

# YANKS FIRE 3 JAP SHIPS AT RABAUL

Two Zeros Shot Down Trying to Intercept Attack on Big Cargo Vessels; Ground Forces Reach New Point on New Guinea Coast.

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Jan. 2 (U. P.)—American army bombers celebrated the new year by turning three big Japanese supply ships into roaring furnaces and damaging a submarine while ground forces slashed through the enemy lines to reach the north New Guinea coast at a new point, it was announced today.

Giant Consolidated liberator and Boeing flying fortress bombers made a dawn New Year day raid on the great

## TYNDALL TAKES THE CITY'S HELM

'The Time for Performance Is Beginning,' New Mayor Declares.

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Another force of four-motored bombers machine gunned and canonaded a submarine in Wide bay, on the northeast New Britain coast 60 miles from Rabaul.

At Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, allied bombers dropped 1000-pound bombs on the airfield and destroyed a parked zero.

Medium bombers bombed the airfield at Buin, the big Japanese base on Bougainville at the northern end of the Solomon Islands.

The Japanese, in their sole offensive operation of the day, attacked the town of Merauke on the south coast of New Guinea 200 miles north of Australia.

### Enemy Forces Split

Of the land fighting in the Buna area on the north New Guinea coast, the communiqué said:

"On the right, our ground troops with tank artillery support launched an attack which drove through the enemy defenses to reach the coast, further splitting the enemy's forces in this section."

"Fighting is savage and desperate and is continuing."

The allied column which had been operating north of the main Buna air plane landing strip drove a new wedge through the Japanese lines, tightly hemming in their forces from the east as well as the west. On the west the Americans had previously driven a corridor between Galropa point and the Buna mission area.

Now on their right or eastern side the allies had reached the coast near Galropa point.

### Map Up In One Sector

Extremely heavy fighting continued on the left side of the corridor and the allies were mopping up on the right side toward Cape Endaiadere, where a few Japanese remained in the coconut groves.

Eleven of the new Lockheed lightning P-38 fighters New Year's eve damaged two zero fighters. Then attack bombers destroyed four bombers and one zero grounded on Lae airfield, and medium bombers followed up by heavily damaging the airfield area. Before this triple operation reconnaissance bombers surprised and destroyed six enemy planes caught a ground on Buna field, to make the total enemy losses for the day 20 planes destroyed and two damaged.

### 1286 Jap Planes Down

Allied air force headquarters announced that up to Dec. 31, in a little more than nine months, the allies had destroyed or damaged 1286 Japanese planes in MacArthur's zone alone. Of these 723 were definitely destroyed, 250 so badly damaged that they probably crashed and 313 were damaged.

Air Vice Marshal George Jones, commanding the royal Australian air force, said that the allies now held unquestionable control of the air in the New Guinea zone.

### NOTED EDITOR DEAD

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2 (U. P.)—Funeral services will be held Monday for Edward J. Lynch, 86, Scranton publisher who rose from coal mine breaker boy to a dominant position in Pennsylvania Democratic politics. He died yesterday.

### BOULDER DAM EXPANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today that Boulder dam in Nevada, already the world's largest electrical power source, has added a 12th huge generator to meet the war needs of the Pacific Southwest.

## Flash-Light Bandit Makes Eight Calls During Night

Indianapolis' "flash-light intruder" was on the prowl again early this morning, terrorizing seven women in bedrooms in the north-central section of the city.

As in the past, his repetitive commands to "keep quiet, keep quiet" were unheeded, however, and screams of his would-be robbery victims routed him in most instances. His only loot for the busy night consisted of a purse containing \$45 and a pair of trousers stolen from the room of David Kibbe, 2431 N. New Jersey st., the single male victim.

Those accosted by the jittery bandit, who usually flashes a light in the face of sleeping residents, described their assailant as about 35 years old, weighing around 175 pounds and wearing a dark leather or suede jacket.

The eccentric burglar issued his warnings in a strange manner, the

## These Nazis Are Shadowed by Future



The shadow of an English guard is before these Nazi prisoners in a photo that is symbolic of the entire British advance in the desert where thousands of Nazis were rounded up. These spiritless Germans were captured after our allies left Agheila and started toward Tripoli. The British are now only 180 miles from Tripoli where Rommel is moving the bulk of his army, 90 miles from the eastern Tunisian border.

## WASHINGTON Calling

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supply of critical materials has improved but there are still bad spots; for instance nickel, zinc, copper.

