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## First Blizzard Of The Year Is Sweeping Nebraska

Swirling Snows Are Blown by Winds of Forty Miles or Stronger Makes Travel Bad

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 8. —(U.P.)— The years first blizzard hit eastern Nebraska shortly after dawn today. Swirling snow and sharply lower temperatures were swept along by winds of more than 40 miles an hour velocity.

All public and parochial schools were closed in Omaha as the howling blizzard swept in from the far north and temperatures dropped 21 degrees in three hours. The temperature in the states metropolitan district was 12 above zero at 10:30 A. M. Meteorologist M. V. Robins said the mercury would drop to zero or below by night, and predicted 8 to 12 degrees below zero by Tuesday morning.

High winds and snow were reported generally over the state, but Robins expected the storm to center in the eastern section along the Missouri River and in western Iowa. The western fringe of the storm extended beyond Hastings and Kearney, where sharp drops in temperatures were noted. The state safety patrol at Omaha reported all roads in the state were open but anticipated a tieup before the day was over.

## Pfc. Otto Schliske Home on Furlough

Saturday evening Otto Schliske arrived home for a fifteen day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Ida Schliske, as well as his many friends.

He is stationed with the 1793 Military Police unit at Hart Mountain, Wyoming. Japanese internee camp, one of the large concentration spots for the Japs in the west.

There are now in the neighborhood of some 9,000 Japs at the camp and the Plattsmouth soldier is on guard at the main gate of the camp to check the passes of the Japanese.

He has been in this branch of the service he entered the army some two years ago.

## Childrens Home Annual Meeting

Nebraska Children's Home Society will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, January 17th, 1945 at the receiving home, 3549 Fontenelle Boulevard, in Omaha.

Ten trustees will be elected for three year terms and officers will be chosen for the current year.

The late William A. Robertson was a trustee of the society and his death leaves a big vacancy to be filled.

The society which has a number of Cass county youngsters under care at the present time has nearly 500 members in this county. It is used extensively by the court and assistance office.

## VISITS IN CITY

Miss Marge Kuehl, of Lincoln, was a visitor in the city over Sunday, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

## Six Injured In Auto Crash On Norfolk Streets

Cars Crash Head On in Business Section of City—One Driver Is Held

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 8. —(U.P.)— Six persons were injured yesterday when cars driven by Warren Anderson, 39-year-old merchant seaman of Norfolk, and Ed Green, 40, Hoskins, collided head on in Norfolk's business section. All were expected to recover.

Cpl. Harry Brit of the State Patrol, said charges would be filed against Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson. The impact of the collision knocked Green's car backward 70 feet, Brit said.

The injured included: Green, severe bruises and back injury; Mrs. Green, 40, severe facial cuts and bruises; their 15-year-old son Dwayne, broken leg, cuts and bruises; Anderson, cuts, bruises and shock; James Crotty, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Crotty, Norfolk, knee and leg injury, cuts and bruises, and Ward Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, Norfolk, head injury, facial and nose cuts and several teeth knocked out.

Crotty and Moore were riding with Anderson.

## Many Attend The Methodist Group Meeting Sunday

Held at Nebraska City and Twenty From Here Take Part in the Sessions

Sunday the sub-district conference of the Methodist groups of this section of the state was held at Nebraska City, drawing a fine crowd that included twenty from this city.

The cities and the churches represented were Weeping Water, Plattsmouth, Nehawka, Nebraska City, Union, Julian, Dow's chapel.

In addition to the several group meetings the Twelfth district Youth Fellowship held its election of officers and the following were selected:

President—Claude Keller, of Plattsmouth

Vice-President—Merritt Cushing, Nebraska City

Secretary-Treasurer—Ruth Nelson, Plattsmouth

Worship and Evangelism—Eileen Fitzpatrick, Weeping Water

Community Service—John Hodges, Julian

World Friendship—Marvel Conkling, Nebraska City

Pastor Sponsor—Rev. T. Porter Bennett, Plattsmouth

In the evening the main address of the conference was given by Mrs. Ada Meade, of Omaha, president of the Woman's Society for Christian Service.

## Visitors Here Over The Week End

T. E. Peterson, of Mitchell, South Dakota, was a visitor in the city over the week end, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ruse. Mr. Peterson is a brother of Mrs. Ruse and is engaged in traveling in the south at this time.

# Yanks Take Initiative From Nazis In Alsace; Powerful U.S. Naval Forces Reported Bombing Jap Held Luzon

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 8. —(U.P.)— Tokyo reported today that one of four powerful American invasion armadas converging on Luzon in the Philippines has carried an unparalleled bombardment of beach defenses in the Lingayen gulf north of Manila into its third day and said a landing appeared imminent.

