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Weather News

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Max. (Dec. 9)	40
Min.	20
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	5.66
Normal	5.20
Forecast: Clear and cold.	Last year
Oregon: Open	Sunday Shooting Hours
Tillamook: Open	7:33
	Close
	5:34

U. S. DIVISIONS FORM JUNCTION ACROSS RIVER

Units Hit Neinkirsch Just Short of Saar Lines

By E. D. BALL
 WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, Dec. 9 (AP)—The 35th infantry division which drove a bridgehead across the Saar river just below the German border, joined up today with the 28th division four and a half miles southeast of Sarreguemines in gains ranging up to two miles. The 28th had broken through the Maginot line fortifications in the area of Achen, seven miles southwest of Sarreguemines, to effect the junction.

Other elements of the 35th division driving north from the Sarreguemines bridgehead reached Neinkirsch, just short of the Saar border.

Heavy fighting continued along the third army front.

Bombers Attack

Medium bombers attacked a German tank concentration in the Dill, 10 area in support of the 90th's push.

The sixth armored division wiped out an enemy salient three miles deep and two miles wide located five miles southeast of blackened Saarbrücken.

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AP)—At supreme allied headquarters it was estimated the Germans lost 152,000 men in the first three weeks of the winter offensive.

At present strength, that toll is equal to 17 enemy divisions.

6000 Per Day

The attrition rate of 6000 Germans a day from November 8 to November 30, represents destruction of almost one-fourth of (Continued on Page Two)

PROPAGANDA SET TO RECRUIT LABOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The full force of propaganda was set in motion today to combat manpower shortages as new calls came from the army for vital needs from the winter equipment.

Chairman Mead (D-N. Y.) of the senate war investigating committee told reporters that voluntary methods, including appeals to public patriotism, will meet current needs for war workers.

List Increased

Clothing and blankets were added meanwhile to a list of war materials needed as quickly as possible. War production board sources revealed that a big increase in heavy overcoats, battle jackets, uniforms, heavy trousers and blankets is sought promptly by the army.

Saying he based his belief on testimony of army service for WPA and manpower officials, Mead declared:

"A closer co-ordination of army and navy procurement, a more efficient utilization of workers already in plants and nationwide recruiting by organized labor will produce the men and women needed."

To Issue Report

Mead said his committee will issue a report soon on army and navy manpower property accumulations which will "point out some of the answers to the wastage of manpower and materials."

Charles M. Hay, deputy manpower chairman, said that while he would welcome early legislation penalizing civilian plants which hire workers in excess of manpower commission quotas, he thinks the problem can be solved without it.

Yanks Storm Ormoc's Edge; Japanese Flee

By MURLIN SPENCER
 GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 9 (AP)—Storming the outskirts of the port city of Ormoc, the recently landed U. S. 77th division broadened the coastal center of two mantraps on west Leyte today and a frontline dispatch told of bewildered Japanese fleeing in disregard of orders to stand or die.

In the main, however, there was bitter Japanese resistance. Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's sixth army, going all-out to wind up the central Philippines campaign, was on the move in all sectors, converging from three directions on Ormoc.

Vigilant naval patrols were maintained in the Camotes sea in an effort to choke off the last trickle of enemy shipments to that gravely menaced reinforcement base. Today's communique disclosed the patrols sank six fully loaded small vessels and set a seventh ablaze.

Far out over the Philippines from Luzon to Mindanao, army, marine and navy planes hunted down other enemy ships, sinking a 9000-ton transport and destroying or damaging 14 small freighters in operations just reported.

Take Camp Downs

The 77th, veterans of Guam, powered their way north for two miles from the point of Thursday's amphibious landing to seize the former U. S. army base of Camp Downs on the edge of Ormoc.

Five miles south of the 77th's beachhead, the northbound seventh division swept beyond Palanas to seize Balogo and inland high ground north of the Tagbas river.

Scurry to Hills

Atop a hill in the seventh's sector, Al Dopkin, Associated Press war correspondent, saw trapped Japanese run first toward the 77th's beachhead, recall under fire back toward the seventh which also blasted them and sent many scurrying into wild mountain country.

