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Weather News

Max. (Dec. 1)	30	Min.	26
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00	Trace	0.00
Normal	3.95	Last year	2.07
Forecast Clearer	Sunday Shooting Hours		
Oregon: Open	1:30	Close	5:10
Tuvalu: Open	1:45	Close	5:30

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE battle of the western front in Europe might well be known (for the present, at least) as the Battle of the Rivers. At its far northern end, the Germans are holding behind the Maas, in the center behind the Roer and the Rhine itself. ALL these rivers are swollen by heavy rains. The Germans have made flood conditions worse by breaking dams wherever that is strategically useful. In this flat country, where the rivers are canalized and used heavily for transport, dams are numerous.

LONG this 400-mile front, gains are measured in yards or fractions of miles. Gains are important only as they bear upon the principal objective of the battle, which is DESTRUCTION of the German armies engaged. Each machine gun nest, each strong point of EVERY KIND is an objective of its own, but back of all these minor and local objectives is the major objective of killing Germans and smashing German equipment.
If and when we kill enough Germans and smash enough German equipment, there will be a big breakthrough. Such a breakthrough MIGHT bring the end of the German war.

THE Russian crossing of the Danube south of Budapest is making promising progress. The Reds have crossed the range of low mountains that runs to the southwest from the Danube onto the plain that leads to Austria, only 90 miles away to the north-west.
The Germans say today they are evacuating Pest, on the Danube's east bank, but are going to defend Buda, on the west bank, to the bloody end.
The Russians are swinging AROUND BOTH cities.

THERE are confused rumors of fighting between civilians and German police in both Budapest and Vienna. In such fighting, the Nazi police hold the SUN hand.

THERE are interesting intimations from Moscow today that the time is nearing for the BIG RUSSIAN PUSH, that will reach off the eastern front from end to end as the western front is already touched off.

ON the western front, watch the Nijmegen salient in Holland. The knockout punch in the west could easily be launched from there. Among other things, MONTGOMERY is waiting there for the RIGHT MOMENT.

IN the Philippines, the Japs claim today they've landed airborne troops in the vicinity of our airfields on eastern Leyte. According to the Jap story, they came from four transport planes, indicating that their number is not large. They are apparently suicide squads, under orders to do all the damage they can before being killed.
The Ormoc battle goes on in a tropical downpour, with the Japs beginning to make suicide charges—often an admission that the end is near.

THE Chinese are evacuating civilians from Kwelyang, on the Burma road up toward Chungking. At the Burma end of the road, Chinese and Americans have the Japs driven out of all but ONE town.
The Japs are apparently swapping (Continued on Page Three)

Gen. J. C. Smith Replaces Fegan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Appointment of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith as commanding general, department of the Pacific marine corps, with headquarters in San Francisco was announced Friday.
The marine corps announcement said Smith will assume command about December 5, replacing Maj. Gen. J. C. Egan, now in the Mare Island, Calif., naval hospital.

Smith was in command of the second marine division when it rounded the Central Pacific offensive a year ago with the assault on Tarawa, in the Gilbert Islands. He won the Distinguished Service Medal for his part in that invasion.
Recently he was commanding general of expeditionary forces on the Palau Islands.

18 SHOPPING DAYS Left
GET GOING ON YOUR GIFTS
BUY Christmas SEALS

Beacons Shine From Mountain Tops Near Here



OFFICES FOR FARM CENSUS SET UP

Third Oregon district headquarters for the United States census of agriculture have been established at 608 Medical Dental building, it was announced today by R. L. Ackerman, Lakeview, supervisor for this district. The district comprises Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake counties.
E. M. Igl, Klamath Falls, will be assistant supervisor, with his duties starting on January 1.
Ackerman said that the district office will start immediately on the 1945 census of the agriculture of this area for the department of commerce, bureau of the census. The agricultural census is made every five years and covers number of farms, value of crops, number of livestock, machinery on the farm, and many other details which go to make up the nation's agricultural statistics.
Ackerman said he is looking for enumerators for work in all parts of the district. He wants (Continued on Page Three)

