

## NAZIS 4 MILES FROM MEUSE

Two, Possibly Three, Full Armies Crash West Against Yanks.

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central spearheads driving for the Meuse. Exploiting the breakthrough, the Nazis sent three armored spearheads through the riddled center and right center of the American 1st army line on a 13-mile front. German steel fingers pointed squarely at the Meuse river citadels of Dinant and Namur. Rochedort, 14 miles east of the Meuse and 15 miles east-southeast of Dinant, was captured by the Germans 36 hours ago. It was indicated their vanguards still were rolling forward.

### Shock Troops Lash Out

The Nazis resumed their stalled offensive in the face of terrific aerial blows and increasingly heavy counter-attacks against their exposed flanks. German paratroops struck 12 miles ahead of their advancing tank forces. They descended behind the American lines north of Beaurain, five miles from the Meuse city of Givet and only a half-dozen miles from French soil. Headquarters said the paratroops were mopped up quickly in the Beaurain area, along with another airborne force that tried to disrupt communications southwest of Stavelot, some 45 miles to the rear. The new German breakthrough was aided enormously by a sudden weakening of American resistance along the northern shoulder of the salient.

### Squeezed Out of Bulge

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army was squeezed out of a bulge extending down about seven miles from the Malmédy-Stavelot line, permitting the northern and central prongs of the Nazi drive to link up in a solid 35-mile front. With the center of the American line still in a highly fluid state, the great winter offensive launched by Marshal Karl von Rundstedt 11 days ago already had carved out a salient 37 miles deep and 35 miles wide.

The Nazi penetration extended almost from the German to the French border and to the Belgian border to central Luxembourg. At last report, admittedly 36 hours old, the Nazis still were rolling westward in a power drive of grave proportions. Headquarters spokesmen acknowledged that Rundstedt, far from being stopped, actually was striking with renewed power and poising a grave threat to the vital Meuse river line.

### Allied Fate in Balance

The fate of the Meuse and perhaps the entire communications network of the allied armies apparently rested now on the ability of the American and British air forces to pile up the Nazi panzer columns. The Nazis must be stalled long enough for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's counter-offensive to gain momentum.

Yesterday, American and British warplanes roared up and down the advancing German lines, wrecking 864 vehicles and 99 tanks and armored units. Another 332 trucks and 11 armored vehicles were damaged.

### Greatest One-Day Kill

That was the greatest one-day "kill" since the massed destruction of the Wehrmacht's mechanized power in the Battle of France last summer. It raised the three-day total of German tanks and transport destroyed or damaged to more than 2200.

Counter-measures by the American ground forces mauling along the northern and southern flanks of the 1300-square mile German pocket also were beginning to take hold. American armor hit one to three miles into the southern shoulder of the pocket early Monday.

The Yanks attacked along a front of more than 25 miles extending from the Luxembourg-Belgian border town of Martelingen to the Ebernach area on the Luxembourg-German frontier.

Crack American troops on the northern flank handed the Nazis a terrific beating Christmas eve in a large scale tank battle for the town of Gleize, three miles northwest of Stavelot.

The Yanks knocked out 49 enemy tanks, six big guns and 35 half-tanks, captured 200 prisoners and counted 600 Nazi dead when they finally cleared the town.

### 'B-4,' 'C-4,' '4TH QTR. T' STAMPS EXPIRE SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (U. P.).—The OPA announced today that gasoline ration coupons "B-4," "C-4," and "4th Qtr. T" will expire on Dec. 31.

The OPA said only a few of the "B-4" or "C-4" coupons are in the hands of consumers, since local boards have not issued any since August. It added that "4th Qtr. T" coupons were issued for use in the fourth quarter only and that their expiration at the end of the year will prevent their being used unlawfully in 1945.

### ARRANGE RITES FOR N. D. GRADUATE, 91

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 26 (U. P.).—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for George Rudge Jr., 91, oldest living graduate of Notre Dame university who died at his home here Sunday night.

Rudge, who attended grade school taught by the late President McKinley, was graduated from Notre Dame in the class of 1874.

## Nazis Bottled



The Russians have sealed the fate of Budapest by advancing to within six miles of Estergom, the only Nazi escape route along the Danube. This map shows the Red drives from the north and south.

### RUSS STORMING INTO WESTERN BUDAPEST

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#### make good their boast to turn Budapest into another Stalingrad.

#### Suicide Stand?

The Nazis may use Budapest's subway, hills, canals and tall buildings for a suicidal delaying stand.

One Soviet spearhead drove into the capital's western limits yesterday in a five-mile advance that carried from Torbaky to Budakeszi, which is separated from the city's built-up districts by a mile-wide park.

Nine miles to the south, another armored column penetrated within two miles of the city proper. Everywhere along the nine-mile line the Soviets were three miles or less from their goal.

At the same time, other Russian forces 32 miles southwest of Budapest, captured Moha, 67 miles from Austria.

