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Precipitation last 24 hours		0.00		0.00
Normal		4.01	Last year	7.41
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Oregon: Open	Friday Shooting Hours	7:37	Close	5:13
Tide/Lake: Open		6:02	Close	5:38

Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

It seems to be about the latest, UP TO NOON TUESDAY, on the big German offensive that has us all worried.

They've driven about 35 miles into Belgium (which, previously, held entirely).

"BUT—When they tried to TURN NORTH to cut our ALL-IMPORTANT supply line from Antwerp to our northern front (Aachen, etc.) we STOPPED them and are now kissing them on the cheek, toward the southwest, toward Sedan, on the French-Belgian border."

"WHAT rates as a left-handed victory—for we MUST protect our Antwerp supply line at ALL COST. If we lost it, it would be BAD."

REMEMBER, this is up to NOON TUESDAY. These reports are written at noon on THURSDAY. What has happened in the intervening two days, we do not know. It is still hidden by censorship.

It is a swirling, roaring battle, covering hundreds of square miles.

IT IS GIVE AND TAKE.

At one point, we trapped about 10 German tanks, and as the British were written were methodically destroying them.

Another, we trapped a German armored infantry outfit by blowing up a bridge behind them. The surrounded Nazi unit, the dispatch relates, was "cut off in churning circles of ruin."

Nazi infantry swimmers were trying to get back over the river by a bridgehead from which another bridge might be built, but our riflemen were picking them off in the water.

And so on. Presumably our men are being caught in the same kind of trap. That's the kind of battle it is.

AS always since the invasion began, the weather is against us. To snow, rain and clouds are all but robbing our planes. A front line dispatch says that our great air force could get TWO DAYS OF CLEAR WEATHER it might turn the tide of battle.

AT the moment, it looks as if Eisenhower's great winter offensive, which was a gallant gamble to win the war NOW, may have been thrown off schedule.

War Secretary Stimson, who has little to say, but speaks frankly and to the point when he does speak, intimates at his press conference this morning that the Nazi offensive "may gain for them a few months of time before they must account for the misery they have inflicted upon the world."

HE then expresses the hope that in all of our minds—that if the German counter-offensive fails it will DEFINITELY SHORTEN THE WAR.

Referring to the last war (in which he fought) Stimson says: "I was there when they drove almost to the channel; again almost to Arrmentieres. Again when they drove to the Marne, I remember how we felt—as if they would NEVER stop. AND I remember how, SUD-DENL, on the 18th of July, 1918, we bit into the German salient and it shriveled up like a toy balloon.

"And I remember how it (Continued on Page Two)

Clemency Request For Folkes to Be Heard by Snell

SALEM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell announced he would hold a hearing Friday afternoon on a request by negro leaders for clemency for Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, Los Angeles negro dining car cook sentenced to die for the "Lower 13" slaying two years ago of Martha Virginia James.

LeRoy Loman, Portland attorney who defended Folkes, stated today in Portland that he had not aided in publication of a pamphlet appealing for clemency against Folkes' death sentence.

The pamphlet, "The Facts in the Robert Folkes Case," was drawn by a group headed by Nicholas Granoff, Portland attorney retained by Folkes' mother.

SHOPPING DAYS Left

TIME BURNS LOW

BUY Christmas SEALS

Yanks Begin Mop-Up On Leyte, Move Ahead Unopposed on Mindoro

By JIM HUTCHESON

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Dec. 21 (AP)—American conquest of rugged Leyte island—the outcome "will decide the fate of the greater east war," Japan's Premier Koiso said December 12—nearly accomplished today.

"The battle is rapidly drawing to an end," announced Gen. Douglas MacArthur two months and a day after he returned to the Philippines October 20 with amphibious forces, landing on Leyte's east coast.

On Mindoro island—Tokyo radio said the Yanks sought to cover up "reverses" on Leyte by vaulting to the China sea side of the Philippines seven days ago—"there was no enemy ground activity and his air action was light," today's communique said. Nine raiding planes were downed.

Irreversible disaster was depicted for the Nipponese on mountainous northwest Leyte. That decisive battlefield is crossed north and south by a single corridor road from Pinampon to Ormoc and linked by a supplementary road to the west coast at Palompon.

Two American divisions

TANK ASSAULT ON ELAS MADE BY BRITISH

By STEPHEN BARBER

ATHENS, Dec. 21 (AP)—The British opened a tank assault against ELAS concentrations today after expiration of an ultimatum from Lt. Gen. R. M. Scoobie that the insurgents stop fighting.

