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Weather News	
Max. (Nov. 29)	November 30, 1944
Precipitation last 24 hours	46 Min. _____ 30
Stream year to date	_____ Trace
Normal	1.53 Last year 3.21
Forecast: Rain and snow	_____ 7.71
Friday shooting hours	_____ 3.11
Teletel: Open	7:44 Close _____

Ninth Army Pulls Up to Flooded Roer

Medium Force Of B-29s Hits Jap Capital

By VERN HAUGLAND
 B-29 BASE, SAIPAN, Marianas Islands, Nov. 30 (AP)—A medium task force of B-29 Superforts bombed Tokyo's industrial and shipping area by the light of the full moon early today in the first night bombing raid on Japan's capital and the third strike against the city within a week.

All Superfortresses which participated in the raid returned to their base, a 20th air force communique said today.

In the three raids on Japan's capital, two Superforts have been lost. The crew of one of these was rescued by a destroyer. Returning airmen reported that anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate. Results were not observed because of a cloud cover.

Superfortresses rained bombs principally upon the light industrial center of Tokyo. Here, in small plants, are fashioned many of Japan's implements of war.

The Superforts took off in time to return by daylight. Some of them have returned after dark from previous strikes. Precision bombing in the moonlight raid, similar to the type accomplished in Monday's raid through thick cloud cover, is in contrast to the visual bombing of the initial strike.

Medium Force

As the medium force, less than half that of the sizeable forces of the two previous attacks, thundered toward Tokyo, Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., commanding the 21st bomber command, issued a prepared statement saying:

"Tonight there is a full moon; shipping targets in Tokyo bay should stand out sharply against the outline of water. Bombs will drop on industrial targets which constitute the backbone of Japanese war-making capacity."

The senior officer of today's mission was Col. Samuel R. Harris of Winston Salem, N. C.

Crippled Bomber

He was commander of the B-29 which returned on two of its four engines most of the way from Tokyo after the initial raid. The first plane to take off from Saipan on this third raid however, was that commanded by Lt. Donald B. Thorburn, Burlington, Calif.

YANK PILOTS SINK VESSELS, JAP SOLDIERS

Ten Transports, Three Destroyers, 4000 Men Downed

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 30 (AP)—Slashing American fighter planes sank 10 Japanese transports and three destroyers, with at least 4000 reinforcements abroad, in a blistering Tuesday-Wednesday battle which crippled an apparent Nipponese effort to land a full new division on Leyte island.

The latest strike, pushed to 21,000 feet, resulted in the death toll for reinforcements who failed to reach port, but some fresh troops evidently slipped ashore to join the rain-swept battle of Ormoc corridor.

Two transports in this sixth major reinforcement convoy were destroyed in Ormoc port, after they partially had unloaded men and supplies. One vessel blew into pieces when hit.

The other eight transports were destroyed "well out at sea," today's communique said, and an estimated 4000 troops were lost.

The destroyers were sunk while escorting the convoy.

The Japanese have lost 26 transports and 17 escort vessels, mostly destroyers, in their desperate efforts to pour men onto Leyte. In addition three cargo vessels, "apparently headed for Ormoc, were sunk last week off Cebu."

It was probable, said the communique, that this latest convoy was bringing in another division, "as prisoners of war captured on the front stated they had been told the second Japanese infantry division was expected."

There was no estimate of the number of men who might have landed at Ormoc. Despite heavy sea losses, the Japanese have put ashore more than 35,000 reinforcements since Oct. 25.

Steaming rains limited ground activity for the third straight day. The communique reported that 23 and one-half inches of rain have fallen on Leyte since November 1—"an unprecedented record for November."

Mother Receives Star



Mrs. Zena Brughman, nurses' aide at Klamath Valley hospital, receives the Bronze Star medal awarded posthumously to her son, Tech. 4th Grade Beverly A. Gilmore, killed in the New Georgia group by a Jap sniper. Making the presentation is Capt. John L. Melton, post adjutant, Camp White. (left), as Mrs. Brughman's second son, 1st Sgt. James C. Gilmore of the Marine Barracks witnesses the award made Tuesday at the hospital.

GI'S PREPARE PUSH ON RUHR, RHINE BARRIER

Offense Cracks Open Roads to Cologne, Dusseldorf

By WILLIAM FRYE
 LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Virtually the entire ninth army pulled up to the flooded Roer river today on a front of 15 to 25 miles, ready to assault that major barrier in the push toward the Rhine and industrial Ruhr.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's ninth army men fought into Roerdorf and Flossdorf, one and two miles southeast of Linlich, and captured Lindern just northwest of Linlich in the offensive that was slowly cracking open the roads to Munchen Gladbach, Cologne and Dusseldorf.

Linlich was placed in a pincer and Beek to the southwest was found full of German dead as the result of a terrific barrage, a hail of phosphorus shells and a fierce dibombing.