Steel capacity will go to 98 million tons, aluminum to three billion pounds. Domestic production of magnesium, tungsten, molybdenum and chromium ore will be up.

For rubber, 1943 is the critical year.

### Manpower Headaches as Usual

MANPOWER SHORTAGES—and manpower control—are ahead in all major industrial centers. Some factories are surveying every job to see if women could do it.

Meanwhile, production per man-hour is going down. But volume production will rise in 1943 somehow. It has to.

Tight steel supply is making railroad maintenance increasingly difficult.

### ARMED SERVICES:

Army will win its fight for 7½ million men in 1943. Public confidence in it is high.

If Gen. George C. Marshall steps from his post as chief of staff to go to the fighting front, Lieut. Gen. Breton Somervell will not succeed him. Signs point to Lieut. Gen. Leslie J. MacNair, now head of army ground forces.

### Less Food at Greater Cost

HOME FRONT: Consumers will get approximately 10 per cent less food in 1943 or approximately 25 per cent more money. Meat will be particularly scarce. There'll be enough to eat but not as much as we're used to, not much variety.

Heating-fuel and gasoline situations will get worse.

Rationing of clothing is not immediate despite whispers which sent women to the stores in droves right after Christmas.

### TAXES:

It's certain there'll be a withholding or pay-as-you-go tax of some sort. It probably won't be the Rum plan. Treasury doesn't like it. Railroad labor has lined up against it.

Administration will make another effort to increase social security tax on employees, now frozen at 1 per cent.

Changes will be made in the \$25,000 salary limitation by an irate congress. Treasury will seek, and doubtless get, another increase in national debt limit.

### A Big Year for Politics

#### POLITICS:

There'll be bitter feuding between conservatives and progressives in both parties. Southern Democrats are out to recapture their party for conservatives. Old-line Republicans want to exterminate Wendell L. Willkie, their adopted Peck's bad boy.

Expect no definite decision within the year. Don't forget F. D. R.'s versatility, his ability to bounce back, as he did in 1940 when a similar conservative revolt looked formidable. And don't forget Willkie's large popular following. He'll continue to annoy the old guard, and to be effective.

Will F. D. R. seek a fourth term? The question will be paramount through 1943; but don't expect to get the answer.

Vice President Wallace will be built up still more as a presidential possibility. On the Republican side, look for some new and fresh figure to appear, maybe a general, maybe a state governor not hitherto mentioned.

## 11 RAIL PRESIDENTS BENEFIT UNDER WILL

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Jan. 2 (U. P.)

—The will of the late Walter P. Murphy, railway equipment manufacturer who died Dec. 16, on file today in Lake county probate court, leaves bequests to 78 institutions and individuals, including 11 railroads.

The total estate is estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

Among the railroad presidents benefiting is W. M. Jeffers of Omaha, Neb., head of the Union Pacific now on leave as national rubber administrator. He receives \$100,000.

In addition to the more than \$20,000,000 he left Northwestern University, Murphy bequeathed \$100,000 to Loyola University, Chicago.

BRITISH MISSION ARRIVES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.)

The office of war information announced today that a special British aircraft engineering mission has arrived in this country to confer with American aircraft officials and producers on co-ordination of British and American technical practices and designs.

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## ARMY MOVES IN TO RESCUE CORN

Thousands of Bushels at River Edge Lost; Ohio Towns Hard Hit.

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The river at Portsmouth, O., rising at 1 foot per hour, reached 60.2 feet by 8 a. m. Crews patrolled the flood wall searching for signs of a break in the dike and building a sandbag buttress. Some see age was reported, but all indications pointing to the wall holding.

Revising an earlier estimate, river observers predicted a 61-foot crest would be reached late today. City Manager James Parkin estimated that sand bags atop the dike would afford protection up to 63 feet, still safe as yet inside the city's protecting 62-foot wall were a steel mill and other war manufacturers.

Several streets in the residential area were flooded, but only seven families were forced to leave homes.

Thousands Evacuate

Thousands of refugees upstream of Portsmouth prepared to return to homes as the crest rises. Thousands more below Portsmouth prepared or had evacuated as the river's crest moved toward Cincinnati.

The steel and pottery district at East Liverpool, O., and Chester, Newell and Weirton, W. Va., dug out of the mud as bus service resumed.

Production was restored in war industries at Beaver and Middlefield, Pa., where 3000 East Liverpool workers were employed.

