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Weather News	
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Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Normal year to date	3.11
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Oregon: Open	7:45 Close 5:15
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95TH STRIKES GERMAN WEST WALL DEFENSE

378th Regiment Gains New Crossing Of Saar

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP) — Third army troops broke well into Siegfried line positions beyond Saarlautern today, and other units fought within sight of Saarbrücken, capital of the industrial Saar, burning from a thunderous artillery and aerial bombardment.

Tanks of the sixth armored division thrust within six miles of Saarbrücken on the south, and motorized cavalry of the 85th division on the southwest struck over the German border against stiff opposition, advancing until they could see smoke columns rising from the city.

Through Town
 Troops of the 95th division have driven clear through Saarlautern and are fighting into the west wall, supreme headquarters announced.

Front dispatches declared elements of the 378th regiment of the 95th had made a new crossing of the Saar, and pushed into outer defenses of the Siegfried zone below Saarlautern.

The new crossing built up the wedge thrust into the Saarland.

By-passed
 The satellite towns of Roden and Fraulautern, each a mile and a half beyond the captured Saar river bridge, were passed by the Americans advancing through shellfire from German artillery emplacements.

Other troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army threatened Saarbrücken, capital of the arsenal region of steel.

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RESIGNATION OFFERED BY GREEK LEADER

Papandreou Suggests Coalition Cabinet Formation

ATHENS, Dec. 5 (AP) — Premier George Papandreou said today he had offered his resignation as head of the crisis-torn Greek government and had suggested formation of a coalition cabinet including center and right wing groups.

Such a cabinet might be led by Theodoros Sophoulis, 82-year-old liberal leader, he said.

Strike Persists
 A general strike persisted in Athens, but disorders were reported diminishing.

Elas troops—the militia of the leftist EAM (national liberation front)—surrendered a number of police headquarters they had seized.

Mutiny Charged
 Since the Elases technically are under command of British Maj. Gen. R. M. Scobie as part of the armed forces of Greece, they now are charged with direct mutiny. In the British view, seizing of police precinct headquarters comprised a direct assault against the legal government.

British troops will use force, if necessary, to maintain the legal government, it was declared.

The strikes have hindered seriously the inflow of relief supplies.

British officials said investigations thus far failed to support charges of right-wing Greeks that the current disorders were engineered by axis agents in EAM ranks.

Take Control
 Elases troops were reported last night to have taken control of 20 to 25 police precincts in the Athens area. Papandreou's government demanded that Elases members leave the Athens area by midnight Wednesday.

One more person was killed and three injured last evening.

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Committee Okehs State Department Nominations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The senate foreign relations committee today approved four state department nominations, including that of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary of state.

Senator Clark (D-Mo.) said that while Grew's appointment was approved unanimously, some members reserved the right to oppose other nominations on the senate floor.

Clark reported that four members voted against the nomination of Archibald MacLeish, head of the library of congress, who was named as an assistant secretary. Clark said he would oppose confirmation of MacLeish on the floor.

House Voice on Treaties Okehd

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The house judiciary committee today approved a proposed constitutional amendment to give the house of representatives a voice in future treaty ratifications.

The committee voted 14 to 4 to send to the floor a resolution by its chairman, Rep. Summers (D-Tex.), which would abolish the senate's two-thirds vote control over treaties and make future international pacts subject to ratification by a majority vote of both houses.

The resolution must pass the house and the senate and be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures to become effective.

Postal Receipts Show Mail Boost

Postal receipts for November of this year totaled \$19,507,771, an increase of \$8,275,599 or 47.426 per cent over November of 1943.

Total figures for October and November, the first two months of the quarter, for 1944 add to \$40,817,111 compared to \$27,307,42 for the same periods last year. This shows an increase for this year of \$13,449,69.

Receipts for October of 1944 were \$21,309,34, due to the heavy mailing involved with sending Christmas gifts to service men and women overseas.

Austria-Bound Reds Advance; Navies Battle In Ormoc Bay

SOVIETS MASS TROOPS ALONG LAKE BALATON

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Red army forces surging through western Hungary in a drive outflanking besieged Budapest were massed today along the south shores of Lake Balaton, only 60 miles from the Austrian frontier.

Led by Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin, the Austria-bound Russians piled up one gain yesterday of 17 miles. The overall advances carried them 12 miles closer to the border than previously reported—60 miles from Nagybjom, at the southwestern end of the 42-mile lake front.

Menace Budapest
 A Moscow bulletin issued at midnight said a column driving north along the west bank of the Danube was 37 miles south of Budapest and still advancing toward the capital's back door. East of the river, which divides the city, other Russian troops have been hammering the southeastern and eastern suburbs for days and on the northeast enemy communications have been cut.

