



AIR BLOWS HURLED AT BALKANS

Pampa's 6 Degrees Is Lowest for State

ATTACK ON CARRIER SPELLS DOOM FOR JAP PLANES



A flaming Jap torpedo plane, plunging to its doom, the victim of accurate anti-aircraft fire from a U. S. Pacific fleet carrier, is shown in the top portion of this photo. The plane is one of six enemy planes that

were shot down when they attempted to hit a U. S. carrier. Bottom portion shows a Jap plane's watery grave marked by a column of smoke after attempting to hit the carrier. This action took place when the Pacific fleet attacked the Jap-held Marshall Islands on Dec. 4, when 72 enemy planes were downed. An American destroyer can be seen at the left of the smoke. (Official U. S. Navy photo from NEA Telephoto).

New Britain Invasion Due

(By The Associated Press) New Britain, the Southwest Pacific island whose invasion would constitute easily the most important ground move to date in westward operations against Japan, now has passed through the second straight month of the most sustained air offensive of the Pacific war.

Three Brothers Die In Texas Gun Fight

VICTORIA, Texas, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A farm house pistol battle near here took the lives of three elderly brothers and sent the son of one of them to a hospital with a bullet wound in the head.

Fats Waller Dies At Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fats Waller, 39, noted Negro dance band leader, died today on a train in the Kansas City Union station.

Drop to 5 Above Is Forecast

All the weathermen would say today was that the thermometer would be 5 to 10 degrees above zero, thus blighting any hopes Pampanians have had for a break in the cold snap that has held on tighter than a Scotchman's a shilling.

Pampa-Perryton Road Studied

After being laid away in mothballs for two years, occasioned by the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and what has happened since, the Pampa-Perryton road project came back to the limelight today.

West Coast Of Mexico Flooded

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Gen. Juan Jose Rios, commander of the Sinaloa military zone, reported today that repair crews are working full speed in an effort to restore railroad service in the flood-stricken area of the West Coast.

Children Slayer Held Sane, Freed

TERRELL, Texas, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. A. S. W. Freiley has been adjudged sane in proceedings before Kaufman County Judge Monroe Ashworth and ordered released to her husband, a Dallas radio announcer.

German Complains Texans Too Tough, Like 'Wild Men'

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A tribute to the fighting abilities of Texans in Italy came today from a German prisoner who, during questioning, complained that they are too tough.

Deadlock On Food Subsidy Halts Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A deadlock developed today in senate efforts to effect a truce in the farm bloc-administration row over abolishing food subsidies after Jan. 1.

Home on Furlough, Bombardier Gets 'Flu'

Flight Officer Tommy B Solomon's furlough visit to Pampa was marred by a case of influenza he suffered shortly after his arrival here a week ago.

Little Big Inch Is Completed

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Officials of War Emergency Pipelines, Inc. said yesterday the last section of "Little Big Inch," the 1,475-mile, 20-inch pipeline from the Houston and Beaumont, Texas, refining areas to East Coast terminals had been welded.

Nurses Will Not Be Conscripted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—There will be no conscription of the nation's women to meet nursing needs of the armed forces, said Rep. Frances Bolton (R-Ohio) today after conferences with war department officials.

Teacher Dies Saving Children

GILMORE CITY, Iowa, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Alma Edgington, 50-year-old high school principal, gave her life yesterday when she burned to death in a blazing schoolhouse because she wanted to be certain all of the 215 pupils had escaped from the burning two-story building.

Senate May Get Tax Bill By Friday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A whisky-taxing proposal that would upend a 50-year-old tradition confronted the senate finance committee today as members hustled to get the 1943 revenue bill to the floor this week.

Seal Sales Now Total \$1,196

Receipts of the Gray County Tuberculosis association in its annual sale of Christmas seals and bangles now total \$1,196.38, B. B. Altman Jr., secretary-treasurer of the association reported today.

Mexico City To Move Up Clock

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Railroad and aviation companies said last night that their present schedule will not be changed when daylight savings time becomes effective in Mexico Thursday.

January's Oil Request Unchanged

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The petroleum administrator for war today called on Texas for 2,018,000 barrels of all petroleum liquids to be produced during January.

Beautiful Lady Hard on Groucho

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—"I had just let a beautiful young lady out of the car," explained Comedian Groucho Marx.

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300 U. S. Bombers Smash Airfields In Vicinity of Athens

By The Associated Press The Allies have stepped up warfare on Hitler's seething Balkan front with a record aerial smash at Nazi targets in Greece, and mounting assaults from the air in support of guerrillas in Yugoslavia.