But not far away to the northeast, other Yanks scaling those hogbacks from conquered east Leyte were disclosed to be within six miles of the west coast after capturing the mountain pass at Mahonag.

Damage Light

Domel, Japanese news agency, said in a broadcast picked up by the federal communications commission that "on the whole," however, damage was light.

"The quake was severe," Domel said, "but losses were limited to buildings damaged in one area, and on the whole not much damage was done."

That area was the Tokai district, which includes Nagoya, with a population of 1,328,000, center of Japan's aviation industry before the war at least. (Continued on Page Two)

Army Gets First Claim on Spuds

The army got first claim today on Klamath basin potatoes. Shippers in this as well as other designated areas, were ordered to offer potatoes to government procurement agencies before making deliveries elsewhere. The war food administration said armed services had encountered difficulties in obtaining supplies to meet expanding needs in the Pacific.

Potatoes not required for the military services will be released into commercial channels by WFA shipping permits, Washington stated.

The affected areas include Malheur, Crook, Deschutes and Klamath counties in Oregon, Modoc and Siskiyou counties in California, and the state of Idaho, except Idaho county, and all counties north thereof in Idaho. Other areas may be added from time to time, the WFA said.

Johnson Given Sentences on Forgery Charges

Donald Leron Johnson entered a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery early Saturday morning in circuit court and received a sentence not to exceed three years by Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Clarence Norman Johnson, also charged with forgery, entered a plea of guilty and was given a sentence not to exceed four years. Both were committed to the county jail. The Johnsons are not related.

War Bond Goal Beaten by Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—With more than a week remaining in the Sixth War Loan drive, the treasury now has \$14,052,000,000 in the vault, \$52,000,000 more than the goal.

Huge investments by corporations carried the total figures over the top earlier than treasury officials would have liked.

The campaign to sell bonds to individuals is still in full swing, and is far from its goal.

Blonde Robin Hood Unfolds Story of Robbery in Court

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—A Robin Hood story, with a Fifth Avenue luggage shop the Sherwood forest locale and a blonde bookkeeper in the role of the beneficent outlaw, unfolded today in felony court.

There, a pretty accountant, Mrs. Madeline Dunningan, 22, was arraigned on a grand larceny charge—a prosaic phrase to describe the story Assistant District Attorney Frances X. Clark said Mrs. Dunningan told him. She waived examination and was released on \$2000 bail pending grand jury action.

Menace of Iwo Jima Diminished by Raid

By LEIF ERICKSON
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 9 (AP)—Iwo Jima's threat to the American Superfortress base at Saipan was considerably diminished today after a thorough co-ordinated pounding by warships and perhaps the biggest land-based air fleet ever used against an island target in the Pacific war.

Scores of Superfortresses and 108 four-engine Liberators, flying under a shield of 30 Lightning fighters, poured a fearsome

load of bombs yesterday on the Japanese base in the Bonin islands while warships sent destructive salvos ashore in the first combined action of its kind.

Six Japanese planes took the air in a feeble attempt to intercept. Five were shot down and the sixth was damaged.

Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith's task force almost certainly included cruisers and possibly even heavily-gunned battleships with escorting destroyers.

The crushing blow on the island only eight square miles

RIFT DEVELOPS AMONG LEADERS OF EAM PARTY

Armed Bands Cleared From Fifth of Athens

By STEPHEN BARBER
 ATHENS, Dec. 9 (AP)—A rift developed today among leaders of the seven-party EAM coalition as the British announced that one-fifth of Athens had been cleared of armed bands.

General Stephanos Serrafis, commander-in-chief of the ELAS, was reported to have assured Maj. Gen. R. Scobie, head of British and allied troops in Greece, that he was remaining under the latter's command.

Not EAM Members
 Former Transport Minister Askoutsis, one of six leftists who resigned in the dispute over disarmament of the EAM's military formations, from the cabinet to Premier George Papandreu, said at an interview that he, former Finance Minister Svolos and Finance Undersecretary Angelopoulos "never belonged to the EAM." They previously had been identified with the right wing of the EAM.

