

# U. S. FORCES SLASH AHEAD FOR JUNCTION

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near Grandmenil and Marche, points 20 miles away on the other side of the bulge.

Part of the German spearhead which had driven deepest into Belgium at Celles was encircled and being hammered into disintegration by a ring of guns and armor, and another pocket along the underbelly of the salient was receiving similar treatment.

The probing armor that had pushed close to Ciney, 15 miles from Namur in the northwestern tip of the bulge, had been beaten back until the battleline ran seven to eight miles southeast of the village.

### Main Fighting

The main fighting in the Celles area was now in the vicinity of Verre, two and one half miles to the southeast.

Along the southern flank the Americans continued to gain and were across, up to or almost up to the whole line of the Sure river from the Bastogne area to the German frontier. Where they were not across the stream they held the high ground on the south side.

### Village Seized

The village of Liefrange, 10 miles southeast of Bastogne, was seized in one crossing north of the village of Bonnal.

Gains on the north side of the salient included capture of Grandmenil and Manhay, and the partial recapture of Humain where street fighting was in progress.

It was too early to foresee the outcome, for the Americans in their counterattack now underway faced formidable obstacles.

But there were clear indications the bold Nazi bid for a great December victory had butted into serious trouble.

# RATE BUREAU IDEA TAKES HOLD HERE

George Davis, chairman of the rates committee of the Klamath chamber of commerce, said today that a most gratifying reaction is in evidence as a result of the committee's suggestion that the community consider establishment of a rate and traffic bureau to carry on the effort for more equitable Klamath basin freight rates.

Davis said he received several telephone calls after a story on the committee's suggestion appeared in the paper yesterday. The callers, he said, pledged support to the program and agreed that an intensive effort for better rates would be widely beneficial to the business and the general public here.

# Skilled Japanese Can Find Jobs Readily, Says WRA Man

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Skilled Japanese will have no difficulty finding jobs as they leave relocation centers, a WRA official predicted today.

Harold S. Fister, new northwest area relocation supervisor, said he expected most Japanese not to return to the Pacific coast. "Trained Japanese-Americans are offered scores of opportunities in technical fields in the east and midwest," he said. "In fact the WRA has received more opportunities for skilled Japanese workers than there are applicants."

Fister, whose job is to aid Japanese resettling in Oregon and Washington, will have offices here and in Seattle.

# Prisoner Hangs Self In County Jail

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Russell Golden, 18, a federal prisoner accused of driving a stolen automobile from Oakland, Calif., to Canby, Ore., hanged himself in his county jail cell last night. A rope from his bunk was tied to an overhead steam pipe.

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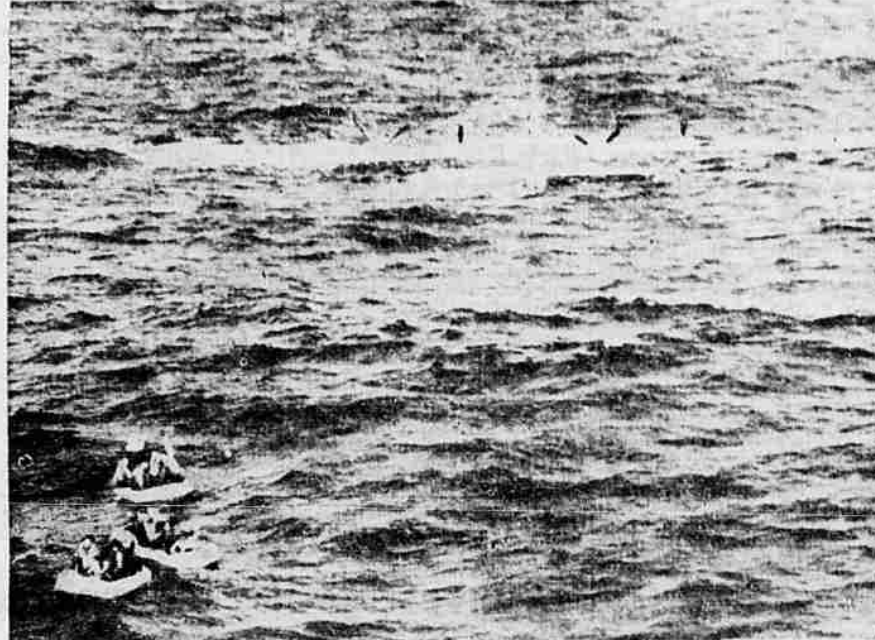
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# German Staff Maps Great Counter-Offensive



