

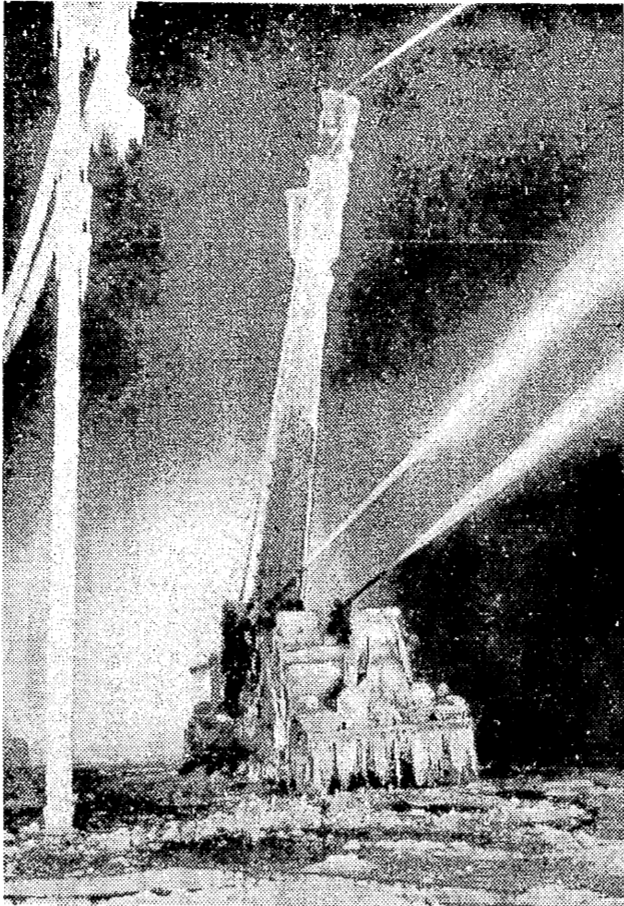
GLOBE-TROTTER WAR CHIEF



IN HONOLULU—When Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, returned from the Teheran, Iran, conference, he came home the long way, via the South Seas and Hawaii. Here he is (left) at the Oahu training area.

In Hawaii with Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr. (center), listening while Lieut. Col. W. O. Safarans discusses jungle fighting.—A. P. wirephoto from the United States Army Signal Corps.

ICE ENCASES ENGINE



TODAY IN CHICAGO—Spray from streams of water being played on a burning manufacturing building froze on this fire engine, from its high tower to the ground, and on the nearby utility pole and electric wires. Firemen quenched the five-alarm blaze in temperature a few degrees above zero.—A. P. wirephoto.

JAPANESE - AMERICAN WACS



AT FORT DES MOINES, IOWA, YESTERDAY—Five Japanese-American girls, who have started training at the Women's Army Corps Training Center, are (left to right) Iris Watanabe, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Bette Nishimura, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Margaret Fukunaga, Los Angeles; Frances Iritani, Denver, and Sue Ogata, La Salle, Colo.—A. P. wirephoto.

IN PATH OF BATTLE



AN ITALIAN TOWN—This litter of splintered wood and broken stone was the remains of the town of Mignano after the Allies wrested it from the Germans. The Allied Fifth Army passed through.—A. P. wirephoto.

AIR HERO KILLED IN CRASH



IN BURBANK, CALIF., YESTERDAY—Lieut. Col. William Edwin Dyess, Army Air Forces, died when he crashed his P-38 fighter plane into a church when it went out of control. Dyess, hero of the Philippine campaign, escaped from a Jap prison camp.—A. P. wirephoto.



VICTIM—This picture of Lieut. Col. William Edwin Dyess, who was killed in a Burbank, Calif., air crash yesterday, was taken a month ago when he visited his home in Albany, Tex.—A. P. wirephoto.

BURBANK, Calif., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A fighter plane crashed in flames between two houses yesterday as Lieut. Col. William Edwin Dyess maneuvered it in his last seconds of life with the self-sacrificing courage that earned him the nickname of "one-man scourge" against the Japs in the Philippines. The twin-tailed P-38 ripped off part of the tile roof of St. Finbar's Catholic Church, dipped into a vacant lot, burst afire and skidded across the street into the front yard between two small homes. The 27-year-old Albany, Tex. hero, who escaped a Japanese prison camp, died in the blazing wreckage. The craft had developed motor trouble after taking off from Grand Central airport. A service station operator, Howard C. Gowman, told investigators that Dyess might have landed safely in the street but for a moving automobile in his path. Other witnesses said he obviously had striven to avoid hitting the houses. In the Philippines fighting the blond, tall, broad-shouldered airman once took a P-40, hung a 500-pound bomb on its belly and

took off to attack the Japs. With strafing he blew up a 12,000-ton tanker, beached another, and sank four 100-ton launches. He also strafed troops and docks and caused numerous casualties. When Bataan fell, Dyess refused to leave some 175 Air Forces men and 25 officers because there was no way to take them, too. Press dispatches said that after his squadron's planes were shot up he led his forces with rifles, machine guns, grenades and knives to kill 600 Jap marines. He and a small group of men moved back into the Philippine hills in an effort to continue fighting. In December, 1942, his parents were notified he was a Japanese prisoner. How he escaped is still cloaked in military secrecy. He returned to this country wearing the Distinguished Service Cross, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the D. S. C., the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star and a two-cluster group citation. His widow, Marjorie, survives. His father, Richard Dyess, chairman of the Albany, Tex., draft board, asked that the body be returned there.