Some 400 to 450 American vessels are bound for "some not too clearly definable point on or near Luzon," Tokyo said, but warned that the American maneuvers were so complicated that false conclusions might be drawn.

Japanese broadcasts said American battleships and other warships, escorting 70 and 80 landing craft, penetrated Lingayen gulf to within a few thousand yards of the coast and were hurling shells into a 27-mile stretch between San Fernando and Damortis, the latter about 116 miles north of Manila.

Fighters, bombers and dive-bombers from 10 aircraft carriers supported the bombardment with tree-top strafing and bombing attacks, Tokyo said.

"This is the enemy's usual tactics preceding a landing," a Japanese Domei dispatch from Luzon said. "Our men are straining their ears for the sound of landing craft, for the enemy may approach the shores at any time."

American headquarters here and in the Philippines remained silent on the enemy reports of impending landings but announced new neutralization raids against Luzon and the capture of Paluan, in the northwest corner of Mindoro island and 90 miles southwest of Manila.

The expanding American hold on Mindoro, coupled with the occupation of Marinduque, to the east, and Japanese reports of operations in Lingayen gulf, appeared to be setting the stage for an amphibious pincers assault against Manila.

Landings on Luzon both north and south of Manila would follow the Japanese pattern for the conquest of the island in December 1941. The Japanese put their main force, 80,000 troops, ashore in the Lingayen gulf and soon afterward landed other sizeable forces south of the capital, which fell Jan. 2, 1942.

Planes of the third fleet, shifting their sights from battered Formosa and Okinawa farther north, joined with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's land-based aircraft Saturday in destroying 45 Japanese planes and damaging 14 others in a series of raids in and around Luzon.

In addition to the invasion armada already bombarding Luzon, Tokyo said three others were sailing through Philippine waters, apparently bound from Leyte to the Lingayen gulf.

One task force including 150 transports was said to be cruising westward below Mindoro, another of undisclosed size was moving west in the Mindanao sea, and the fourth with an escort of battleships or large cruisers and destroyers, was in waters south of Negros island.

All four armadas were under air attack and that the Lingayen gulf also was being blasted by shore batteries, Tokyo said, claiming that 32 war vessels, including six aircraft carriers and 18 transports, already had been sunk or damaged.

Listed as "instantly sunk" were 23 ships, comprising three carriers, a battleship, two battleships or cruisers, a cruiser and 16 transports. Nine other vessels, comprising three carriers, two battleships or cruisers, one unidentified large warcraft, a destroyer and two transports, were said to have been damaged.

A later broadcast said 40 warships and transports had been sunk, but did not detail the losses. It estimated that the convoy in the Lingayen gulf carried a division of troops and speculated that the main force, two to three divisions, was aboard the ships below Mindoro.



AIRBORNE DIVISION MOVES OUT OF BASTOGNE — Troops of the 101st Airborne Division move out of the snow-covered Belgian village of Bastogne to take the offensive and drive the Germans back during siege in which the Nazi isolated them for ten days. (U.S. Army Radiophoto from NEA.)

PARIS, Jan. 8. —(U.P.)— American forces drove through a swirling snowstorm a mile to a mile and a half deeper into the crumbling north flank of the Ardennes salient on a 15-mile front today and the Germans began pulling out of its blunted nose.

The tide of battle also swung in favor of the American's 7th army in northeastern France, where Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's vet troops seized the initiative in several sectors, compressed a German bridgehead north of Strasbourg to ease a threat to that city, and drove the nazis back two miles from the highway mark to the Bitche bulge.

Supreme headquarters and front reports sketched one of the most encouraging overall situations on the western front since the German offensive began on Dec. 16th.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army headquarters reported general gains along the northern rim of Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's shrinking salient in Belgium.

With the main east-west road on the north side of the bulge cut and that on the south side under fire, British troops at the westernmost sector of the Belgium front were advancing against neglected resistance in some sectors, while at others they found no sign of the defense front which faded back with a German withdrawal.

Hodges' 2nd and 3rd armored division pushed their way south thru the Belgium forests toward Lt. Gen. Geo. S. Patton's northbound forces, whittling down the west rim of the bulge to less than a dozen miles.

The 82nd airborne division captured Thierdumont ridge, two miles southwest of Villesalm a choke point not only on the cut German escape route along the north side of the bulge but also a round about road way angling up from the Houffalize area.