Rommel Looms as Army Head To Prevent Anti-Hitler Coup

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—High Nazi leaders were understood today to be considering vesting supreme command of the German army in Field Marshal Erwin Rommel to tighten anti-invasion defenses as well as to forestall any anti-Hitler coup by the professional generals of the Junker caste.

Influenza Cases Are 'Piling Up'

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Latest reports to the state health department show 2,221 new cases of influenza in Texas compared to 1,298 a week ago and a seven-year median of 732.

19 Gray County Draftees Leave

Gray county sent 19 draftees into the armed forces today when the group sent to the Lubbock induction station three weeks ago left this morning for Ft. Sill, Okla.

Early Jap Defeat Predicted by Smuts

PRETORIA, Union of South Africa, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Japan will be defeated "sooner than some people think," in the opinion of Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts, who told press conference yesterday that the war picture was ever brightening for the Allies.

Nazi Offensive Threats Scorned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The story being told by German soldiers captured in Italy that they are hardening their forces for a great spring offensive was regarded in military quarters here today as propaganda of the more fantastic variety.

Today's Best LAFF

SECRET WEAPON SPOKANE, Wash.—The cop asked the blonde why she wanted a permit to purchase a gun. "I might want to sing 'Pistol Packin' Mama,'" said Helen Jepson, the opera singer. "or I might need it for protection," not everybody understands classical music. (She really bought it as a Christmas gift for her husband, who collected guns. Please don't tell him!) Buy re-conditioned mud chains, like new. Trade in your old chains. Five-One Garage—Adv.

Food Picture Better, Says Marvin Jones

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Congress has heard from War Food Administrator Marvin Jones that while "there will be a need for more food than we can produce" next year, there is no serious shortage in sight. If production goals are met.

These goals, Jones testified during hearings on a farm labor supply bill reported to the house by the appropriations committee call for an all-out effort in 1944 to boost by 4 per cent the record production of 1943, which was 32 per cent more

than in the basic 1935-1939 period. Jones appeared in support of new funds to finance the importation of foreign workers and the recruitment of domestic help to assist in planting and harvesting a bumper crop.

Here's where much of the extra labor came from, Jones said.

Workers imported from Mexico under agreements with the state department, 52,624; from Jamaica, 8,828; from the Bahama Islands, 4,698.

Japanese evacuees, 12,600; inmates of institutions, 44,000; conscientious objectors, 2,500; soldiers and sailors volunteering for farm work while on short leave, 54,500; soldiers detailed by the war department, 7,425; prisoners of war, 45,400 (paid rates conforming to requirements of the Geneva convention).

Next year's production, Jones said, will require 287,600 more men than were employed this year.

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Half of Mexico's Rural Population Are Given Land

By LARRY SUNTZ
MEXICO CITY. (AP)—The preliminary aims of the Mexican land distribution program have been accomplished with about half the country's rural population settled on communal farms, the government has announced in outlining its plan for future farm development.

The Mexican Revolution (it is always spelled with a capital R here) was fought primarily to better the conditions of the working classes. The industrial workers have come out of it very well, with an extremely liberal labor law written into the constitution. This constitution, drafted during the 10 years when various groups struggled for power in an almost continuous civil war, also provided for land distribution to peasants, but that has been a slow process.

BUY BONDS—
To date there have been but two American fighter planes which have withstood the grueling test of operating over Europe out of England. These are the P-51 Mustang and the P-47 Thunderbolt.

given 92,000,000 acres to communal farms. Of this, however, probably only about one fourth is what would be considered first-class farm land in the United States.

After 18 months of war Mexico has accepted, and even welcomed, the probability that Mexican regulars will see active fighting.

President Avila Camacho, when this nation declared war in 1942, said:

"For the time being our role will be in the fields and factories rather than in the trenches."

Changing public opinion and a new attitude toward a Mexican expeditionary force were shown in the president's latest declaration. Speaking to the commanders of the country's 34 military zones, he said:

"The Mexican army is ready to act as circumstances require—outside the country if our Allies ask—inside for justified reasons. But always it will fight on the condition that it is not lost in the confusion of an anonymous mass, and our concept of responsibility calls for us to have a definite sector controlled by our officers and under our flag's honorable protection."

BUY BONDS—
There is a feeling in Mexico, as in some other Latin American countries, that countries whose troops actually fight will have more weight at the peace table.