Rocket-firing fighter planes joined in the attack. Sherman tanks climbed monastery-topped Likabettus mountain and sent 75-mm. shells crashing into ELAS positions around Averoff prison and the military academy.

Scoobie's ultimatum, which expired at 9 a. m., had warned that any ELAS forces continuing to hold out would be attacked "with all the arms at my disposal."

Take Prisoners At Omonia square, tank-supported parachute troop patrols made a series of sorties, demolishing a sniper's nest and taking numerous prisoners.

The billet of the U. S. air force transport command rocked (Continued on Page Two)

SUPERFORTS HIT JAP PLANE PLANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)

Superfortresses hit a Japanese aircraft plant in Mukden, Manchuria, today with "good results" although two of the big B-29s were lost.

Fifteen enemy planes were destroyed, seven probably destroyed and 11 damaged in the combined raiding force at about 30 planes and said the bombers burned over both the Mukden and Dairen areas for more than 50 minutes.

The Japanese radio also said three or four Superfortresses flew over Honshu, Japanese home island, last night and early today but caused "absolutely no damage."

Target of the attack, the communications plant, was the Manchuria Airplane company.

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Financing of Malin Park Project Now 'Over Hump'

Malin's park and recreation district program stood today as a financial miracle, seldom paralleled in the history of community projects in Oregon.

Following a meeting of the district directors, it was announced that the project is "over the hump" with total receipts of \$74,610 raised without a cent of taxation.

Enough For Site This is sufficient for purchase of the site—which has already been done—and for carrying on the development of an outstanding park and recreation center as soon as conditions will permit the construction.

Mayor A. Kallina of Malin brought to Klamath Falls today a copy of the financial state-

REDS SHOVE GERMANS BACK IN SLOVAKIA

Boasted Success Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, who boasted his success at Singapore would be repeated on Leyte against MacArthur, had formed that line at heavy cost with reinforcements landed from bomb-blasted convoys prior to the loss of Ormoc.

Yamashita's "cohesion now is completely broken and he is no longer capable of an integrated defense," today's communique said.

"The small remnants of his forces, divided into isolated groups, are able to resist temporarily only at independent points."

Flee to Palompon "Scattered elements are fleeing toward Palompon in an endeavor to reach the northwest coast of Leyte."

Libongao, where the Palompon road feeds into the corridor, was seized by the U. S. 77th Infantry division captors of Ormoc. A mile to the north, dismounted first cavalry division troops captured Kanango in a three-mile push south from Lonoy. Some of the enemy's isolated groups are squeezed between the first cavalry and the 32nd infantry division further north.

The demoralized Nipponese abandoned sufficient artillery, small arms ammunition, machineguns, grenades, land mines and food stores to have served him for six months.

The Japanese, who try to conceal the extent of their losses by carrying away their dead, abandoned 1541 "during the day," the communique said.

Win 13 Towns In advances up to five miles, a communique said, the Russians captured 13 towns in the Rimazombat area in a drive aimed at the key citadel of Losone, 17 miles westward. Chief of them was Tornala, 13 miles east of Rimazombat and a stronghold of formidable enemy defenses on the east bank of the Siana river.

Latest reports had soviet forces preparing a climactic attack on the Torsya river fortifications two miles outside Kassa. Front reports said the great (Continued on Page Five)

Former Senator Dies in Concord

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21 (AP) George Higgins Moses, 75, former U. S. senator from New Hampshire and widely known republican leader, died last night at his home.

Once described as "the most exciting man in American public life," he served three times in the United States senate. He lost his seat in the democratic landslide of 1932.

He had been ill in a Concord hospital for over a year and had just returned to his home for the Christmas holidays when death came of coronary thrombosis.

His widow and his only son, Gordon, were with him when he died.

