

DUESSELDORF IN FLAMES AFTER RAF RAID

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Confession, Proof Hold Key in Train Murder

Robt. Folkes, Cook, Aged 20, Faces Charge

Agitation Displayed by Suspect Immediately After Crime Related

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 28—(AP)—A heavy chain of circumstantial evidence, coupled with a confession in Los Angeles, brought a first degree murder charge against a negro dining car cook in the slaying of a navy bride aboard a fast train last Saturday, investigators disclosed today.

District Attorney Harlow Weirick filed the charge in justice court here yesterday against Robert Folkes, 20, Los Angeles, second cook aboard the Southern Pacific's West Coast Limited. He is held in Los Angeles.

It constituted the first important break in the fantastic "murder on the mainline" death of Martha Virginia James, 21, Norfolk, Va., bride of four months of Ensign Richard F. James, also of Virginia. They were travelling youth, had been separated by a jam, and he was on a preceding train.

The comely daughter of the old Colony was slashed across the throat while she lay in lower 13 of sleeper D as the Limited streaked through northern Oregon toward California about 4 a. m.

In Los Angeles, Police Capt. Vern Rasmussen said Folkes confessed the killing—saying he used a cook's boning knife—but later retracted. Deputy Sheriff Clay Kirk of Linn county, where the killing took place, is en route south to return Folkes.

Strongest evidence against Folkes was produced by Harlow

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a thrilling tenseness in the allied air these days. The Russians MAY be on the verge of reaching out to pluck Rostov.

Big plans MAY be in the making to prevent Rommel from effecting a junction with the Germans in Tunisia.

MacArthur speaks of a new and promising land-air strategy that MAY supplant the slow and bloody island-to-island campaign against the Japs.

FOR days there have been hints of a gathering of allied high-ups in London to plan CO-ORDINATED blows against the enemy, hitting him on ALL fronts with carefully-timed precision.

THE German high command admits "retirement" from the "bridgehead" of Voronezh. The Russians have never admitted loss of Voronezh, but for months the Germans have kept alive in the minds of their people at home the idea that they hold it.

FROM Stockholm come dispatches quoting editorials in the German newspapers reminding the public grimly that a "lost war means a lost future," and adding that it was a "weakness on the home front" that forced the German armies to capitulate in 1918.

The implication of these dispatches, of course, is that the German home front is getting shaky.

ROMMEL'S army is over the border into Tunisia and making such speed westward as

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Alleged Negro Slayer and His Chief Accuser



At Top—Robert Folkes, 20, negro dining car cook, facing a first degree murder charge at Albany, Ore., in the slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, in lower berth 13 of the Pullman of an S. P. train last Saturday morning.

Suicide Attempt In Douglas County Jail Frustrated

Apparently fearful of being returned to the Oregon State penitentiary, from which he recently was discharged after serving a sentence from Lane county, Eugene Martin Carnes, 21, of Eugene, attempted suicide in the Douglas county jail last night, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported today. Prompt action by Jailor Wilson Hartshorn, after he had been aroused by prisoners, who discovered Carnes bleeding profusely from slashed wrists, saved the young man's life, the sheriff said.

Carnes was unconscious from loss of blood and shock at the time his attempted suicide was discovered, the sheriff reported, but rallied after being treated by a physician. He was released from custody today after pleading guilty to a charge of petty larceny, on which he was given a suspended 30-day sentence. He had been accused of stealing gasoline and damaging gasoline pumping equipment near Drain.

Thornton reported that a note addressed to the jailer was found in Carnes' bunk reading: "I can't stand another job at the pen. I have had too many tough breaks for one fellow. I think it's better this way." The note was signed "Rocky," the nickname by which Carnes was known.

Pay-as-Go Tax Hearings Slated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—(AP)—House committee hearings will begin Tuesday on pay-as-you-go tax plans, separating this subject from the general tax problem in the hope of putting many income tax payers on a current collection basis for at least a part of 1943.

Chairman Doughton announced also that the ways and means committee would meet tomorrow to consider his bill to raise the national debt limit from \$125,000,000,000 to \$210,000,000,000, and a favorable report was expected forthwith.

The chairman said general tax matters, including a presidential request for \$16,000,000,000 revenue in addition to the \$35,000,000,000 expected from present laws, probably would be considered after a pay-as-you-go measure was put on the president's desk.

Doughton and Senator George, chairman of the senate finance committee, have jointly admonished that any pay-as-you-go legislation would not remove the necessity of taxpayers filing their returns by March 15, as required by present law.