Marine Really Gets Around

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES ON BOUGAINVILLE Nov. 30 — (Delayed) — (AP) — First Lieut. John Kendall, USMC, who was born in Turkey, raised in Greece and China, educated in Shanghai, Switzerland and Yale, and who was the last American evacuated from Java, says the Japanese soldiers' capacity for sacrifice is "almost incredible."

"The toughest thing we've got to beat is the Japanese capacity for sacrifice," he said, in an interview.

TODAY on the HOME FRONT

by JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Despite the shortage of doctors, the nation so far is holding its own along the health front and in some instances is faring better than before we entered the war but—

Serious problems remain and others loom on the medical horizon. That's the fighting picture presented today by doctors of the United States public health service in answer to the question: "How's the nation's health generally?" Asked anew because of the prevalence of influenza in certain sections of the country.

First, the bright side of the picture: It's based largely on latest figures on rates of death from various causes, comparing the first six months of 1943 with the similar period in 1941 before we entered the war.

But the doctors say it's safe to assume that the death rates will not change substantially in the last half of this year because incomplete data received so far bears out the general pattern.

The evidence shows:
1. The death rate from all causes was exactly the same in the two periods compared, even though America's way of life had been substantially changed in the intervening time under conditions of industrial migration, crowded living and other outgrowths of the war.
2. Fewer mothers and infants died during childbirth, even though approximately one-third of the country's doctors were in the armed services and hospitals were crowded and short of help.

face the winter with dangerously depleted medical facilities."
2. The largest outbreak of meningitis in many years has prevailed throughout this year. The latest announced figures showed 16,061 cases up to Nov. 20, compared with 3,103 for the same period last year. And a fearful march of infantile paralysis began to wane only a few weeks ago.

3. The number of cases of measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough this year increased substantially over last year, although deaths from them have been below average. And the current outbreak of mild flu has hit as much as 10 per cent of the population, contributing to a number of deaths, particularly among older people already suffering from chronic illnesses.

4. Although the line has been held so far against deaths from tuberculosis, Surgeon General Parran notes that the death rate from this disease has increased 14 per cent in Great Britain and he says "there are indications that we may expect a similar rise in some of our heavily populated and industrialized areas."

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- Magnificent platinum ensemble, set with 10 brilliant diamonds, to thrill her. **\$465.00** Use Your Credit. Solitaire **\$388.00** Wedding Ring **\$118.00**
- Smartly designed 14K yellow gold pair, with sparkling diamond in solitaire. **\$72.50** Weekly. Solitaire **\$57.50** Wedding Ring **\$15.00**
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Deanna Durbin
Granted Divorce
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Singing Screen Star Deanna Durbin, scarcely raising her vibrant voice above a whisper, testified that constant criticism of her film and radio work by her husband, L. (Gig) Vaughn Paul, had kept her in a constant state of nervous distraction.

In proceedings which occupied less than 10 minutes, the attractive actress was granted a divorce Tuesday from the naval lieutenant whom she married about two and a half years ago.

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5:30—Save a Nickel Club.
5:45—Superman, MBS.
5:50—One Minute of Prayer.
5:55—News, Phillip Keyne Gordon, MBS.
6:00—Theater Page.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON THE NETWORKS
6:00—Bob Hamilton, adventures of the Falcon, Blue.
6:30—Spotlight Bands, Blue Air.
6:45—News, CBS.
6:50—Harry James Orch. CBS.
6:55—Eddy Arnold, CBS.
7:00—Carrigan Nights, NBC.
7:15—Lone Ranger, NBC.
7:30—Mr. and Mrs. North, NBC.
7:45—Sammy Kaye, CBS.
7:50—Watch the Birdie Go By, NBC.
7:55—Beat the Band, NBC.
8:00—Battle of Sexes, Blue.
8:05—Dr. Christian, CBS.
8:10—Time to Smile, NBC.
8:15—The Mayor of the Town, CBS.
8:20—Sportlight Bands, Blue Air.
8:30—Jack Carson Show, CBS.
8:45—Kay Kyser Class, NBC.
9:00—Great Moments, CBS.
9:15—Raymond Gram Swing, Blue.
9:30—Listen to Lulu, Blue.
9:45—National Radio Forum, Blue.
9:55—Cresta Blanca Carnival, CBS.
10:00—Boy Porter, News, Blue.
10:05—I Love a Mystery, CBS.
10:15—Richard Harkness, NBC.
10:30—Musical Revue, Blue.
10:35—Lou Breezy's Orchestra, Blue.
10:45—Author's Playhouse, NBC.
11:00—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra, Blue.
11:30—Ray Mace's Music, NBC.

