

Germans Sweep On Toward Meuse

Leyte Campaign Ends

MacArthur Says 'Greatest Defeat Handed Japs'

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Enemy forces in the Philippines have "sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the military annals of the Japanese army," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today and Emperor Hirohito said the plight of Nippon in her "sacred war" is "becoming more critical."

In a double amphibious landing Christmas day, coupled with two overland pushes, American divisions seized the only remaining Japanese escape ports and wrote a virtual end to the Leyte Island campaign.

The 67 day battle, MacArthur said, cost Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita 113,221 men, 2,748 planes, 41 transports and 27 warships.

"This destruction has seldom been paralleled in the history of warfare," MacArthur said.

American casualties totaled 11,217, including 2,623 killed, 8,422 wounded and 172 missing.

In yesterday's smashing climax, the 77th division captured the port of Palompon in a surprise amphibious landing under cover of a land based artillery bombardment by long range guns; the 7th division stormed ashore from landing barges to seize Puerto Bello to the southeast; and the 24th division cleaned out Japanese around San Isidro, a port north of Palompon. The 32nd division and the First (dismounted) cavalry relentlessly pressed in from the east.

American air blows over the entire archipelago were intensified. Tokyo radio reported land-based American bombers and fighters attacked Clark Field again today in their fourth successive raid on air-dromes near Manila.

Bomb-carrying, China-based American fighters destroyed 40 enemy planes, sank a Japanese freighter and probably four other ships in Christmas eve raids along the China coast.

Japanese claimed they bombed the Superfort base on Saipan Christmas night in retaliation for the combined American naval and air bombardment Sunday of Iwo Jima, Nipponese airbase island 750 miles south of Tokyo. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported return shore fire was moderate.

Wynelle Wilkinson Injured In Wreck

Wynelle Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Wilkinson is resting well after undergoing an operation at the Big Spring Hospital. Muscles in one of her legs were torn as the result of a car accident that occurred Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

Wynelle was riding in the Leon's Flower truck, driven by Billie Casey when their car which was going south was struck by a car going west at the time. The car Wynelle was in rolled over three times. Billie was bruised but not hurt seriously while the other occupant, Pete Cook also escaped injury.

The accident occurred at 13th and Goliad.

One man was treated at a local hospital Tuesday afternoon for slight lacerations to the head, sustained in an automobile mishap. His name could not be learned immediately.

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By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (AP)—Eight to 10 divisions of Germans and Hungarians were reported trapped in Budapest today—cut off from escape except by air or possibly one road usable only by night—as the Red army drove to the western city limits in a 15-mile advance.

The encirclement of the Hungarian capital was virtually completed and front dispatches said Soviet guns had begun a systematic shelling of two airports still held by the enemy while Stormoviks and medium bombers flew incessant sorties over the strife-torn capital.

The greatest panic was reported from inside the city. There was speculation that large enemy units might try to make a break for it.

The last narrow escape corridor that appeared still open to them on the basis of frontline dispatches extended 19 miles northwest from the capital to Estergom, on the southern bank of the big Danube bend.

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YANKS CAPTURED IN GERMAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE—American soldiers captured by the Germans in their counter offensive in Belgium are marched to the rear past an advancing Tiger tank. This photo is from a roll of captured German film. (AP Wire-photo from Signal Corps Radio).

Churchill Is In Athens

Patrol Discovers Dynamite Hidden Beneath Street

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill sought to end the bloody Greek civil war today as a British patrol reported discovering a ton of dynamite under street car lines opposite the main doors of the Hotel Grand Bretagne.

Officials of the Greek government and Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie live at the hotel.

(The dispatch from Athens did not say whether Churchill was staying at the hotel.)

The dynamite, which the patrol said was in boxes bearing German markings, apparently was laid during the night as the area had been carefully searched yesterday evening.

Churchill arrived here yesterday accompanied by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden as the ancient capital echoed to the sound of street fighting between leftwing ELAS partisans and Greek government forces supported by British troops.

The prime minister went into action immediately, communicating with Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean commander; Harold MacMillan, British resident minister for the central Mediterranean, and Greek Premier George Papandreu.

Shortly thereafter British headquarters announced plans to convene at 4 p. m. (9 a. m. CWT) today a conference "representative so far as possible of Greek political opinion" with the object of "ending fratricidal strife and enabling Greece to resume her place among the United Nations."

Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens was named to preside over the conference and ELAS representatives were guaranteed safe conduct.

Canadians Take Rossetta Point

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—Canadian troops, striking out from their bridgehead over the Canale Naviglio on the Adriatic flank of the Italian front, have captured Rossetta, 10 miles northwest of Allied-held Ravenna, headquarters announced today.

The Canadians were reported to have pushed on a short distance beyond Rossetta to within two miles of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway.

'White Christmas' Is Late Appearing

That "White Christmas" came just one day late for Big Spring, but better late than never.

Traffic was slowed down to a bare creeping speed so as to avoid accidents. Many people could see to drive only by poking their heads from the front side window, so thick was the sleet on the windshield.

Pedestrians were also seen sprawling on the sidewalks at times, but as yet no serious injuries have resulted from the numerous falls, except, perhaps, hurt pride and bruises.

Reports from the weather bureau say rain will replace the sleet, and lowest temperatures for Big Spring Wednesday will range from 28 to 32.

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'Slimy' Details Due In February

By GEORGE TUCKER
PARIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—A high-ranking American officer predicted today that many "slimy" details would be unfolded in February when the army brings to trial another batch of U.S. servicemen accused of selling cigarettes, gasoline and other military supplies to the French black market.

"I know of tanks sitting empty without a drop of gasoline while soldiers behind the lines peddled it by the gallon," the officer said as he discussed thefts and hi-jacking activities for which scores of soldiers already have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from one year to life.

His statement indicated that new light might be shed upon the extent of American soldiers' participation in the black market, although many general officers have denied that the loss of supplies or gasoline—estimated at several hundred thousand gallons a week—has affected the current military situation.

They pointed out that the losses have occurred for the most part many miles behind the battle lines and that fuel supply levels in combat areas are high.

Nevertheless details already unfolded have revealed fantastic incidents of army truck drivers being ambushed on lonely roads and relieved of vehicles and cargoes at gunpoint, or of drivers delivering loaded trucks to black market operators at fees reportedly ranging up to \$6,000.

Black market operations have been so extensive that they are said to have caused the recent breakdown of the cigarette supply for the Allied forces by funneling millions of packages into French brothels, restaurants and private homes.

More than 90 per cent of the cigarettes reached the black market by way of the armed forces, it was disclosed.

Developing from operations that had a patriotic basis under German occupation, the French black market expanded in post-invasion days into a gigantic combine of dealers in stolen goods, counterfeiters, white slavers and speculators. It reached staggering proportions and American soldiers were drawn into its operations.

Since D-Day, its chief source of supply has been the army, from which it has drained gasoline, soap, food, cigarettes and post exchange items.

For every American arrested for blackmarkting, ten French civilians have been taken into custody, charged chiefly with having American equipment in their possession and selling it illegally. However, 95 per cent of this was delivered to their hands by American officers.

A total of 194 American officers and men are awaiting hearings at the new series of trials scheduled to open the first week in February. All are members of two special battalions operating French railroads.

Youth Is Stabbed Fatally, Large Number Of Cases Over Holidays

One assault with intent to murder and one murder investigation headed a list of cases originating during the holiday season in Big Spring, a check of records showed here Tuesday.

A 25-year-old Latin-American was held in connection with the fatal stabbing of Edward DeAnda, 19, Christmas eve.