Half-Way Mark in Drive Shows Nation, State Far Behind in War Bond Sales

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—With corporations investing huge blocks of their idle cash in the 6th War Loan, the spotlight switched back to series E bonds today.
Series E, the people's choice, designed for the small investor, is the only bond behind schedule. The latest grand total of all classes, including sales to corporations, is \$3,885,000,000, a comfortable \$1,000,000,000 above advance estimates for this date.
Treasury officials said the following three regions are furthest away from their E bond quotas:
1. Lagging worst of all, a segment of the farm belt including Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.
2. Pacific coast states.
3. Atlantic coast states, except Georgia.
On the other hand, eight states are ahead of their series E schedules:
Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Indiana, Mississippi and Georgia.
The national E bond quota is only \$2,500,000,000 of the grand quota of \$14,000,000,000 (Continued on Page Three)

Rohl, Col. Wyman Cleared of Blame

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Secretary of War Stimson's Pearl Harbor review disclosed nothing to show that Hans Wilhelm Rohl, German-born contractor, or Col. Theodore Wyman Jr., army engineer, "in any way" contributed to the December 7 disaster.
An army board inquiry, reporting to Stimson, considered a house military committee report of last June in which the two men figured.
The committee had stated that, on the war department contract with Rohl's firm—the Hawaiian Contractors—on December 20, 1940, to install defense works on Hawaii. It declared they were not completed in time for use in the attack. The committee complained that army officers responsible, including Wyman, had failed to order the work expedited.

Budapest Menaced By Flanking Move; Ormoc Fight Flares

Soviet Drive Rips German Lines Apart

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Ripping German defenses of southwestern Hungary wide open, a Russian avalanche tonight rolled north and west in a grand scale double drive to outflank Budapest from the rear and push toward the Austrian border.
A triumphant order of the day from Premier Stalin announced that in the last 24 hours Marshal Egor Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army had lunged ahead 22 miles north toward Budapest and 15 miles northwest toward strategic Lake Balaton and engulfed more than 300 places including the strong points of Kaspovar, Dombovar, Paks and Szegszard.
"The breach appears tragic," said a Berlin commentator. "The Russians are out to envelop all western Hungary and Budapest on a grand scale."
Military Dictatorship
Simultaneously, the German radio announced tonight that Field Marshal Hindy had been appointed military dictator of beleaguered Budapest "to keep internal order."
The radio said Hindy, whom it did not further identify, had been appointed "supreme plenipotentiary" of the Hungarian capital.
Line Smashed
The capture of these multiple junctions and bastions smashed what the Germans had called their Kaspovar-Paks line, stretching from the Danube 58 miles south of Budapest across Hungary toward strategic Lake Balaton.
Kaspovar is 28 miles southeast of the lake's southern end and is on the Budapest-Zagreb railline, chief means of communication to Yugoslavia. Paks is 53 miles south of Budapest on the Danube.

New York Ready For V-3 Weapon

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—Commenting on the reported statement by Nazi Labor Chief Albert Speer that Germany's V-3 weapon would be ready soon to blast New York, Deputy Chief Police Inspector Arthur W. Wallander, chief of staff of the city protective forces, said today: "Our services are ready."
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia warned last November 12 that "Although there is no reason for alarm, we must be ready."
A Stockholm dispatch quoted Speer as saying V-3 would be ready by the end of December for use against New York.
Declaring that "It is not over yet," LaGuardia said in a broadcast to city residents, "It would be a pity if, after the three years of hard work that has been put in, something untoward might happen and we were to be found unprepared."

Lt. Com. Fleming Leaves Air Base

Lt. Comdr. Harvey C. Fleming has been transferred to the staff of the west coast naval air training station at Oakland, Calif., from the Klamath naval air station, it was announced today.
Lt. Comdr. Fleming has been executive officer at the station here.
Lt. Comdr. S. A. Congdon has been assigned duties as executive officer here, pending arrival of a new man assigned to the duty. Fleming reported here August 26, after Lt. Comdr. B. M. Turner, former executive officer, was transferred to Pasco, Wash.

Great Army Eleven Blasts Navy 23-7 Before 70,000

By WILLIAM O. VARN
MUNICIPAL STADIUM, Baltimore, Dec. 2 (AP)—Army's great eleven turned on speed and power today to defeat Navy's Midshipmen, 23 to 7 and complete an undefeated season.
The cadet victory ended the Middies' five-year domination of the service classic and gave the boys from West Point top football rating of the year in national collegiate standings.
70,000 Watch
An estimated 70,000 fans watched the Army leave the field with a 7-0 lead at the half and then come back to put the game safely beyond reach in the final minutes after the Middies had (Continued on Page Three)

