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Max. (Dec. 6)	December 7, 1944
Precipitation last 24 hours	Min. 31
Normal	0.00
Forecast: Overcast	2.22
Forecast: Open	Last year 2.20
Forecast: Open	Friday 2.18
Tulelake: Open	7.51
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	Close 5.35

Yank Flanking Move Surprises Japs

British Blast Elas Centers Inside Athens

By STEPHEN BARBER
ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 7 (AP)—British parachute troops and infantry, with the support of planes, tanks and armored cars and artillery, blasted their way at tommy-gun point from house to house today against the principal centers of Elas resistance around the Acropolis.

Although Maj. Gen. R. M. Scobie announced that progress was being made in clearing the Elas, the armed auxiliary of the leftist EAM political organization, from the Athens area, the fighting spread to Thrace, where Elas and Greek nationalists clashed.

British Beaufighters crushed the Elas' mortar positions in a public park east of the Acropolis and across the main Athens-Piraeus road where it enters the capital, and field artillery was used to blast out other positions. But snipers' bullets still zipped back and forth down the side streets of the capital in the second day of pitched battle.

Premier George Papandreu, whose government is supported by the British, told correspondents that the EAM was "plunging Greece into civil war."

FORTS SMASH JAP MANCHURIA BASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—A large force of Superfortresses smashed today at Japanese-dominated Manchuria, destroyed 26 enemy fighters, probably brought down 13 and damaged 24.

A 20th airforce communique announcing this today, said one B-29 was lost to enemy action in the attack on an aircraft plant at Mukden and other strategic military objectives.

The attack, made in daylight, resulted in "unobserved to excellent bombing results," the communique said.

Visual bombings were carried out at most of the targets.

The raid, carried on by the 20th bomber command based on the Asiatic mainland, encountered "from weak to strong" air opposition, while antiaircraft (Continued on Page Two)

Delays Elections
 (In London a Greek government spokesman said the outbreak has delayed elections by several months. He predicted that unless "this painful situation is solved immediately Greece will be years in rising out of the chaos created by German occupation.")

Gen. Scobie's communique said:
 "The process of clearing the Athens-Piraeus area of hostile Elas forces is progressing steadily. By nightfall (yesterday) large areas had been freed and were being picketed by Greek and British regular troops."

Clears Strongpoints
 "In some cases field artillery has been used to clear Elas strongpoints interfering with movements of our troops. (Continued on Page Two)



Here is Marjorie Nason, The Herald and News editor, looking in the files at The Klamath News "Pearl Harbor extra" which came out exactly three years ago this afternoon. Then a student at the University of Oregon, she now looks forward eagerly to writing the headline that will give the final answer to that top banner line on the extra of December 7, 1941.

Allied Tanks Rumble Near Bombarded Saarbrucken; GI's Clear Sarreguemines

JAP UNITS OCCUPY RAILROAD CENTER

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—American tanks drove within three and a half miles of seared Saarbrucken today in a plunge to the outskirts of Forbach, French rail town and outpost of the Siegfried line.

Artillery of the same third army bombarded the little Pittsburgh of the coal and iron region for the eighth consecutive day, while infantry was cleaning the Germans from Sarreguemines, French border town southeast of the Saar capital. Street fighting continued in Saarlautern, second city of the Saar.

Extend Grip
 The Americans extended their grip on the west bank of the multiple-crossed Saar river to 22 miles.

On the static Roer river front, the Cologne plain for the second successive night was bright with strings of German groundlights, suggesting that the enemy was working intensively to prepare defenses on the Erft river in anticipation of a forced withdrawal from the swift and swollen Roer.

U. S. FAVORS GREEK FREEDOM OF ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius today put the United States as favoring complete freedom of political action for the people of Greece.

He formally endorsed a declaration by Prime Minister Churchill Tuesday that the people of Greece should have complete freedom to form a government either of the right or of the left.

