

Patton Breaks Back Of Nazis' Winter Drive; Red Spearheads Within 92 Miles Of Vienna; Ward's Head Refuses To Accept U. S. Seizure

Air Force Held Seeking Use Of Davis Hospital

Local Camp Ordered To Remain Open Pending Investigation

The Army Air Forces have placed a formal request for use of Camp Davis, especially hospital facilities, it was learned from a reliable source in Washington yesterday.

FDR Orders Soldiers To Take Over Plants

Sewell Avery Remains At Office And Bitterly Disputes President's Edict; Occupation Completed Within 30 Minutes

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(UP)—The Army took over plants and stores of Montgomery Ward and Co. in seven cities today, acting under orders from President Roosevelt, but Sewell Avery, board chairman of the mail order firm, refused to accept the Government seizure.

STETTINIUS HEADS AMERICA'S PARLEY

Pan American Union To Be Ignored By Mexico City Meeting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., will head the United States delegation to the forthcoming meeting in Mexico City of delegates of the United and Associated Nations of the Americas, which, for the first time since 1938, will ignore the Pan American Union, it was disclosed tonight.

The conference, to be held approximately February 1 to February 15, will replace the consultative meeting of American foreign ministers which Argentina has requested through the Pan American Union to consider problems of the Buenos Aires government's "international relations."

FORMER SAILOR ADMITS KILLING CALIF. HEIRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A young man appeared at the FBI office here today and volunteered a confession that he killed George Baerendorf, 20, Hollywood oil heiress, in her apartment last October, but police regarded his story with skepticism.

SOLDIERS CALLED TO UNLOAD SHIPS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Army troops have been called to the cargo port here to help load vessels whose sailings to the fighting fronts with critical supplies were threatened by delay of holiday absenteeism among longshoremen, Col. Alex M. MacNabb, port commander, announced today.

Awaits War's End



Munching a piece of stale bread, Charalambros M. Makris is seated on the only remaining beam in the ruins of his home in the Peloponnese area of Athens, Greece. Official OWI photo. (International)

CHURCHILL, EDEN END ATHENS TALK

Pair Expected To Present Views On Regency To Greek King

ATHENS, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain have left Athens, echoing with the gunfire of civil war, for London where they will recommend personally to King George of Greece that he accept a regency as a preliminary step to solving the problems of the strife-torn country, it was announced today.

MITSCHER SEES JAP NAVY'S END

Liquidation Of Fleet Probable Within a Year, He Says

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 28.—(UP)—The Japanese fleet probably will be liquidated within a year if "the present rate of attrition is maintained," Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, veteran of fast carrier task force operations, said today on his return to the Pacific.

Stimson Is Confident Of Disaster For Nazis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, reporting "some very important" Allied gains in Belgium and Luxembourg during the past two days, voiced confidence today that the Allies are winning their crucial Western Front and said "time will reveal that this German throw the dice will have disastrous consequences for him."

Soviet Units In Budapest Nearing Goal

Bloody Street Fighting Rages; Tovaros Is Captured

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Russian troops captured 12 more eastern suburbs of Budapest today, one of them six miles from the heart of the city, as other units swept on westward to within 58 miles of the Austrian frontier and 92 miles from Vienna, Austrian capital.

Five Yanks Are Shot And Stomped In Face By Nazis At Bastogne

With American Forces On The Western Front, Dec. 28

(UP)—An American lieutenant and four Doughboys, who had surrendered after being surrounded by the Germans west of Bastogne, were shot in cold blood by their Nazi captors who then stomped their faces with hobbled boots.

GI's At Bastogne Peaved By Relief Horning In On Their Nazi Slaughter

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1,200 Big U. S. Planes Hit 14 Nazi Railheads

Luftwaffe Grounded By Heavy Clouds As American Liberators And Forts Bomb Enemy; Four Bombers Lost

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 29.—(UP)—Four powerful fleets of Allied heavy bombers, paced by 1,200 American Fortresses and Liberators, attacked at least 14 rail centers along the Rhine yesterday, raiding through thick clouds that grounded the Luftwaffe for the first time in six successive days of Allied assaults.

ENEMY LANDINGS AT MINDORO FAIL

Americans Destroy 20 More Jap Planes At Clark Field

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 29.—(UP)—The Allied garrison on Mindoro Island in the western Philippines encountered neither Japanese air nor ground activity Wednesday in the wake of the Japanese naval task force attack Tuesday night, it was disclosed.

Submarine Seawolf Lost After Taking Heavy Toll Of foe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Loss of the 145-ton submarine Seawolf, which had taken a heavy toll of Japanese shipping was announced today by the Navy which presumed that the crew of at least 62 men had perished.

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WITH U. S. 3RD ARMY TROOPS IN BASTOGNE, Dec. 28

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Foe Battered Back Along A 35-Mile Front

Third Army Push May Be Decisive Battle Of German War

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, with a typical lightning blow, was believed tonight to have broken the back of the German winter offensive and was battering back the enemy's southern flank on a 35-mile front in what may be the war's decisive battle.

Hammering gains up to 16 miles in six days through the wooded hills of Belgium and northern Luxembourg, Patton's powerful mobile army, punching up from the south, rescued the heroic American garrison at Bastogne and split the Allied armies and slash across their lifelines, presumably were up to noon yesterday, and subsequent developments shrouded in a security blackout may have marked up more gains.

ONE THING WAS CLEAR TODAY, THE 13TH SINCE THE GERMANS ROLLED OUT OF THE REICH AND THROUGH THE THIN-HELD AMERICAN LINES IN THE ARDENNES, WAS THE FIRST THAT NO ENEMY GAINS WERE REPORTED.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE THREE GERMAN ARMIES COMMITTED TO THE

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THE FIGHTING GENERAL, COMMANDER OF ONE OF AMERICA'S Toughest DIVISIONS, LEFT WASHINGTON CHRISTMAS EVE.

He arrived inside the Bastogne pocket two days ago, after a wild dash through enemy territory in a jeep carrying him, his aide and one other officer.

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