

PATTON POUNDS NAZI SALIENT

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GERMANS PULL COLUMNS FROM BELGIAN BULGE

Yank Air Force Hits Fleeing Reich Troops

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, Jan. 2 (AP)—Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt was reported by American airmen today to be pulling two armored columns eastward away from his Belgian bulge, as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tankmen slugged further into the narrowing neck of the salient.

The 8th air force fighter bombers, lashed into the east-bound columns, wrecking 69 of more than 100 tanks and other vehicles, and leaving more than 75 enemy troops lying dead or wounded on the ground. These German movements were attacked in the area of St. Vith, near the base of the German wedge, and near Ambieve, five miles to the northeast.

Although news of developments in the Ardennes bulge still was being released 36 hours later at headquarters, field dispatches indicated that the perimeter of the nazis' salient was comparatively stable today.

The headquarters reports said Patton had advanced more than two miles into the south side of the Belgian bulge north of Bastogne in heavy attacks.

13-Mile Waist

Patton's main offensive thrust was north of Bastogne from the Longchamps area where the waist of the bulge last was reported only 13 miles wide. From three to five German divisions were reported earlier in the week to be west of Bastogne.

At least nine towns were announced as captured. Most were on the perimeter of the corridor through Bastogne, which front dispatches said were widened and strengthened. These were Hubertmont, Honnont, Chenogne, Remagne, Warden, Moiry, McFee and bitterly contested Hargrange, six miles southeast of Bastogne. The ninth was Echteren, in Luxembourg, at the German frontier.

Menaced Isle Hit By Yank Air Attacks

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines.

Jan. 2 (AP)—Land-based American bombers on Mindoro have opened attacks in force to the far reaches of invasion-menaced Luzon island, bagging three enemy warships and five cargo vessels in one such strike 150 miles above Manila, but signs also are accumulating of attempted enemy counteraction against Mindoro.

Today's communique, which listed the sinking or probable sinking of three destroyers, three 8000-ton freighter-transporters and two smaller cargo vessels at Lingayen gulf, also disclosed intense activity of Japanese ammunition trains on southwest Luzon just north of Mindoro.

Saturday, the same day that medium bombers, attack planes and fighter-bombers flew 150 miles northwest of Manila to Lingayen, more than 50 marine Corsairs blew up an entire ammunition train, strafed three others and attacked 20 locomotives in the Batangas area.

Batangas is 25 over-water miles north of Mindoro island and roughly 100 miles from the new Yank Mindoro base at San Jose, which sent the strong force of raiders to Lingayen.

The enemy is continuing to raid MacArthur's Mindoro position, established by an invasion December 15 which cut west across the central Philippines from conquered Leyte. Today's communique said 15 Nipponese aircraft attacked the San Jose sector Saturday, with three downed by anti-aircraft guns and night interceptors.

A communique broadcast early today from Moscow said the greatly outnumbered German and Hungarian defenders had lost more than 1000 men killed yesterday in savage street fighting and had been compressed in to an area less than four miles wide and a mile deep.

LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Fall of Buda, western section of Danube-straddling Budapest, appeared to be only a matter of hours today as the doomed Nazi garrison crumbled before attacking Russian forces utilizing virtually every weapon known in modern warfare.

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Ousted From Buda
 (A Cairo radio broadcast last night said all the Germans had been driven from Buda, but there was no confirmation from Russian or German sources.)

The communique also said soviet forces had occupied 200 additional blocks in Buda yesterday, bringing to 600 the number now under Russian domination.

The Russians knocked out 24 German tanks and 13 armored troop carriers and took 429 prisoners, the first big bag of captives since the soviet broke through the western defenses of the capital several years ago.

Mortar Fire
 Katushas, giant rocket mortars, were brought into the capital on fleets of American-made trucks to blast street fortifications. Desperate German counterattacks with tanks and self-propelled guns were crushed in the overwhelming red army assault with flame-throwers and heavy guns that threatened to demolish the battle-scarred capital.

