

ARMOR SHOVES GERMAN'S BACK

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE news from Belgium gets better.
Von Rundstedt's spearpoint was stopped just short of the Meuse, and has been blunted back to the east some 10 miles. Patton, smashing in from the south, widened his own offensive wedge to a safe size and has driven its point three miles northward from Bastogne, narrowing the base of the GERMAN wedge to around 17 miles.

EAST of the Meuse, where Von Rundstedt's thrust was stopped, WE'RE beginning to break off and surround the Germans and wipe them out—thus turning the tables on the enemy.

IT ISN'T over yet.
Late front line dispatches report that Von Rundstedt appears to be REGROUPING his forces INSIDE HIS SALIENT for a possible new offensive stab. In some sectors, these dispatches say, the nazis are throwing up tankworks and digging their tanks in, as if preparing for a last-ditch stand.

Maybe they ARE preparing to hit back in Belgium. Maybe they are intending to hit SOMEWHERE ELSE and want to hold their Belgium salient as a later threat.

We home fronters don't know what the Germans are going to do. We'll just have to wait for news as it develops.
But the situation in Belgium IS DEFINITELY BETTER.

SINCE he started his drive, Von Rundstedt has lost 710 tanks, the equivalent of nearly four German armored divisions—200 of them were lost at grim and bloody Bastogne. Our planes have knocked out 3355 trucks used in the German offensive and shot down 755 German planes.

It is becoming evident that the Germans have paid a high price for the ground they won in Belgium. Whether they can afford the price we can't say, for we don't know what they have in reserve.
Time will tell.

CELLES, just east of the Meuse, where the nazis thrust was stopped, is described as one of the ghastliest carnage scenes of the war. A German pocket there was wiped out, 1300 prisoners were taken and 63 enemy tanks, 49 guns and 177 military vehicles were smashed.

What our losses were hasn't been told. They were probably heavy.
BASTOGNE, where 10,000 Americans stood against the best the Germans could send and answered "Nuts!" to the German surrender ultimatum, is a new American epic. For generations American boys and girls will read in their history books of this grim stand by men of their breed and will THRILL as they read.

ECHTERNACH is disclosed today as ANOTHER epic.
IT HAD BEEN held by a small American infantry garrison, which REFUSED to leave the town with a relieving armored force (that is to say, these men were rescued, but REFUSED the rescue, preferring to stand to the end).

When Patton's tanks got back, the American infantrymen were NOT THERE. There were stacks of enemy dead all around, as at the Alamo, but our men were gone. Those left alive were probably taken prisoner, as there were not enough American bodies to account for the entire detachment.

SLOWLY the tale of our defense unfolds.
Bastogne and Echernach were not just points where Americans were caught and surrounded. They were KEY points, at the base of the German wedge. By holding them at all costs, we prevented the Germans from widening their wedge's base.

Bastogne and Echernach didn't just happen. We did it on purpose.
THREE days after the German offensive started, Patton was given the job of caving in Von Rundstedt's southern flank. He swung in with his customary cavalryman's dash and in six (Continued on Page Two)

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Turn in Pacific Eyed; Reds Crack Nazis Lines

JAPS ATTACK SUPERFORTS' SAIPAN BASE

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 29 (AP)—A major turn in the Pacific war by next summer is foreseen by Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher who helped whip the Japanese decisively in two battles of the Philippines sea and figures "in another year we should have their navy pretty well cleaned up."
"By next summer, they will be sitting on a decidedly uneasy seat in the empire," he told war correspondents yesterday.

The Tokyo radio reported that several American superforts were "attempting to force their way westward" through the Mindanao sea to the Sulu sea. The Blue network recorded the broadcast.
Japanese units were declared to have been striking "hammering blows" at the convoys since the night of December 27.

Imperial Japanese headquarters claimed today its planes sank six "large transports" and damaged two others yesterday in attacking 30 of the craft "heading westward in the Mindanao sea through Surigao straits."

On the side of current action, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported the second Nipponese air raid in three days on the Saipan base (Continued on Page Two)

Jap Naval Leader Reported Dead

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The death of Admiral Nobumasa Suoyetsugu, former commander in chief of the Japanese grand fleet and a leader in Japan's program of expansion and conquest, was announced today in a Tokyo dispatch broadcast in the Berlin radio. He was 64 years old.