THURSDAY KPDN
7:30—Eating Morning Preview.
8:00—Behind the News, Tex DeWeese.
8:15—Tune Trolley.
8:30—Musical Revue.
9:00—Sam's Club of the Air.
9:15—Pampa Close up.
9:30—Let's Dance.
9:45—Salute to the Hits.
10:00—What Do You Know.
10:30—Merrying Varieties.
10:45—To Be Announced.
11:00—Burger Hour.
11:15—Lum and Abner.
11:30—News with Tex DeWeese.
11:45—Whites School of the Air.
12:00—Ray Daily News, MBS.
12:15—Babe Rhodes Orch. MBS.
12:30—Let's Be Charming, MBS.
1:00—News, Cotter Foster.
1:15—La Gonga, MBS.
1:30—Nashville Varieties.
2:00—Sunny days.
2:15—Jerry Seane.
2:30—All Star Dance Parade.
2:45—Your American Music.
3:15—Invitation to Romance.
3:30—Save A Nickel Club.
4:45—Superman, MBS.
5:00—One Minute of Prayer.
5:05—News, Phillip Keyne Gordon, MBS.
5:15—Theater Page.
5:20—Laxy River.
5:30—The World's Front Page, MBS.
5:45—Bob Murphy.
6:00—Fulton Lewis Jr., with the News.
6:15—Francis Ave Church of Christ.
6:30—Organ Recitals.
6:45—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
7:00—Goodnight.

BUY BONDS
Patton May Remain As 7th Commander
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Because the high command doesn't want to lose the services of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., congressional leaders indicated today that unless some new development arises there will be no serious objections to retaining him as head of the Seventh Army.

Men, Women In Uniform Throng Texas Campuses

By NELSON FULLER
Associated Press Staff
Uniformed men and women throng Texas campuses today. Enrollments have drastically shifted, up or down, at nearly all seats of higher learning.

These are simple outward effects of the profound change war brought to Texas colleges and universities, and of how these schools faced up to the fact of war by joining wholeheartedly in its prosecution. The year 1943 saw the new system working smoothly.

When peace comes there will be more changes, equally fundamental. The college heads already are wringing their brows working out the details.

The increasing presence of army, navy and Marine trainees—and the corresponding general decrease in number of civilian students—were but two phases of war's effect on Texas schools.