Tolbukhin's forces were rapidly taking positions to swing around both ends of Lake Balaton toward Austria. Nagybjom was the springboard for the southwestern army.

The Russians swept through more than 100 towns and villages northeast, west and south of the communications hub of Kaposvar, captured Saturday.

Abandon Technique
 "The Germans are abandoning their military technique, their arms and military equipment," the Moscow communique said of the fighting in this sector.

Reports still incomplete declared the Russians killed 2000 enemy soldiers in yesterday's fighting. The communique said 3000 prisoners were taken in three days of fighting ending Sunday.

West of Pees in the area of the Drava river border of Hungary and Yugoslavia the Russians were hurling back the enemy on the approaches to the rail junction town of Szigetvar, 80 miles northeast of Zagreb.

Red army troops operating in northern Yugoslavia with Yugoslav forces captured Mitrovica, on the Sva river 41 miles northeast of Belgrade.

Nazi Hospital Ship Sunk

ROME, Dec. 5 (AP) — Aircraft of the Mediterranean coastal air force accidentally sank the unilluminated German hospital ship Tuebingen during a period of poor light on November 18 while she was en route to Trieste, allied headquarters announced today.

Remains were conveyed to German authorities.

The headquarters statement said, "a full inquiry into this unfortunate incident is proceeding." Headquarters said it understood that casualties among the crew were very light. The ship was carrying no wounded at the time.

(In a broadcast dispatch on November 18 the German news agency DNB said the Tuebingen was sunk by four British fighter-bombers in the Adriatic sea.)

Navy Booms Use Of Rockets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The navy shortly will be spending \$100,000,000 monthly on rocket ammunition alone.

Rockets have been found increasingly useful, among other things, for spraying death upon Japanese machine gunners as a cover for landing operations.

The \$100,000,000 outlay, to be attained within four months, is "as much as is now being spent per month for all types of naval ammunition," said the office of war information in a cautiously worded report today on the U. S. use and development of rockets.

Soldiers Pay With Lives For Lack of Ammunition

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — American soldiers are paying with their lives for a western front shell shortage, a Daily Mail dispatch declared today.

Noel Monks, Daily Mail correspondent with the U. S. ninth army, wrote:

"The final assault on a town had begun and American infantry on the outskirts were counterattacked by the last German tanks in this sector.

"Heavy fire from the tanks caught the Americans as they came up an incline leading into the town. They had no tank support owing to mines.

"A call was made immediately for artillery support while the Americans dug themselves in. I was in the command post when the colonel passed on the call for artillery support. I could hear the reply coming through the phone:

"Too bad, but we fired our quota in the opening stages of the attack." Without saying a word, the young colonel slumped into a chair.

"Fired their quota," he said. "No use telling them that the German tanks haven't fired their quota and my men are being cut up for want of a few more American shells."



It may be a photographic trick, but here is how the stack of Christmas parcels must look to local postoffice employees confronted by a shortage of help and a record amount of mail. Here Thomas D. Hinchman, clerk, is working undaunted on a doubly-exposed pile of Christmas packages.

MAILING PROGRAM PROGRESSES HERE

The Christmas mailing program is progressing steadily, according to Burt E. Hawkins, local postmaster. No rush has been experienced as yet but it is expected that this will come between the middle of December and the first of January.

Local postoffice authorities report that the public is cooperating well and adhering to the suggestions made recently by Hawkins, such as addressing packages legibly, wrapping parcels securely and mailing progressively instead of all at once.

Situation In Hand
 The local situation at the local postoffice is coming along well, everything considered, and no trouble has been experienced as yet.

Some people are going to be disappointed on Christmas, however, unless there is a heavy increase in mailings of gifts in (Continued on Page Seven)

British Capture German Stronghold of Ravenna

ROME, Dec. 5 (AP) — British eighth army troops have captured Ravenna, German stronghold on the Adriatic, the allied high command announced today.

Ravenna (pop. 81,000), is 16 miles northeast of Forlì.

The announcement said the city fell as the result of "a brilliant encircling movement by the (Canadian) Princess Louise's dragoon guards which outflanked the city and forced the enemy to withdraw to avoid being trapped."

Route Cut
 The Canadian unit cut route 16 and entered Ravenna from the northwest as the 28th lancers plunged into the city from the south, it said.

Previously allied headquarters had announced the capture of Russi and Godo, towns on the Ravenna-Bologna railway, and midway between Ravenna and Faenza, besieged Nazi stronghold on the Bologna-Rimini lateral highway.