Suoyetsugu was one of the outstanding firebrands in the years Japan was preparing for Asiatic conquest and war against the United States and Britain. As commander of the fleet in 1933 and 1934 he was noted for his belligerent, undiplomatic statements. He was an opponent of naval limitation and an advocate of "liberation" of Asiatic peoples from influence of the white nations.

Clark, Wilson To Close Mills

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—An era in Oregon's timber industry neared an end today as Clark & Wilson Lumber company announced it will shut down operations at its Prescott mill and the older of its two mills in Linton immediately.

The decision bears out the company's announced intention to liquidate by 1947. The reason is depletion of lower Columbia timber stands, partially due to the great Tillamook burn which destroyed enough timber to supply Portland sawmills for 20 years.

Tokyo Reports B-29 Approach

By The Associated Press
Radio Tokyo said today at 9 p. m. (8 a. m. eastern war time) that "enemy planes have been sighted approaching" the Tokyo-Yokohama metropolitan district.

The Japanese broadcast, monitored by the federal communications commission, said that the air raid warning had been issued by the Japanese eastern district army headquarters.
After sounding the alert siren, radio Tokyo announced the American planes "again changed course" and "are now circling over the northern section" of the Kwanto district. This includes the large industrial cities of Kobe and Osaka.

History's Biggest Navy Totals 1167 Fighting Vessels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The largest navy in the world, fighting the most extended war in history, now has 1167 men-of-war to carry the battle to the enemy. And it is still growing.
This was reported by the navy today in a review of ship production which showed that in the last year 39,971 new vessels—420 of them fighting ships—joined the fleet, boosting the overall total to 61,045 navy ships of all types.
Much emphasis was placed during 1944 upon landing craft and attack vessels, with construction of 37,724 of the little ships used to batter the way for landings on enemy-held shores.

ROADS FROM CITY PACKED WITH SNOW

Snow packed roads led out of Klamath Falls and giant Sno-Go's were called into action on the Sun mountain stretch of the Dalles-California highway where more than 31 inches of snow covered that area.
Temperatures were fairly mild throughout the past 24 hours, although a minimum of 8 degrees above was reported at the Southern Pacific station at Crescent Lake at 5 a. m. Friday.

Still Snowing
Oregon state highway officials were advised from the various stations that snow was still falling Friday morning. Ten inches of new snow fell on the Willamette pass, making a total of 16 inches. All highways were sanded but the Lakeview stretch was considered hazardous as a late Thursday afternoon freeze covered portions of the highway with ice. There was no new snow in that area, according to late reports.

Twenty plows, including the Sno-Go's were being used throughout the Klamath area and sufficient manpower was available to keep all highways in good winter driving condition.

Union Man Asks For Enforcement Of WLB Order

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—A union official representing those employees involved in the dispute that put the Portland store of Montgomery Ward & Company under army control spoke out today for full enforcement of the original WLB directive.
Jack Estabrook, secretary of the AFL Warehousemen's local, said that only by such action could the army clarify a situation he charged had been "completely garbled" by the company.

Oregon Passes 6th Loan Quota

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—Oregon is past its \$34,000,000 E bond goal in the 6th War Loan drive with \$785,000 to spare, Edward C. Sammons, state bond chairman, said today.

Three days remain in which to better the total, he said. The state is well above its quota for bonds of all types, with \$150,000,000 against a \$107,000,000 quota.

Fighting Slows In Italian Area

ROME, Dec. 29 (AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that fighting "has died down" in the Serchio valley area where a strong German counteroffensive had driven the American fifth army from the important road town of Barga.

The four-day-old German drive south toward Lucca also had pushed allied forces from the area of Galliano, two and a half miles from Barga on the west bank of the Serchio, before it was slowed.

Stettinius Plans No Trip To London

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius has no plans at present for going to London to discuss international affairs.
This was learned on the highest authority today. Stettinius personally declined comment when asked about a published report he might make the trip to discuss the Greek situation with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

INNER GERMAN DEFENSES HIT BY RUSSIANS

MOSCOW, Dec. 29 (AP)—Russian forces cracked the first of three inner defense rings of the encircled Nazi garrison at Budapest today while the Austrian bound red army to the north stepped up its drive along both sides of the Danube river.
The red forces made an all-out bid to win strategic control of the Hungarian capital in a matter of days, if not hours, as fanatical Nazi troops in the hilly district of Buda and the populous flatlands of Pest gave ground under a score of assaults by Russian combat teams of Tommy-guns, tanks and self-propelled guns.