A suspect was taken into custody after DeAnda was found lying on a cafe floor in the northwest quarter of town at 11:30 p. m. Sunday. Police recovered a knife to which a man, in a signed statement, said he had directed officers in his recovery. In this statement, the man also said he was in the place when an affray broke out and being shoved, he sought to defend himself against what he believed to be an attack. He said he did not know DeAnda.

Five negroes were booked on assault charges after one negro soldier had been reportedly injured in an affray. A pistol, alleged to have been snatched several times without firing, was confiscated. The altercation took place at a hotel in the "flats" area.

There were 12 pleas of guilty to charges of drunkenness and there was one other charge for this offense. Three assault cases were dismissed as was one vagrancy. However, there were still four vagrancy cases on the docket and three women were being held for VD checks. One case of disturbing the peace was filed, one youth was fined \$10 for driving without a drivers license, and two soldiers were turned over to army authorities as being absent without leave.

St. Vith Hold Of Yanks Beaten

PARIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Two German armored columns by Sunday night had plunged 50 miles into Belgium, reaching within four miles of the Meuse river. The enemy wiped out the American St. Vith salient and formed a solid front 35 miles wide.

Supreme headquarters disclosed this information today. Two and possibly three Nazi armies have been flung into the battering counteroffensive, believed at supreme headquarters to have been planned by Hitler himself in an effort to shatter Allied forces.

Backed up by infantry, the twin German tank pushes had careened 11 more miles into Belgium since the last previous headquarters report.

They had pinched out the American stand west of St. Vith — a jutting salient that had split the German offensive prongs — and formed a single bulge 35 miles wide and now 50 miles or more deep.

Punching due west, one Nazi tank column near Celles, only four miles from the Meuse at Dinant and just eight miles northeast of the French border.

Another column hit west and north, reaching Ciney in a 10-mile gain. Ciney lies nine miles from the Meuse and 14 from the jutting northeast corner of France. Ciney and Celles are six miles apart.

The security news cloak covered any further progress these thrusts may have made since Sunday night. At latest reports a battle was raging in this general area, with the Germans building up forces west of Rochefort and south of Marche. The deep Sunday gains came after the invaders had been held almost to a standstill for 48 hours.

In the heart of this bulge a surrounded American force several thousand strong fought doggedly to hold the important Belgian road hub of Bastogne after rejecting a surrender ultimatum. It is under incessant Nazi armor and infantry attacks.

The whole hope of this isolated force focused to the south where General Eisenhower's counterassault had bent back up the Arlon road within five miles of Bastogne — and still was gaining ground.

The American wedge west of St. Vith had kept Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's drives split. German stabs had veered north of Laroche through to Grandmenil and Liernex, threatening to cut off Americans dug in an ridges west of St. Vith and keeping Von Rundstedt's assault prongs from merging. These forces had to be pulled out in rearward fighting the last two or three days, supreme headquarters said, and the German junction had been formed by Christmas morning.

There were no reports whether this withdrawal was completely successful or if some armor and infantry that had held the pocket for almost a week had been left behind.

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PARIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—At least two German armies have been thrown into the now-slowed German offensive—believed at supreme headquarters to have been planned by Hitler himself.

The best information available here is that the Germans launched their counterattack with two armies and probably three in an effort to shatter the Allied forces in the west.

According to the information available the offensive was designed to burst through to the Meuse all the way between Liege and the French frontier and by so doing virtually to pinch out the Allies in the Aachen sector.

The counterattack got off to a flying start. Whatever the curtailment imposed on its ambitious intent by the tough doughboy defenses and by Allied counter-

attacks, it has succeeded already at least in throwing Gen. Eisenhower's winter offensive off schedule and momentarily out of gear.

But the steady slowing of its pace over the crucial Christmas weekend suggests now that the drive which Field Marshal Von Rundstedt is directing brilliantly already has begun to go wrong and require readjustment on the field.

It was a stake-all venture. Von Rundstedt threw in almost from the outset everything he had in mobile reserve.

The old Seventh army, rebuilt after the Normandy debacle and commanded by Artillery General Eric A. Brandenburg; the strong Fifth panzer army and possibly one other full panzer army were hurled into the breach.

Forrestal Says Jap Air Blows Not Hurting US

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal said today Japanese air attacks have failed to disrupt American plans for continued heavy offensives.

Acknowledging that naval forces in the Philippines area have suffered some damage, he said announcements are delayed because "we do not wish the Japanese to know what ships they have hit, nor to what extent vessels have been injured, nor how soon they may be back in action."

This "necessary silence," Forrestal continued in a statement, "has left the field clear for the Japanese to make fantastic claims, perhaps fishing for information."

"Perhaps the best way to assess the results of Japanese air attacks against our fleets since the second battle of the Philippines sea is to ask whether those attacks have disrupted our plans for future action. They have not. The fall of Leyte and our landing on Mindoro are a concrete demonstration that they have not."

Forrestal denied what he described as "rumors" that the navy has not announced all losses in the battle of the Philippines last October in which the Japanese fleet was routed. American losses announced after that engagement included a light aircraft carrier, two escort carriers, two destroyers, a destroyer escort and "some lesser ships."

"Having driven the Japanese fleet from the Philippine area, the United States navy in the phases of the campaign since October 25 has been pitted, not against enemy naval forces primarily, but against enemy land-based air forces, we have succeeded in this latter phase of the naval campaign for the Philippines just as we succeeded in the second battle of the Philippine sea."

More than 100,000,000 pounds of man-made rubber has been produced at a government synthetic rubber plant at Berger, Tex., it was announced today by William S. Richardson, general manager of the B. F. Goodrich company's chemical division.

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Holiday Death Toll High

By The Associated Press
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Sun Bowl Offers Undeclared Team To Sports Fans

EL PASO, Dec. 26 (AP)—For a bowl that was so hard-pressed for teams that less than two weeks ago it was ready to drop its plans for 1945, the Sun Bowl has done a pretty good job of obtaining an attraction the fans like.

It has come up with a contest of international flavor and with every ingredient for stirring good neighbor feelings between the United States and Latin America. It also has one of the few unbeaten teams to appear in a bowl game Jan. 1.

The National University of Mexico, coached by a man who quarterbacked Dartmouth in his college days—H. B. Hoban—will meet Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas, a school that appeared here last Jan. 1 and won over New Mexico University 7-0.

Southwestern's season has not been as good as Mexico's. The Pirates won six games and lost five, but they played a colorful brand of ball in a hard schedule and will return to El Paso with a stronger team than finished the regular season as the result of additions to the squad as Center Bryan Taylor, who played half a season with Texas Christian University.

Sliding Down The Sports Chute

Miracles will never cease! Not only did the San Angelo Bobcats take a licking that not even their most rabid enemies thought would happen, but Blondy Cross has confessed to same.

Blondy stated in his write-up of the game that the "country looking boys from the silk stockings district of Dallas gave the West Texas champs a good old country licking."

And brother, if you didn't hear the game or see it, the Scots did just that with no buts about it.

Every sports scribe in the state was very red-faced Saturday afternoon after that game in Dallas. Especially was that true in these offices. I chose the Cats to win by two touchdowns, and I still haven't figured out what happened to that forward who'd been torn to pieces like the announcer was describing it. Things like that just don't happen.

It all boils down to the fact that football for West Texas is a thing of the past during 1944. There is nothing left to do but replay the season around to stoves and to look forward to the coming year, and confidentially we really have something to look forward to in 1945.

I have noticed a lot of comment about the fact that Angelo will be through as soon as their present team is gone, which will mostly be this year. I hope that this feeling is not too widespread.

