

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers warmer central portion, cooler on coast today followed by clearing and colder to night. Tuesday cloudy, warmer, followed by showers and colder.

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TELEMAT PICTURES

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STATE THEATRE TODAY
JON HALL in
'THE INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE'
Also News, 3 Stooges Comedy

Germans Claim 25-Mile Gain In Eastern Front Counteroffensive
Neck Of Bulge Now 10 Miles Wide

GARRISON IN BUDAPEST IS HOLDING FIRM

Russian Forces Ousted From Danube Bastion Of Esztergom

NAZI LOSSES HEAVY

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(P)—The German high command declared today its counter-offensive northwest of Budapest had gained up to 25 miles and that the garrison of the Hungarian capital was still holding its own.

Berlin commentators, however, said the "beginning of a major military operation" might be foreshadowed in fighting activity revived in the Russian bridgehead at Baranov and Sandomierz about 120 miles south of Warsaw where the Russians several months ago punched to within 35 miles northeast of Krakow.

Russian forces have been ousted from the key Danube bastion of Esztergom by powerful Nazi counterattacks bent on relieving the trapped Axis garrison at Budapest, 20 miles to the south, but have registered a 12 1/2 mile gain north of the Danube in an outflanking threat to the attacking Germans, Moscow said today.

A broadcast Soviet communique said 1,400 Germans had been killed, 300 captured and 40 tanks and 16 armored troop carriers knocked out before the evacuation of Esztergom, and reputed German progress had been checked below the city.

RIVER CROSSED

The same communique said the Red army had crossed the Hron (Garon) river to the north and, driving along the Danube, had reached a point 10 miles from Komarom, west of Esztergom.

In a Budapest, the Nazi garrison launched 12 consecutive counter-

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DEATH CLAIMS L. A. BLANTON

Leading Farmer And Stock Dealer Of Zion Section Died Today

Lawson Albert Blanton, 63, a leading farmer and stock dealer of the Zion community, died this morning at 8:30 in the Shelby Hospital after an illness of over a year.

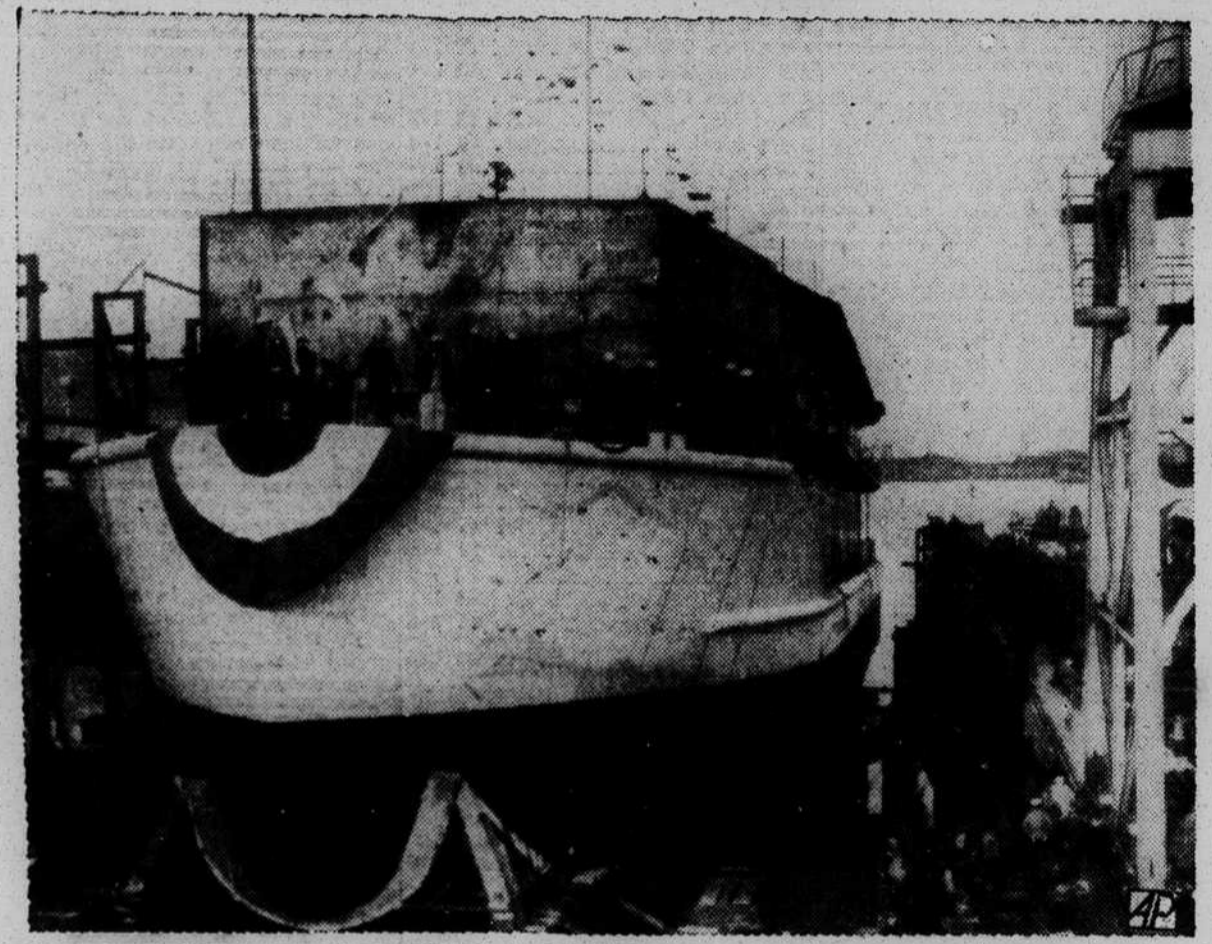
Mr. Blanton was the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blanton and took an active part in the civic and religious activities in the community where he has lived all his life. He has been a member of the Zion Baptist church since early manhood.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Zion Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the church, who will be assisted by Rev. J. W. Suttle and Rev. R. M. Hauss.