The liberal section of the EAM headed by former National Economy Minister Elias Tsirimokos also was reported to be breaking away.

Role of Reconciliation
 "Our role," said Askoutsis, "has been one of reconciliation and compromise. However, since (Continued on Page Two)

TIMBER DISCUSSION SLATED BY C OF C

Timber and forestry matters related to the federal forests in this area will be intensively discussed at meetings to be held under sponsorship of the Klamath county chamber of commerce on Wednesday, December 13, it was announced today by Charles Stark, chamber secretary.

Supervisors of the national forests in this area and representatives of the regional forestry office will be here, and local lumbermen have been especially invited to the meetings. The visitors will be guests at the chamber directors' luncheon Wednesday noon. That evening, at the Pelican cafe party room, the industrial development and post-war planning committees will hold a joint dinner meeting to continue the discussion, and local timber and lumber operators have especially been invited to this meeting.

Men coming to the meeting include Larry May, Lakeview, supervisor of the Fremont national forest; Karl Janouch, Medford, supervisor of the Rogue River forest; Ralph Crawford, Bend, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest; M. E. Barron, Alturas, supervisor of the Modoc national forest. Charles Tebbe, assistant regional forester, is expected from Portland.

Floyd Scott, acting district forester for the O and C administration, is also expected from Medford.

Russian Units Seize Vac After Savage Fighting

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Berlin radio said today the Germans have lost the town of Vac, 15 miles northeast of Budapest on the Danube, after hard fighting.

Asserting that the Russians had thrown in fresh reinforcements in the battle for Budapest, Transocean said German lines "had to be taken back several miles east of the capital."

From their penetration north of Budapest," the news agency said, "the Soviets increased their pressure southwards on Budapest, at the same time attacking toward the north."

The broadcast said the Russians were not attempting to cross the Danube at Vac, but had turned south.

Previously Berlin had announced that the Russians slanting westward from captured Hatvan had captured the railroad town of Aszod, 15 miles

Helping in Bond Drive



Mrs. Oscar Lovenberg looks on as her husband is handed a \$1000 bond by Dick Winter, who also sold the bond to him as his part in the Boy Scout drive. Lovenberg is an employee of the Big Lakes Box company, and has already purchased two other \$1000 bonds, in addition to his regular payroll deductions this year. In the lower picture, Mrs. Justin McDonald and C. S. Robertson are tabulating the results of purchases and sales of the First Federal Savings and Loan association during the six bond drives. The total sales amount to \$687,905, and the total purchases reach \$1,140,000, giving a grand total of \$1,500,000.

BOND JAMBOREE SET FOR MERRILL

All was set today for a rousing war bond jamboree to be held tonight (Saturday) at the Merrill community hall, sponsored by the Merrill and Malin communities. A big crowd from all parts of the county is expected to participate in the affair.

The southern committee in charge has announced the program as follows:

Master of ceremonies, John Houston, with a group of old time entertainers from Klamath Falls.

Reception, A. Kalina, and his block of bond buyers from Malin, assisted by Dr. F. E. Trotman.

Advertising committee, "One Shot Curley," R. Van Meter and "Cactus Pete," Ed Crawford.

Bond bank, "Doc Holliday" (Continued on Page Two)

DEMURRER FILED IN YOUNG CASE

Counsel for Manson James Young, charged with negligent homicide in connection with the death of William H. McPherrin on September 27, filed a demurrer on December 7 and Saturday morning Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg granted time for argument. Time was set for Saturday, December 16, at 10 a. m. Joseph C. O'Neill represents Young. Assistant District Attorney Clarence Humble petitioned the court for time as did O'Neill.

Chinese Regain Shangssu In Attempt to Clear Japs From Kweichow Province

By SPENCER MOOSA
 CHUNGKING, Dec. 9 (AP)—The railroad town of Shangssu, 18 miles south of newly recaptured Tuhshian, was regained last night in the Chinese campaign to clear Kweichow province of the Japanese, the Chinese high command announced today.

"The Tuhshian sector now has been cleared of enemy remnants and pursuing operations to the south are continuing," the high command communique said.