It is a proved fact, and one which no one can seriously argue, that the Cats had one of the finest teams in the state this year. They really outclassed their opponents by a big majority until that semi-final contest when they found themselves in the shoes so many of District Three's teams faced when playing the Cats earlier this year.

All this will boil down to one result. They had three or four ball clubs suited up for every game. In every game of district play these three and four teams saw action. During the week they faced the defending state champions every afternoon in scrimmage. Can you name a better way to get experience?

So don't count on the pennant before the kickoff. San Angelo is going to be tough next year, and the next, and so on a long way down the line. To get that pennant some team is going to have to get just a little tougher. Can we do it?

I think so, what with the ten lettermen coming back, plus the fine squad of newcomers that will move up from the Yearling squad. I saw the latter team in action a few times and they have some fine performers. I think we can do it, and should do it, but it will take a lot of support from us fans, the players will have to really buckle down and play football from September until December, but it CAN be done!

Saturday's outcome throws the Highland Park eleven against one of the biggest teams in the history of high school football. With a line averaging 186 and a backfield of 160 the Fort Arthur team is going to be a very tough nut to crack for the Scots.

The Yellow Jackets also boast one of the tightest pass defenses in the state, and probably the best one after the way they stopped Harmon Carswell and the Lufkin passing attack, and with that big line of theirs charging Scot backs it promises to be a most busy and entertaining afternoon for Rusty Russell's lads.

But don't get me wrong. I am not predicting that the coast city team will win the Scots. No sir brother, I am through predicting those high school scores for the duration. That Saturday game proved that the only thing that can be predicted about these schoolboy teams is that SOMEBODY will win. That's all.

Think it over.

Ags To Arrive In Dallas Thursday

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
DALLAS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Appropriately enough, the first of the Cotton Bowl participants to arrive in Dallas will be Oklahoma A. and M., which has been rated first in every book.

When Coach Jim Lookabaugh leads his Sooner Aggies into town next Thursday he will have a difficult time convincing the fans there's a close battle ahead with Texas Christian—that is, if the statistics are given a prominent place.

Those statistics show Oklahoma A. and M. to be the irresistible force, the Horned Frogs far from the immovable object.

"Oklahoma A. and M. has averaged 100 yards more per game in offense than we have," said Coach Dutch Meyer of T.C.U. in explaining why he had been stressing defense in the Frog practice sessions. "If that doesn't call for defensive tactics, then I don't know football."

The Aggies have averaged 438 yards per game in rushing and passing, kick returns and pass interception returns, whereas T.C.U. has 309. The Frogs did succeed, however, in holding their opponents to 302 yards while the Cowboys allowed 360.

But Oklahoma A. and M. never worried much about defense. The Cowpokes didn't need to. For instance, they gave up 40 points to Tulsa but got 46 themselves.

Cosden Chatter

By JACK Y. SMITH
"Christmas comes but once a year" and are we glad! The past week has been a hectic one, what with last minute shopping, mailing Christmas cards and trimming the Christmas tree. We haven't been too busy though to read all the beautiful Christmas cards sent to us by service men and women. We received Christmas cards from: Daniel T. Bostick, Pfc.; Captain R. L. Ward; H. H. Harvey, S.K. 2/c; Cpl. Fred Mitchell, Sgt. Billy Smith and Lt. J. W. Burrell; Pfc. Charles E. Hutchinson.

Seven boys wrote us saying that they had received their Christmas packages safely. Cpl. Joseph K. Watts, Cpl. Paul Soldan, W. H. Wharton MAM 1/c, Clarence C. Bell F 2/c, Pfc. R. H. Webb, Pfc. Charles E. Hutchinson, D. J. Hopper, MM 2/c.

Cpl. Clifton Patton, Ft. Ord, California, writes that he has seen some form of every branch of service, infantry, mechanized cavalry, armored force, a little artillery, special service and now amphibious warfare. Patton likes the amphibious training although "you do get wet at times." Pvt. Henry Swain, formerly of Big Spring and office manager of the Graham refinery, is also in amphibious training, but at San Luis Obispo, California. He writes that he has received his Christmas package.

Another Graham employee, in service, Lt. A. P. Lowe, sent us Christmas greetings from the fighting front in Germany.

D. J. Hopper, MM 2/c wrote a letter to Cosden with special interest for the parents of W. R. Banks, Jr. "I am especially impressed that one of the former employees there, W. R. Banks, Jr. is doing duty aboard the U.S.S. Nashville. I am very familiar with this fine cruiser, having had her in our task force for some time. On May 13, 1943, our task force was ordered to carry out a bombardment against enemy installations on Kolombangara Island and Munda, on the New Georgia Island. The Nashville along with an escort, took care of Munda while my ship the U.S.S. Hicliena, and the remaining task force took care of Kolombangara. I would like for Bank's parents to know the Nashville pounded the hell out of the Munda airfield while her escort took care of the shore batteries. This fact was proven later from aerial photographs."

Mrs. John A. Brown of Graham was a weekend guest of J. F. Hughes and family, Edmond Brown is now in Belgium.

Mrs. Rip Smith received a letter from R. H. Hudson, Mr. Hudson's address is 5641 South Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Patty Toops has as house guests the past week Mrs. C. J. Boyd and her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Wynne, both of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

J. L. Le Bleu and L. H. Rutledge were in Abilene Friday, attending the funeral of T. A. Smith, father of Jack Y. Smith.

R. L. Tollett left town Friday night for Chicago, Illinois, where he will transact company business next week.

We received a letter from Evelyn Monroney, daughter of G. L. Monroney, which was very cheering to us all. Miss Monroney has been very ill but writes that she is doing just fine now and that her parents will spend Christmas with her.

Roxie Dobbins has been absent from work this week due to illness.

Daniel M. Newton is a new accountant in our Bookkeeping Dept. Newton is from Abilene, Texas.

Other new employees are Key S. Caldwell, Hershel James Grady, James F. Womack and S. Luther McDowell.

Alma Borders left Friday for Fort Worth where she will make her home. She was married Saturday to H. R. Golinick and is at home at 921 Beddell St., Fort Worth.

Earlyne Reid Chosen Texas Tech Beauty

Popular Earlyne Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reid of Coahoma, was selected as one of the top eight beauties of Texas Technological College at Lubbock recently.

In September, 32 girls were chosen by an eleven man committee from a group of 167 co-eds. Sixteen young ladies were selected in a student wide election. Technicolor moving pictures were taken of the 16 and David O. Selznick, famous Hollywood producer, with the aid of his staff, chose the top eight.

Miss Reid is a blue-eyed blonde and five feet six inches in height. She is 19 years old, and a sophomore major in the Arts and Science division.

A full page picture of Earlyne will appear in the La Ventura college year book. She is also a member of Las Chaparritas social club.

Earlyne graduated from Coahoma High School in 1942 as valedictorian of her class.

West Side W.M.U. Meets For Party

Members of the West Side W.M.U. met in the home of the president, Mrs. C. L. Kirkland, Thursday afternoon for Bible study and a Yuletide party. The program was opened with a prayer led by Mrs. Sallie Sanders followed by the Bible study with Ruby Rutledge in charge.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree and refreshments were served to Mrs. Sallie Sanders, Mrs. Emma Byers, Mrs. C. Driver, Mrs. T. R. Adkins, Mrs. Britten Hull, Ruby Rutledge, Mrs. Youell King, Mrs. B. N. Boroughs, Mrs. W. N. Wood, Mrs. R. McDanel, Mrs. Vera Lackey, Mrs. C. L. Kirkland, and Della Jane Kirkland.