Mr. Blanton is survived by his widow, the former Miss Dorcas Packard; five children: Mrs. Lee Cornwell, Miss Jonnie Blanton and Joe Z. Blanton of Shelby, A. B. Blanton of Bristol, Va., and Mrs. Hall P. Beck of Lexington; one brother, Coleman Blanton and one sister, Mrs. Frank Cornwell, both of Shelby, and three grand-children.

Legislative Committee Appointments All Ready

RALEIGH, Jan. 8.—(P)—Committee appointments probably will be read in the Senate tonight and in the House tomorrow, thus completing organization of the assembly under the direction of President L. Y. Ballentine and Speaker Oscar Richardson.



FLOATING RESORT FOR SUBMARINES LAUNCHED—A barracks ship goes down the ways in a launch at Seattle, Wash. The ship will be a "floating resort"—providing recreation and relaxation for submarine crews at sea.

SIX CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED

Two From This Area Killed, Two Missing, Two Wounded

Six casualties from this section have been reported over the weekend, all of them coming from the European theatre of operations. There were two killed, two missing, and two wounded.

Cpl. Arthur F. Price, 20, husband of Mrs. Nellie G. Price of route 1, Mooresboro, has been reported killed in action, December 28, in Germany. He was serving with the first army in a combat engineers company.

Cpl. Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Price of route 1, Mooresboro, and is a graduate of the Ellenboro high school. He was employed as a clerk in Grindstaff's store at Ellenboro, prior to his induction into the army in August, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before going overseas in September, 1944.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Price, his wife and small daughter, Anita, who are making their home with his parents, one sister, Mrs. Ervin Grindstaff of Ellenboro, and three brothers, Edward Price of Ellenboro, Cpl. Falls W. Price, serving with the first army in Belgium, and Sgt. Roy D. Price, who was wounded in action and is now recuperating in a hospital in England.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY
7:00 p.m.—Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Charles Hotel.

TUESDAY
7:00 p.m.—Rotary directors meet at Hotel Charles.

7:00 p.m.—Lions club meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

7:30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Shelby chapter 110 Order of Eastern Star in chapter room at Masonic Temple.

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U. S. Bombers Strike In Daylight Today

Follow-Up To Two Raids Made During Night By Large Fleets Of RAF Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(P)—British-based American heavy bombers struck at Germany in daylight today, after two great fleets of RAF bombers, totalling probably more than 1,000 planes, bombed Munich 17 days.

Today's raid was the 16th by Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. Eighth Air Force in the past 17 days.

Enemy reports indicated that the heavy bombers were again supporting Allied troops on the snow-swept western front by bombing supply channels behind the Nazi lines.

Yesterday more than 2,100 heavy bombers and fighters of the Eighth Air Force dumped over 3,000 tons of high explosives on five freight yards, two Rhine bridges and six rail yards between Hamm and Karlsruhe in western Germany.

Nine bombers and one fighter were missing in yesterday's operations, carried out through blizzards and in temperatures of 50 below zero.

REV. J. M. GOODE DEATH VICTIM

Well-Known Retired Baptist Minister Dies, Rites Tuesday

Rev. J. M. Goode, 91, a well known retired Baptist minister of Cleveland and Rutherford counties, died at his home in Bolling Springs Saturday night at seven o'clock.