Anti-Racket Law Given Teeth in Bill

Fine, Prison Prescribed For Labor Leaders For Trucking Interference

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—(AP)—The house judiciary committee approved legislation today to subject labor union leaders to penalties—heavy fines and imprisonment—provided by the 1934 anti-racketeering act in cases involving interference with interstate commerce movement, such as blocking truck shipments.

The committee's action in executive session was on a split vote, representatives Lane of Massachusetts and Celler of New York, democrats, opposing the bill, which was introduced by Rep. Hobbs (D-Ala.).

The legislation would subject to a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 anyone interfering with interstate commerce movements during wartime. Hobbs said it was aimed at practices of some labor unions blocking truck shipments because union labor was not employed.

No hearings were held on the legislation, which was voted out by the same committee during the last session of congress after extensive public hearings at which organized labor spokesmen strongly opposed it.

Bill's Need Disputed

Lane said his objection was based on the contention there was no need for the bill since existing state and federal legislation was adequate to meet the situation.

Specifically, the bill provides that "any person or persons who shall, during the war in which the United States is now engaged, knowingly and willfully, by physical force or intimidation, by threats of physical force, obstruct or retard, or attempt to obstruct or retard, the orderly transportation of persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce" shall be subject to the penalties provided by the 1934 act.

Committee members said the legislation grew out of inability of the government to prosecute labor organizations under the anti-racketeering act for alleged interference with shipping in New York.

STRIKES TIRE PUBLIC, DEAN MORSE ASSERTS

DENVER, Jan. 28—(AP)—"The public is tired of strikes" (Continued on page 3.)

U. S. Growers Protest Fruit From Argentina

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28—(AP)—Fresh pears, plums and grapes, totalling 300 tons, will be imported from Argentina in a shipment arriving early next month, Senator McNary of Oregon said yesterday.

McNary said that in informing him of the expected shipment, Dr. W. Y. Elliott, chief of the stockpile and shipping branch of the WPB, said these and other future importations from the Argentine were in line with policies of foreign relations of the state department.

The senator said he had received protests from western fruit growers contending that fruit from Argentina is not needed in this country and that shipping should be saved for more important items. They also asserted dock labor and transportation facilities would be unnecessarily taxed by such importations, McNary said.

Storm Warnings for Oregon Coast Issued

PORTLAND, Jan. 28—(AP)—Storm warnings went up on the coast today as the cold wave that claimed 11 lives in Oregon receded.

The warnings were hoisted by order of the weather bureau from the mouth of the Columbia river to Tatoosh Island.

Road conditions improved throughout the state with the warmer weather and school resumed in Portland and many other northern Oregon towns, although a few were ordered to remain closed until Monday.

Tax Asked On City-Owned Electricity

Lane Delegation's Bill Affects Seven Systems Operated in Oregon

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28—(AP)—Lane county's senate and house delegations announced today they are introducing a bill in the house to force municipal electric systems to pay property taxes on the same basis as privately-owned systems.

The bill would have its principal effect on the city of Eugene, which operates the largest municipally owned system in the state and whose electric rates are among the nation's lowest.

It also would effect Forest Grove, McMinnville, Cascade Locks, Canby and Monmouth, all of which operate their own power systems.

Rep. Earl Hill, Cushman, speaking in behalf of the Lane county delegation, said: "We believe in equitable taxes on all property. In order to be fair, all property should contribute to the cost of government.

Peoples utility districts, rural electrification projects and private companies all contribute their share, so we feel that the city systems also should."

Hill said that inasmuch as one of the main arguments against municipal ownership is that city systems don't pay their share of the tax burden, cities can squelch this argument by paying their share.

The bill to make corporation income taxes apply to utilities, which Governor Snell hopes will enable old age pension increases to \$40 monthly, exempts municipal systems, but applies to PUD's.

Snell's legal adviser, Wilber Henderson, said he believes it is unconstitutional to levy any tax against municipal systems.

Would Abolish Milk Rule Sen. Mahoney, Portland, had the senate table his bill to transfer the functions of the milk control board to the department of agriculture. Governor Snell is for the bill, but Mahoney now plans to introduce a new bill which would abolish milk control entirely.

The senate agricultural committee introduced a bill to require that all poisons bear the skull and cross-bones label, and that arsenic compounds be colored pink and fluorides colored blue.

The bill is the outgrowth of the sodium fluoride poisonings at

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Split in Nazi Forces Aim in North Africa

Allies Begin Drive to Prevent Junction of Rommel and Von Arnim

LONDON, Jan. 28—(AP)—An American attempt to drive a wedge between the converging armies of Marshal Rommel and Col. Gen. Von Arnim in central Tunisia was suggested by axis reports today as the allied air arms resumed lethal sweeps from the North African battle lines in Italy.