Field Marshal Walter Model (left) and Marshal Karl von Rundstedt (extreme right) and German staff officers study map of their great counter-offensive against the Allies at Nazi Western Front headquarters, according to German caption accompanying this radiophoto from a neutral source.

# Crew of Super-Fort Rescued at Sea



Forced down en route to its Saipan base after bombing aircraft works at Nagoya on the Japanese mainland, this B-29 Super-Fortress starts to sink a few moments after its crew launched their rubber life boats, paddled away to safety. They were soon spotted by a Navy PBY, from which this dramatic picture was made, and a destroyer picked them up after receiving radio word from the rescue plane. U. S. Navy photo.

# Greeks Agree to Form Regency to End Civil Strife

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front entrance of the embassy and that there was no indication the sniper, who was manning a machinegun, aimed especially at Churchill.

The prime minister and the British commander, Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, watched British parachute troops, infantry, tanks and armored cars begin driving the Elaf from central Athens early today.

Standing on Filopappas (Munich) hill, they saw stiff fighting waged in the narrow, winding streets of the Iron district northwest of the Acropolis and south of Omonia square.

# Contracts for Ship Construction Eyed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The maritime commission is considering contracts for the construction of the 186 new ships programmed for the last half of 1945.

Until contracts have been signed, the commission said today, no announcement will be made as to which yards will construct the ships.

# War Mobilizer James P. Byrnes announced the 186 ship program last night. It includes 20 tankers, 102 large C and Victory type ships, 40 small C-1 and 24 Liberty ships designed for a "special military purpose."

# First School to Close at Farragut

FARRAGUT, Idaho, Dec. 28 (AP)—The first of eight service schools at Farragut naval training center to close—the storekeeper school—will graduate its final class tomorrow.

The other service schools at Farragut are continuing to enroll new classes only through December, in accordance with orders from the bureau of personnel calling for decommissioning of the training center in the spring.

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# COMPLETION OF BOQ BUILDING LOOMS

The new BOQ building at the Klamath naval air station is virtually finished and the keys have been turned over to Commander R. R. Darron, commanding officer of the station.

Final inspection has not been made and it is expected a few minor jobs will be done on the building before it is occupied about January 1.

This building, which includes attractive mess and clubrooms will house the officers' mess, as well as quarters for station officers.

# Task Forces Trade Blows in South Pacific

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Yank positions on Mindoro in coordination with the enemy naval strike. Enemy planes also struck there the night before, today's communique acknowledging "minor damage" and reporting three raiders downed.

# First Offensive

The naval move against Mindoro represented the enemy's first such offensive effort in battleship strength since Nippon's disastrous defeat in late October in the second battle of the Philippines seas.

MacArthur said the enemy force, spotted before it got within shelling range, "was immediately attacked by our medium bombers and fighters and our PT boats."

# Influenza Epidemic Strikes Germany

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Brussels radio said today an influenza epidemic had broken out in Germany.

The broadcast said the situation was particularly serious in the southern sections of the Reich, where the cold weather and shortages of food, doctors and medicine have been felt acutely. It said there have been many deaths in Munich.

# MARKET SOLD

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—The block-large East Side market was sold today by a St. Louis corporation to two Portlanders, Ben M. and Herman B. Levin, at an undisclosed price.