The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Zion Baptist church, in the home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Jenkins will be assisted by Rev. J. T. Gillespie of Tigerville, S. C., and Rev. Charles Gillespie of Smithfield.

Mr. Goode was a minister in Cleveland and Rutherford county churches for 60 years and retired from the ministry six years ago. He is the last member of his immediate family and is survived by seven children. They are Rev. W. E. Goode of Scotland Neck; Miss Mable Goode of the home; Mrs. R. E. Branch of Murray, Ky.; Miss Velma Goode of Carlton, Ohio; Miss Mildred Goode of Fuquay Springs, N. C.; Mrs. James H. McBrayer of Hampton, Va., and Cecil C. Goode of Bolling Springs. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His wife died 16 years ago.

TOKYO REPORTS 450 U. S. SHIPS NEARING LUZON

Enemy Radio Also Tells Of Bombardment Of Lingayen Gulf

INVASION FORECAST

Tokyo radio reported today more than 450 American transports "are streaming north towards Luzon" island in the Philippines where Japanese broadcasts said more than 70 warships and swarms of carrier planes bombarded Lingayen Gulf, 120 miles north of Manila, continuously for two days.

The Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said that whether the transports would be "poured into Lingayen or in the vicinity of Manila remains a question, but in either case it is a surety that the enemy will play right into the waiting Japanese hands."

In the two day duel between warships and shore batteries at Lingayen gulf, Japanese broadcasts said defending batteries gave the American flotilla "the hottest reception ever recorded in the annals of war."

Propaganda broadcasts described the air and naval bombardment as "first enemy's" usual tactics preceding a landing and forecast "tank assault troops might storm 'the shore at any time.'" "The whole gulf roared with the blasts of gunfire from both sides" throughout Saturday and Sunday, said a frontier dispatch of the Japanese Domei news agency.

3 CONVOYS

Other broadcasts reported three powerful American convoys speeding northward to join the assault—one of undisclosed size west of Mindoro, 150 transports south of Mindoro and 25 warships further south, all headed in the general direction of Manila.

An Imperial communique claimed that since last Wednesday Japanese have sunk seven first line warships and 16 transports; and damaged nine other vessels in the various convoys.

Japanese troops guarding Lingayen gulf who could see the long line of American warships were described as "awaiting the enemy with resolute determination. Therefore it is anticipated that a great enemy annihilation battle will be unrolled" as soon as amphibious troops strike.

The Tokyo newspaper Asahi, recalling the thousands of Japanese

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Waste Paper Drive Sunday Successful; Bolt Appreciative

Between 10 and 12 tons of waste paper were gathered in Sunday's scrap paper round-up it was reported today by Doris Bolt, president of the junior chamber of commerce, as he expressed appreciation to the public generally for what he termed "swell cooperation."

The paper was gathered and baled at Grover Hamrick's and will be shipped along with additional paper in a full carload within the next few days, Mr. Bolt said.

'E' BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED:

Sixth War Loan Over Top By 255 Per Cent Of Quota

Record bond buying to the tune of \$4,742,996.50 by Clevelanders swelled the Sixth War Loan over the top by 255 per cent of the \$1,860,000 quota, it was announced today by War Finance Chairman George Blanton.

Sale of E bonds, which lagged badly until late December, reached \$552,315, oversubscribing the \$491,000 quota to that extent. Assignment to Cleveland of \$56,000 of purchases by Army and Navy personnel boosted that figure, but the county



PFC. HULICK

JACK HULICK IS WAR PRISONER

Word Received Through Short-Wave Broadcast From Germany

A short-wave broadcast from Germany Saturday night said that Pfc. Jack Hulick, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hulick of Shelby, who had been reported missing in action in France since November 26, now in a German prison camp, set off a flood of long distance telephone calls from various parts of the country to tell his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Hulick, the news.

Mrs. Thompson was so thrilled by the word that her husband was alive and by the kindness of the many people who called or wrote her that she was almost overcome with joy. The message, spoken by a woman who said she represented prisoners of war in Germany and was commissioned by them to transmit the messages, said that one of them was from Pfc. Hulick who sent his love to his wife and family and asked them to kiss his daughter, Carol, for him.

MANY CALLS

The broadcast was hardly over before a long distance phone call came from Pinehurst, telling of the report which Mrs. Hulick had not herself heard; that was followed by numerous other calls from Jersey City, Florence, S. C., Stokes, N. C., to mention a few, and today brought letters from others who had heard the broadcast and sought to get the message to the relatives here.

Mrs. Hulick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rush Thompson, is making her home with her parents on Gold street. The broadcast was the first word she had had of her husband since early December when the War department message announced him as missing in action.