Survivors Captured

Survivors of the elite SS garrison of strategic Lindern were captured with the town 144 miles from the Prussian arsenal and rail city of Munchen Gladbach. Most of the Beek garrison were killed; the stragglers fled toward nearby Wurm.

The first army at the southern end of the critical 25-mile front on the Cologne plain captured Lamerdorf and Grosshan and emerged from the Hurtgen forest pinelands. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops fought a seesaw battle for an Inde river bridge at Inden, winning it, lost.

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Senate Okehs Stettinius Appointment as Secretary

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The senate today confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward R. Stettinius Jr., to be secretary of state, succeeding Cordell Hull, who resigned because of ill health.

The vote was 67 to 1.

Stettinius, 44, thus becomes the youngest secretary of state since George Washington appointed 41-year-old Edmund Randolph to the post in 1794.

The former chairman of United States Steel corporation won approval of the senate despite a one-man fight against him by Senator Langer (R-N.D.).

Langer charged in the senate that Stettinius had delayed the nation's war preparations by failing to sponsor an increase in steel production in 1940. Stettinius then was a member of the raw materials division of the national defense council.

Senators McKellar (D-Tenn.), White (R-Me.), Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Clark (D-Mo.), Connally (D-Tex.) and Davis (R-Pa.) defended Stettinius' record and his qualifications.

Lowell Masters Dies in Pacific

Lt. (j.g.) Lowell Vance Masters, 20, United States naval reserve, air corps, was killed in an aircraft accident in the South Pacific area, according to word received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Masters, 337 Haskins.

The accident occurred somewhere at sea on November 19, according to information sent the Masters by the war department. Parents of the youth, former residents of Corvallis, have gone to the valley city to be with their two daughters, Young Masters, who attended school in Corvallis, had visited here with his parents.

1000 Attend War Bond Jamboree

More than 1000 Klamathites, who paid \$100 or \$500 in war bonds to witness the 6th War Loan show Wednesday night, had their money's worth and more.

The show, featuring Major Joe Foss, marine ace now on duty at the barracks, was played to an appreciative audience from the Pelican stage. In addition to the bonds sold before the show, nine purchasers paid out \$10,500 for the privilege of having their picture taken with Major Foss.

Lt. Col. George O. Van Orden paid high tribute to young Foss, wearer of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor, before the Sioux Falls, S. D., airman took the mike. In an unassuming manner, which went over big with his audience, Foss told of early days of aerial combat when his outfit was stationed at Henderson field, Guadalcanal.

Talent was drawn from the Marine Barracks, Klamath naval air station, Klamath Union high school, and among the home folks, a combination which resulted in a well-rounded show, capably emceed by PFC Dick Nason of the barracks.

Death of Eicher Ends 7 Months' Sedition Trial

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Loyalty of American armed forces and to set up a Nazi government in this country.

Opened in April

The trial opened last April 17 with 30 defendants. One later died and two won severances.

After a summer recess, the hearings have recently been confined to afternoon sessions to permit defense attorneys to carry on their own law practices. Most of the attorneys have been serving without compensation.

Jury Trouble

From its outset, the mass hearing was marked by uproar and confusion. Selection of a jury proceeded at a snail's pace throughout the first two weeks. Then with the box still not filled, the task had to be started from scratch again with the expiration at month's end of the district court jury panels.

The courtroom clamor grew to such a pitch that Eicher was forced to resort to numerous contempt fines to keep defense counsel in line. All told, six attorneys and a defendant were fined an aggregate of \$1220. All appealed their fines to the court of appeals, where the cases still are pending.

Prosecutor Criticized

Government counsel, too, came in for criticism from the bench. Eicher late in September.

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Committee Passes 'Freeze' On Tax; House Okehs Bill To Extend War Powers Act

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The house today passed a one-year extension of the war powers act and sent it to the senate with an amendment giving federal courts jurisdiction over some war agency rulings.

The bill was passed by a voice vote. If there was a vote against it it wasn't audible in the press gallery.

The war powers act is the legislative basis for rationing, priorities and many of the other emergency functions set up to channel the nation's economy to the war effort.

White House should house and senate agree with the ways and means majority.

Some democrats favoring the "freeze" predicted privately Mr. Roosevelt will win, seeing little prospect of the necessary two-thirds vote in both houses to override a veto.

This would mean that a month hence the security tax will be boosted from one to two per cent—the wage and salary man paying to the security fund \$2 for each \$100 he earns, as against the present rate of \$1 for each \$100, and the employer boosting from \$1 to \$2 the amount he contributes on the basis of each \$100 of his payroll.

Approves Study Bill

In voting approval of a "freeze," the committee also approved a resolution calling for a comprehensive study of the overall social security rate and trust fund problem in the new congress convening January 3.