From Tulolako—Lt. Col. and Mrs. Vera Austin of Camp Tulolako were visitors in Klamath Falls Thursday.

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# SEWELL AVERY SAYS ACTION VIOLATES LAW

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increases and maintenance of union membership.

The order included payment of increased wages retroactively out of Ward's net operating income. Samuel Wolchok, president of the CIO united retail, wholesale and department store employees union, said the back pay amounted to \$2,000,000.

Strikes by union members continued in Detroit and Kansas City and started in Chicago. Pickets were withdrawn in Chicago after the army seizure at request of the military, army public relations officers said.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Army officers took over Montgomery Ward's Portland store this morning, and Major Melvin T. Klinefelter said the firm manager had agreed to cooperate.

While employees continued waiting on customers as usual, notices were posted advising workers the army was in charge. Earlier, the manager contended the seizure was illegal.

# COPCO REPORTS NEW CONNECTION RECORD

California Oregon Power company reported today that water connections in the Klamath Falls metropolitan area are now 92 higher than the all-time previous high set in November, 1941.

The water connection figures cover Klamath Falls and the suburbs served by the company. Copco reported, however, that electrical connections in the county as a whole are not yet up to the record set in November, 1941.

# GERMANS CONFIRM VON KLUGE SUICIDE

By The Associated Press  
The British radio said in a broadcast recorded by the OWI today that a newly received copy of a German high command order August 31 confirmed that Nazi Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge had killed himself.

"In view of the depressing responsibility for the outcome of the battle of Normandy," the order was quoted, "Von Kluge resigned from his post as commander of the western front and subsequently committed suicide.

"Further comments on this incident are banned."  
Von Kluge had relieved Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt as supreme commander of German forces on the western front early last summer. Von Rundstedt was returned to the command later.

If you want to sell it—phone The Herald and News "want ads." 3124.

# Churchill Cryptic On Athens Sniper

By The Associated Press  
Prime Minister Churchill used just two words to comment on a sniper's attempt to shoot him on the steps of the British embassy in Athens yesterday, the London radio said today. According to the broadcast, heard by CBS, Churchill's comment was: "What cheek!"

# SPUD FREEZE SAID SATISFACTORY HERE

The recent government freeze order on potatoes for the armed forces is carrying out its purpose satisfactorily up to the present time, according to John Lacey, WFA representative in Klamath Falls.

The program is making potatoes available to the armed forces as intended, Lacey stated, and after the first of the year there will probably be heavier spud shipments in the Klamath basin, providing there is no further car shortage. Both military and civilian personnel will get a fair share of potatoes, he concluded.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

# SOVIET BLOWS SEND DOOMED NAZIS REELING

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northeast and west," the broadcast said.

The German and Hungarian defenders were reported to have already been denied the use of one of two remaining airports for evacuation of troops as Soviet forces pounded toward the heart of the once beautiful city.

Master of Skies  
With the red air force holding complete mastery in the skies German transports were able to operate only at night from this last field, near Peat, and the casualties were reported great.

Russian troops pushed across the eastern arm of the Danube north of Budapest yesterday, splitting the Nazi troops and driving part of them into the mountainous area in the great Danube bend. The remainder were pressed back into Buda, where Soviet units engaged them in house to house fighting. The crossing of the river,

which resulted in the Russian capture of Szeged and the death of a 74-year-old Chinese in which robbery was the apparent motive was being investigated today by police.

# Chinese Killed in Cigar Store Robbery

YAKIMA, Dec. 28 (AP)—The death of a 74-year-old Chinese in which robbery was the apparent motive was being investigated today by police.

The Chinese, Ling Chin, was found bound and gagged on the floor of a Chinese-operated cigar store here yesterday morning. An autopsy will be held today. A small safe was missing from the store. Ling Chin, coroner W. H. Banks said, lived in rooms adjoining the store.

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