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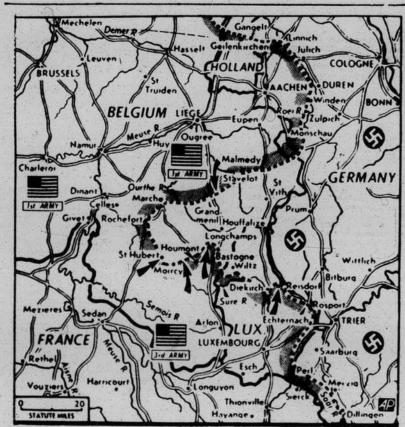
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TELEMAT PICTURES

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Third Army Continuing Advance

Boards Told To Press Drafting Of Deferred 18-25 Farm Workers



YANKS ATTRACTING GERMAN SALIENT-The arrows on this map indicate American attempts to break up the German salient in Belgium and Luxembourg. The U. S. Third army has widened its spearhead north of Bastogne, and has made gains between Bastogne and Moircy. Third Army troops now stand only about 13 miles from First Army forces which fighting men. have captured Grandmenil on the north side of the salient. The shaded broken line represents the battle front

Violent Fighting Rages In Budapest

Russians Smashing On Through City In House-To-House, Street-By-Street Battle

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Russian storm forces were smashing on through Budapest today in probably the fiercest house-to-house fighting since Stalingrad.

On the basis of preliminary re-

Although the Red army has not

officially estimated the strength of

the trapped garrison, Col. Gen.

which brought in approximately 1,000 prisoners, the Russians now hold nearly 1,000 blocks of

How 2,000,000 civilians estimated

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Additional gifts of \$200 in cash

from the Star Publishing Company

today swelled the Foundation fund

nearer the initial goal of \$50,000,

Treasurer Thad C. Ford reported.

A number of individuals have

made contributions which are in

hands of the committee for cre-

diting on the 1944 quota, O. M.

Mull, chairman of the Shelby and

Cleveland County Foundation de-

the battered city.

With More Gifts

30,000 wounded.

Red army troops yesterday captured 232 blocks in Pest. the part of the city east of the Danube, and 53 blocks in Buda on the opposite bank.

LAND BOUGHT FOR AIRPORT

City Closes Deal For 175 Janos Voros, minister of defense of Acres Of J. Andrew Lattimore Land

Movement to secure and construct garians.
With yesterday's advances. an airport for the city of Shelby went a long way forward today when arrangements were completed for the purchase of 175 acres of the J. Andrew Lattimore land in the Sharon church community. to be cowering inside the city are The deal was being closed this afternoon, Mr. Lattimore accepting a check for \$35,000 in payment for this property, an average of \$200 Community Center

This land comprises some of the This land comprises some of the best farm land in Cleveland county and is a part of one of the largest farms in the county. Mr. Lattimore's holdings in that section constitute more than 1,000 acres. He has been assembling this acreage ever since the last war and is understood to have paid as and \$200 in grading work pledged high as \$218 an acre for some of by Stone and Wilson, excavators,

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WHAT'S DOING

7:00 p. m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club. 7:30 p. m.-C. A. P. members meet at armory.

RICHARDSON IS SPEAKER: New Legislature Ready To

Swing Into Action Thursday RALEIGH, Jan. 3. —(P)— With and after a floor scrap, which saw Democrats holding the majority all but two candidates in the running the way, the 1945 legislature squar- the Democrats nominated Rep

branches of the general assembly met briefly today and tackled the task of handling, among other major matters of legislation, an unprecedented surplus expected to reach cedented surplus expected to reach \$70,000,000 by the end of the cur- of the way and brief sessions of the

rent fiscal year. Topping the pre-assembly calendar of events, both Democrats and

away and swung into action Oscar L. Richardson of Union, as today for what was expected to be speaker of the house over Rep. a momentous wartime session.

George Uzzell of Rowan, the vote being 70 to 31.

The Republicans—all 14 of them -nominated Rep. T. E. Storey of

two houses held today, attention

epublicans caucused last night See NEW LEGISLATURE Page 2

Group Is Largest Remaining Source Of Potential Fighting Men

ARMY, NAVY AGREE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 .-(AP)—The White House today directed selective service to press "to the full extent permitted by law" the drafting of deferred farm workers in the 18 through 25 age class. Acting with President Roos-

evelt's authorization, War Mobilization Director James Hershey to draw as much as possible on this largest remaining reservoir of potential

Byrnes said there are 364,000 men in this age range now hold-ing agricultural deferments.