The study would determine whether an entirely new tax rate structure is needed.

Meanwhile, congress grappled with other major legislation, including:

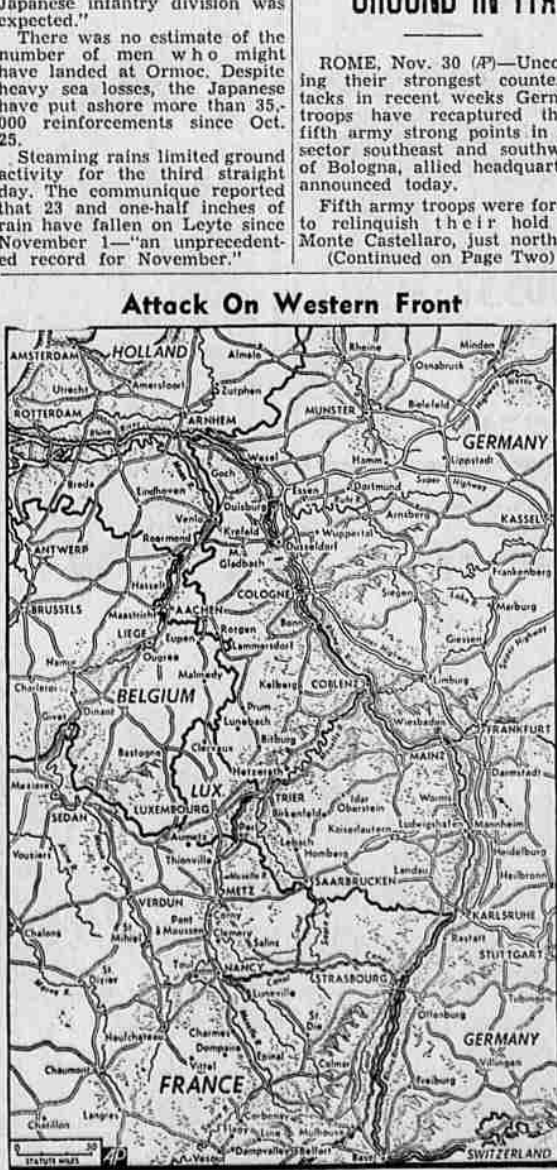
1. Increase in the capitalization of the smaller war plants corporation.
2. Legislation providing federal participation with states in financing postwar road construction. House and senate now are trying to thrash out differences in separately approved road bills.
3. Repeal of the Johnson act, forbidding the use of private American capital in transactions with foreign governments that owe the United States money.
4. An effort to give the house an equal voice with the senate in treaty ratification, with a pact to be approved by a simple majority of congress instead of two-thirds of the senate.

5TH ARMY LOSES GROUND IN ITALY

ROME, Nov. 30 (AP)—Uncorking their strongest counterattacks in recent weeks German troops have recaptured three fifth army strong points in the sector southeast and southwest of Bologna, allied headquarters announced today.

Fifth army troops were forced to relinquish their hold on Monte Castellaro, just north of (Continued on Page Two)

Attack On Western Front



Ninth army men, pulling up on the flooded Roer river, captured Lindern, and fought into Roerdorf and Flossdorf. This offensive is gradually opening the way to Cologne. First army troops gradually emerged from the Hurtgen forest, while third army troops were under counterattack in the Saar area.

George Price Wounded in ETO

PFC George F. Price, son of Mrs. Nell F. Price of box 155, Shevlin, northern Klamath county, was listed as wounded in action in the European theater.

Price's name was included with 10 other Oregon men.

Winter Weather Looms in Basin

The Klamath basin was in for a touch of winter weather, according to the forecast of the U. S. weatherman, with both rain and snow promised for the next 24 hours in this section.

Along the Oregon coast, small craft warnings were ordered hoisted as strong winds were anticipated.

Conference Abandons Hope For Complete Agreement

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 (AP)—The world air conference abandoned hope of complete agreement on sky freedoms today and settled to the job of making available to those who want it the United States proposal for open air.

The prospect for the result of the conference now appears to be:

1. A convention or agreement in three parts which gives the world a standard set of rules for air navigation; an international organization with advisory and ministerial functions, and a protocol under which nations who want may participate in the mutual exchange of five air freedoms outlined in the last American proposal.
2. An interim agreement covering very much the same ground.
3. A provision protocol related to the convention.
4. A standard form for negotiations between countries outside of the "five freedoms" group and between countries inside and outside of the group.

BIDDLE AIDE DECLARES HIS AIM ACHIEVED

'Insubordination' Held Basis of Dismissal; Probe Proposed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt fired Assistant Attorney General Norman Biddle today and Littell promptly asserted the situation had prevented appointment of "a Tommy Corcoran henchman" as his successor.