Moratorium For Insurance Favored By F. R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—President Roosevelt favors the general principle of legislation giving the insurance business a moratorium from the Sherman Anti-Trust Act until March 1, 1946, except for acts of boycott, coercion or intimidation.

The White House made public correspondence between the President and Senator Radcliffe (D-Md.). Mr. Roosevelt in a January 2 letter said such a moratorium, as provided in the bill of Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) would give the insurance business sufficient time to readjust itself to the Supreme court decision holding insurance is "in commerce" and therefore subject to the anti-trust laws.

The President said the administration is not sponsoring federal legislation to regulate insurance or to interfere with the continued regulation and taxation by the states of the business of insurance.

NO CONFLICT

"But there is no conflict" he added, "between the application of anti-trust laws and effective state regulation of insurance companies, and there is no valid reason for giving any special exemption from the anti-trust laws to the business of insurance."

Von Rundstedt Believed Withdrawing Survivors From Tip Of Salient

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(P)—Mile or more advances by the American First and Third armies in the worst blizzard of the winter narrowed the waist of the Belgian salient to less than ten miles tonight and caused Field Marshal Von Rundstedt to speed the withdrawal of his survivors from the western tip of the salient.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army captured five villages and won domination of 15 miles of the St. Vith-Laroche highway, one of the two last escape routes for three crack panzer divisions in the toe of the sock of the bulge. The other road, leading up through Ouffalize was under artillery fire from both sides of the salient.

The most important gain on the First Army front was made by the 82nd airborne division, led by 37-year-old Maj. Gen. James N. Gavin. The sky troops seized the Thierdumont ridge northwest of Salchateau, which commands much of the St. Vith-Laroche road.

The highway was under American domination from Vielsalm, north of Salchateau to a point beyond Dochamps. The hell on wheels 2nd armored division occupied Dochamps itself. The highway cut in numerous places and under artillery range for the rest of the 15 mile gap.

Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's Third armored division completed the occupation of Joubelle in the highway three miles west of Salchateau and fought into nearby Hebronval.

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Yanks On Mindoro Capture Palaun

Entire West Coast Of Island Now In U. S. Hands; Jap Invasion Reports Unconfirmed

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 8.—(P)—American troops were within 90 miles of Manila today but army and navy communiques offered no support to Japanese claims the Yanks were actually preparing any immediate invasion of Luzon Island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Monday communique said his forces have moved 15 miles up the west coast of Mindoro island to capture Palaun town. Palaun is 30 miles from Luzon, Manila is less than 60 miles further north.

The communique said air pounding of enemy installations on Luzon was continuing.

Navy carrier planes also attacked Luzon. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pacific fleet headquarters, Pearl Harbor, that the attack was made Saturday (Philippine time).

This was the same date given by Tokyo radio in first reporting United States warships were in Lingayen gulf bombarding Luzon defenses and "apparently planning a landing there." The Japanese said the bombardment continued all day Sunday (Philippine time), accompanied by carrier plane harassment.

CARRIERS Vice Adm. John S. McCain's carriers swung south to help MacArthur's airmen cripple the enemy on Luzon after a two-day raid on Formosa and the Ryukyus.

The Navy communique said incomplete reports showed 28 Japanese planes destroyed, eight in the air and 19 on the ground.

MacArthur's communique said heavy bombers of his command destroyed 18 enemy planes in the latest attacks on airdromes on Luzon. This made a total of 45 planes.

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TWO KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Another Injured When Train Hits Auto In Kings Mountain

Two members of the same family were killed and another seriously injured when Southern passenger train No. 20, northbound, struck an automobile at the Maudine Mill crossing in Kings Mountain Saturday night at 11 o'clock. The dead are Nesbitt Blackwell of Gaffney and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Blackwell, of Rock Hill, S. C. Roy Blackwell, who was understood to be driving the car when it was hit, is in a Gastonia hospital critically injured. They are sons and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Blackwell of Kings Mountain.

They had been to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Blackwell and were on their way home when the tragedy occurred. The express train was late and was understood to have been traveling at high speed when it struck the Blackwell car, a Ford Model A coach. This is the same grade crossing at which Gus Adams was killed in a train-auto accident several months ago.

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THE WAR TODAY: No Allied Generals To Bear Brunt Of Breakthrough Blame

By DEWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The hind-sight calamity howlers who have been feverishly seeking a victim for public sacrifice, because of the German surprise breakthrough in France, have their answer—and now maybe they can get ahead—with their personal contributions towards winning the war.

All this fits into today's picture of the battle of the bulge. Ahead, the Allies are doing well. Field Marshal Montgomery sums the situation up succinctly by saying that while the battle is "far from over," the Hitlerites "have been halted, then sealed off, and we are