Near Faenza eighth army troops have occupied commanding positions east of the highway for some days.

Forces Bridgehead
 Rolling forward after several days of hard fighting between the Montone and Lamone rivers, the eighth army forced a bridgehead over a canal south of Russi against heavy opposition.

Further east other units crossed the Montone and joined the (Continued on Page Seven)

IKE SAYS ALLIES NOT TO FEED NAZIS

By The Associated Press
 General Eisenhower bluntly informed the German people today that they "cannot count upon food, fuel or clothing from the military government," and must rely upon their own resources.

"scorched earth policy" of the retreating Nazi army will serve only to multiply the suffering and hardships of the German people, he said in a proclamation read over allied transmitters in Europe and reported by the office of war information.

"The allied armed forces will import the bulk of their requirements," the proclamation said. "If they should be in a position to give help to the population of Europe, this help will primarily go to the population of the countries which have been ravaged and plundered by the German armies. The German people will have to (Continued on Page Seven)

Group to Reopen Nominee Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The senate military committee decided today to reopen its investigation of two of President Roosevelt's nominees for the surplus war property disposal board.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) said the group voted at a closed session to "throw wide open" a hearing next Monday on the nominations of former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut and Lieut. Col. Edward H. Heller.

Fighting Yanks Face Tire Lack Shoppers Put Christmas First; Bond Quotas Lag

PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP) — American armies fighting along the German border face a tire shortage so serious it threatens to tie up 10 per cent of all army vehicles by early February, Gen. Eisenhower declared today.

"I am not exaggerating when I say that the war will be needlessly extended unless we can extract every possible mile from our tires and use them only as we find it necessary to do so," Eisenhower advised his officers and men in a letter.

The reason for the impending shortage, Eisenhower said, was that tire wear in the theater has exceeded all pre-combat estimates. The rout of the Germans in France and the lowlands, plus their long stand at the entrances to Antwerp, combined to place a tremendous burden on army supply forces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Christmas shoppers crowded to the center of the stage today in the 6th War Loan drive.

The treasury issued an appeal to the fighting throngs in the nation's stores to remember the fighting men shooting it out with the nation's enemies.

Treasury officials said it was well realized when the November 28-December 16 dates of the drive were chosen that it would coincide with heavy gift-buying, but—

"War expenditures don't accommodate themselves to our traditional Christmas season," Ted R. Gamble, national director of war finance, said.

"Santa can serve the boys overseas very well, by including a lot of war bonds in his bag of gifts.

"It's necessary this year to give the 6th War Loan priority over Christmas shopping. We can't afford to do otherwise."

Yesterday he announced these sales figures:

Series E bonds, \$871,000,000—behind schedule.

Total individual sales, including E bonds, \$2,021,000,000—ahead of schedule and 40 per cent of the individual's quota of \$5,000,000,000.

Total sales including individuals and corporations, \$8,941,000,000—far ahead of schedule and more than half the total quota of \$14,000,000,000.

FIGHT COSTS JAPS, YANKS DESTROYER

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 5 (AP) — Sharp naval blows were traded by Americans and Japanese in Ormoc gulf off Leyte island Saturday, a headquarters communique reported today, and each side lost a destroyer.

The American vessel was ripped completely in two, presumably by an aerial torpedo, and went down in 55 seconds, a 20 mm. gun still firing until choked off by the sea. The majority of the crew was saved, the communique said, adding that a second Japanese destroyer was believed damaged in the engagement.

Rescue Drama
 The sinking of the American vessel furnished the backdrop for a thrilling rescue drama, in which the leading roles were played by those workhorses of the U. S. navy, the Catalina flying boats. One of the "Black Cats," as they are known in the navy, picked 56 men out of the oil-blackened water, and lumbered into the air with them after a three-mile run down the bay, in full sight of thousands of Japanese troops.

The plane, piloted by Lt. (jg) Joe F. Ball, Fullerton, Calif., had the near record total of 63 men aboard, including its crew of seven. The destroyer's survivors had been in the water 12 hours, cling to debris, logs, canisters or anything handy, when the first flying boat reached them.

Penetrate Bay
 The U. S. vessels entered the gulf in the face of air attacks and shore fire. American destroyers penetrated Ormoc bay for the first time last week, shelling the Japanese supply and reinforcement port and escaping unharmed.

Ground activity was limited to minor clashes as rain poured down monotonously, but allied planes ranged widely in delivering a series of stabs at enemy installations.

Repeated attacks were made by fighter planes on Japanese positions and on targets in Ormoc bay and Palompon. The communique reported destruction of the Ormoc jetty, and stores and warehouses were set ablaze. North of Palompon a 1000-ton enemy transport was sunk.