Out of Suburbs
The enemy was hurled out of 12 eastern suburbs of the city yesterday by the hard-driving soviet.

A battle of even greater military importance raged on the approaches to the Danubian communications center of Komarom, which is less than 85 miles southeast of Vienna and within 53 miles of Bratislava.

Two columns from Marshal Fedor Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army group converged on the city from the east and southeast, while across the Danube to the northeast Marshal Rodion Malinovsky mounted a powerful smash at the Nazi Hron river defense line.

Fight on Banks
There was evidence that Russian vanguards may now be fighting on the west bank of the (Continued on Page Two)

Date Set for Ward's Case Hearing By Federal Judge

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan today set January 8 for a hearing on the government lawsuit seeking to establish legality of a presidential order under which the army seized Montgomery Ward and Company facilities in seven cities yesterday.

Meanwhile in Washington Atty.-Gen. Francis Biddle predicted the case would be carried by the government or Sewell Avery, Ward's chairman of the board, to the U. S. supreme court.

Says Illegal
Avery contended the executive order and seizure were illegal and could not be accepted or obeyed by Ward's. From the government viewpoint, however, 12,000 employees in the seven cities went to work for Uncle Sam today.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military manager of Ward's since yesterday, toured part of the main offices today and Avery also was in the building, his secretary said, although reporters did not see him entering his private offices.

Not Restricted
Army public relations officers said there were no restrictions on Avery's movements and he was free to carry on activities of the nation's second largest mail order house which were not included in the seizure order. The company operates more than 600 stores and warehouses throughout the nation.

Hugh B. Cox, assistant to the solicitor general, asked Judge Sullivan for as prompt a hearing as possible on the government petition, filed yesterday, for a declaratory judgment on legality of the seizure and an injunction to prevent possible interference by Ward's officials.

Counsel Protests
Cox suggested January 3 for the hearing. Stuart Ball, Ward's counsel, protested that witnesses would have to be brought from afar and the holiday travel (Continued on Page Two)

Ickes Urges Jap Return Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes today urged eligible Japanese-Americans who were evacuated from their west coast homes in 1942 to leave evacuation centers as soon as possible.

The army recently rescinded the west coast exclusion order, and the war relocation authority said the eight centers would be closed within a year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes was accused today of attempting to continue the War Relocation Authority (WRA) after it outlived its usefulness.

Rep. Dworshak (R-Ida.) challenged Ickes to justify "a long range objective" for the WRA which has supervised the internment camps for two years since persons of Japanese ancestry were excluded from the west coast military area.

Weather News

December 29, 1944
Max. (Dec. 25) 40 Min. 34
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Mean year to date 4.45 Last year 5.03
Forecast: Colder.
Saturday Shooting Hours
Oregon: Open 7:30 Close 8:15
Tulalake: Open 8:05 Close

Police Head



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Assistant Chief Orville Hamilton, who is in charge of the Klamath Falls police department for the remainder of 1944, while Chief Earl Heuvel is on vacation, if Mayor-Elect Ed Ostendorf fails to make a permanent appointment of police chief January 2, it is expected Hamilton will continue into the new year as acting chief.

VINSON TO TALK WITH CATTLE MEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson agreed today to confer tomorrow morning with a group of cattlemen opposed to ceiling prices on live cattle.
Sen. Wherry (R-Neb.) said priorities had been granted to fly cattle raisers to Washington for the meeting. Among them, he said, will be S. E. Mollin of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock association; Joe Montague, representing the Texas and Southwestern Cattle association, and Parr Young, president of the Nebraska Livestock Breeders association.
OPA has proposed imposition (Continued on Page Two)

CASE OF BOLD TURNED OVER TO CIVILIANS

Marine Held In Brig For Action by Authorities

The Karl Bold death case, involving PFC Herbert Daniel Stevens of the marine corps, was handed over to civil authorities today by the commanding officer of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks.