Shangssu lies 82 miles southeast of Kweiyang, the provincial capital, and less than five miles from the border of Kwangsi province, from which the enemy spearheads thrust into Kweichow toward Kweiyang and the Burma road center of Kunming. Most of the invaders already have been ousted by the reinforced divisions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

General Court Martial Slated

PFC Herman DeHass will be recommended for trial by general court martial, Marine Barracks officials announced late Saturday.

DeHass was arrested early Thursday morning by city police after they had pursued the marine for several blocks when he jumped from a car at Spring and Main which officers had sirened to stop. The car was said to have been stolen late Wednesday night, according to information filed by Kelley Lazarus, route 1, box 1118, city.

Surprise Package Sold in Rummage

Surprise!
 That's what the purchaser of a billfold at a church rummage sale Saturday will find when she opens the wallet, for which she paid 25 cents, and finds it stuffed with \$40 in currency and valuable papers.

Mrs. Ralph Duell, 3052 Anderson, told The Herald and News that she was shopping at the sale when she took her billfold from her pocketbook and laid it on a counter. When she went to pick it up she found one of the saleswomen had sold it for two bits. Mrs. Duell hopes the purchaser will return the wallet intact.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 The war news today is quickly told—for there isn't much to NEW.

The Aachen-Cologne area there is a suspicious infantry but the big guns are roaring incessantly—suggesting that our 9th army may be building up strength for another great attack.

Attention still pushes ahead in Saar—gaining as much as a mile to a mile and a half in (These short gains dramatic for us the bitterness of the fighting.)

The most interesting news from the western front today new set of ATTRITION statistics from our supreme headquarters in Paris.

Our high command estimates in the first three weeks of the big winter offensive (which on November 8) the nazis lost 100,000 men—84,000 captured, the rest killed or permanently out of action.

At present German strength, is about 17 divisions.

Early this week, "authoritative" French "sources" estimated total German strength on western front at 72 divisions, a simple arithmetic tells us that in the first three weeks we destroyed slightly under ONE-TENTH of the German military strength opposed to us in west.

By the same simple mathematical process, we can arrive at deduction that in 12 weeks fighting on the same terrific scale we could destroy the whole divisions.

Such a computation, of course, amounts to nothing more than mental exercises because it involves too many UNKNOWN factors to be reliable as a forecast. But it DOES dramatize the fact that this war in the end is pure war of attrition.

When we're killed or put out of commission ENOUGH Germans the war will be won.

Such a dramatizes for us also the fact that WAR HAS CHANGED. Something NEW has been added.

When Napoleon was fighting the Austrians a century and a half ago, he commented cynically that when they were out-numbered they QUIT (that is, when the BOOK SAID they were licked, so they surrendered).

The Germans in 1918 followed the same rule as Napoleon's Austrians. Their armies WEREN'T destroyed. But the book of rules said they were licked, so they quit.

It's DIFFERENT now.

The new element that has been added to war is fanatical indoctrination of nazis and nazis. Because of this new element, we can no longer predict in any degree of accuracy when wars will end.

Because we failed to take this new element into consideration, we jumped to TOO ROSY conclusions when the Germans were being back across Poland and Rumania and Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and France to their homeland.

The old book of rules said then they were licked, and we thought they were licked.

The German Transocean news agency says today the Hunland government has fled from Budapest to Sopron, on the Austrian border. The Russians say Hungarians fighting in the man ranks at Budapest are planning to "give up in large numbers in the face of a situation" (Continued on Page Four)

Witness Denies Part in Riot

SEATTLE, Dec. 9 (AP)—The defendant in a murder case at the Fort Union court martial denied today he was in the Italian area during a riot last August 14.

The witness, Pvt. Jefferson D. Egan, 28, of San Antonio, Tex., testified he was in bed in his barracks when he learned of the riot, that he dressed and went outside but did not leave barracks.

Green is one of 38 negro soldiers accused of rioting. Three others are charged with rioting and murder in connection with an attack on Italian prisoners at Lawton.

2 SHOPPING DAYS Left

WORD TO THE WISE.

Dear Santa, Please don't forget the list I sent you. Willie

BUY Christmas SEALS