The Vichy radio said last night that the United States forces originally concentrated on Tobessa, Algeria, 150 miles southwest of Tunis, had begun an offensive.

A Berlin military spokesman was quoted by the German radio this morning as saying the Americans were "planning a major offensive." Presumably such a drive would be toward the gulf of Gabes, a relatively vulnerable sector on the line of Rommel's retreat.

The British eighth army continued its drive toward Tunisia and its patrols were reported in contact with the enemy in the Sabratha area, 41 miles west of Tripoli and less than 60 miles from the Tunisian-Tripolitanian frontier.

Italian Destroyer Blasted

British, French and American air forces made a series of attacks on Nazi ground forces, blasted anew at the Bizerte naval base and bombed two Italian destroyers 100 miles off Tunis, leaving one burning and in a sinking condition, a spokesman announced at allied headquarters in North Africa.

American B-25 Mitchell bombers, escorted by P-38 Lightnings, attacked the destroyers and scored two direct hits on the one, the spokesman said. He reported that the stern of the other was probably damaged by four near misses.

The RAF and 12th U. S. air force cooperating in sweeps with fighters and light bombers, shooting up and bombing Nazi transport over a wide area.

"Rain again limited ground troops in Tunisia to patrol action. The Italians said that 'enemy armored cars were repulsed by artillery fire.'"

British observers who have been speculating on the likelihood of an American drive to keep the Rommel and Von Arnim forces apart pointed out that

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Russian Tentacles Reach for Nazis



Thrusting unchecked all along the Ukraine-Caucasus front, Russian troops are on the outskirts of several Nazi strongholds, fall of which might crumble the whole southern German flank. Map shows progress of soviet drives from December starting points indicated by hammer-sickle emblems. Major objectives of the Russians are Rostov, nazis' main supply base at the head of the Sea of Azov, and Khar'kov, capital of the grain-rich Ukraine province and known from its importance as a manufacturing center as the "Pittsburgh" of Russia.

Nazi Captives of Reds Rap Hitler For "Desertion"

MOSCOW, Jan. 28—(AP)—The Russians continued the merciless extermination of the doomed Germans before Stalingrad today, quoting prisoners as denouncing Hitler and officers who "ran away and left us," and widening the Caucasus front westward by capturing two cities close to the Maikop oil fields.

The Germans announced a new retreat west of Voronezh to a shortened line. The communists said their Stalingrad forces shattered new attacks.

Pravda reported 60 German aviators were captured near Stalingrad when the red army was driving the foe from behind into the city. They were caught throwing gasoline on their planes when the soviets captured the last of 48 German tanks. The loss 12 hours greatly weakened the Germans near the center of the Volga city.

One captured pilot said the German fliers came only recently from Sicily.

The news of this advance, tying in with other successes reported in the Caucasus which would help encircle the Maikop oil area, came as the Russians pushed another spearhead into the ice bristling against Rostov and as fresh reports came of the surrender of thousands of cold, war-weary axis troops on other fronts.

Gen. MacArthur said allied figures included the sick as well as the killed and wounded. Many American and Australian troops were stricken with fever during the fighting in swamps and jungles.

"Probably no campaign in history against a thoroughly prepared and trained army produced such complete and decisive results with a lower expenditure of life and resources," Gen. MacArthur said.

With the New Guinea land front quiet, allied warplanes renewed the assault on Japanese bases in the south seas, blasting at Lae, Salamaua and Finschhafen, in New Guinea, and ranging far out to attack the enemy airbase at Gasmata, New Britain, and targets on Kai and Aroe islands.

On the China war front, a Chinese army spokesman reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces had cleared out all Japanese troops who had penetrated the southwest China province of Yunnan around Talo, near the border of the Shan states.

F. R. Expresses Fresh Confidence In U. S. Victory

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 28—(AP)—Lieut. General Eisenhower announced today receipt of a message from President Roosevelt, declaring he was returning from North Africa to the United States with renewed confidence that American soldiers "shall be victorious."

The message, addressed to American soldiers in North Africa by the commander in chief, said: "My brief visit in North Africa has given me increased assurance and a deeper feeling of pride in the leaders and men of the American armed forces."

"The officers and men who landed with the initial assault, those who are now carrying on at the front in Tunisia, and those who are training themselves for future combat are deserving of the highest commendation."

"I could not but note your alertness, your smartness and the pride you take in yourself and your splendid equipment. I return to the United States with renewed confidence that the American soldiers, equipped with the best equipment the world can produce, led by men who have proved themselves in battle, and all imbued with the will to win, shall be victorious."