Both Parties To Get Wage Data

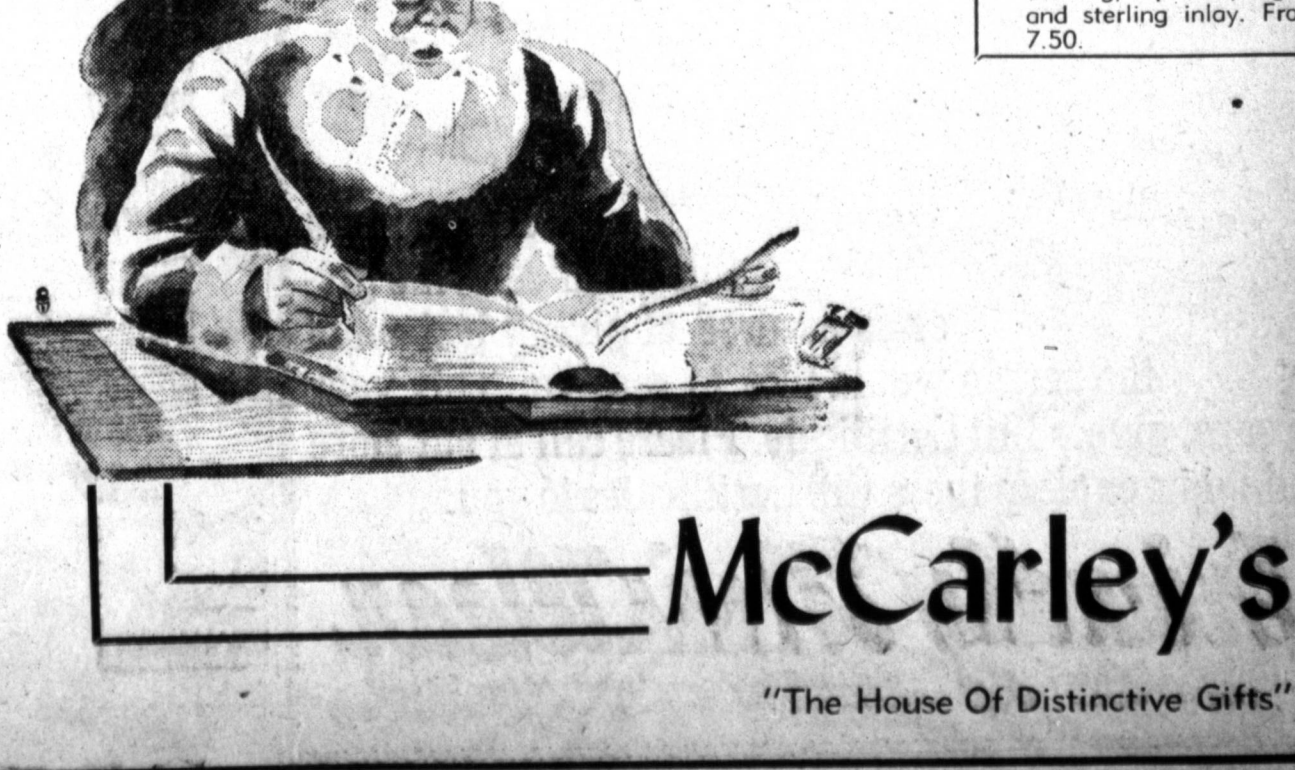
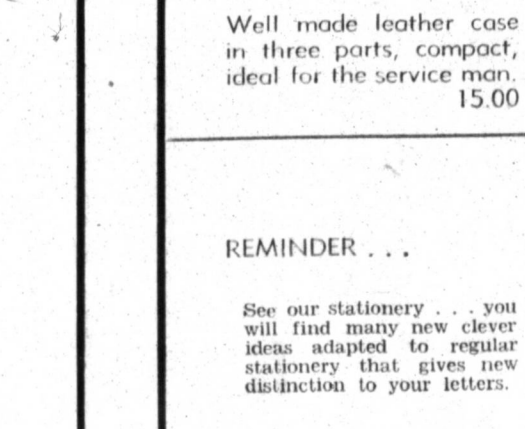
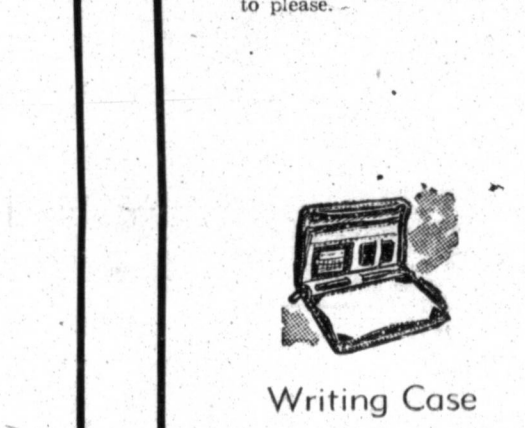
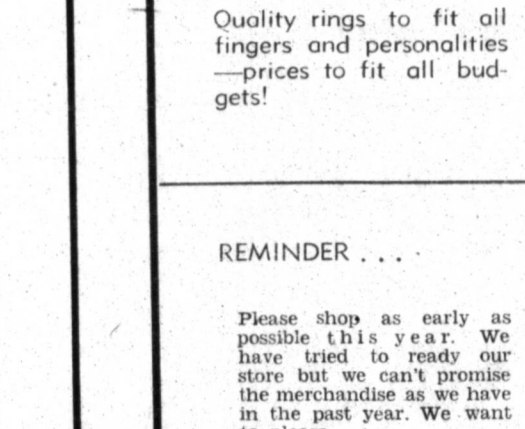
DALLAS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Preliminary rulings on whether approval is required for contemplated wage or salary adjustments, will now be given not only to the party which

requested the ruling but also to the other party to the proposed wage or salary agreement, the eighth regional war labor board announced today.

Previously, an employer or a union might apply to the wage and hour division of the department of labor, which handles such requests for the war labor board, and might receive a ruling without knowledge of the other party to a collective bargaining agreement, Chairman Floyd McGowan said.

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In the U. S. there are more than 350,000 Indians; they speak 55 languages.