### Letters Support Demoted Officer

FOREST ALLISON, who recently halted a kissing incident on a downtown streetcar, today appeared before the safety board with a number of letters from persons who approved this action.

The board took under advisement any action in the matter until members have an opportunity to consult with Mayor Tynan.

It was said that the couple involved was married. Allison was demoted from sergeant Dec. 15 prior to the streetcar incident.

### THREATENED 'MEAT HOLIDAY' CALLED OFF

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (U. P.).—The meat holiday threatened by 10,000 butchers in the metropolitan area in protest against OPA meat ceiling prices had failed to materialize today.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, health officials and department of market representatives made a two-hour tour of the city and found a general meat shortage but most retail stores open. LaGuardia took steps to redistribute available meat from points where it was plentiful to areas where there was a shortage.

### Navy Probes Crash of Plane In Which 4 Were Killed Here

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one of the men was reported to be "injured critically."

The injured: LT. RAYMOND MCORMOND of New London, Conn., whose wife resides at Germantown, Tenn.

STAFF SGT. JAMES MCGRATHY of Chelsea, Mass.

Both of the injured were army men.

Spurious reports that a fifth unidentified person had been found in the wreckage were termed "absolutely incorrect" by Stout field public relations officers.

Col. Wright Sherrard, Stout field commander, said the plane's passenger load had been "checked and double checked" through clearance papers at its last take-off port and through the two injured survivors. There were only six men in the ship, he said.

Bodies of the four dead are at the Cooke funeral home, 1934 W. Michigan st.

According to Stout field spokesmen, the twin-motored plane had turned back to Indianapolis after weather conditions prevented its landing at St. Louis.

In his search for Stout field, the pilot apparently swerved over Weir Cook airport instead.

Location of the wreckage indicates the plane overshot the landing strip, brushed through a thick clump of trees, and finally crashed to earth on the Hoffman farm. It's fuel tanks exploded almost immediately.

### Times Cloth-A-Child Donations

Late contributions to The Times Cloth-A-Child campaign sent the grand total today to \$17,313.72. Any donations received in the mails today will be listed tomorrow.

Sarah A. Clark ..... \$ 50.00

R. J. J. ..... 32.00

Diamond Chain Credit Union ..... 27.00

Finch's Trailer Sales and Court ..... 25.00

Grandpa and Grandmother ..... 25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Child-Lover ..... 20.00

No Name ..... 20.00

U. S. A. Chapter, American War Mothers ..... 15.00

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H. O. G. ..... 10.00

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Margaret Louise Adams ..... 5.00

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A. D. Hitz ..... 5.00

In memory of Our Parents Who Have Passed On ..... 3.00

A. Foursome ..... 3.00

A. Little Help ..... 3.00

No Name Please ..... 2.00

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. G. ..... 2.00

Times Carrier ..... 1.50

B. E. J. Thornstown ..... 1.00

Frankfort, Ind. .... 1.00

M. E. R. .... 1.00

In Memory of Matine Robbins ..... 1.00

Mrs. Bernard Hamburg ..... 1.00

Total today ..... \$ 326.50

Previously reported, including Mile-O-Dimes ..... 16,987.22

Total to date ..... \$17,313.72

## YANKS CONTROL ALL OF LEYTE

'Worst Defeat in Military History Inflicted on Japs'—MacArthur.

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### 'Greatest Defeat'

"Gen. Yamashita has sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the annals of the Japanese army," MacArthur asserted.

Where MacArthur will strike next naturally remained a secret. The Japanese have been predicting that he will send forces ashore on Luzon, site of the capital city of Manila.

Escorted American Liberators continued their raids on the network of airfields around Manila with two attacks Saturday and Sunday on Clark field. Forty tons of bombs were dropped Sunday. Escorting fighters shot down 18 to 20 of 50 to 60 intercepting Japanese planes. One American plane was lost.

The 7th division, liberators of Ormoc, caught the Japanese completely unawares with its landing at Polomon. It found the island to within 10 miles of another column striking from the Ormoc corridor. Little resistance was being encountered.

### Little Resistance

The 7th division landed at Puerto Bello, five and a half miles west of Ormoc, also against little resistance. The 32d and 1st cavalry divisions, smashing the last enemy resistance in the Ormoc corridor, drove rapidly toward the west.

MacArthur placed Japanese losses in the Leyte-Samar campaign since the American landing Oct. 20 at: Exactly 54,338 dead already recovered.

Estimated 18,500 dead either buried by the enemy or still to be recovered.

Precisely 493 prisoners.

About 30,000 troops sunk at sea in 10 convoys attempting to reinforce the garrison. And 9890 naval ratings in the crews of 41 transports of 164,250 tons and 27 warships sunk.

In addition 2748 Japanese planes were shot down, 1515 by land-based aircraft and the remainder by carrier aircraft from the 3d fleet.

MacArthur said Japanese ground forces had been "practically annihilated."

