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Weather News	
Max. (Nov. 27)	57
Precipitation last 24 hours	1.19
Stream year to date	3.19
Normal	2.70
Forecast: Slightly warmer	Last year 1.99
Wednesday Shooting Hours	8:15
Oregon: Open	7:47
Telecast: Open	7:11
Close	5:36

U. S. THRUSTS NEAR ARSENAL POST OF SAAR

Northern Units Reach Roer River, Pound Cologne Defense

LONDON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Third army doughboys thrust within 8 1/2 miles of Saarbrücken, arsenal capital of the Saar, today while their comrades to the north reached the Roer river and punched deeper into the German defenses guarding Cologne. Simultaneously with the advance on Saarbrücken, other third army units cut into Germany at a new point along a seven-mile front, thrusting within 3 1/2 miles of Saarlautern. This fresh invasion gave Lt. Gen. Patton's men a 26-mile front inside the Reich, and control of more than 40 square miles of Germany.

Wholesale Retreats

The German radio announced wholesale retreats both north and south of Strasbourg tonight. The enemy said the U. S. third and seventh armies were pushing armies into the Saar from a French triangle along the Rhine southeast of Haguenau and north of Strasbourg.

Fight in Streets

Surging forward in pre-dawn blackness, first army infantry of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges fought into the streets of Inden and Jügersdorf and close to Lamersdorf.

The U. S. 9th army reached the Roer at Kirchberg, 23 miles from Cologne and less than a mile across the muddy Roer from the citadel of Jülich.

Unconfirmed

A French broadcast asserting that French units of the U. S. 7th army had crossed the Rhine north of Strasbourg had no confirmation.

Approach to Saarbrücken

The nearest third army approach to Saarbrücken, sprawling steel and coal center, was at captured Seingbouse to the southwest.

First Army Troops Won Two-thirds of Langerwehe

Last important enemy communications point west of the Roer, German (Continued on Page Two)

NIPS DRIVE NORTH TOWARD KWEIYANG

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, Nov. 28 (AP)—Japanese invasion forces have thrust northward from captured Hsuehshih into Kweichow province in their drive toward Kweiyang, provincial capital on the Burma road, it was reported unofficially today.

If correct, it represented the first Japanese invasion of Kweichow province since the war began. All American and British nationals have been ordered to evacuate Kweichow province and unoccupied portions of Hunan province.

At the nearest point the Kweichow border is about 30 miles north of Hsuehshih.

(A Tokyo broadcast previously had reported that Japanese troops had stabbed eight miles into Kweichow province.)

The Chinese high command said one Japanese drive from Luichow had enveloped Hsuehshih in advancing to less than 140 miles southeast of Kweiyang while another enemy column was pressing toward the provincial capital from Poaching in Hunan.

The evacuation order affected missionaries, Red Cross workers and representatives of various civilian agencies.

JAPS STRIKE TO AVENGE TOKYO RAIDS

Fighter Planes Bomb, Strafe Saipan B-29 Base

By VERN HAUGLAND

SAIPAN, Marianas Islands, Nov. 27 (Delayed) (AP)—In an obvious attempt to retaliate for the first B-29 raid upon Tokyo, Japanese fighter planes twice bombed and strafed the Saipan Superfortress base today at a cost of at least 13 Nipponese aircraft.

There was no announcement of American damage.

No Comment

Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., commander of the 21st bomber command, said he had no comment because the defense of the island was not his responsibility, but at a press conference before the first Tokyo raid he warned that the Japanese would react instantly and strongly to an attack on their mainland, inevitably inflicting some damage on this base, but at a high cost.

The first attack was by two or three low-flying airplanes which bombed and strafed Saipan shortly after midnight today. The raid lasted only a couple of minutes.

Dozen Strikes

At noon more than a dozen fighters boldly struck, dropping a few bombs and strafing from as low as 300 feet. Anti-aircraft gunners brought down at least seven P-38's and P-47's tackled the Japanese planes as soon as they left the anti-aircraft range and brought down six more in running battles extending over several hundred miles to the north, almost to Iwo Island in the Volcanic group.

The early morning attack sent everyone running to rarely-used shelters. Half a dozen men neglected to put on their shoes (Continued on Page Two)

Bombs Dumped on Supply Centers

LONDON, Nov. 28 (AP)—At least 1000 RAF heavy bombers in pre-dawn raids today hurled some 4000 tons of explosives on Neuss and Freiburg, German supply centers just back of the western front, as the sustained 72-hour assault on Nazi front-line rail and supply centers continued.