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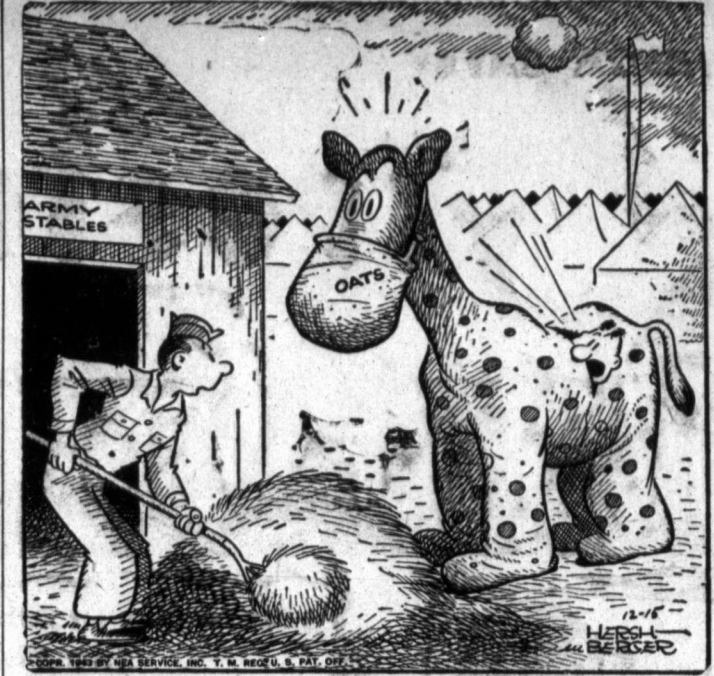
Our PT Boats Deal Hard Blows To Nip Supplies

AT AN ADVANCED NAVY BASE SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 15—(AP) The Japanese are fighting their belts along their New Guinea jungle line, and there is a story behind that involuntary fact that needs telling.

Our light naval units destroyed four—of whatever number—enemy barges, the communique recite tersely. But communiques don't tell of long arduous nightly patrols, among the most grueling undertaken by any of the Allied forces, in this vast theater of war.

The air corps did the job in daytime, provided the weather wasn't too bad. But there was a big gap at night when dripping clouds closed down over rain-soaked northern New Guinea. There was a job for PT boats.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"But I tell you we're from the camouflage corps!"

The PT's but couldn't check them. The more than 75 Nip barges sunk by PT's since the fall of Finschhafen last September is proof of that.

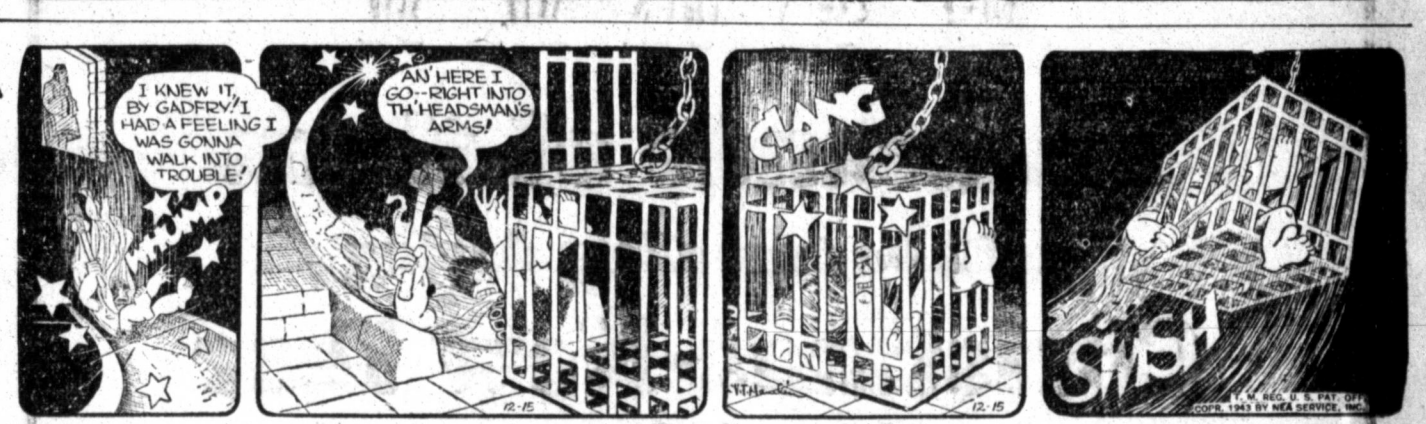
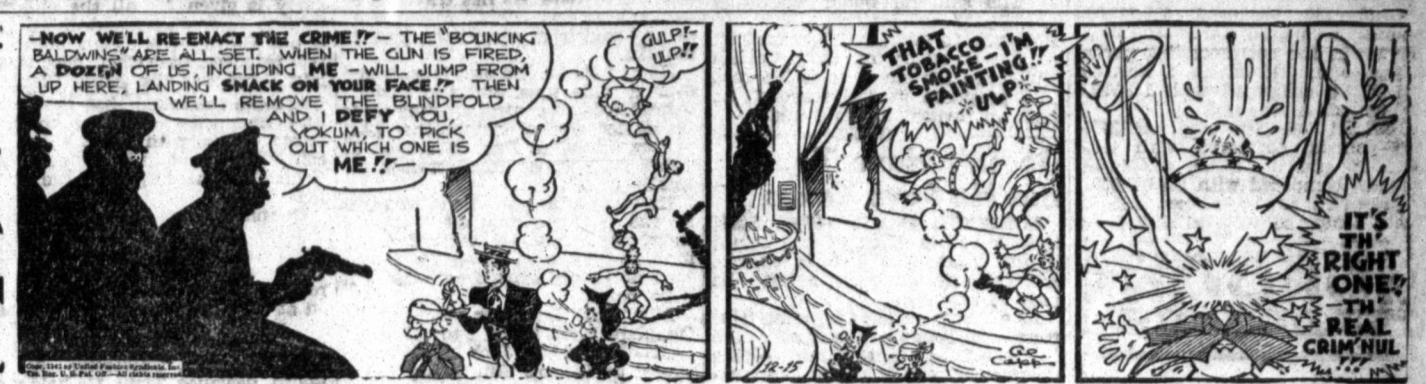
The patrol boats weren't built for comfort. I went out on patrol for 15 hours in choppy seas and heavy rain. The boat bucked like a wild thing and hit the water like a broncho with stiff legs.