Social Calendar Of Events For Week

WEDNESDAY
CHILD STUDY CLUB will meet in the home of Mrs. J. B. Mull, 1408 11th Place at 2:45 p. m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet at 2 p. m. at the church.
CADET WIVES CLUB will meet at 3 p. m. at the Cadet Club.
THURSDAY
ROYAL NEIGHBORS will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. hall.

Couple United Friday In The W. F. Cook Home

In a single-ring ceremony the marriage of Miss Josephine Davis of Howe and Perry Kellogg of Portland, Oregon, was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cook of Big Spring, December 22nd, at 8 p. m.

The vows were read by J. E. McCoy, pastor of the First Christian church of Big Spring, before an arrangement of poinsettias, palms, and ferns.

The bride wore an aqua blue woolen suit with black accessories and her corsage was of gladiolus tied with white ribbon. For the traditional something old and borrowed she wore a cameo brooch belonging to her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Cook, and for something blue she carried a handkerchief.

The bride's only attendant, Mrs. Melvin McFall of Milford, wore a navy blue suit and a corsage of pink carnations. Melvin McFall attended the bridegroom.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Cook home. The bride's table was laid with a cream lace cloth centered with a cluster of pine cones and spruce with dimly lighted tapers in crystal holders on either side. The two-tiered wedding cake was frosted in white topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom. Mrs. McFall poured tea from a silver service and Mrs. Walter Rueckart presided at the bride's book. Only a few friends and relatives attended the wedding and reception.

Mrs. Kellogg is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davis of Howe and is a graduate of Texas Woman's College, Denton, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. The bridegroom attended Black Hills Teachers College, Spearfish, South Dakota, and the University of Montana.

The couple plan to leave soon for Portland, Oregon, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Crain, Lillian Hall, and Sgt. Elgin Nalley of San Angelo spent Christmas day with Mrs. J. B. Nail.

Four Years Ago

By The Associated Press
1—Western Front: 301 miles (from near Duren).
2—Russian Front: 304 miles (from north of Warsaw).
3—Hungarian Front: 368 miles (from Lev.).
4—Italian Front: 549 miles (from north of Mezzano.)

Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press
DEC. 26, 1940 — Christmas lull in air war continues in western Europe. British refrigerator ship torpedoed by German submarine off Irish coast.

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Tall Boys Of Court To Play Wednesday

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Net results of the anti-goatling rule passed last spring to put a ceiling on basketball's tall boys will be gleaned from its first laboratory test in the three-day all-college tourney opening here tomorrow.

Three of the sport's most prominent skyscrapers, Bob Kurland, 7 feet, Oklahoma Aggies; George Kok, Arkansas, 6 feet, 10 inches, and Bill Henry, of Rice, 6 feet, 8 inches, will supply the material for the test in the tourney's eight-team field.

Consensus is that the rule actually will add the tall players by freeing them for more offensive play.

The opening round finds Arkansas vs. Denver; Rice vs. West Texas; Oklahoma Aggies vs. Baylor and Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Chick Meehan, who put up New York University on the college football map — and took it off again when he left there—is heading toward Denver and Los Angeles this week to line up the western half of his Trans-American pro football league. . . . If this tour is successful, the national league is sure to have at least one serious rival in seasons to come. . . . Chick, in a rather obvious slap at the organizers of the All American Conference, argues that his loop will become the American League of football (possibly even taking the name since the West Coast American League is relinquishing it) because he is proceeding on a businesslike basis instead of talking about \$15,000 players and \$25,000 coaches and because his clubs will have the fields to play on. . . . But possibly the tipoff on all these projected pro leagues is that the national, which finds an eleven-team setup unsatisfactory, turned back all franchise applications last spring and hasn't found anyone since then who would put in a \$25,000 check to bid for a place in the circuit.

Service Dept.
The Second Air Force Super-bombers claim they had not only had the longest football schedule of the year (14 games) but that they made use of the season's oldest press box. When the Bombers played Idaho Southern at Pocatello in a driving rainstorm, they backed a G. I. truck up to the 50-yard line so the scribes could watch from under cover. . . . When Bob Scheffing, former Cub catcher, now training at the Bainbridge Naval center, attended a recent basketball game, a recruit asked his help in finding a lost wallet. Bob obliged and found the kid's purse, then discovered that his own was missing. So Bob had to ask the recruit to help him. They haven't found it yet.

PRODUCTION RESUMED
DETROIT, Dec. 26 (AP)—Production of parts for aircraft and tanks was resumed at the plant of Motor Products Corporation today as 1,800 employes returned to work after a six-day strike that followed the discharge of a fellow worker.

Admiral Fraser Says Problems Are Nil

BRISBANE, Aust., Dec. 26 (AP)—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the British eastern fleet, upon his return from a conference with U. S. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Jr., said there will be no difficulty about ammunition and supplies in coordinating the British Pacific fleet with the American navy in the Pacific.

"It will be a great pleasure," he said, "to command a British fleet to serve with Adm. Nimitz, who is a great commander."

He added: "The British fleet will serve under Nimitz and its activities will be recorded in his communications."

Adm. Fraser said he thought his job would be to support Douglas MacArthur, general of the army, in his northward drive, and he will confer soon with General MacArthur.

Germans Capture Gas To Last Two Days

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 21 (Delayed) (AP)—The Germans have captured one substantial American gasoline dump—a total of 65,000 gallons, or about enough to run one armored division for two days.

It is evident that the Germans are short of gasoline. Thirteen Nazi self-propelled guns were captured west of Bastogne when they ran out of fuel.

Minister Held On Charge Of Murder

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 26 (AP)—A quarrel flaring at the Christmas dinner table resulted in the fatal shooting of a father of six children and the arrest of his father-in-law, a 55-year-old preacher, on a warrant charging murder, County Police Chief C. H. Jones reported today.

The officer quoted the minister, the Rev. S. W. Noles, state superintendent of Assembly of God Churches, as saying he shot his son-in-law, Joseph E. Mayo, 42-year-old brick mason of Laurel, Miss., in self-defense.

Mayo was shot four times with a pistol, Jones said, while his wife, six children and mother-in-law looked on.

Contributions For McCloskey Growing

AUSTIN, Dec. 26 (AP)—Contributions for beautifying the grounds of McCloskey General Hospital at Temple are nearing the thousand dollar mark, Mrs. John Lee Smith announced today.

Mrs. Smith is directing the campaign by the World War II mothers of Texas under which living plants, trees and shrubs are being placed at the big army hospital for which there was no other landscaping provision made.

Contributions to date are \$939.

Nazi Prisoners Celebrate Advances Made On Western Front By Germans

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 26 (AP)—A Nazi celebration of Western front victories was broken up with clubs at Papago Park war prisoner camp near here shortly before 25 Germans escaped, Col. William A. Holden, commandant, has disclosed.

Holden said army guards had to resort to force in ending a demonstration Saturday by a "couple hundred" prisoners in one of the camp's compounds.

Only six of the escapees, all submarine officers and men, have been apprehended. The ranking member of the group is Lt. Col. Jurgen Wattenberg, 43. Many of those at large speak several languages.

Preliminary investigation, Holden reported, indicated the eight-escapees by scaling an eight-foot double-wire barbed fence.

Some of the prisoners may have fled during the demonstration but Holden said probably most of them got away during a severe rainstorm Sunday evening.

Indian Program Is Failure Says Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A congressional committee made a formal finding today that the white man isn't doing right by the red man.