Freiburg lies behind the Mulhouse-Kolmar sector where the French first army and the American seventh army are pressing up to the western bank of the Rhine. American heavy bombers attacked German rail movements at Offenburg, north of Freiburg, yesterday.

Mosquitos raided Berlin during the night.

French-Canadian Soldiers 'Mutineers', Says Army Man

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 28 (AP)—French-Canadian draftee troops stationed at Terrace, B. C., who have demonstrated for three days against the military service act, were termed "mutineers" today by an army spokesman. Their pay and allowances had been stopped while they refuse to take orders from their officers.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28 (AP)—The house of commons was called into secret session today in a dominion-splitting session after a declaration by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King that lack of a "reasonable" unity on the question might lead to anarchy in Canada.

The 69-year-old premier had resigned last night but did not get strong support in the vote of confidence to be taken later in the week. He insisted that this support must include members of his own party.

The demonstrations at Terrace, 450 miles north of Vancouver, were the largest of a dozen in British Columbia over the weekend and the army spokesman estimated 1000 to 1500 men participated in a parade and sit-down last night. He added that not more than 25 per cent of the troops in the area were involved.

"Don't Want to Go"

The spokesman said the grievances of the men at Terrace "boils down to the fact they just don't want to go overseas."

The sit-down accompanied a demonstration with rifles by a regiment of French-Canadian troops stationed at the village of Terrace on the northern British Columbia coast. The armed demonstration and sit-down was related by a correspondent of the Prince Rupert Daily News, who said no violence or damage was reported.

Klamaths Buy Bonds



Myrtle C. Adams, (center), chairman of the 6th War Loan drive, smiles approvingly at a generous check supplied by the Klamath Indians when they purchased \$125,000 worth of war bonds in this campaign. Left, Boyd Jackson, and to the right, Selden Kirk. The tribe already has the following planes named after them for previous bond purchases, one bomber named "Klamath" and two fighters, "Modoc" and "Yahooskin."

Bomb Dump Explodes, Kills 20-250 in English Village

BURTON-ON-TRENT, England, Nov. 28 (AP)—Estimates of the death toll in yesterday's explosion of an RAF underground bomb dump still ranged from 20 to more than 250 today. A former British army officer declared "enough bombs for hundreds of major raids on Germany" were detonated in the blast.

Scores of persons "simply disappeared"

SNOWFALL SLOWS BUDAPEST BATTLE

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW, Nov. 28 (AP)—The heaviest snowfall of the year following a severe sleet storm slowed down action today in the battle for Budapest.

German and Hungarian troops were occupying defense positions along a 26-mile curve from the southern limits of Budapest to the rail junction of Aszod on the northeast, front advisers said.

Situation Tense

The Russian command made no mention of progress on that front although reports here said the situation in the Hungarian capital was tense.

The Soviet war bulletin, however, reported capture of 50 additional hamlets in the puppet state of Slovakia. Red army columns in a six-mile penetration of northern Slovakia crossed the 2700 foot Carpathian mountains along the Polish frontier. Other units in the south advanced to within 11 miles of the big north Hungarian rail center of Satoraljaiújváros.

Widen Front

Thus Col. Gen. Ivan Petrov's fourth Ukrainian army widened its front to 75 miles from a point west of Dukla pass in the north down to the Hungarian frontier, and further imperiled the enemy strongholds of Presvo and Kassa (Kosice).

Red army units only 25 miles to the east already menace those two points.

Emil Potucek Dies in Camp

LT. Emil Potucek, 26, B-17 Flying Fortress pilot and husband of Marie Potucek of Malin, is reported to have died in a German concentration camp on October 19, two days after he was shot down over the Reich.

Word of Lt. Potucek's death was received here this weekend. He was reported missing November 6.

In addition to his wife, Lt. Potucek is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna Potucek of Malin, his father, Joe Potucek Sr., Bonanza; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Knoll of Tulelake, Mrs. Mildred Holbrook of Malin, and Mrs. Lydia Huff of Merrill, and two brothers, Joe Jr., of Bonanza, and George of Medford.

LEYTE BATTLE AT STANDSTILL IN ORMOG MUD

Yanks Hit Jap Bases On Cebu, Negros, Davao

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 28 (AP)—The fight for Leyte island slithered to a virtual standstill in the Ormoc corridor's mud as terrific rains fell, but J. S. planes based on the island dropped 235 tons of bombs on Japanese air installations on Cebu and Negros, and at Davao Friday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique reported.