Baby Carrier Goes Down Fast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15—(AP)—A Japanese torpedo churned through the inky-black waters. A lookout cried "here comes a torpedo!" But an instant later a shattering roar shook the escort aircraft carrier Liscome Bay and flames enveloped her.

Explosions followed and the baby flat top went down by the stern off Makin Island Nov. 24, the only American warship lost in the conquest of the Gilberts.

Lieut. Comdr. M. U. Beebe, squadron commander of Anselm, Calif., declared "Dr. Rowe and his corpsmen, plus volunteers who helped where possible, did an excellent job in caring for the wounded. Dr. Rowe assisted in an heroic manner despite burns by giving first aid in a boat, picking up survivors and treating them after they were aboard."



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AN APPRECIATED gift for years to come from Pampa Furniture is a divano and chair in rose or blue.

PENNY'S CASH supply you with that extra bedding at money saving prices. Let us solve your Christmas problems.

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J. E. RICE, realtor, advises renters to buy that home now, turn rent receipts into a home. Call 1831.

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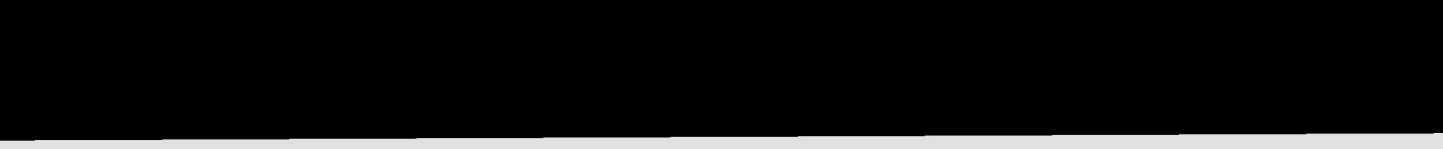
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WE HAVE a good selection of coats and suits. Sport and dress styles. Select yours at Murfee's.

IRWIN'S FURNITURE has some beautiful waste baskets for father's office. Just the gift for Christmas.

BOYS LOVE those Tuffroy pants. They're just right with sport shirts for school and rough wear. Mrs. Jones will gladly show them to you at Friendly Men's Wear.

WELL ENGRAVE his gift in a ring, watch or identification bracelet if you get it at the Diamond Shop.



Cottonseed Crushing Past Fall Drops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — (AP)—The census bureau has reported that cottonseed crushed in the four-month period, Aug. 1 to Nov. 30, totaled 1,884,451 tons, compared with 2,074,615 tons crushed in the corresponding period a year ago.