Reporting on a ten-month investigation of the condition of Americans, the house Indian affairs committee said "disappointing progress" during 150 years of government supervision of the Indian has resulted from a program it said was designed to make the Indian a better Indian instead of a better American.

Wake island was discovered by the British in 1796.

Robin Hood Thefts Lead To Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Oscar H. Gropper, 37, owner of a leather goods firm where a secretary was accused of "Robin Hood" thefts to give employees pay raises, plunged to his death today from his ninth floor hotel suite, police reported.

Gropper left notes to his wife and his attorney, police said, in which he had written: "Thefts have ruined me."

He was head of Gropper, Inc., from which Mrs. Madeline Dunning, 22, was accused on Dec. 8 of taking between \$30,000 and \$40,000. She is under arrest on a charge of grand larceny.

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McDaniel now is employing six helpers, well versed in the servicing of automobiles quickly and efficiently, but still says he is short-handed. However, the genial owner and manager said, "I can still take care of all my customers with a maximum degree of efficiency." Patrons of McDaniel affirm this statement.

McDaniel has long been known by residents of Big Spring and the entire area. He was formerly in the hardware business before taking up his present profession and his list of friends dates back through many years of serving the public in this section.

The McDaniel Service Station emphasized the proper care of automobiles. A recent survey released by officials have noted the fact that defective cars cause most accidents on the highways of Texas during the present days of over-use of old cars.

McDaniel and his staff set out to eliminate this, to the best of their ability, by one of the best lubricating services offered in Big Spring. This "super-service" includes greasing the car from "gas tank to radiator" and also the checking of oil mileage and a change there if needed. The ordinary automobile should have an oil change every 1,000 miles, but with the present condition of most motors a more careful check of the crankcase is needed.

Tube repairing is another specialty at the Gregg street station.

No recapping or tire vulcanizing is done there, but for minor tire troubles and ordinary flats McDaniel stands ready to give fast and qualified repair work.

Located immediately behind the Post Office the McDaniel Service Station also offers a new and complete line of Firestone tires, and a first-rate stock of Reliable batteries, nationally recognized as two of the finest trademarks in their particular field of industry.

McDaniel also emphasizes a regular and careful check of tires and batteries. Although they do no recap work, they do offer a free tire-checking service for the benefit of their customers. Also batteries are recharged, checked, and water added if needed.

"If you need that extra-special service," McDaniel says "drop in and we will try our best to send you away satisfied with the Good Gulf gas we sell and the good service we give free of charge. Complaints and dissatisfied customers have not forced us out of business in nearly four years."

Combat Bombardiers Assigned To AAFBS

The following bombardiers recently returned from combat have been assigned to duty here: Capt. Harold M. Thomas, Montpelier, Ohio; Clifford F. White, Utica, N. Y.; Thomas F. McCoy, New York, N. Y.; 1st Lt. Walter A. Reese, Caldwell, Tex.; Richard Moore, Marshalltown, Iowa; Milton Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elvin Mellinger Jr., Oxford, Pa.; Michael F. Maloney, Dover, N. H.; John R. Lindsey, Los Angeles, Calif.; Guy A. Landrum Jr., Buena Park, Calif.; Owen S. Laffey, Essex Junction, Vt.; John J. Kille, Monroe, N. Y.; Graham P. Kesler, Silver Spring, Md.; Joseph Irving, Paterson, N. J.; Bernard D. Horan, Charleston, W. Va.; Stephen Holowack, Clinton, N. J.; Carl G. Walker, Baton Rouge, La.; Louis H. Smith Jr., Blowing Rock, N. C.; John N. En-A. Crump, Rosindale, Mass.; William J. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.; James A. Whit, Mars Hill, N. C.; Edward F. Walsh, Ozona Park, N. Y.; Robert Sullender, Pennsacola, N. Y.; Samuel Strosky, Jermyn, Pa.; John G. Simanowich, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward O. Sheridan, Little Falls, N. Y.; Edward A. Shea, Cleveland, Ohio; Arthur W. Shaw, Clifton, N. J.; Paul W. Ferguson, Morgantown, Ind.; Frank A. Samowski, Detroit, Mich.; James W. Reeves, Salt Lick, Ky.; Redick M. Hamer, Trenton, Mich.; Philip T. Goldman, Cleveland, Ohio; Leo D. Godfrey, Williamsport, Pa.; Arthur M. Dignam, Easthampton, Mass.; Marian A. Denny, Rochester, N. Y.; John S. Collins, Lowell, Mass.; Charles E. Brad-



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Westex Oil Now In Seventeenth Year

The Westex Oil company is now in its 17th year of business in the Permian Basin area. At the present time the company has 14 members of its personnel in the ing oil and drilling contractors in armed forces.

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ford, Chicago, Ill.; Gerson Burd, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ras M. Clausen, Carlisle, Pa.; 2nd Lt. John D. Clemens, West Chester, Pa.; Dean P. Flandreau Jr., N. Brookfield, Mass.; James R. Vane, Dover, Del.

Enlisted men who recently arrived at AAFBS include: S-Sgt. Gilvin C. Broxson, Cpl. Russell J. Peterson, Pfc. Oscar Cowman, Pfc. Clifton C. Hill, Pfc. Verlynn W. Hilliard, Pfc. Alva L. Hind, Pfc. Julian Reinheimer and Pvt. Harold E. Brown.

Confusing Wardrobe

POINT BARROW, Alaska, Dec. 26 (AP)—War Correspondents Olen Clements of the Associated Press and Russell Annabel of the United States visit to the far north. Chief reason for the excitement: the correspondents' boots and parka-style coats. None of the Eskimos could figure out what all the heavy clothing was for.

GOLDEN SILENCE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 26 (AP)—Filling station operator J. F. Gish saves unnecessary words when out of high grade gasoline. He drapes the pump in black.

Staggs Stresses Repairs As Well As Auto Parts

Charles Staggs, owner and operator of the Staggs Auto Shop at 415 E. 3rd street, came to Big Spring in 1941 and opened an auto shop and sold his business in the early part of 1944 thinking he was going to leave for service in the navy. He recently reopened his business and has a complete line of new stock, carrying standard lines of merchandise and automotive parts and shop equipment.

Staggs employs five men who are well trained in repairing, re-coreing, and cleaning radiators, repair and sell starters, brake service, motor tune-up, and carburetors repaired.

Supplies, said Staggs, are fairly easy to obtain now, they may be a little slow in delivery but he always receives them.

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Available Tires For Civilians Lowered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Tires available for civilians in January will be pared sharply because the military has slashed the January low the December figure.

OPA says military demands for allocation of passenger tires to 1,800,000 from 2,000,000 in December, small truck and bus tires to 216,000 from 280,000, heavy truck and bus tires to 110,000 from 120,000.

"LAREDO VICTORY"

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Mayor Hugh S. Cluck has been advised that a maritime commission ship now under construction will be named "Laredo Victory."

Take Care Of Your Electrical Household Goods

Due to evident prolonging of the war, extra special care should be taken with all electrical appliances of the Texas Electric Service said

Carl Bloomfield manager Saturday. "A few appliances have been made and ordered but there were so few and what little we had disappeared so quickly that we have ceased orders on these for the duration," he said.

Bloomfield also urged the citizens of Big Spring to keep plenty of fuses on hand. By doing this, he said, there will be few "blow-outs," and in case they do occur in the dark the remainder of the you won't have to grope around evening or create fire-hazards by the use of candles.

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"We must remember that the length of the war has not and cannot yet be determined by any one or one set of individuals. Perhaps dark times are confronting us, but they lead to a free future, and one worth giving up comforts and luxuries, and fighting for."