"The Army and Navy believe it essential to the effective prosecution of the war," Byrnes said, "to induct more men in this age

"The President feels in view of existing conditions," Byrnes told Hershey, "agriculture like ofr other war industries can, with few exceptions, be carried on by those

in the older age groups."

Byrnes noted that Hershey had told him that if men were not available from the farms would have to call up deferred men in the next higher age group, most of whom are fathers.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the war mobilization director had made the request to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey "beports it is believed in Moscow that the enemy garrison already cause of representations made to him by the Army and Navy that has lost 10,000 dead and possibly they must have men." So, Byrnes proposed to tap this

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ment recently set us in Russian-held territory, said last night the total may run as high a first the total may run as high as 75,000 to Show Greatest 100,000 Germans, plus 30,000 Hun-Increase In '44

Postmaster R. M. Laughridge was let on the spot. explains the steady increase at the ESSENTIAL post office due to the local postage rates being raised and an insurance fees, although the insur-

before the increase.

The sale of air mail stamps one of the biggest years in the lostating that when he became noticed, now they are bought in February 1. the same proportion as other stamps. An average of 50 pounds of outgoing air mail is handled

daily at the post office. 000 dollars, and seven months in 1944 exceeded that mark.

44 as compared with the 1943 figures \$102,801.90. In comparing the months of December of 1943 and 1944, last year's figures were \$1,527.63 higher than those of

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Bulletin

LONDON, Jan. 3. -(P)-The Ankara radio announced tonight the Turkish grand national as-sembly had voted unanimously to break off diplomatic and economy relations with Japan, effective next Saturday.

Turkey broke relations with Germany last Aug. 2. The broadcast gave ne details.



GERMAN AGENTS, SAYS FBI-The Federal Bureau of Investigation F. Byrnes called on Selective released these pictures, describing them as William Colepaugh (left), Service Director Lewis B. and Erich Gimpel (right), German agents who landed from a U-boat on the Maine coast last Nov. 29. They made their way to Boston, then munique said the aircraft

Bombers From Leyte Batter Clark Field

Patrol Planes Approach Formosa, 225 Miles North Of Philippines, Firing Jap Ships

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 3.—(P)—A smashing new year's day bombing of Manila's Clark Field by Leyte-based Liberators was reported from a Fifth Airforce advance base as Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur's stepped up air assaults brought Formosa into his ted. communique today for the first time.

BLYTHE FIRM

Contract for sewer and water improvements involving a cost of aircraft were seen to go down. \$43,861 was let last night by the Shelby Board of Aldermen to Blythe Brothers Construction com-

Work will begin in February and is to be completed by May 1. The construction job includes the building of 10,000 feet of sewer outfall line and the construction of a new water intake in the river.

Four bids were opened at the Postal receipts in 1944 here city hall last night, A. H. Guion showed the greatest increase in and company bid \$53,000 on the history of the Shelby post office work; B. R. Hinson Construction FAR NORTH as it closed its business year. The company \$52,700 and Reid and figures show that postal receipts Abee, \$47,649. The low bid was acin 1944 exceeded those of 1943 by cepted immediately and by unanimous vote of the board contract

ter and sewer system have been AUTO WRECKS crease in registered mail and in- recognized as essential for some time. Right-of-way for the new ance fees have been lowered re- outfall lines have already been obcently to an even lower rate than tained across the Hubbard . Hamrick and O. V. Hamrick property

in the western part of the city.

the veteran Red Riders group flew fect visibility. all returned.

nese interceptors in numerous dogfights, and at least two enemy "We gave those Nips an unhappy start on 1945," observed bombardier Second Lt. Raymond Seidel of Olympia, Wash.

The raid was an extension of strong land-based assaults on Luzon, reaching targets as far as 150 miles north of Manila, the past few days.
"General MacArthur said in his

communique today that patrol-planes approached Formosa, the enemy's island bastion 225 miles north of the Philippines, Sunday setting five coastal ships afire and shooting down four planes. It was the first strike by south-

west Pacific planes so far north. Formosa was bombed in October

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TAKE 5 LIVES

bile accidents in Cleveland coun- in the Government's operation. ty during 1944, it was revealed this Representatives of the successful morning by Sgt. W. L. Hatcher of for Shelby's Community center cal post office, Mr. Laughridge contracting firm told aldermen that the state highway patrol. Two of gated for the first time by a federthey were ready to begin work these accidents occurred within postmaster in August, 1940, air within 10 days of the time the city limits, one in Kings Mounmail stamps were bought in small contracts are signed and it was in- tain and one in Shelby. The rest lots and their sales were hardly dicated this would be done about occurred on roads outside the two Cleveland cities.