Cottonseed on hand at mills Nov. 30 totaled 1,514,196 tons, compared with 1,714,639 tons a year ago.

Cottonseed products manufactured in the four-month period and on hand Nov. 30 were reported as follows:

Crude oil produced 575,722,000 pounds, compared with 640,125,000 pounds in the corresponding period a year ago; and on hand Nov. 30, 135,493,000 compared with 158,727,000 pounds a year ago.

Refined oil produced 437,244,000 pounds, compared with 465,361,000; and on hand, 219,244,000 pounds, compared with 258,821,000.

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and on hand, 66,353 tons, compared with 117,440.

Hulls produced, 439,483 tons, compared with 500,583; and on hand, 39,154 tons, compared with 71,848.

Linters produced, 560,659 running bales, compared with 618,143; and on hand, 269,273 running bales, compared with 151,439.

FDR May Tell Congress of Trip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — (AP)—Congress may head from President Roosevelt a first-hand report on his epochal war conferences abroad.

The possibility was held out by Presidential Secretary Stephen Early who said he would "naturally anticipate" an invitation for Mr. Roosevelt to address the lawmakers as did Secretary of State Cordell Hull upon his return from Moscow.

The president "would respond" to such an invitation, Early added.

Doesn't Have To, But He Pays Taxes

LUBBOCK, Dec. 15 — (AP)— Staff Sgt. James D. King of the South Plains Army Air Field is exempt from paying income tax—but he pays it anyway.

As a matter of the Cheyenne tribe from the Tongue river reservation at Tame Deer, Mont., Sergeant King does not have to pay taxes. He comments, however, that taxpaying is a privilege. He fills in the simplified forms and sends his payments to the treasury.

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Army Chaplain Covers Alaska On Skis, Sled

By Cpl. ALLAN MERRITT
Army Correspondent
(Distributed by Associated Press)

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 15—Capt. Julius Pratt, an Anglo-Catholic Episcopal priest from Louisiana, never had seen a pair of skis before he was assigned to Alaska.

But as post chaplain of the army camp near here, he has traveled as far on skis and behind a dog team as any soldier in Alaska the past 16 months.

He had to, for the post is scattered over a wide area and the soldiers cannot get to a central meeting place for services during cold weather. Last winter, Chaplain Pratt averaged 35 miles a week, holding services for small groups.

He carried his portable altar when it was possible, and set it up in snowbound huts. He saw his communion wine, with an alcoholic content of 12 per cent, freeze as if it were water.

Along with the other soldiers here, Chaplain Pratt learned to ski under instruction of Cpl. Jack N. Yokel, an expert at Idaho's Sun Valley resort before the war.

The 34-year-old chaplain shoulders a rucksack when he starts to some outlying company. In it are his Bible, prayer book, a change of socks and a pair of native-made, deerhide mukluks—the warmest type of footwear up here.

The chaplain got lost during a blizzard one night—just outside his own quarters. That's what kind of country this is.

"I was heading for a building not far from my Yakutat hut, and had not taken over 30 paces before I realized I was lost," he said. "The

wind was blowing from every direction, and the swirling snow made it difficult to keep in a straight line. I turned around and walked back 30 paces but there was no hut there.

"Believe me, I was plenty scared. The temperature drops suddenly after a snow, and it doesn't take long for a person to freeze to death up here.

"My flashlight threw a beam of only about six feet, and after walking around for awhile I walked right into the side of a hut. It was about 30 yards from mine. I had the people in it hold a light in their window until I reached my hut. When I got there, I couldn't see the light in their window."

Every year, at Nome, a Christmas party is given for all the children, Eskimo and white, and there is a Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by real reindeer. Last Christmas, Chaplain Pratt was the Santa Claus.

"People remarked that it was the first time they ever had known a Santa Claus with a Southern accent," the chaplain said, "but I told them this one was from the South Pole."

Chaplain Pratt served as priest of Trinity church, at Crowley, some 200 miles west of New Orleans in the French Creole district. He was reared in New Orleans and ordained at St. Andrew's church, that city. He was graduated from Louisiana State university and took his B. D. degree at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. He held a reserve commission and came into the army as an infantry officer, later transferring to the chaplain's corps.

BUY BONDS

HERE TO STAY?

WAYNESBORO, Pa.—The transportation problem has been solved by Farmer Alf Myers—that it is will be as soon as he locates a set of tires for his 50-year-old bicycle.

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