Treaty-Making Group Renews Attempt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Leaders of a move to give the house a hand in future treaty making will renew their campaign as soon as the new congress meets. "We want to get a constitutional amendment resolution passed through the house and over to the senate early in January," Rep. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said today.

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Editorial - = The Winter Offensive

If any of us had disposition to dismiss the German winter offensive lightly, these easy ideas have been dispersed. Indeed, the very ones who smiled tolerantly at the "little flurry" by the nazis now are gripped by apprehension lest we lost most of our Western Front gains in the smaller occupied countries and along the German frontier. The height of this concern is increased in some quarters by the German slogan of "Paris by the year's end."

Accustomed to winning, even at great cost, it is hard for many Americans to understand how the Germans can launch such a potent offensive. Weren't they holding on for dear life? Hadn't the luftwaffe been all but vanquished? Weren't the German lines thinly held by desperate men?

Perhaps there is still considerable truth in all these notions, but the fact remains that those of us at home, at least, have been guilty again of the cardinal American fighting sin of underestimating the enemy. We have been guilty of looking through the glasses of hope rather than of reality.

It should be remembered that we have been waging a war under the most adverse of supply facilities. Railroads were worse than junked by the retreating nazis. Roads not constructed for the heavy duty traffic imposed by Allied supply trains have been shredded. This has cut the average life of heavy duty truck tires under 500 miles. We have lacked ample port facilities near the scene of action, and the weather has aggravated our supply problems.

It must be remembered that the Germans have been fighting right on top of their sources of supply. It also must be remembered that not even the Germans could afford to commit the total of their strength until the Allied drive had been reasonably stabilized. When this happened, the only logical course remaining for the Hun was to launch a terrific counter attack to relieve pressure from the menaced heavy industrial regions. As long as the Allies were fighting up close there always remained the danger of a breakthrough, which would have been fatal to the German cause. If the Allies were pushed back, the pressure would be relieved.

And now the job ahead is a tough one. The German strategy has been successful. It was sound and it had the power to back it up. There is little reason to believe that the advance can be turned into a huge trap. This miraculous turn of events might come to pass, but it is more likely we shall have to fight back the hard way. We at home who have nourished the idea of an early victory in Europe should reconcile ourselves to the fact that we still have a bitter war on there—and in Europe as well as in the Pacific "war is hell."

Robbing Our Men

Disclosure of a widespread blackmarket in France has resulted in announcement of hundreds of arrests of American military personnel. It is to be hoped that militant steps will be taken to trace

Hollywood— Out Of The Mouths Of Children---

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD — The Misses Tassie and Mary Shipp, two charming little towheads of the Glendale neighborhood, have lately fallen in love with words. They get creative about it too, as when they refer to a certain high officer of the land as "the

Presivelt." The Misses Tassie, 5, and Mary, 3, have a favorite word, "tallulahbankhead." They think it is the funniest word ever invented, funnier even than "just-a-buncha-nincompoops."

It is hinted that there really is a person named "tallulahbankhead," a right smart actress besides, they'll stuff their ears, still choking with laughter, "No-o-o-o!" There simply can't be a tall-uh-bankhead, and that's that.

Maybe you know how they feel. I do. My favorite word, now, is "romanbohen." You have seen it on the screen — Roman Bohnen — numerous times in the past three years or so. It began haunting me a while back, the way words do, until I found myself absentmindedly humming things like "Roman in the Bohnen with You" and declaiming about the "noblest romanbohen of them all." It became alarming the night I found myself counting romanbohens instead of sheep, which prompted my investigation to determine whether there really can be such a thing.

There can, and is, Bohnen is a short, stocky, lively man, about

43, and when his name is on the screen the father in "The Song of Bernadette," Roehm in "The Hitler Gang," Candy in "Of Mice and Men," asserted other characters, usually foreign, in "The Hairy Ape," "Two Years Before the Mast," "Miss Susie Slagle," "A Bell for Adano." It's actually he, Roman Bohnen, who gives the performance. Good too.

He has played so many foreigners that it's a mild surprise to learn that he was born in St. Paul, Minn., and his variety of dialects is acquired rather than native. He did spend some early years in Germany, where his father studied art. His big avocation is the Actors' Laboratory theater here, where actors put on plays and teach would-be actors. He is, by the way, a delightful character, so I'm afraid I've lost my favorite word.

Maybe tallulahbankhead will jeer, and you too, "Look who's talking!" I know, I know. But tallulahbankhead once told me she could never forget a name like robinboons, and the next time we met I was "Darling" like everybody else. Besides, you can spring "robinboons" on Tassie and Mary Shipp and they'll look at you with what I like to think is respect, devotion and love. How hysterical it makes them afterward, they being polite youngsters, is their secret.

Life's Darkest Moment



Hal Boyle: Very Few Yanks Escape After One-Foot Blast From German Armor

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN BELGIUM, Dec. 22 (Delayed) — It isn't often that anyone can claim he escaped alive after being fired on by an enemy tank from a one-foot range. But one American officer and three enlisted men can do just that.

They were in a jeep carrying 300 pounds of TNT to the front to blow up a bridge and halt the German advance. Driving was T/S Drady O. Berryhiff, Palestine, Tex. His passengers were Sgt. Joe A. Broadstreet, 13 South Concho St., San Angelo, and Pfc. Adolph E. Jöhle, Schwartz, Tex., and Lt. Charles F. Lawyer of Maryland.

A tank suddenly roared out of a side road and Berryhiff slammed on the brake, halting the jeep one foot short of the tank. A second later, its gun roared with a blast that bounced Jöhle clear out of the jeep.

Berryhiff swiftly swung the jeep around and shot down the road, pulling off at the first path and hiding behind a barn. Jöhle scampered into a doorway and got away, too.

When the enemy threatened to overrun one divisional command post, the commanding general forgot all about his dignity. "We are going to hold this post," he said grimly.

He personally rallied his cooks, orderlies, drivers and clerks, and threw them into a hurried defense line. He directed traffic and supervised, while under heavy artillery and tank fire, the placing of strategic anti-tank defenses.

German Tiger tanks drove to within 200 yards of the post but the "mess shack" army never wavered. They held and knocked out so many nazi vehicles the enemy finally had to retreat.

Washington— The Record Hull Left Behind Him

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — In the jabber that has followed the shakeup in the Department of State, perhaps the most important historical fact has been drowned out: namely, that "the greatest negotiator since Benjamin Franklin" has retired from the world scene.

Cordell Hull, the last of our log-cabin statesmen, served as secretary of state longer than any man in history. President Roosevelt, in accepting the resignation of ailing and aging Secretary Hull, emphasized that he would continue as an adviser on international affairs, when his health again permits. Nevertheless, there is no doubt here that the reins of our diplomacy have passed to other hands, and at a time when the race for international supremacy and world peace is just moving into the home stretch.

However, no accomplishments of any secretary of state can dim the record of Cordell Hull's service to his nation. Nearly 50 years ago, Capt. Cordell Hull, of the Fourth Volunteer Tennessee Infantry, was mustered out of the Spanish-American War Army. Soon afterward, he was circuit judge in Tennessee. In 1907, Hull was elected to Congress (there's only one man in the house today, Rep. Adolph J. Sabath, of Illinois, whose continuous record of service equals Hull's).

In 1930 with a brilliant House record that included authorship of the first income and estate taxes, Congressman Hull was elected senator by an almost three-to-one majority. Three years later he took the oath of office as secretary of state, and was without doubt the most underrated member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet.