Other Russian forces captured 14 more places and drove within two miles of Losen (Luconec), Slovak communications hub on the Hungarian frontier above Budapest.

Admiral Ramsay Killed in Crash

PARIS, Jan. 2 (AP)—Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, 61, allied naval commander in chief on the western front, was killed today "in an accident" while flying to a conference in Belgium, supreme headquarters announced.

Sir Bertram, who planned the naval phases of the landings in western France as well as of the North African and Mediterranean operations, was the second allied commander lost in an air crash in two months. Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, head of the allied aerial forces, was previously reported missing en route to a new station in the southeast Asia command.

It was Sir Bertram who engineered the Dunkerque rescue of 325,000 British and French soldiers in 1940.

Robert Folkes Execution Set for 9 Friday Morning

SALEM, Jan. 2 (AP)—The execution of Robert E. Le Folkes, 23-year-old negro dining car cook convicted of the "lower 13" murder, has been scheduled for 9 a. m. Friday, a half hour later than is customary, Prison Warden George Alexander announced today.

Prisoners are taken from their cells and turned out into the prison yard during executions to prevent disturbances, Alexander explained. Since they can't be sent outside in the dark, the gassing of Folkes has been delayed until it becomes light.

Alexander said Folkes does not appear nervous, and that he is eating well. He is gaining weight rapidly.

War Bulletin

WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY
 Jan. 2 (AP)—German troops have gained ground in counterattacks between Sarbrucken and Sarre-lauber and east of Sarregrubines.

BYRNES ASKS DRASTIC PLAN FOR MANPOWER

4-F Draft for Limited Service, War Work Proposed

By The Associated Press
 Here, in brief, are War Mobilizer Byrnes' new ideas for the home front:

That 4-F's should be drafted for limited military service or war jobs if present manpower controls fail to do the needed job.

That congress should pass legislation backing up war labor board orders.

That larger draft calls will have to come in the next few months; reconsideration of farm deferments may be required.

That work of reconverting to civilian production must be shelved "until our military men tell us they have enough."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Drastic manpower proposals, edging closer to the "work or fight" act which lawmakers have long avoided, were thrown today into the battle on the home front.

Advanced by James F. Byrnes, the program would force 4-F men into war roles and put statutory teeth into manpower rules if present labor controls fail to spur the nation's armament output to needed levels.

The suggestions, made by Byrnes last night in his first report as director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, are still merely threats. They are, moreover, at the mercy of a congress which has shown reluctance to interfere with a man's freedom to choose his job.

But war agency officials professed that the whip-cracking document would add momentum to the home front effort merely by disclosing the sternness of enforcement measures which the administration is willing to support.

ARMY PLANE CRACKS UP NEAR LORELLA

A P-39 army plane crashed Sunday at 3 p. m., two miles northeast of Lorella, carrying the pilot to his death.

The plane, thought to have been based at Gardner field, Calif., was on a routine training flight with four other P-39's.

The pilot's name was given as Flight Officer Harold M. Baughan, Texas City, Tex.

An ambulance crew from the Klamath naval air station was dispatched to the scene when residents of that area advised them that a plane had crashed and exploded near the W. D. Campbell place. A military expert is expected here to take the body of the young flier to Klamath City. The body is at Whitlock's.

Reason for the crash was not announced.

Portland Ward's Heads Discharged

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—Two top officials of Montgomery Ward's Portland store were discharged by the army today, and both retorted that they would stay on the job until removed by force.

Maj. Melvin Klinefelter sent letters of dismissal to the two this morning "because they refuse to cooperate in carrying out the terms of a war labor board order regarding wages and other union agreements."

The other, O. W. Huddleston, manager of the mail order department, and E. L. Barth, manager of the retail store, were still sitting in their offices at noon, despite the letter ordering them to "leave the premises immediately."