But Stettinius deliberately refrained from endorsing another statement by the British prime (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Sweep Around Lake To Push Nearer Border

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Red army vanguards sweeping around lower Lake Balaton were within 35 miles of the Austrian frontier today as Berlin reported a powerful Russian offensive closing in on Budapest from three sides.

The gravest threat to the beleaguered Hungarian capital came from spearheads of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army units driving up the west bank of the Danube.

Abandon Ercsi
 The Germans said they had abandoned Ercsi, only 13 miles south of Budapest, in the face of the tide of Russian armor which the soviet war bulletin said yesterday is gaining up to 16 miles over an 50 place, including Racalmas, 28 miles south of the Hungarian capital.

Other units of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukraine army are entrenched on Csepel, the island that splits the Danube for 30 miles south of Budapest, with advance positions only six miles from the city's outskirts. Racalmas is only four miles from the southern tip of the island and a junction of the two Russian armies appeared imminent. There was no confirmation, however, of German reports that soviet troops from Csepel had established a bridgehead on the west bank of the Danube just below Budapest.

claims of a renewed offensive from north of Budapest, where red troops were reported plunging down from captured Hatvan, a railroad town 75 miles southeast of Kweiyang, but made no reference to the deeper penetration. The village of Sanho, northeast of Tushan, was declared in a field dispatch to have been recaptured by the Chinese.

The Chinese press reported that the entire 50-mile southern shore of the lake was in Russian hands.

Battle On the Saar



Arrows indicate U. S. third army drives into the Saar valley, where action centered at Saarlautern. Americans fought to complete capture of the city and pushed through Roden, just to the north. German opposition was strong. To the south the American front (heavy line) swung closer to the Saar. (AP wirephoto map).

No Trace Found Of Sunken Plane

No trace of the medium bomber or the two men who plunged to their death Monday in Clear Lake, northern California, had been found at a late hour Thursday, according to the Klamath naval air station.

Rescue work was continuing, however, and the crew which had gone to the scene Monday returned here last night for a rest and left again Thursday morning for the scene. Divers and equipment from Seattle are working to locate the wreckage and victims, thought to be in about 30 feet of water in the lake. Drugging was underway, it was reported.

Stolen Auto Crashes Into Car

A stolen automobile, abandoned by its driver at the climax of a police chase, crashed into a parked car at Spring and Main streets early Thursday morning.

Police said the car had been reported stolen by Kelley Lazarus, route 1, box 1118, Klamath Falls. They sighted it in the armory block and gave chase.

The fugitive driver sped north on Spring street, and jumped from the moving car. Police pursued the man, and shortly thereafter arrested a marine from the Marine Barracks at Broad and Main streets.

The marine was turned over to Barracks authorities for further investigation. No civil charge had been filed late Thursday.

Police said they were uninformed as to the owner of the parked car which was damaged. The owner had made no report today.

CAVALRYMEN ROUND SOUTH LEYTE HORN

Three-Day Trip Takes Japs Unaware Below Ormoc

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 7 (AP)—A heavy earthquake, localized in the neighborhood of southern Japan and of an intensity "about equal to the San Francisco earthquake of 1906," was recorded by the California Institute of Technology last night.

The shocks, beginning at 9:48:35 p. m., Pacific war time, continued for hours, the waves circling the entire earth, the scientists said.

The distance was estimated at about 5700 miles, in a northwesterly direction.

Six-Hour Quake
 A leading British seismologist reported that the quake shook the whole earth for six hours.

J. J. Shaw, veteran West Bromwich, England, seismologist, said that wind tremors made it difficult to trace the direction but he expressed a belief that it was possibly in Japan, the Aleutians or the Kuriles.

A short time later, Swiss radio said that both Zurich and Nurnburg observatories had recorded an "extremely violent earthquake in the direction of Japan."

"Catastrophic"
 "In case the quake took place in populated regions the consequences are bound to be catastrophic," the Swiss announcement heard by The Associated Press reported.