Units of the second armored division stormed into Dochemps, five miles northwest of Laroches. The hamlets of Wavre, Spineux and Wanneranval, clustered some three miles south of Stavelot along the Salm river, under fire most of the day and in a twilight charge the 30th division stormed and captured the latter two.

Across the salient, about a regiment—something less than 3,000 German troops—were observed disengaging themselves from Patton's grip. They were breaking up into four columns, formed in marching order when Patton's big guns opened up on them, shattered the villages and sent the dispersed fragments scurrying northward.

Headquarters revealed that the so-called German bridgehead north of Venlo in Holland was in a new foothold across the Maas river, but actually a pocket which never was mopped up.

The brightest reports from Alsace in some days told of definite compression of the nazi bulge in the Bitche area and the reduction of the threat to Strasbourg.

A spokesman said the Americans definitely hold the initiative in the area of the German bridgehead above Strasbourg. The Germans originally crossed the Rhine against little or no resistance and failed to reinforce their bridgehead substantially.

## National Public Health Nursing Day In Nebraska

Our city will join the ranks of communities throughout the nation who are responding to the invitation of the national organization for public health nursing to set aside January 26, as National Public Health Nursing Day in Nebraska.

This "Day" is being sponsored by the Nebraska organization for public health nursing and by this community in order to promote a better understanding of who the public health nurse is and what she does.

The purpose of the day is to focus attention upon public health nursing as a service for everyone, and to increase public understanding of the part played by the public health nurse in helping to build better health for family, community and nation.

The members of the Cass county committee are: Miss Hazel E. Owen, Cass County Public Health Nurse, chairman, Plattsmouth

Miss Matilda Soennichsen, Plattsmouth

Miss Helen Lessman, Art Teacher, Louisville

Mrs. Lloyd Kunkel, Home Nursing Chairman, Weeping Water.

Mrs. Leadbrand, Chairman of Home Nursing Chairman, Nehawka

Mrs. Arthur Wolph, Cass County Health Committee, Greenwood.

This committee asks your interest and cooperation as the members plan for this community expression in the interest of public health nursing.

## Given Pleasant Birthday Surprise

Thursday evening William A. Heil was pleasantly surprised by a group of neighbors. The evening was spent in visiting and playing pinochle.

At the close of the evening a delicious luncheon was served. In honor of the birthday Mr. Heil received a large number of lovely gifts.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Meisinger, LaVerne and Valera, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Meisinger, and Janelle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hilliker and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kaffenberger, Lorain and DeWayne, Mr. and Mrs. William Wiles and Ruth, Lawrence Jones, Kenneth Tiekotter, Kenneth Fitch and the guest of honor, Mr. Heil.

On Saturday evening Mr. Heil was given a pleasant surprise by a telephone call from his brother, Guy Heil, of Burbank, California.

## Lois Giles Returns To School Position

Miss Lois Giles, who has been here for the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles, has returned to her work in the east.

Miss Giles is an instructor in the elementary nursing school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and likes this work very much indeed.

BUY MORE BONDS

## Family Hears From Pvt. Robert Sedlakk

Mrs. Robert Sedlakk has received word from her husband, Pvt. Robert E. Sedlakk, the first letter that has come through for the past two months altho they have heard indirectly from Bob.

The letter was dated in October and was sent from a rest camp near the front, as Bob stated that he had spent three weeks on the front lines.

Since the letter was written he has been sent back to England suffering from "trench feet" as the result of exposure and is now just able to be around the hospital where he has been cared for during this time.

Lt. Stuart Sedlak, a brother, has been able to visit Bob a few times, and was with him on Christmas time.

## Miss Loris Long At Insurance Meeting

Miss Loris Long, local life insurance agent for the Equitable Life Assurance society of the United States was a business visitor in Omaha on Friday. Miss Long was one of the winners in a contest sponsored by the Nebraska agency of the Equitable and was honored at a conference and banquet held at Hotel Paxton.

Miss Long was also fortunate in winning the right to attend the Equitable Educational conference at the Elms Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri last September.



REVIEW OF THE WEEK — This map depicts the week's review of the war in the European theater. (NEA Telemap.)

## THE WEATHER

Courtesy Weyrich & Nabraba  
High—34  
Low—24  
Nebraska forecast:—Snow and much colder today, cold wave west and north by night. Severe cold wave tonight and southeast Tuesday; temperatures zero to 5 below west and north; 5 to 10 above southeast tonight; 10 to 14 below zero north; zero to 5 below south portion by Tuesday morning. Winds becoming strong north and northwest today; snow ending tonight; Tuesday fair.



WHAT HITLER REAPS FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLES — devastated street in Saarlautern, Germany. (Signal corps photo from NEA Telemap.)