Small Vessels Lost in Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The loss of three small naval vessels of the central Pacific force and a motor torpedo boat, as a result of enemy action, was reported by the navy today.

In addition, the navy said, the ammunition ship Mount Hood was lost at an advanced base in the central Pacific when it accidentally blew up.

The motor torpedo boat, the PT-363, was lost in the Philippine area.

The other three vessels lost were two motor mine sweepers, YMS 19 and YMS 385, and the landing craft, infantry (gunboat), LCT (G) 459.

Italians to Form Own Government, Discloses U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The United States has informed both Britain and Italy that it expects the Italian people to develop their government "without influence from outside."

The state department's unusual disclosure of policy in such a case today apparently placed the United States in an opposite position from that taken by Great Britain which has officially opposed the inclusion of Count Sforza in an Italian administration.

"This government has not in any way intimated to the Italian government that there would be any opposition on its part to Count Sforza," the state department reported.

One purpose of the assertion evidently is to reassure the people of liberated allied countries who may have read into recent developments in Italy an indication that the great powers intend to meddle in their internal affairs.

Rather Drastic, Isn't It?

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP) — An unidentified man whipped out a gun on the lower Bowery today and fatally shot another man who had asked him for a cigarette, police reported.

Police Lieutenant James Sione said Michael Condon, 52, identified through a social security card, had berated the man who fled after firing three shots, one of which pierced Condon's heart.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 PATTON'S 3rd army takes the spotlight again today, expending its Saar river bridgehead and driving through the town of Saarlautern and DEEP INTO THE SIEGFRIED LINE DEFENSES.

The Saar region is rich in iron and coal. Every foot of land the Germans yield there is given up because they CAN'T HOLD IT.

In the Aachen-Cologne area, the war of attrition goes on. Our supreme headquarters in Paris says today that our big ENTER offensive started off on November 16 at a rate costing Germans 4000 men daily in "long-term casualties" and enemy casualties are estimated now to be running much faster.

That's a serious drain on remaining German manpower—it IS INTENDED to be.

There is again an intimation that OUR losses are heavy—some heavier than the German's. The military point is that we can afford heavier losses than the Germans—as Grant before Richmond could afford heavier losses than Lee.

North of Aachen, the British have cleared ALL the Germans from the west bank of the Rhine. Still farther north, the Germans break the Rhine dikes south of Arnhem, flooding the flat country and HOLDING off the Canadians.

The Germans still expect our PUSH in the north, and are reported to have massed the rear part of their tanks and THIRD of their infantry there to meet it (north meaning somewhere north of Aachen.)

Eisenhower today bluntly warns the German PEOPLE (radio) of the consequences to them of the NAZI SCORCHED EARTH policy. He says, in effect, that they're BURNING UP resources they'll need badly later on.

The Russians are still advancing southwest of Budapest, the west side of the Danube, having gained 17 miles there in a day. There are reports that the Germans in this area are retreating in confusion, again suggesting that the reds have found a weak spot.

In the Philippines, our warships penetrate Jap minefields off Ormoc bay and there is a naval battle that seems to have ended in a near draw, as we and Japs each lost a destroyer.

Our purpose, of course, was to stop Jap reinforcements from shipping Leyte.

Don't let yourself be fooled about this Leyte fighting. It's tough and bitter and bloody. Ed Hampson, AP writer on the spot, says the Japs are learning from experience and are making very futile suicide charges and generally are handling their men with greater care. (Maybe realizing there AREN'T plenty more where these came from.)

Strategic General Hansell, on Salipan, says today: "Subsidence damage has been inflicted by our B-29s on the Mitsubishi aircraft factory in Tokyo. It hasn't been destroyed by bombed sight."

Good for Hansell! One has the feeling that he's telling us straight, uncolored truth—which is what we need.

Get today from China what MAY be important news. "CRACK" Chinese troops break out of the NORTHWEST and the Japs driving toward Yenching and the Burma road. A dispatch adds: "These reinforcements may be from the immobilized forces that have been BLOCKADING the COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED region of China."

General Chou En-Lai, the Communist leader, has been in Yenching recently.

The point is that under the threat of the Jap advance toward the Burma road the Communist and the Communist may be GETTING BETTER. Through all the years of the Jap war, we've been keeping big forces WATCHING EACH OTHER instead of fighting the Japs.

This is coming to us as a shock NOW. IT WOULDN'T be such a shock if censorship prevented us from the (Continued on Page Seven)

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STILL PUTTING GIFTS OFF!

Christmas STALS