During the past few years he had served as chairman of the board of directors of the Rumford press and had been working on an auto-biography.

ment, signed by Ted DeMerritt, the board secretary. Here are the figures:

Receipts	
Money donated in '43	\$41,675.00
Money donated in '44	32,885.00
Int. on U. S. bond	250.00
Total receipts to date	\$74,610.00
Investments	
Purchase of property	\$18,500.00
Invest. in U.S. bonds	50,000.00
Misc. expenses	1,960.53
Cash on hand	4,149.43
Total investments	\$74,610.00
*Plans, accrued taxes, insurance, etc.	
**With county treasurer.	
Donations, many of them running into large figures, were re-	

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Christmas Tree Away From Home



A beautiful fir tree, cut from a Klamath forest, stands in one corner of the USO center to warm the hearts of service men and women away from home this war-time holiday. The tree was profusely decorated despite the lack of ornaments and old fashioned strings of popcorn supplemented tinsel. Standing at the base of the tree, S2/c Marquette Gajewski and S2/c Jeanette Flora. WAVES. PFC C. S. Jankiewicz and Cpl. Harry J. Ballan, marines, and T/S Joseph Martino, U. S. army. On the ladder, Roberta Tucker, member of Junior Hostess, and PMM2/c Jerry Getchell, U. S. navy.

POLICE COMMITTEE TO ACT ON HEUVEL

Mayor John Houston said today that he is turning over to the police committee the question as to whether to accept the offer of Police Chief Earl Heuvel to take voluntary suspension pending the outcome of the moral charges against the chief. Heuvel is accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

The mayor's statement: "I have found numerous conflicting phases in the case against Chief of Police Earl Heuvel. I think in all fairness to those involved, that the matter of accepting or rejecting Chief Heuvel's own proposal of suspension, be turned over to the police committee of the council and action on their recommendation be made at the next regular meeting of the council, Tuesday, December 26. I have turned this matter over to that committee. J. J. Keller is chairman and other members are Harvey Martin and Rollin Cantrell."

J. C. O'Neill, Heuvel's attorney, has stated he will ask for a preliminary hearing in justice court in the Heuvel case. No (Continued on Page Five)

Evans' Condition Still Serious

The condition of Fermon Clinton Evans, chief cook, Marine Barracks, remained critical at a late hour Thursday and attending physicians at the Barracks dispensary said Evans remained on "the serious list." Evans is receiving treatment for head injuries.

No charge had been filed today against Lewis Summerville, 22-year-old discharged army veteran, now held in the county jail in connection with the case.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low continued investigation of the incident in which Evans received a severe beating while en route to Klamath Falls from a northern California tavern around midnight Tuesday.

Dunn Awarded Road Contract

The low bid of \$16,943.50, submitted by C. A. Dunn, Klamath Falls contractor, on the Marine Barracks access road, was accepted Wednesday by the Oregon state highway commission in session in Portland.

Known as the Alameda-Klamath Falls project, the matter was referred to the state highway engineer with power to award to the low bidder. Dunn said that the stretch would be taken over for maintenance the early part of the year, and actual construction would be underway as soon as weather permitted.

ROME, Dec. 21 (AP)—German forces are throwing heavy tank-spearheaded counterattacks against the Canadian bridgehead northeast of Faenza but the Canadians are holding fast despite the ferocity of the thrusts, allied headquarters said today.

There was sharp action in the sector last night during which the Canadians took 40 prisoners.

Other eighth army troops crossed the Lamone river at two points near Ronco, occupied Formello a half mile north of the Bologna-Rimini highway and joined additional units north of Faenza in seizing San Silvestro and San Pietro Laguna.

Stettinius Trip to London May Precede Big 3 Meeting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The possibility arose today that Secretary of State Stettinius might go to London as a preliminary to a big three meeting.

British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden called for a reestablishment of "quarterly meetings of foreign secretaries" of the great powers in the house of commons yesterday.

The British have clearly shown for some time their ardent wish to have a high allied conference on their home ground, but it seems out of the question that Marshall Stalin would be willing to travel that far to meet President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in England.

The flare-ups in Greece and Italy bared differences in Anglo-American policy towards liberation Europe which both sides have expressed their interest in talking out.

Churchill told commons that the allies agreed on general aims but that "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether."

Whether Stettinius will travel to London before the big three meet depends on President Roosevelt, say well informed sources.

So far, no decision has been taken, they said. Reorganization of the state department with the new undersecretary and assistant secretaries is expected to take much of the detailed tasks of Stettinius's shoulders; however, so that he can get away more easily.

Shortest Day Brings Winter

Daylight today, shortest day of the year, lasted just 8 hours and 38 minutes, according to the U. S. weatherman's figures.

Winter made its official arrival in Oregon at 4:15 p. m. today, and in Klamath Falls it was greeted by a moderate temperature although streets were icy and a heavy fog clung over the city early this morning.