Seismographs in all parts of the nation recorded the quake. All did not agree on the specific location, but most reports confirmed the general Japanese area as the center.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 7 (AP)—A heavy earthquake, "one of the largest in 40 years," was recorded on the California Institute of Technology seismograph beginning at 9:48:35 p. m. (Continued on Page Two)

Barracks Rifle Range Now Complete; Other Navy Work Progresses Steadily Here

The \$90,000 rifle range at the Marine Barracks was completed today and substantial progress was reported on the other navy construction jobs at the Barracks and the naval air station by Lt. J. M. Babcock, naval officer in charge of construction.

Labor shortage rather than weather is the major problem for the navy's contractors, Babcock said. Nevertheless, work is going ahead steadily.

Concrete Pits
 The rifle range is a Brennan and Cahoon contract, and lies on the hill above the barracks. Included in the job was considerable concrete construction on the firing aprons and target pits.

The senior BOQ and officers' club at the naval air station will be finished this week. This building includes a galley and officers' dining room, as well as club and sleeping quarters. It has been built by Morrison-Knudsen-Twilt, contractors.

Gets Contract
 Waale-Campbell company of Portland has received the second contract on the new hangar at the air station, at approximately \$286,000. The first contract, on which the firm is still working, was at about \$254,000.

This hangar, the second to be built by the navy at the air station, is of wood construction, on a huge concrete slab. It is 340x200 feet in dimensions, somewhat larger than the steel hangar at the station. It stands adjacent to the big warm-up apron, to the south of the steel hangar, and doors open on the north and south ends of the new building.

Double Hangar
 The hangar will have two arched roofs, and is in reality (Continued on Page Two)

Navy Cross, Purple Heart Awards Slated at Barracks

One Navy Cross, the nation's second highest combat award, and numerous Purple Hearts will be awarded marine veterans during a parade and decoration ceremony at the Marine Barracks Saturday morning.

The ceremony is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock, on the parade ground just north of the post gymnasium. The public is invited to witness the decorations.

Cpl. Clifford R. Gilbert will receive the Navy Cross for his exploits on Eniwetok island last February. A field telephone operator, the 21-year-old Texas Leatherneck assumed control of an infantry outfit and directed their fire against some 300 Japs for three hours, watching the enemy's movements and relaying the information and orders over his telephone.

Close to Japs
 Gilbert, at the time, was concealed only 50 yards from the Jap positions, and his work resulted in the destruction of the

SEVERE SHOCK RECORDED ON SEISMOGRAPHS

Englishman Says Earth Shaken For Six Hours

GEN. MAC ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 7 (AP)—American cavalrymen, in a daring amphibious flanking maneuver, surprised Japanese forces 10 miles below the vital enemy-held port of Ormoc on Leyte's west coast as other American forces were breaching the Nipponese Palanas line, two miles further south, it was disclosed today.

Al Dopping, Associated Press war correspondent, in a delayed dispatch written December 5 (Manila time), said the cavalrymen, riding heavily armed amphibious tractors, came around the southern horn of Leyte on a more than 125-mile three-day trip, the longest ever made by amtracs under their own power. They knifed into Japanese positions at Tabgas and adjoining Balogo village.

Caught Off Guard
 Lieut. Col. O'Neill Kane, commander of the force, said the Japanese were caught off guard and his men drew only meager mortar and machine-gun fire. (Continued on Page Two)

NOMINATIONS SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt's personal selection to help run the state department bounced back to the foreign relations committee today from an unsatisfied majority of the senate.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) called up the nominations, for an undersecretary and three assistant secretaries, late yesterday and the senate by a roll call vote of 37 to 27 promptly sent them back the same way.

Committee Favored
 The nominations had been approved in committee Tuesday without hearings and a vociferous group of lawmakers—some of them new dealers—demanded opportunity to learn more about (Continued on Page Two)

Ostendorf to Name New Chief

Klamath Falls' new chief of police had not been named at a late hour Thursday although Ostendorf, mayor-elect, said that his choice would be made known "within the next few days."