Medford Man Escapes From Soviet Union With Others in Tokyo Raid Bomber Crew

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The latest of Lt. Gen. James Doolittle's Tokyo raiders in Russia, "escaped" across one of the world's best-guarded borders, and have returned safely to the United States.
The inside story of their adventure was learned today from an authoritative source. The tale was one of pampered "captives" of prolonged boredom and finally of easy escape.
The fliers were: Maj. Edward J. York, San Antonio, Tex.; First Lt. Robert Gabel Emmis, Medford, Ore.; Second Lt. Nolan A. Herndon, Sulphur Springs, Tex.; privilege of belligerent ships in distress to put into a neutral port, and proceed.
The Russians seemed willing and put the Americans up for the night.
The next morning, however, the fliers found they had been interned under international law, and were not permitted to return to the plane.
The United States embassy, then headed by Admiral William H. Standley, was notified through a message from the Soviet diplomatic agent in the Far East, and undertook to make contact with the men.
They turned up in the central (Continued on Page Three)

SAAR UNION, SAARLAUTERN HIT IN DRIVE

1st, 9th Armies Wage Battle For Inden, Linich

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 2 (AP)—American third army infantrymen backed by tank destroyers fought today into and almost through burning Saarlautern (pop. 8200), a main prop of the reich's industrially wealthy Saar.
Even as the doughboy punched several blocks deep into the city 12 miles northwest of Saarbrücken, other Americans entered the outskirts of Saar Union, 21 miles southeast of Saarbrücken.
To the north, men of the first and ninth armies battled for houses in the German river strongholds of Linich and Inden, and made slight gains southwest of Furen. But generally there was no progress in this costly, ferocious battle on the Cologne plain.
Wipe Out Pocket
In Strasbourg's outskirts, seventh army men wiped out an enemy pocket on the west side of the Rhine in a spectacular battle of apartment houses. The Germans blew all three bridges over the Rhine there, leaving only two damaged railroad bridges as the sole permanent spans over the river farther south, a front dispatch said.
The first army was "fought to a standstill" by savage opposition, and made only insignificant advances, a front dispatch declared. But in the holocaust German might was being whittled down in a decisive test.
Divisions Destroyed
The first army has destroyed four German divisions and has forced two others to turn back for replacements, while the U. S. armies in line against the Germans (Continued on Page Three)

Roads Hazardous Over Mountains

Mountain roads were in hazardous condition, according to an early Saturday morning report, and ice covered both the Sun mountain stretch of the Dalles-California and the Willamette pass.
Crews from the state highway department were graveling curves throughout the area. Additional snow fell late Friday but roads were cleared by plows. Roadbeds remained slick, however, and motorists were urged to use caution and to carry chains.
A number of minor accidents were reported to city police Saturday morning as early-risers drove over streets covered with a thin coat of ice and snow.

Christmas Trees On Way South

Truckloads of Christmas trees, bound for the southern market, have passed through Klamath Falls the past week, some coming from as far north as the Canadian border.
First cuttings in this area were noticed in late October, and these trees probably found sales in the deep south.
Weyerhaeuser Timber company, which has sold to the southern market these past years, did not follow that policy this season in view of the tree farm program. Sales to local operators only were reported by Weyerhaeuser. The average family tree was being sold at 10 cents in the woods. Most trees were of the white fir variety and were being cut west of Klamath Falls. The forest service has been doing some selling to buyers who ship their greens into California.

Sgt. Harold Gess Dies in Holland

Sgt. Harold W. Gess, United States army, grandson of Mrs. Ella R. Gess of Dairy, has been killed in action in Holland, according to word received from the war department. His death occurred November 7, the message stated.
Sgt. Gess had a twin brother, Gerald, now stationed at Camp Roberts, and another brother, Orville C. Gess Jr., now somewhere in the Pacific.
Japanese-American Future Battled by State Groups
PORTLAND, Dec. 2 (AP)—The battle over Japanese-Americans' future spread in Oregon today, with churchmen lined up on one side and American Legion representatives on another.
Shortly after the Hood River Legion post scratched from its war memorial the names of 16 Japanese-American servicemen, "To let them know we don't want them back here," the Portland Council of Churches called upon ministers to lead loyal Japanese-Americans in returning to their former homes.
Deny Principles
Discrimination against citizens of any race, said a formal council statement, "Would be to deny the very principles of Americanism which our boys are fighting to preserve."
Roger C. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties union now visiting here, also



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