In northern California and southern Oregon, intermittent rain was promised for late Thursday with partly cloudy weather and occasional showers tonight and Friday. The temperature was promised "continued mild," and no hint of snow for Christmas was contained in Thursday's weather report.

Lord Forecasts Mutiny in Greece

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Lord Faringdon, assailing British intervention in Greece, declared today that mutiny might arise among British troops detailed to quell civil strife there.

Cries of "monstrous" greeted his statement in the house of lords. Eton-educated, Lord Faringdon once served on a committee to investigate Britain's non-intervention in the Spanish civil war.

"I should not be surprised," he told lords, "if our commanders had not already met with the cases of men who show the greatest unwillingness to fight the Greeks and who may have refused to bomb Athens."

"It may be this will go further and we shall have a mutiny among men in Greece and a refusal to fight the Greeks."

GERMAN PUSH TO NORTHWARD STOPPED COLD

Doughboys Maul Tank Units In Heavy Engagement

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP)—Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's armor and infantry had driven 35 miles westward into Belgium to a point about 18 miles south of the fortress of Liege up to noon Tuesday, it was disclosed at supreme headquarters today.

But veteran first army formations, rushed up to the northern flank of the deep German salient, stopped the Germans cold today in their effort to push northward, and badly mauled large tank units in a heavy engagement.

Chop Into Salient Other American forces, hurried into action along the German north flank at Monschau, chopped nine miles into the base of the German salient.

The deepest German thrust was 14 miles west of Malmedy where tank columns cut the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon road and reached the village of Hoyevmont.

Across Luxembourg The second deep German wedge had penetrated three-fourths of the way across Luxembourg. This drive farther south appeared directed toward Sedan, scene of the 1940 breakthrough.

This drive carried 14 miles from the frontier town of Vianden to just east of Wiltz, 10 miles east of Bastogne and 48 miles northeast of Sedan. Wiltz is 28 miles north of the city of Luxembourg. A parallel German column was in the vicinity (Continued on Page Two)

OFFICER PROBES DEATH OF WOMAN

Special Indian Officer John Arkell was investigating the sudden death of Rosemary Jackson Merritt, 19-year-old Indian woman, who died suddenly at 2 a. m., Wednesday at the home of a sister, Beulah Farris, in Chinook.

Arkell said he talked to Mrs. Merritt at 11 p. m. Tuesday in Chiloquin and that she appeared in "good health and spirits." Later, Arkell said, he was called at his home in Klamath Agency by another sister of the woman, Sadie James. She told him that Rosemary had complained of feeling ill and had gone to bed shortly before 2 o'clock and when one of them heard her moan, investigated and found her dead. Arkell said the call came to him a little after 2 a. m.

Mrs. Merritt's husband, Kroyton, is with the U. S. army in the South Pacific. The woman had been in good health, but some time ago, it is understood, she had a fall from a horse. At the Farris home, at the time Rosemary died, were her three sisters, Sadie James, Pearl Ray and Beulah Farris.

The woman was the daughter of the late Frank Jackson and a niece of Boyd Jackson, well-known Klamath and tribal delegate to Washington.

Dr. George H. Adler, Klamath county coroner, could not be contacted late Thursday, but it is understood that he is also conducting an investigation.

RAF Hammers Nazi Garrison

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—RAF Lancasters hammered the German west front garrison and railway town of Trier today.

The town, 28 miles northeast of Luxembourg city, is a main supply point supporting the German winter counteroffensive. U. S. ninth air force fighters escorted the Lancasters.

U. S. 15th air force heavy bombers struck rail targets at Rosenheim, 35 miles southeast of Munich, rounding out seven straight days of raids against southern German communications.

Christmas Mailing Rush Slows Down, Says Hawkins

The Christmas mailing rush is slowing down considerably, according to Burt E. Hawkins, Klamath postmaster. Outgoing mail has passed its peak and is nearing the finish, he said.

The volume of mail sent this year through the Klamath post-office channels was greater than ever before, but was spaced over a longer period of time than usual because of overseas mailing, Hawkins stated.

There was practically no congestion this year in either the lobby or the work room, due to the cooperation of the public and the excellent work of postal employees. The additional help put on this year to alleviate confusion has done a fine job, Hawkins said, and he expressed himself as well satisfied with the entire Christmas mailing program.

The tremendous amount of postoffice work this year could hardly have been handled successfully unless everyone cooperated, concluded Hawkins.