Stevens will remain for the time being in the Marine Barracks brig, and the question of an indictment against the 21-year-old marine in connection with the death of the Henley farmer will be submitted to the county grand jury when it meets soon after the first of 1945.

Board Investigates
Decision of Colonel George Van Orden to hand the young marine's case to civil authorities followed an intensive investigation by a board of officers at the barracks. District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore received an oral report of the probe made by the military board, and warmly praised the Marine Barracks' administration for assistance and cooperation in this case.

Sisemore said that inasmuch as Stevens is held in military custody, no immediate filing of charges is contemplated. He stated the grand jurors will be asked to consider the justification for filing first degree or second degree murder or manslaughter charges against Stevens.

Died December 10
Bold died December 10, never having regained consciousness after he was found four days earlier (December 6) lying behind the Kerns implement building on South Sixth street.

Stevens was arrested by the assistant provost marshal at the Marine Barracks on the night of December 6, allegedly in possession of Bold's automobile.

Investigations disclosed that Bold and Stevens got into a conversation at the Buffalo lunch on South Sixth street on the night of December 5. They left, with Private Gerard A. Bussiere, another marine, in Bold's automobile.

The other marine is said to have left the car when the three stopped at Chick's lunch on South Sixth, and Bold and Stevens went away together in the car, which was driven to a point back of the Kerns building.

Marine Provoked
It was there that the incidents occurred which culminated in Bold's being left behind in the building and Stevens allegedly driving away in Bold's car. Stevens, who told authorities both he and Bold had been drinking, asserted he was provoked by an improper act on the part of Bold and struck him with his hand, Sisemore said.

Bold was found the next morning, after a cold night, by W. W. (Continued on Page Two)

ENEMY DIGS IN AT END OF SALIENT

First, Third Armies Within 17 Miles Of Junction

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 29 (AP)—American armored troops have thrown the western tip of German spearheads back 10 miles and advanced to the outskirts of the picturesque town of Rochefort field reports said today.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's troops were reported digging in at the western end of their salient while his armor drew back and U.S. third army troops advanced up to three miles today in a squeeze from the south.

Near Junction
Less than 17 miles separated the first and third armies at the Bastogne neck of the salient where a junction would catch Von Rundstedt's advanced elements in a noose.

Associated Press Correspondent Hal Boyle said American armored forces, hitting Von Rundstedt's offensive on the nose, had driven his forward elements back 10 miles and thrown them across the Lesse and Homme rivers.

Enter Rochefort
Roger D. Green, AP correspondent with British forces, added that the Americans had entered Rochefort's outskirts on the east bank of the Homme by 10 a. m. yesterday.

Rochefort is a tourist center dating from medieval times and is 33 miles north of the famous Han Grotto, where the Lesse river flows through a series of subterranean chambers.

Von Rundstedt's December offensive had been kicked into reverse by American forces which slammed into all three sides of his extended bulge, with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army sensationally changing its front and advancing 20 miles into the German flank in six days.

Saar Drive Stopped
The situation was not an un-mixed success, however, for Patton's shift of front brought his own offensive along the Saar to a stop and obliged the Americans to give up their hard won bridgehead across the Saar at Dillingen, where they had broken into the initial defenses of the Siegfried line.

The big turning point was the seven-day stand of the U.S. 101st air division and other as yet unidentified units at Bastogne, one of the gateways to French Sedan.

And now the Americans were (Continued on Page Two)

Britons Drive Against Elms

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (AP)—The British opened a three-pronged drive against Elms forces in the eastern suburbs of Athens today, jumping off after a prolonged artillery barrage in the second phase of operations designed to clear the embattled Greek capital.

Against slight opposition, the British forces advanced from the south through Zappala park on Attika hill, which changed hands in a mortar duel a week ago.

A Greek mountain brigade meanwhile advanced southward on the suburb of Kassariani—one of the largest Elms strongholds in the Athens area.

Yanks Throw Germans Back



Heavy black line represents the penetrations of the German army at the time of their early successes. Yanks have succeeded in pushing them back six miles from their bulge pushing toward Dinant. At one time, Germans were four miles from the Meuse, but have been shoved back to within 10 miles. First and third armies were within 17 miles of a junction at the Bastogne neck of the salient. The heavy broken line and arrows indicate German goals in their winter offensive.