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—The army began replacing key personnel in other seized Montgomery Ward and company properties today after Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byrnes, the military manager, said top officials and other employees had refused to cooperate in army operations.

Army discharged personnel faced possible selective service reclassification. General Byrnes said, adding that any employees who interfered with the army would be subject to "severe penalties under the law."

Clifford Froid Hurt in Germany

PFC Clifford E. Froid, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Froid, 3113 Altamont drive, has been wounded in action in Germany, according to word received Saturday night by the youth's parents. Froid was serving with the 310th Infantry at the time he was wounded.

LSTs Line Beach at Mindoro As Yanks Invade



LSTs line one of Mindoro's beaches as men and supplies go ashore in the Yank invasion of the Philippines.

Espionage Agents Arrested By FBI Officials in East

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—FBI officials remained silent today as to how they picked up the trail of two alleged naz espionage agents who, the FBI said, slipped ashore from a U-boat November 29 near Hancock Point, Me.

In the remote Maine fishing village, Deputy Sheriff Dana Hodgkins said his son, Harvard, 17, a high school student, spotted the men the night they landed walking along a snow-covered highway near his home, but

Inspector Earl Connelly of the FBI said the boy's story was not relayed to authorities until December 4 while the FBI was investigating other leads which Connelly did not divulge.

Arrested in New York
 The men, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, had come ashore in a rubber boat at night after their submarine had lain off the coast of Maine for a week. They were arrested several days ago in the New York area, he added.

The men, Hoover said, carried \$60,000 in American money, automatic pistols, compass, camera, secret inks and a variety of draft papers and discharges from the navy.

Agents Identified
 Hoover identified the alleged espionage agents as William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, a United States citizen of Niantic, Conn., and Erich Gimpel, 35, a German who was a radio engineer in South America.

The landing was made at Hancock Point in Frenchman's Bay, Me., Hoover said, adding that the men had supplied a full story of their activities since coming ashore.

Commenting on the arrests and the recent discoveries of two Japanese balloons in Oregon and Montana, which he said might have carried spies instead of explosives, Hoover declared there was evidence of an espionage and sabotage offensive against the entire American hemisphere.

Wbman Killed By Deer Hunter

ALBANY, Jan. 2 (AP)—Mrs. Charles Duncan was killed last night while dishwashing in her trailer home by a hunter who mistook the windows' reflection for the eyes of a deer, Deputy Coroner John Summers said today.

The hunter, thinking the deer had not yet fallen, continued firing through the trailer until Duncan rushed out, crying "Stop! You've killed someone."

One bullet narrowly missed the Duncan's infant, asleep in a crib.

Summers identified the hunter as Lee J. Matthews, logger, who called state police of his own accord. Summers quoted Matthews as saying that he and three friends were spotlight hunting deer when they glimpsed what they thought a deer's eyes about 500 yards away.

Actress Shot on Hunting Trip

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP) Susan Peters, 23, Hollywood actress, was in serious condition in Mercy hospital here today as result of an accidental shooting while on a duck hunting trip near Cuyamaca lake, 55 miles northeast of here. She is a native of Spokane.

Miss Peters was shot, the sheriff's office reported, as she retrieved the barrel of a 22 caliber rifle from under a bush where it had been hidden. The trigger, in an exposed position, caught on a branch and discharged a shell which had not been removed from the firing chamber when the stock was separated from the bolt action rifle, Sheriff's Capt. Herbert Kennedy said.

FDR to Meet Soon With Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt indicated to congressional leaders today that he plans to meet "some time soon" with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Leaving a White House conference, Senate Minority Leader Barkley told reporters: "The president indicated that some time soon—without indicating the date or place—he will meet with Churchill and Stalin."

NIMITZ WELCOMES REDS IN PACIFIC

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 2 (AP)—The long untouched topic of possible Russian participation in the war against Japan was out in the open today, with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, a key figure in the Pacific struggle, permitting war correspondents to quote him as saying he would welcome such an eventuality.