As secretary of state, Hull had his critics. As recently as the last Presidential campaign, Republican opponents were saying that the 1933 London Economic Conference, at which the United States was represented by Secretary Hull, was a fizzle because of our foreign policies. More recently, diplomatic hitches in the handling of our relations in the Spanish Civil War; with Japan before Pearl Harbor; and with Spain, Portugal, Argentina, since the outbreak of World War II, have all been laid on Hull's doorstep.

Until the salty Tennessean's health broke, however, he never wavered. Spurred to anger, he shriveled critics more effectively than any other cabinet member with the possible exception of Harold L. Ickes.

His two great accomplishments as secretary of state probably will be his long battle for reciprocal trade treaties and his attendance of the Moscow conference, when at 72 and never before having been up in a plane) he flew more than 25,000 miles to negotiate the Pact of Moscow which is the cornerstone of the whole present Allied relationship, fully consummated at Tcheran.

Seven Scholarships To Be Given 4-H Boys

According to L. L. Johnson, State Boy's Club agent at College Station, there will be seven \$100 agricultural college scholarships awarded to outstanding 4-H Club boys of the state.

Entrée from Howard county, Durward Lewter, county agent said, would be Louis Lovelace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovelace of Coahoma.

Record books will be graded at College Station immediately after the first of the year. These record books must contain the following information concerning cotton: Yield, amount of labor put forth, quality, early maturity, profit made, and a story concerning this project.

LITERATURE LIFTERS DENVER, Colo., Dec. 26 (AP) — Thieves smashed a \$100 plate glass window at a bookstore today to steal a 50-cent pamphlet. Its title: "Denver's First Christmas."

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Today And Tomorrow Time To Face Up To It

By WALTER LIPPMANN

This is a very bad time indeed to minimize the gravity of the German offensive by reminding ourselves how soon after Ludendorff's breakthrough in March, 1918, the German armies surrendered. Even if it should turn out to be true that Von Rundstedt has thrown in his last reserves and has staked everything, let us remember that the tide of battle was not turned in 1918 by a com-forting analogy; it was turned by the desperate fighting of our Allies and by an enormous speeding up of the American reinforcements.

If the events of 1918 are to be repeated now, it will not be by reassuring ourselves that it all turned out for the best but by recovering the conviction of desperate urgency on which, then as now, all depends.

The blunt truth is that all of us—and I know of no exceptions—have underestimated the power of our enemies. We have allowed ourselves to see things as we wished to see them, and not as they are. Now we must see them as they are, and find in the truth not comfort and ease but steadfastness and resolution. The spectacular victories which we won in Europe and in the Pacific caused our enemies to concentrate furiously in order to wage war.

The only way to shorten the war is to become fully prepared in our minds and hearts, in our strategy and our measures, and in our diplomacy, for a long war. We took the enormous military risk—very narrowly calculated—of calculated, as the saying goes, but trying to knock out two great warrior nations at once. There is no use pretending that the calculation worked out: we have driven the Japanese out of some of their island outposts; the Anglo-American and Soviet armies have driven the Germans from the approaches and outer defenses of Germany. This was a great victory and it has meant the liberation of about 80,000,000 people. But it has meant also that the Germans who were vastly extended became concentrated behind fortified lines which neither the Red Army in front of Warsaw nor the American Army in front of Cologne were able to pierce in their first attempt. Behind these fortified lines, which they held with relatively mediocre troops, the Germans have reconstituted and re-equipped a formidable offensive army.

In the Pacific the Japanese have reacted no less vigorously and efficiently to the victories of Nimitz and MacArthur. Seeing that our amphibious power was great enough to cut their sea communications, they have hacked out land communications through the heart of China to the riches of southeast Asia. This means that the military power of Japan cannot be destroyed, but can only be contained, by the amphibious forces of Nimitz and MacArthur. It means that Japan can be defeated conclusively only by a great land campaign on the Japanese homeland and on the Asiatic mainland.

These hard facts were already visible two months ago. But of course they have been made grimly clear by the German breakthrough.

Because our judgement has been based on false and wishful estimate of the state of the war, we are faced with the prospect of a

longer and more difficult war. It is all very well to say that we have achieved a miracle of production at home: the question is whether we can sustain and increase the effort without that national service law which we alone, among the great powers in this war, have been too soft with ourselves to enact.

The same false estimate of the war is the cause of the disappointment and disillusionment which the Allies have encountered in Belgium, Italy and Greece. The errors in judgment, which have undoubtedly been committed, are the errors of men who expected the war to end this year, and find intractable difficulties in front of them because the war has not ended this year.

This, too, is the primary cause of the continuation of the Polish trouble, that the Red Army was stopped at the Vistula and the gates of Warsaw, that no representative Polish government can exist while the greater part of that advance of the Red Army beyond Warsaw will be jeopardized if there is no Polish settlement which brings with it the full collaboration of all the Polish underground forces.

We may think, as I for one do, that the Poles have a just claim to the retention of Lwow. But in troops in Europe and in the name of the safety of our civic life, let us have the common sense not to stake the fortunes of war and the solidarity of the alliance, and the liberation of the Poles themselves, upon a small province containing a predominantly Polish city in the midst of a predominantly Russian countryside.

Let us remember that we are not in a position either in Europe

or in the Pacific to indulge in the moral luxury of estranging our strongest Allies. The British and the Russians have paid a terrible price to wage this war while we were making up for our unpreparedness.

They have needed us and they need us now to insure their survival and their security. But we have needed them, and we need them now, and this everlasting sniping and self-righteous moralizing about issues which few of us really understand, has already gone further than it can be allowed to go in view of the ordeal of our troops and in the light of the immense Allied effort it will take to conclude this world war.

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A group of more than 100 men timbered an area for 48 hours following a soldier's report to sheriff-had hunted through the thickly he had heard a plane crash.

Vaden was en route from Port elect Clyde Young Saturday that Arthur, where he had business interests, to Temple. Survivors include his widow and two children.

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12. South American river
13. Mexican corn meal mush
14. Self
15. Support for furniture
16. Cotton fabric
17. Weep
18. Wood sorrel
20. Injure
22. Draft animal
23. Present
24. European native
27. Fur-bearing animals
31. Early English money

DOWN
1. Circle of light
2. Point
3. Traditional tale
4. Root
5. American Indians
6. Put on
7. Omits in pronouncing
8. Observation
9. Tableland
10. Excited
11. Garment
12. Tennis stroke
13. Excellence
14. Indulged
15. Hair birds
16. Upright
17. Blunt make
18. Russian village community
19. Old-womanish
20. Prongs
21. Wise men
22. News organization
23. Abbreviation
24. Angry
25. Bounder
27. Sheet
28. Conciliatory
29. Nuisance
30. Chess piece
31. Merchandise
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34. Amorous
35. Gave
36. Temporarily
37. Gave
38. Mold back

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON AND OTHER ARTICLES.

On the 7th day of April, 1943, the United States of America filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas its petition to condemn a leasehold interest for a term of years in 17.37 acres of land more or less, in Howard County, Texas, said petition for condemnation being filed in the Abilene Division of said District and numbered 200 Civil said land consists of several parcels and described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1
Beginning at the Northwest corner of a 6.7 acre tract, said point being in the South right-of-way line of the old State Highway No. 1 and also being South 14 degrees 44' East 24.6 feet and North 75 degrees 23' East 838.6 feet from the Northwest corner of the East one-half of the said Section 2, thence North 75 degrees 23' East along the North line of the said 6.7 acre tract, 147.2 feet to a concrete monument set for the Northeast corner of this tract; thence South 14 degrees 28' East 420.0 feet to a point in the South line of the said 6.7 acre tract, for the Southeast corner of this tract; thence South 75 degrees 23' East along the South line of the said 6.7 acre tract, 145.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the said 6.7 acre tract and the Southwest corner of this tract; thence North 14 degrees 44' West, along the West line of the said 6.7 acre tract, 420.0 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.41 acres of land, more or less, being the west portion of a 6.7 acre tract of land described as "Parcel No. 1" in a deed from Will Odom, et al, to J. B. Collins, as the same is recorded in Vol. 112, Page 245, of the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.