December of 1943 was the only month in that year to exceed \$10,-944 exceeded that mark. Receipts for 1944 were \$126,604.- Is Miss 1945 Of Stork Derby

dle of feminine pulchritude to in- Little Miss 1945 as the fifth of dicate 1945 is a girl's year.

vided by Cleveland and Shelby come. merchants and business firms to As in past years the derby winland white parents.

The little blue-eyed Jean is the conducting the contest.

judges of Cleveland's annual stork Roy Goodman who live on a farm derby were disconsolately thinking in the Belwood community. She is in posters in the plant, might rethe youngest of five Goodman chilsult in "severe penalties." that bird had made a New Year's dren, her father being a 34-yearresolution to shun the county he old farmer and the mother, the flew into the northern edge of the former Miss Fannie Swink, being county and dropped a little bun- 30 years old.

her clan comes with a V for vic-The deadline was drawing al- tory. She has hefty lungs and can ready at hand when Miss Jean smile, but beyond that offered no Goodman appeared on the scene comment upon the strange world to claim the legacy of gifts pro- and reception into which she had

welcome her as the year's first ner will receive various and sunborn in Cleveland county to Cleve- dry gifts from business concerns

BOMB HONSHU AGAIN TODAY

Part In Raid

AIRCRAFT CENTERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 .-(A) - Superfortresses, 90 German resistance. strong by enemy account, trial targets on Japan's teeming home island of Honshu.

A war department announcement of the raid was silent on the number and the exact objectives of the giant center of Nagoya as well as Blies river east of Sarreguemines. Osaka and Mamamatsu were

Acknowledging some damage from amatsu, the communique added "there were almost no damages in- rain negated close air support, 1,flicted upon vital facilities and fac-

90 was the largest to appear in a of explosives on a 150-mile belt Nipponese war bulletin. It claimed from Cologne to Karlsruhe. in the usual broad propaganda vein-that 13 of the Superforts the Third Army was using eight were shot down, four probably divisions, half of them armored, downed and 25 damaged. Two in- in a supreme effort to encircle Na terceptors failed to return to their zi positions on three sides of Bashome bases, the Japanese admit- togne and admitted minor with-

and Tokyo broadcasts said the Lorraine and on the Saar were bombardiers enjoyed almost per-

to spill their bombs on the busted at Nagoya have been hit previous- U. S. casualties "far exceed 50,- material moving to the front. It airdrome in the Philippines. Many ly by the Superforts. Osaka is 75 000. bombers were pierced by flak, but miles southwest and Hamamatsu the same distance southeast. Both The fighters tangled with Japa- | are large manufacturing centers. Today's was the first blow against

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ARMY TIGHTENS REINS ON WARD

Military Officials Seek To Gain Complete Authority

CHICAGO, Jan. 3. -(AP)- The Army, waving a big stick, tightened its control today over the federally seized Montgomery Ward and company properties in seven cities across the nation. Acting swiftly, Army officials yes-

terday moved to gain complete authority in operating the big mail order house facilities. The first step in that direction was that ousting of 11 company officials who Army men said remained defiant since There were five fatal automo- day and had refused to cooperate

The alleged interference in the Army's operation was being investial grand jury and federal attorneys had filed 18 affidavits in connection with the government's petition for an injunction to prevent company interference and a declaratory judgment upholding legality of the seizure, ordered by President Roosevelt. A federal court hearing is scheduled next Monday, PENALTIES

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military manager, who directed the Army's movements yesterday, said that officials or other employes dismissed for non-cooperation with This morning as the assembled daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Service reclassification. Interference with Army operation, he said

Later, Byron said there was "increasing indication that the War Department will have the cooperation of a great majority" of the company's employes in stores under government operation.

given to duty to perform and it cannot continue in government likely to be an early objective. can "doze off and even snore in service those who refuse to support The battle of the Philippine the midst of conversation" Howtheir government in the execution Archipelago is rushing towards its ever, while we might like to gauge of this mission. I trust that the few crisis, and the MacArthur-Nimitz his capabilities by this doubtful that cooperated with The Star in persons in this group will speedily partnership is crowding the Jap recognize their obligation."