"Officers and men of the armed forces in North Africa—I commend you."

Losses Compared At the war department, Secretary Stimson commented on "the continued good news from the battle-fronts" and said also that in the last 11 months of 1942 army fliers shot down or probably destroyed 1,349 enemy aircraft, against a loss of 309.

Stimson disclosed that American casualties to date in Tunisia totaled 226 men listed as missing who have been reported taken prisoner, 211 reported killed, 532 wounded and another 289 listed as missing.

LONDON, Jan. 28—(AP)—Compulsory labor service for all German men from 16 to 65 and women from 17 to 45 was decreed today by the German government, according to an announcement broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

The decree required all persons affected to register at local labor offices.

The London authorities said this represented labor mobilization on an unprecedented scale.

In a preamble to the decree, Adolf Hitler's labor commissioner, Fritz Sauckel, warned the German people, already under heavy pressure to produce for war needs, that they must devote their "energies solely to fighting and working for the community and thus make possible the earliest attainment of final victory."

Top Milk Prices Set For 4 Oregon Counties

PORTLAND, Jan. 28—(AP)—The state OPA has set milk ceiling prices for Coos and Josephine counties at 11 cents a quart wholesale and 13 cents retail, and for Grant and Wheeler counties at 10 and 12 cents.

Bombs Deal Ruin to Rhine Industry City

Attack Follows One by U. S. Force; Nazis Hit Back at English Town

LONDON, Jan. 28—(AP)—The RAF hit the German city of Duesseldorf with several hundred tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs last night during the fourth allied aerial blow at the German war machine in two nights and a day, it was announced today.

"Preliminary reports of last night's raid on the Rhineland by Lancasters and Halifaxes show several hundred tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on Duesseldorf in 20 minutes," an authoritative statement said.

"Heavy cloud made it difficult to assess the result, but the glare of fierce fires was seen and the attack is believed to have been very effective."

London commentators expressed belief that great damage was caused by the swift and searing saturation raid.

Follows American Blow The air ministry had reported that six bombers were missing from a heavy attack on industrial objectives in the Rhineland, which continued a cycle of raids featured by the first U. S. air force assault on the Reich and the first bombing of Copenhagen.

Duesseldorf, a center of transport and heavy industry in northwest Germany, is 160 miles southwest of the Wilhelmshaven naval base which, with Emden, was heavily pounded yesterday by United States bombers.

"The German high command, in a communique broadcast from Berlin, sought to discount the effect of the American blows. It declared that 'a daylight attempt under the cover of cloud to bomb targets at Helgoland bay was foiled by fighters and defenses.'"

Striking back by daylight, German fliers attacked a southeast coast town of England this morning, inflicting considerable damage and some casualties.

Italy, Sicily Blasted From the landing fields of both Tunisia and Tripolitania allied planes roared to the attack today.

A United States communique issued in Cairo said that "during the night of Jan. 26-27 Liberator" (Continued on page 6.)

Proposed Game Refuge Arouses Douglas Protest

A vigorous protest was being lodged with Douglas county legislators today against House Bill No. 156, which would create a game refuge in the Esmond lake area in western Douglas and Lane counties, according to Fred Wright, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, published at Reedsport. The protest is being made by the residents of the lower Umpqua district, but Roseburg interests are being requested to join, Editor Wright reports.

The bill, introduced by Representatives Earl Hill of Lane county, C. C. Hill and Robert Gile of Douglas county, and Senator Thomas Parkinson of Douglas county would set aside an area roughly bounded by the Sitoula river, Elk creek, the Umpqua river and the north fork of Smith river, an area approximately 18 miles square.

The law would make it unlawful to hunt wild birds or animals within the area. Killing of predatory or fur-bearing animals would be authorized only by permit. A penalty of a fine of \$100 or three months' imprisonment would be provided.

Would Shelter Varmints The area proposed to be set aside for a game refuge, Editor Wright reports, is one of the principal recreational districts for the residents of the lower Umpqua district. It also is a section harboring many predatory animals, particularly cougars, and if hunting is not permitted, it is feared predatory animal destruction to surrounding agricultural areas would be greatly increased.

Letters urging the county delegation in the state legislature to withdraw support for the measure were forwarded today by Mayor W. F. Harris, representing the city of Roseburg, and by the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

It is pointed out that the game refuge is almost entirely in Douglas county, with only a small proportion in Lane county, and that the matter should be very thoroughly studied and desired of the residents of that area considered before final action is taken.