### American Losses

American losses, he said, totaled 11,217—2623 dead, 8422 wounded and 172 missing.

In addition to hitting Clark field, American planes during the week-end also dropped 132 tons of explosives on six Negroes airdromes.

O'er planes sank three small freighters at Davao, on the south coast of Mindanao in the Philippines. Naval units at night sank an enemy motor torpedo boat off the north coast of the same island.

### PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 26 (U. P.).

—New and more powerful blows against Japan in 1945 were promised by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz following another three-day naval bombardment of the enemy stronghold of two in the Volcano Islands, 600 miles south of Tokyo.

Nimitz' pledge of an early intensification of the war against Japan was contained in a Christmas day message to his forces. He said the new attacks "will bring us closer to victory and peace."

Pacific fleet units steamed up to Two Saturday and loosed broadside after broadside at shipping in its harbor and coastal defenses.

### No Longer Valid

All red and blue ration stamps validated before Dec. 1 are no longer valid. All sugar stamps except No. 34 are no longer valid. A new sugar stamp will be issued Feb. 1, but it will be good for five pounds over a three months period instead of the present two and a half months.

Butter is up from 20 to 24 points. Price Chief Chester Bowles said the decision had been "difficult to make" but necessary.

"Civilian supplies of sugar, butter and commercially canned fruits and vegetables are at the lowest point since the war began and meat supplies are declining," he said.

"When Americans understand the facts of today's action—that prospective supplies are smaller and that it will help each one to get his fair share—I am sure they will welcome the action."

### MERCURY DIPS TO THREE ABOVE ZERO

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cause of the necessity of slow driving.

The weather bureau forecast continued cold weather tonight with some relief promised by tomorrow but rising temperatures may be only temporary, the bureau warned.

Temperatures started dropping rapidly last night about 8 o'clock and slid down steadily from 24 degrees to 4 above at 6 a. m. today. The mercury hovered around four above for several hours. It went to 3 at 9 a. m.

Out at Cook airport, officials report the temperature hit two above zero.

The coldest spot in the north central states was at Rockford, Ill., where the mercury registered 22 below zero.

Three Indianapolis persons were badly injured in falls on the snow-covered ice.

Miss Phyllis Kiefer, 17, of 517 McClure st., received a broken leg when she slipped and fell at Washington and Illinois sts. last night.

Mrs. Kathryn Friel, 48, of 2458 S. Delaware st., received a fractured elbow when she slipped and fell at Washington and Illinois sts.

Charles Wong Hsueh, 34, of 1926 N. Alabama st., injured his back in a fall on the ice last night near his home.

Charles Graham, 67, of 314 N. East st., was reported suffering from exposure after he was found lying on a porch where he had suffered a heart attack. His condition was reported as critical.

## Hitler Planned Nazis' Offensive

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situations of the entire war emerges.

The Nazis have acknowledged that the Hitler plan for a sudden great victory has gone wrong, a primary factor being the 1st army's stand along the Malmédy-Stavelot flank of the German salient, which veered the enemy south away from Liege.

At least two of the armies committed to the German drive were identified as the 5th panzer army and the 7th infantry army.

By SHAEF account, the big push from the Belgian-Luxembourg frontier zone had its origin and development in Hitler's mind in the last three months while his engorgement was covered up with rumors of his rug-chewing, an operation for a critical throat ailment, and a flight to Japan, among others.

The rumors reached flood tide when Hitler failed to speak on the anniversary of the Munich beer cellar putsch, a sort of "Holy Day" in Nazidom.

### NORSE CALL FOR ALLIED INVASION

Premier Nygaardsvold Says He'll Resign After Country Is Liberated.

LONDON, Dec. 26 (U. P.).—Norwegian Prime Minister Johan Nygaardsvold, broadcasting to Norway, disclosed tonight that the "impotent" Norwegian government has been urging an allied invasion of Norway.

He also announced that his government will resign at the first meeting that can be held in Oslo palace after the liberation of Norway.

Nygaardsvold said that Norwegian forces are too small to invade Norway without help, but said his government realized that allied military leaders must decide where allied forces can best be employed to inflict a decisive defeat on the Germans.

"We have, however, considered it our duty to impress upon these leaders as strongly as possible the humanitarian considerations which we believe would be associated with such an allied military operation to cut the Germans' retreat southward through Norway," he said.

### HOUSEWIVES DIG UP BLUE POINTS AGAIN

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10 points and corn and peas 20 points for No. 2 cans.

Beginning Sunday 85 per cent of all now ration-free meats will go back on the ration list. OPA was not too worried about hoarding of meat because it is too difficult to keep.

Meats included are utility beef, better grades and cuts of veal, bacon, pork shoulders, spare ribs, beef and veal liver, some sausages and meats in tin or glass containers. Point values will range from 1 to 13.

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### Clearance! Anklets

ANKLETS—broken assortment of colors. Originally 29c to 39, NOW..... 19c

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