Germans Lashing Back At Many Points Along Jop Announcement Says 70-Mile Western Front

PARIS, Jan. 3.—(A)—The American armored onslaught smashed 5 1-2 miles northeast of Bastogne today up the diagonal railway toward St. Vith, beating into the outskirts of Michamps and into the Maister woods through stubborn

But the German army was lashing out furiously at a struck again today at indus- dozen place salong the undulating 70-mile front from the Saar to the Rhine in diversionary assaults which already have cost the Americans their thin foothold on German soil northeast of Sarreguemines.

The attack may yet prove to be another burst in Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's offensive.

So far, the American lines were holding the Germans to limited gains, but the Nazis were still striking along their two-mile-deep and five-mile long dent southeast of Bitche. The enemy, moreover, had driven a bridgehead across the

Snow was falling again over the Belgian bulge and there was rain farther south. At least through this morning, close incendiaries at Nagoya and Ham- air support was lacking because planes were grounded.

However, although snow and American heavy bombers JEKINAN struck for the 12th consecutive The enemy-announced number of day with from 3,000 to 4,000 tons "The German communique said

drawals in "fluctuating fighting." The attack occurred by daylight, The Germans said the battles in taking a favorable course; that

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr.

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BANK DEPOSITS UP \$7.500.000

Current statements of Cleveland's commercial banks show deposits up seven and a half million dollars over what they started with

The First 'National bank of Shelby at the close of 1944 showed total deposits of \$11,648,974 deposits at the start of the year. deposits totaling \$8,956,137 which forces. The appearance of

Jim Bridges, cashier. The First National Bank Kings Mountain has deposits of 750 SORTIES \$2,560,947 which is up a million to B. S. Neill, executive vice-presi-

The deposits are up from a tolars at the war's outbreak to over \$23,000,000 at the present.

On top of that near quadrupling or bank deposits, George Blanton, president of the First National bank and War Finance chairman for Cleveland county, that Cleveland firms dents have purchased Bonds during the same period.

U. S. Heavies Continue Offensive Through Twelfth Day

LONDON, Jan. 3. -(AP)- Lt. Gen. 24,000 Americans had been cap- heavy bombers pinpointed attacks through intense antiaircraft fire Two big Mitsubishi aircraft plants tured in their offensive and that today on masses of German war was the Americans' twelfth daylight raid in as many days.

The Berlin radio said the formations were over western Germany. Hours earlier a great force of heavy bombers and hundreds of fighters were seen over Dover Strait on their way to the continent. Nurnberg, Ludwigshafen and Berlin were attacked by RAF squadrons last night.

British and American forces teamed yesterday in two 1,000bomber blows-one by day and the other by night. Their targets were railway yards congested with freight, key highway intersections and tank and troop concentrations concealed in woods

Fighters and bombers operating which compared with \$7,760,442 from France, Belgium and Holland smashed the Nazis hard with day-The Union Trust company shows long attacks in support of ground compares with \$7,064,223 at the planes belied German claims of restart of the year, according to sults obtained by Nazi pilots in Jim Bridges, cashier. their surprise New Year's day of strafing of Allied airfields.

U. S. Ninth air force divebombers dollars from a year ago, according alone got in 750 sorties. Their bag included 62 armored vehicles knocked out and 34 damaged in the Bastogne-St. Vith area, 27 German tal of a little over six million dol- antiaircraft batteries destroyed, 222 railroad cars wrecked and nine locomotives blasted.

A dozen Mustangs caught five Messerschmitt-109s preparing to land and destroyed every one. One hundred and fifty medium bombers worked on railroad bridges and communications centers in the Nazi bulge inside Belgium.

All told 13 German fighters were mately \$15,000,000 worth of War shot down for a loss of 11 fighters and 10 bombers by the Allies

THE WAR TODAY:

Yamashita Seen Likely To Launch Attack On Mindoro

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The Marshal von Rundstedt of | Yamashita has sworn to force the Philippines is bull-voiced and MacArthur to surrender uncondibull-headed General Yamashita, tionally, and there's no doubt that the Japanese commander in chief, the war-lord means business. Yawho is showing signs of intending mashita isn't to be regarded light-Commenting on the dismissal of to emulate his Nazi opposite in ly, for he's one of the outstanding the officials, who were replaced by Europe and launch a counter- generals of our time. True, radio Army officers, Byron said x x x drive against General MacArthur Tokyo recently put him in a "The War Department has been -and our newly acquired position somewhat ludicrous light by boaston strategic Mindoro island is ing naively that he's so clever he

invaders hard.

The battle of the Philippine the midst of conversation" How-

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