PARCELS NOS. 2 and 3
Parcel No. 2: Beginning at a concrete right-of-way marker set at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of old State Highway No. 1 and the East Access Road to the Big Spring Bombarrier School, said marker being South 14 degrees 44' East 24.6 feet and North 75 degrees 23' East 219.8 feet from the Northeast corner of this tract; thence South 14 degrees 44' East, along the West line of the said 6.7 acre tract, 420 feet to the Southwest corner of the said 6.7 acre tract and an interior corner of this tract; thence North 75 degrees 23' East, along the South line of the said 6.7 acre tract, 145.2 feet to a point for the Southeast corner of this tract; thence South 75 degrees 23' East 802.3 feet to a concrete monument set in the East right-of-way line of the Military Access Road to the Big Spring Bombarrier School for the Southwest corner of this tract; thence in a Northerly direction with the arc of a circular curve to the left, the radius of which curve is 766.2 feet, a distance of 205.3 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker set at end of said curve; thence North 14 degrees 28' West, along the East right-of-way line of said Access Road, 638.2 feet to the place of beginning, containing 3.94 acres of land, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 3
Beginning at a concrete monument set in the south right-of-way line of old State Highway No. 1 for the Northwest corner of this tract, said monument being South 14 degrees 44' East 24.6 feet and North 75 degrees 23' East 208.7 feet from the Northwest corner of the East one-half of the said Section 2; thence North 75 degrees 23' East, along the South right-of-way line of old State Highway No. 1, a distance of 287.1 feet to a concrete monument set for the North-Northeast corner of this tract; thence South 14 degrees 28' East 343.0 feet to a concrete monument set for an interior corner of this tract; thence North 75 degrees 23' East 115.0 feet to a concrete monument set in the west right-of-way line of the Military Access Road to the Big Spring Bombarrier School for the Northeast corner of this tract; thence South 14 degrees 28' East, along the West right-of-way line of the said Access Road, 295.2 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker set at beginning of a curve to the right; thence in a south-westerly direction with the arc of a circular curve to the right, the radius of which curve is 666.2 feet, a distance of 394.6 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker set at the end of said curve; thence

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Robot Bombing May Strike This Country Says Stettinius

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP) — Within 10 or 20 years, Robot bombing is "almost certain to befall this country and all other countries unless we are able to establish an efficient" peace organization, Secretary of State Stettinius said today.

Writing in the Kiwanis magazine, Stettinius said the Dumbarton Oaks proposals are important because they point the alternative to "unspeakable disaster."

"Let no one forget that the robot bomb and the rocket are still in their infancy, at a stage comparable to the stage of development which aviation reached at Kitty Hawk in 1903. x x x These deadly missiles can be perfected to the point where they can travel thousands of miles at incredible speed."

"In that event our oceans, our industrial strength and our manpower would not be able to prevent surprise attack and vast damage by accurately aimed weapons traveling faster than sound."

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals, "recognized that their economic Stettinius wrote, revealed that the four participating powers strength and their military potential placed special responsibilities upon them for the maintenance and enforcement of peace."

Democrats May Have Dues-Paying Basis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, (AP) — A plan to have the democratic party reorganized on a "dues paying" basis was advanced today by Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.).

Under his proposal county units would be formed with each member paying dues of approximately \$5 a year. The money would be divided for national and local use.

Ramspeck, who headed the democratic speaker's bureau during the recent campaign, said the plan "will help us build interest and unity, as well as solving some of our financial trouble."

He plans to present the idea soon to national party leaders.

Civil Engineers Announce Projects

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP) — The American Society of Civil Engineers announced today postwar construction projects ready for bids on Dec. 21 amounted to \$452,938,000 and that an additional \$248,106,000 of such work is ready for bids but is being held up because of financing and other obstacles.

Financing is available but plans are not yet ready for an additional \$138,161,000 of postwar construction work, the society said, in releasing data supplied by engineering news-record.

The society's committee on postwar construction has set \$15,000,000,000 as a goal for postwar construction projects for which plans should be ready and all other details attended to by the end of next July.

New Field Discovered in North Louisiana

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 (AP) — Sun Oil Company officials here said yesterday that a new oil field, to be known as the Belhi Field, had been discovered in northeastern Louisiana.

The announcement said the field, located in Richland parish, about 75 miles south of Tinsley Field in Yazoo County, Miss., "is a new discovery for this area, and may be of considerable significance."

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Sugar — Effective 12:01 a. m. Tuesday, only sugar stamp 34 is valid. Another will be validated Feb. 1.

BANKERS WIFE DIES
LUBBOCK, Dec. 26 (AP) — Mrs. Charles E. Maedgen, Sr., wife of the president of the Lubbock National Bank, died today of pneumonia. Among survivors is a brother, Owen Ellis of Abilene.

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Boy Scouts Leave For Winter Camp

Fifteen Boy Scouts left early Tuesday morning for Indian Springs, in the Davis Mountain area, for their customary mid-winter Buffalo Trail council winter camp.

Among those listed by H. D. Norris, field executive, as having registered for the trip were B. B. Lees, Harold D. Berry, Reed Collins, Gerald Burrow of troop No. 3; James Fannin, Bobby Fox, Gilbert Sawtelle, Dirty Cloud, Jack Ewing, Roy Pool and Charles Moody of troop No. 1; Bob Tom Coffey, Charles Seydler, Donald Day of troop No. 5, and Cecil Drake of troop No. 9.

The schedule called for a visit Wednesday to the McDonald observatory and Thursday to the fort ruins at Ft. Davis. The group is scheduled to return Saturday.

LUCE TO SPEAK

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP) — Rep. Clare Booth Luce (R-Conn.), member of the congressional party which visited the battle zones, will give a 15-minute broadcast from Rome at 3:15 p. m. (etw.) today. The Blue Network announced. She is expected to give her impressions of the fighting fronts.

Leon Coffee, former employe of a local hotel who entered safety work by reason of having taken the safety engineering course here, has experienced a rapid rise in his work with the Kaiser Shipyards at Richmond, Calif., according to word received here. He recently was promoted from safety inspector to safety engineer with the company.

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5:30 Tom Mix.
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6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:15 Dance Orchestra.
6:30 Green Hornet.
7:00 Confidentially Yours.
7:15 Sunny Skyler Serenade.
7:30 Conroy Music.
8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
8:15 Farm News.
8:30 American Forum of the Air.
9:15 Andy Russell Show.
9:30 Dance Orchestra.
10:00 News.
10:15 Henry J. Taylor.
10:30 Sign Off.

Texan Killed In Transport Crash

OLATHE, Kans., Dec. 26 (AP) — A Missourian and a Texan were among five persons killed yesterday in the crash of a navy transport plane near Indianapolis, Ind., the navy air base public relations officer announced today.

The dead, as identified by field officers, included:

Lt. L. W. McMurtrey, 36, co-pilot, of Mountain Grove, Mo.
Lt. W. H. Beck, 30, plane commander, 2011 Victory St., Wichita Falls.

At least two were injured in the crash. Others involved were army personnel and their names were not disclosed by the base here.

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