The toll of Japanese ships sunk or damaged this month in relentless American carrier-plane raids on the Manila area stood at 151 today with upward revision of figures on Friday's strike which bagged 48 ships and 87 airplanes.

Adds to Score

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in a communique added two ships sunk and 23 damaged to the earlier score.

In the Friday strikes, Hellcat fighters and anti-aircraft batteries on American surface ships have downed 58 Japanese planes, in addition to 29 more destroyed and 32 probably damaged on the ground.

Adm. Nimitz's communique listed the following vessels sunk in the attacks:

Cruiser Sunk

A heavy cruiser at Santa Cruz, on the west coast of Luzon.

One destroyer at Santa Cruz. Two old destroyers at Marinduque island, about 100 miles southeast of Manila.

One destroyer escort. (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH TROOPS GUARD BELGIANS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28 (AP)—British tanks and steel-helmeted troops guard the Belgian parliament today as the chamber of deputies gave Premier Hubert Pierlot a vote of confidence.

Street car workers had struck several hours earlier, demanding resignation of the Pierlot government, and columns of marchers were reported converging on the tense capital to join in a "national day of protest tomorrow against Pierlot's regime."

British troops set out to disarm one column of 800 marchers from Mons. First reports said 200 persons of the Mons delegation had surrendered arms without a struggle.

The chamber of deputies voted 116 to 12 for Pierlot's bill vesting him with extraordinary powers.

Major Joe Foss Reporting



Major Joe Foss, South Dakota boy who made good in the air in early days of South Pacific fighting, has reported for duty at the Marine Barracks. He will be on the Pelican stage at both matinee and evening performances of the 6th War Loan show Wednesday. Major Foss will have duty here as assistant plans and training officer.

Major Joe Foss to Headline Jamboree

Major Joe Foss, American ace, will speak at the 6th War Loan bond program at the Pelican Wednesday.

Announcement that the famous aviator would appear at both matinee and evening performances was made Tuesday from the Marine Barracks where Major Foss has reported for duty.

BOND SHOW

Matinee, 2 p. m.; evening performance, 8 o'clock. No seats reserved. General admission, downstairs and balcony, \$100 war bond; logs, \$500 war bond.

Major Foss, first American ace to tie the enviable record of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker of World War I fame, will be introduced by Lt. Col. George O. Van Orden, commanding officer at the barracks.

The 29-year-old marine, back from his second combat tour of the Pacific, didn't have a chance to better the 26-Jap-plane record he rung up during the early days of the island fighting.

Squadron Commander

Out for seven months and based on Emara, some 400 miles north of Bougainville,

Wet Jap

In fact, the only one he saw anywhere was in the water, having been shot down or crashed previously.

Despite the anti-aircraft screen, light and medium stuff, which Joe says was terrific (Continued on Page Two)

AFL Ignores CIO, UMW Rebuff

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 28 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor voted here today to ignore the "rebuff" from the CIO and the United Mine Workers and to renew AFL efforts to bring the two organizations back into the parent federation.

The convention action was taken by the 800 delegates after William Green had offered to resign the AFL presidency, if necessary, to restore labor solidarity.

Where the First and Ninth Armies Battle



American first and ninth armies are fighting in the Cologne area. Latest reports show that ninth army men reached the Roer river at Kirchberg, 23 miles from Cologne, and that first army units reached Inden, three miles from the Roer.

5758 Vessels Lost in War By Allies, Neutral Nations

By KARL R. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Shipping losses of the allies and neutrals from the beginning of the war through 1943 totaled 5758 vessels aggregating 22,161,000 gross tons. This was officially announced today.

The British government released through the office of war information a year-by-year breakdown of losses by Britain, the allies, including the United States, and neutrals, presumably in the service of the United Nations. Simultaneously, the war shipping administration announced United States losses totaled 753 vessels aggregating 3,311,000 gross tons.

In the period covered by the announcement, the United States constructed about 30,000,000 deadweight tons of merchant ships, roughly offsetting the losses.

The maritime commission in its construction reports used deadweight tons as a measuring stick, while today's report spoke in gross tons. A merchant ship's deadweight tonnage is somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 per cent greater than its gross tonnage.

Terms Explained

(Gross tonnage—the entire capacity of a ship expressed in units of 100 cubic feet to the ton; deadweight tonnage—the carrying capacity of a ship, including supplies as well as cargo, expressed in long tons, 2240 pounds.)