Littell received reporters at the department of justice shortly after the department released a letter from the president dismissing Littell for "insubordination."

The assistant attorney general has had a wide-open split with his chief, Attorney General Francis Biddle, accusing Biddle of having interfered in one justice department case in favor of Thomas C. (Tommy the Cork) Corcoran, former presidential intimate now in private law practice.

"Wholly Satisfied"

In a prepared statement distributed at his news conference, the 45-year-old former head of the justice department's land division said:

"In regard to the statement which the attorney general has just issued, it is unnecessary for me to say that his use of adjectives regarding my statements to the Mead (war investigating) committee, such as 'reckless and unfounded' do not answer facts. I am wholly satisfied with the public service which I have rendered in this matter and a complete (Continued on Page Two)

THREE-FOLD DRIVE LEAPS 25 MILES

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Russian and Yugoslav partisan forces thrust forward 25 miles west of the Danube in southwestern Hungary today in a huge offensive that has the three-fold possibility of encircling Budapest, driving straight into Russia and sealing off all Nazi troops in the Balkans.

Premier Stalin in an order of the day yesterday announced the capture of 350 communities in southern Hungary and northern Yugoslavia, confirming the drive about which the German radio has spoken for the last week.

Peas, coal mining and railway center 98 miles southwest of Budapest was seized, as was Mohacs, a like distance directly south of the Hungarian capital and Batszek, 85 miles south of Budapest, Moscow said.

The broadcast Russian communique said the drive across the Danube by Marshal Fedor X. Tolbukhin's third Ukraine army, and Yugoslav national was north of the big river's confluence with the Drava, a point 130 miles due south of Budapest. The breakthrough was on a 93-mile-wide front that extended on its northern flank to within 37 miles of the Hungarian capital.

\$51,000 in Bonds Pledged at Meet

Bond sales and pledges totaling more than \$51,000 were recorded at Thursday's meeting of the Klamath Kiwanis club.

With Charles Mack as chairman, the event was given over to the Sixth War Loan drive. Several unusual items, including hams and cigarettes, were auctioned off, and competition between tables helped boost the total.

Myrtle C. Adams, drive chairman, told the Kiwanians he was encouraged by receipt of several large allocations for bond purchases here and said E bond sales are picking up. About \$250,000 in E bonds have been sold. A war bond movie was a feature of the program.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE spotlight of worldwide war interest rests squarely on the flooded Roer river, at the northern edge of the rolling German plain where, the Germans tell us today, one of his greatest BATTLES OF ATTENTION is being fought.

briefly, a battle of attrition is an all-out attempt to WEAR THE WEAKER SIDE OUT—to let losses greater than can be met.

our own history, Grant's campaign before Richmond the outstanding example of a battle of attrition that accomplished its purpose. Grant's were frightful—much heavier in proportion to the number of men engaged than in any of the fighting we have done in Europe—but LEE'S losses were DISASTROUSLY greater than he could stand.

The bloody campaign before Richmond ENDED the war between the states. Eisenhower fighting this great battle of attrition, which is at present centered between the Rhine and Cologne, in the hope of ending the war in Europe before winter closes in to bring the Germans a breathing spell.

RANT wasn't much concerned with PLACES. Neither is Eisenhower. The objective is TO DESTROY THE ENEMY'S WILL TO RESIST.

GERMAN military spokesmen asserts today that Eisenhower has thrown SEVENTY DIVISIONS (a minimum of 850,000 men) into the battle—roughly twice as many as the nazis supposed to have on the western front.

This means 850,000 FIGHTING men in the BATTLE LINE. There must be at least as many more in reserve, ready to be thrown in at critical moments.

here on the safe home front, are watching from a distance of the greatest and bloodiest battle since the world began and OUR MEN (in point of numbers) are bearing the brunt.

HERE is a hint today of something new and MIGHTIER in the Russian front. The reds have crossed the Danube on a front BELOW Budapest are swinging northward in what may be the final pincer movement that will bite off the Hungarian capital, which is already menaced to the north.

The crossing of the Danube is announced by STALIN in an ORDER OF THE DAY. That always means something big, anyway, watch it.

the Pacific, we hit Tokyo again with B-29s. In spite of Jap official pool-poohing of raid raids, MacArthur tells general Arnold (chief of our air force) that they have already VERTED JAP ATTENTION from the Philippines campaign.

an address in Kansas City last night, General Arnold first with our B-29s, then, as get bases CLOSER to Japan, our Fortresses and Liberators, we're going to destroy the Jap and nerve centers of his war machine."

Japan will have little left when our army and air forces complete their work of destruction. They've done for it, and they're going GET IT."

HERE is little news from China today. What little there is, as usual, is bad. The are reported STARTLING (Continued on Page Two)

20 SHOPPING DAYS Left

BUYERS SLOW

IN Christmas SEALS