robert E. Folkes, who has been sentenced to death in Oregon's lethal chamber in the killing in January, 1943, of Mrs. Martha Virginia Folkes. Her husband, Richard F. Folkes, was killed recently in the crash of a navy plane near Pasco, Wash.

MALEM, Nov. 20 (AP)—The supreme court today to review the case of Robert E. Lee Folkes, a negro, who was charged with the slaying of a white woman, James, lying in her berth

CECIL MARTIN FATALLY SHOT IN ACCIDENT

Bird Hunter Killed Instantly Near Liskey Siding

Klamath basin's first fatality since opening of the bird season, was reported Sunday at 2 p. m., when Cecil Martin, 38, 1519 Oregon, was killed instantly from the blast of a 12-gauge shotgun as he stepped in front of Thomas J. Edwards Jr., 14, 1345 Worden, his hunting companion.

The accident occurred close to the Liskey siding, two miles west of the Tulelake center between Castle Rock and the Great Northern railroad in northern California.

Hunting Party

Martin, young Edwards, and Ed H. Miller, 1900 Worden, were in a group which had separated from PFC Douglas Manners, U. S. army, Theodore Lund, Worden, and Edwards, Sr. One party was hunting over decoys in the grainfields and the other three, including Martin, were advancing across the field to change places with them. A flight of geese came over Martin, young Edwards and Miller, and the three dropped to their knees. Martin was slightly ahead and to the right of Tommy, who had

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Mother Receives Star for Son

The Bronze Star, for heroic, meritorious achievement performed in the line of duty during the Italian campaign, was presented Sunday afternoon to Mrs. John A. Raffetto, 1948 Portland, in the name of her son, 1st Lt. John A. Raffetto Jr., now a prisoner of war in Germany.

The presentation was made by Capt. O. M. Smith, Medford army air base, accompanied here by Sgt. Joe H. Smith. The award was based on Lt. Raffetto's action under fire last February 16. He was reported missing February 17, and in May, 1944, the Raffettos learned their son was a prisoner at Oflag 64, Germany. More than 20 friends of the family witnessed the presentation. The Raffettos were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Victor O'Neill in entertaining the group.

Eight Chinese Cabinet Posts Exchange Hands

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20 (AP)—Gen. Ho Yung-Chin, minister of war in the Chinese government since 1930, was replaced today by Gen. Chen Cheng in a shake-up involving eight cabinet posts. K. K. Xu was elevated from vice minister to minister of finance in succession to Dr. H. H. Kung, now in the United States. Gen. Chen formerly was commander of Chinese expeditionary forces on the Salween front. He is regarded as one of China's ablest field commanders.

New Appointees

The other new appointees were: Chow Chung Yao, minister of the interior to vice president of the examination yuan, one branch of the government; Chang Li-Sheng, from secretary-

Heavies Blast At Upper Silesia

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Heavy bombers of the U. S. 15th air force flying from bases in Italy bombed oil refineries at Blechhammer in upper Silesia and eight other large synthetic fuel plants in Germany today, and upwards of 850 British-based American planes bombed and strafed the Ruhr valley.

It was the third successive day that Italian-based American bombers and fighters have hit the reich.

Troops Invade Asia Islands; Occupy Mapias

By The Associated Press
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines. Nov. 20 (AP)—Storm-drenched American troops threw back vicious Japanese counterattacks in the slow and bitter Leyte campaign of the central Philippines as these rapid-fire developments were announced on Pacific fronts today:

1. More than 45,000 Japanese have been killed or wounded on Leyte since the October 20 invasion—a ratio of nearly eight to one against American casualties of 5691.

2. American troops invaded another small island group, the Asia islands off New Guinea, and completed the occupation of the three Mapia islands 180 miles to the east.

3. Heavy American bombers scored direct hits on a battleship and a heavy cruiser at Brnoe, leaving both exploding and aflame.

4. American warships, striking within 750 miles of Tokyo, have again bombed two islands.

5. A concerted three-day cleanup of Saipan netted 248 Japanese killed and 47 captured.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur gave a breakdown of American casualties in the first month of the central Philippines campaign showing 1133 killed, 126 missing and 4432 wounded.

His figure of more than 45,000 Japanese killed or wounded did not include 8000 believed abroad four transports and six destroyers sunk off Ormoc bay on November 10 as American carrier planes broke up a large scale enemy reinforcement try.

Added Casualties

Nor did they include Japanese naval personnel lost during the crushing defeat of the Imperial fleet in Philippine waters October 25.

MacArthur credited the destruction wrought by his long range artillery and the strategic enveloping moves by his infantrymen with knocking out the enemy in such an overwhelming ratio.

Gen. Tokoyuki Yamashita threw tanks and artillery into (Continued on Page Two)

Repel Counterblows

Troops of the Chinese 38th division repelled two heavy Japanese counterattacks yesterday in an effort to break the Chinese encirclement of the city.

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