(This terse but perhaps significant comment by the five-star admiral came at a time when the soviet press has been dealing bluntly with the Japanese military situation. Pravda last week said "the development of Pacific events becomes ever more unfavorable for Japan.")

On Agenda
 Nimitz, back from a tour of the forward areas, including Saipan which is sending the Superfortresses to Japan, told a press conference yesterday that landings on the China coast remained high on the agenda; but he said the enemy's tenacity, illustrated by unrelenting resistance by bypassed islands, made it necessary to contemplate invasion of Japan itself.

The Pacific leader was cautiously optimistic but he made clear rough going was just ahead.

Queried
 Then he was asked: "Would you welcome Russian participation in the Pacific war on our side?"

"Yes," he promptly answered. "I am glad you put that last phrase in—'on our side.'"

Another ally of the European war theater, Great Britain, was warmly welcomed into the Pacific ocean scene. Nimitz said the big British fleet which will be put into action has not arrived but the work of British naval units there already is having a good effect.

254 Killed Over Holiday Weekend

By The Associated Press
 A total of 254 persons were killed in the United States during the three-day New Year's holiday weekend.

The death toll this year was boosted by 48 fatalities in a collision of two Southern Pacific trains near Ogden, Utah, Sunday. Otherwise, traffic mishaps accounted for 96 deaths, with 54 attributed to fires and 56 from miscellaneous causes.

Last year the New Year's death toll was 242, traffic accidents causing 154 fatalities.

Quiet Holiday Reported Here

State police reported a quiet and uneventful double holiday weekend here, with the quietest accident to mar the weekend.

Robert Beal, Beatty, was arrested Saturday night and lodged in the Bly jail on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He was to appear Tuesday before Justice of the Peace Jack Gritton of Bly.

Several minor accidents involving dent fenders were reported and a few drunks were picked up, making it one of the quietest New Year's for quite some time.

Patrols Probe Italian Areas

ROME, Jan. 2 (AP)—Fifth army patrols probed enemy positions today in the Serchio valley sector of the Italian front, where the short-lived Nazi thrust of last week appears definitely ended.

At the same time, allied pressure was maintained further west in the Tyrrenian coastal area where the Germans were last reported massing men and equipment.

SEDAN DEMOLISHES AUTO CAMP OFFICE

A sedan, which skidded 485 feet on Riverside avenue, lay overturned near midnight New Year's eve, crashed into the Link River auto camp office completely demolishing the building and injuring two passengers in the car.

William Parker, 33, route 3, box 451, lumber worker, was arrested by city police and charged with reckless driving. He entered a plea of guilty and was to be sentenced late Tuesday by Judge Harold Francy.

Parker was slightly injured, his wife received a bad head cut near the eye but was reported improved at Klamath Valley hospital late Tuesday. A third passenger in the car, a young woman, was uninjured.

Police said that the car hit with such force that a one-ton safe was sent spinning across the small office and the entire side of the building was caved in. The car was demolished. Owners of the auto camp, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heiken, were not in the building at the time as was their custom. They had closed up a short time before the crash. Heiken said he had just remodeled the building. Damage was estimated in excess of \$1000.

48 Killed in Crash of SP Train in Utah; 83 Injured

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 2 (AP)—Names of only seven persons remained undisclosed today in a toll of 48 killed in 1944's worst railroad accident, a Sunday collision involving two sections of Southern Pacific's Pacific Limited.

Announced were the names of 14 civilians, 15 navy personnel, 11 soldiers and one maritime service man.

Two other service men, a coast guardsman and a marine, were killed but announcement of their names waited notification of next of kin. Five civilians, two men and three women, were not fully identified.

Eighty-three persons were injured. Of these 39 were civilians, including 16 railroad men, and 44 were in the armed serv-