Ostendorf said that several applications were being considered and that an appointment to be presented to the city council for approval would probably be made this week.

"I made a statement during my campaign that the city of Klamath Falls would have a new chief of police, and I intend to live up to that promise," Ostendorf said Thursday.

War Bulletins

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7 (AP)—One Superfortress was destroyed and two others damaged the morning of December 6 in the strongest counter-raid the Japanese have made on the B-29 base on Saipan, the navy announced today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7 (AP)—Sensational but unsuccessful Japanese paratrooper landings on Leyte island were reported today by Mutual broadcasting system's Philippine correspondent, Royal Arch Gunnison.

enemy forces, according to his citation, signed by Admiral Nimitz.

Purple Heart awards are to be presented to several wounded veterans of the recent fighting on Saipan and Guam, who are now stationed here.

Sgt. Harry G. Ahlstrom was cut up and burned when the ammunition-laden amtrac he was in received two direct shell hits before getting onto the beach at Saipan. When the ammunition began exploding, Ahlstrom dived overboard; then the gas from the tractor caught fire on the water, and he was burned getting out.

Carried From Lines
 An Alabama marine, Sgt. Hillman A. O'Quinn was wounded repeatedly by shell fragments on Guam, on the face, hands and legs, and had to be carried from the fighting lines.

O'Quinn was an unwitting participant in one of the strangest (Continued on Page Two)

the day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 HERE'S a faint flicker of something new on the west front today. Our reconnaissance pilots report that the Germans appear to be working seriously on NEW DEFENSES along the Erft river.

THE 100-foot-wide Erft, paralleled by a canal, is about 100 miles from the Roer to the line between Aachen and Cologne. The report suggests that the Germans EXPECT TO LOSE the Roer line and are preparing all back to the Erft.

ATTENTION is steadily widening this bridgehead over the Saar and is inching his way into the steel-and-concrete Saar basin.

THE Russians creep nearer to Budapest. The main thrust the moment seems to be up west bank of the Danube, where they are only 13 miles from the city's limits.

THE Japanese are making a drive toward the southwest, around Lake Tokyo again. A larger force of them bombs Jap cities in Manchuria.

THE fighting on Leyte goes on about material change.

THE clouds gather more darkly over China.

THE Japs reach and take only 53 MILES south of Kweiyang, on the Burma front. We learn today that the advancing ALSO toward Nanning, headquarters of our air force. They're moving eastward from Nanning, leaving a fairly wide and fertile valley.

THIS Kunming drive has not been mentioned by the Chinese. It is BARELY MENTIONED today by our side.)

THE Chinese communist general leaves Chungking. A catch today says he didn't get what he wanted, but carries inter-proposals from Chiang. Other words, they are still working.

WHAT about covers the shooting war news for the day. On the statistical side, Under Secretary of War Patterson announces that on this third anniversary of Pearl Harbor U. S. casualties (killed, wounded, missing and captured) are 101,818. This war is the real one.

Patterson adds: "In the fighting on the western front we are seeing severe casualties and facing the grim prospect of a long war."

THE war in Europe is in the grim, bloody KNOCKOUT stage. Its duration depends how long the Germans can hold the Pacific war is at the threshold of that stage.

Greece, where a fair-sized civil war is being fought, the main rising on the first day AFTER THE WAR drama. POWER POLITICS drama. Britain is fighting for the maintenance of her traditional sphere-of-influence system. The American is her BIG sphere of influence. Greece is a strategic location in the Mediterranean. With its islands, Greece is a COMMAND the Aegean Sea and to the Dardanelles.

STETTINIUS, our new secretary of state, in a statement given the press today, puts the emphasis on RECORD OF COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACTION (Continued on Page Nine)

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 PUT SOME 'DEP' INTO YOUR LIST!
 CHRISTMAS SEALS