HEIRESS DIVORCED



IN RENO YESTERDAY—Still holding her divorce decree, Doris Duke Cromwell sits in the Riverside Hotel cocktail lounge awaiting friends. A few minutes earlier she had been awarded a default divorce decree from James H. R. Cromwell, former minister to Canada. She is heiress to the vast Duke tobacco estate.—A. P. wirephoto.

Employment of women in the nation forest fire protection services of the United States has increased almost 1,000 per cent since the United States entered the war.

McNary Seeks Yield Control In Tree Cutting

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Those bleached monuments to departed forests—a sawdust pile with a fringe of skeleton-grey, tumble-down shacks—may be precluded through legislation slowly making its way through Congress. Passed by the Senate and favored by the House agriculture committee, a bill introduced by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, is ready for House action when Congress returns after the holidays. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the communities that grow up alongside a sawmill. The method proposed to avoid new forest grave yards is the making of agreements between the government and private timber owners for a "sustained-yield" program, under which the trees would be harvested, rather than "slaughtered." To make it worth while for the private owner, the Forest Service would lease him a sufficient amount of public timber so that the public and private forest land, together, would furnish sufficient timber to keep his mill in continuous operation for an indefinite time. The Forest Service would write rules of harvest and forest care intended to keep the area productive.

Secret Weapon No Bluff; 50-Ton Rocket Missile

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Allied officials regard Germany's rocket secret weapon as "no bluff," says Allan A. Michie of The Reader's Digest. Arriving here by transatlantic Clipper yesterday, Michie said: "Allied officials in London have been gathering information from refugees and agents for five months on the secret weapon. The Germans are talking about. They have enough information to know that it is no bluff." Michie said the Allies are reasonably sure of the broad outlines of the weapon. "It is a rocket-type projectile weighing approximately 50 tons," he declared, "it can be shot from the French coast into England." Michie said that after a recent R. A. F. raid on Peenemunde, agents reported that 5,000 workers, including skilled technicians, had been killed and many blueprints and much machinery destroyed. "The secret weapon has not yet been used," he added, "you must draw your own inference." Michie said the 50-ton projectile was composed of about 40 tons of propulsion material and 10 tons of explosive.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED

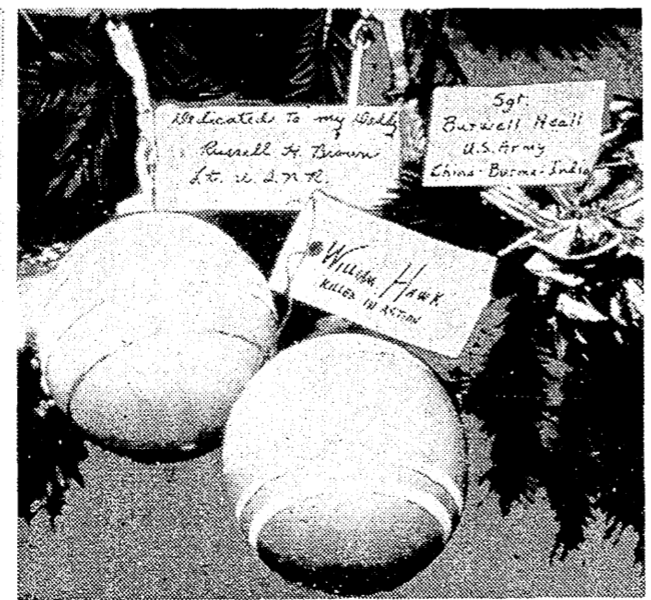


ACCUSED—Baron Gert Hans von Gontard, alias George Grant, 37 years old, grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis brewer (upper left), who is charged with conspiracy to evade the draft. Upper right: Michael Magnano; lower left: Dr. Arnold Aaron Hutschenecker, New York physician, and (lower right) Lieut. Francis Xavier Grotano, Army Intelligence, former New York detective, who were indicted with Gontard.—A. P. wirephoto.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT WHITE HOUSE



IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY—Workmen decorate a Christmas tree on the south grounds of the White House. The public will be admitted to the grounds tomorrow afternoon and while assembled will hear the President's Christmas greeting broadcast from his Hyde Park, N. Y., home.—A. P. wirephoto.



IN MEMORIAM—Some of the 1,200 ornaments donated by the public for the White House Christmas tree. These bear the names of a Navy lieutenant and an Army sergeant killed in action.—A. P. wirephoto.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Scrawled words on little white tags make this year's national community Christmas tree a memorial to heroes living and heroes dead. "Killed in action" . . . "Dedicated to my Daddy" . . . "Prisoner in the Philippines." The dedications in childish handwriting are attached to hundreds of ornaments which workmen hung on the big national Christmas tree on the southeast lawn behind the White House today. Last year's decorations, similarly donated, were limited to the colors red, white and blue. But this year any color is permitted, so long as the ornament is dedicated to some loved one in the national service. Dedications, permitted to show the war sector where the one honored is serving or was lost, almost cover the map of the world—Africa, China, Italy, Far Pacific Islands, Britain, northern outposts. Like the names they bear, ma-

terials in the decorations are American, with practically no imports. War-time shortages are reflected in curious materials—clear glass, plastic, tinfoil. "This is the most beautiful tree we ever have had," said Harold Snyder of the District of Columbia Recreation Department, who supervised the decoration in preparation for the community Christmas program today.

to have grasped more and more at the story of the secret weapon as a potential antidote to retreat and to bombings of their home towns. (Copyright, 1943.) The Arctic tern is the champion long-distance bird, covering annually 20,000 miles traveling from its breeding grounds in the north to its wintering quarters in the southern seas.