The river had fallen below the 35-foot danger level at East Liverpool.

From above Marietta at Steubenville, O., and Wheeling, W. Va., to a point near Portsmouth, the river was falling or had crested. Police at Gallipolis and Pomeroy reported crests were reached early today.

Manchester, about midway between Portsmouth and Cincinnati, was reported in serious condition.

New Richmond, 25 miles downstream from Manchester, also was reported to have been flooded heavily.

Cincinnati passed flood stage of 52 feet yesterday and the water continued to rise at 0.2 foot per hour. The river reached 56.4 feet at 4 a. m.

All municipal agencies were mobilized in event of any emergency, but the city was expected to be comparatively safe except for low-lying outlying areas. A crest of 62 feet was expected tomorrow night.

### War Plants Halted

West Virginia communities along the Ohio began digging out as the crest passed. Some of the debris thrown up by the river began swirling down the river which was falling slowly. Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., whose war producing plants had operations, passed its crest during early morning hours. The river at Wheeling, W. Va., was falling and industrial concerns began to reckon on the flood's damage and the amount of time needed to return to full operations.

The head-on crash of two Pennsylvania freight trains yesterday at Zoisville, O., six miles from New Philadelphia, was attributed indirectly to the flood. Three engineers were killed and four firemen were injured.

The trains had been rerouted over Wheeling and Lake Erie tracks because of flood conditions at Mingo Junction, O. Seven and three locomotives were raised.

### Flood Sends Logs Swirling on Portland

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 2 (U. P.)—The flood-swollen Willamette river today smashed part of the dam which spans it here, releasing thousands of logs on a swirling torrent headed for Portland, only 14 miles away.

The Oregon City police said the wooden link connecting two units of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Co. collapsed shortly after 10 a. m. (Indianapolis Times), sweeping a barge and a huge log float downstream.

Hundreds of tons of water ready spilling over the top of the dam and expected to increase the worst flood in 50 years may have been caused by the flood.

Survivors, besides Dr. Rutherford, are a son, H. B. Rutherford of New Albany, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. F. A. Armstrong of Camargo, Ill.; three sisters, a brother, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Upstream, the flood already had taken six lives, inundated thousands of acres, and left at least 2500 homeless.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 1943

## Dogs, Snow Aid Russians



## Grid Star's Wife Loses Film Chance—'Leg Art' Raises Ire

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they weren't studying at the University of Georgia, they functioned as a dance team. They had their press clippings to prove it.

The movie makers, who seldom overlook a bet, offered the sisters an immediate audition. Dorothy said they had no dancing clothes. Universal's wardrobe department fixed that. Mrs. Sinkwich received a gown with spangles on it and a skirt that reached about half way to the knee.

Sister Dorothy put on a costume of the same cut, only shorter, and instead of spangles it had feathers. Then they did their terpsichore for Louis da Pron, the studio dance director. There were some flashes of light, but the sisters were too excited to worry much about the studio's photographer picturing them from every conceivable angle.

The girls put on their street clothes; the studio chieftains told them to return in a couple of days for screen tests. Came the down-calls. And there was Frankie, whose ankles hurt like the devil anyhow, looking at pictures of the hand-somest legs to be seen in print hereabouts in weeks. The beauteous blonde with the flower in her hair, the caption said, was Mrs. Frank Sinkwich. The brunet with the ribbons on her shoulders (and not much else) was her sister, Dot.

What happened next was painful.

As Dorothy put it:

"He told us to forget about Hollywood and go back to school where we belonged. I'm sorry, but I don't think I'd better tell you what else he said."

The Universal casting department said it was sorry, too, but that it understood.

## WLB MAY REJECT BONUS ABOLITION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.)—

The war labor board probably will reject a panel's recommendation for abolition of "continuity-of-service" bonuses paid by four steel companies to unlicensed seamen on ships in the Great Lakes, a board official said today.

The companies defended the bonus system as an incentive to keep seamen at work during the stormy months. The union charged it could be used by the employers as an instrument of coercion.

Other officers of Standard Margarine Co. are Robert G. Spears and Harold G. Cutright, vice presidents; John M. Fisher, secretary-treasurer, and L. L. Harshbarger, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. Directors are Mr. Abke, Mr. Cutright and Mr. Fisher.

## HARLAN HOMICIDES DIP

HARLAN, Ky., Jan. 2 (U. P.)—"Bloody Harlan county" looked back on 1942 with pride today, for the year brought a new low in homicide.