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NAZI SLAUGHTER UPPED IN BAFFLED EFFORTS TO ESCAPE SOVIET TRAPS; ALLIES REGAIN LOST ITALIAN GROUND

15 Divisions Of Foe Held in Ukraine Area

Two Vital Mine Centers Appear Lost to Hitler Despite "Hold" Orders

MOSCOW, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Russian army is less than 45 miles at some points from the lines where Adolf Hitler launched his invasion of the Soviet Union, and all along the 1,200-mile-long eastern front the German army is suffering some of the war's worst defeats, field dispatches said today.

Gaining the upper hand along the lower reaches of the Dnieper river with advances up to 40 miles through a 100-mile-wide gap, Gen. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian army ruthlessly went about the job of destroying five trapped German divisions (normally 75,000 men) in the Nikopol sector. Meanwhile, 150 miles to the north, more Nazi corpses littered the thawing Ukrainian earth as the armies of Gens. Vatutin and Konev drew ever tighter a ring of death around the remnants of 10 divisions near Cherkassy.

The loss of Nikopol, which reportedly has been furnishing German industries the major amount of manganese used in the reich's production of war equipment, probably would be the hardest industrial blow to be suffered by the Germans during the entire Russian offensive.

Russian troops have penetrated the eastern suburbs of Narva, fortress town eight miles inside

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Truck Blow Kills Martin Baker, Jr., Sutherland Child

Martin Baker, Jr., five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baker, Sutherland, was killed Sunday morning when struck by a pickup truck driven by Elmer E. Ellison, 54, Yoncalla, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported. The accident occurred on the Umpqua highway west of Sutherland near the defense housing project, into which the Baker family recently moved following arrival from Washington state.

The child, the sheriff stated, was reported to have been playing in a roadside ditch with two other children, Ruby McCoy, 9, and Eugene Randall, 13. He ran out of the ditch and into the roadway directly in front of the oncoming truck and was dragged more than 30 feet after being struck by the machine.

Carter reported that examination of the truck following the accident revealed that the brakes were not operating properly. No arrest was made, but Ellison was ordered by the sheriff to appear before the district attorney today for questioning. Coroner H. C. Stearns, who was called to conduct the official investigation, reported that an inquest will be held.

Besides the parents, the child is survived by a sister, Shirley Ann, aged 9 years.

The body was removed to Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Sgt. Cline of Roseburg Hurt in Bomber Crash

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Sgt. Isaac Cline, son of Mrs. Lillie L. Goodman, 819 Winchester St., Roseburg, Ore., was one of two persons seriously injured when a B-25 Mitchell bomber went out of control while landing and crashed into a parked B-24 Liberator at Peterson field yesterday.

Russian Planes Deal Death, Ruin to Helsinki in Move to Crush Finland; Verbal Warning Goes Out to Bulgaria

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Fires still were burning in Helsinki at noon today from two Russian bombings Sunday which hit 200 buildings and killed 38 persons, the Finnish legation in Stockholm said.

The attacking bombers dropped mine bombs and incendiaries, it was officially announced at the Finnish capital. The announcement listed 323 persons as wounded.

(Advices reaching London said telephone communication between Helsinki and Stockholm had been cut again today, suggesting the possibility of a third raid in what apparently is a concentrated effort to drive Finland out of the war.)

Thousands of women, children and elderly persons began to evacuate Helsinki.

A Moscow radio announcement said the Estonian capital of Revel (Tallinn) also had been bombed, adding to the growing uneasiness in Sweden.

Helsinki traffic was reported disrupted as the Russians dropped many high explosives and incendiaries starting fires which were difficult to control.

The first eye-witness details of the raids—which ended a long lull in the war on the Finnish front—came in a dispatch from the Helsinki correspondent of the Stockholm Aftonbladet, who said that residents of the capital had been kept huddled in air raid shelters for seven hours during the night.

The first raid was the worst the capital had experienced since 1941.

REDS HINT NEW POLISH STATE, WARN 2 NATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Russia strongly intimated today that she is planning to give her official blessing to the establishment of a new Polish state independent of the exile government in London as a basis for settling vexing Polish territorial problems in her own way.

The intimation coincided with a bitter Soviet verbal attack on Bulgaria and a sharp air raid on the Finnish capital of Helsinki—events which were generally in-

Lumber Need to Continue Curb on Civilian Building

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The armed forces need so much lumber that there is scarcely any possibility of relaxing the curb on civilian construction in 1944, the War Production board said today.

Prospects for lumber production this year are substantially under the 34 billion board feet needed, said Roy W. Johnson, director of WPB's facilities bureau. Seventy per cent of the total needs are for the armed forces.

"The more successful we are on the fighting fronts, the greater will be the demand for lumber," Johnson said. "As more men go over seas and operations expand, more lumber will be needed."

WPB also reported: Representatives of the glass containers industry say 1944 output of jars and bottles may be interrupted unless special action is taken to assure them pulp, paper, newsprint, and kraft paper for lining jar caps and closures.

Controls were relaxed on the sale of plumbing and heating tanks for replacement purposes. Previously a A-10 priority rating was required. Cast iron soil pipe was exempted from provisions of the regulation which requires a A-10 priority rating for the delivery of iron products.

terpreted here as warnings to those two countries to sever their connections with Germany.

The tipoff on Russia's intentions toward Poland came in a Moscow broadcast declaring that as red army troops drive out the German invaders "a new democratic Poland will arise and all conditions for friendly cooperation of the Ukrainian and Polish peoples will be created."

The broadcast added that the establishment of a separate foreign office in the Ukrainian soviet republic would create stimulus for "a friendly rapprochement of these states and may require conclusion of special agreements for strengthening these friendly connections between them."

This statement, hinting at possible future treaty negotiations, gave added significance to action taken at Moscow last week extending to each of the 16 separate soviet republics the right to handle their own foreign affairs.

It appeared here that the strategically-located Ukraine was slated for a key role in a soviet plan to settle boundary issues and at the same time build a powerful Slav bloc against future German aggression.

4th WAR LOAN
Let's All Back The Attack

By H. C. BERG
Vice-Chairman County War Finance Committee

The Roseburg News-Review and Radio Station KRNR were given a quota of \$1,302 for the Fourth War Loan and, from results attained to date, they must have read their own advertisements, as they have sold nearly five times their quota.

The News-Review and station KRNR have been very modest in not making mention of the fact to the public, but we of the war finance committee of Douglas county feel that they have set a mark that is really something to shoot at. If others would do just half as well, the success of the Fourth War Loan drive would be assured.

This is a remarkable record and we are grateful for the untiring efforts of Olive M. Iles, who is the war bond representative of the News-Review and KRNR.

Troop 36, Boy Scouts of America, Melrose, lacked only \$9 Saturday of having oversold their Fourth War Bond quota eight times. The Scouts were given a quota of \$250 and sales up to Saturday amounted to \$1,991. The troop leader is H. S. Cheek. Members conducting the bond sale include Duane Cheek, Marvin Sanders, Merle Sanders and George Barter.

GLIDE—The amount of bonds sold by the Glide school has reached approximately \$10,000. It is expected that the final total will be well over that amount, as the students are still canvassing the territory and competition is keen.

McNary's Ex-Manager to Head Morse's Campaign

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Ralph D. Moore, who managed Sen. Charles L. McNary's last two campaigns, will direct Wayne L. Morse's campaign for the republican nomination to the U. S. senate.

Moore, who recently resigned as dean of the University of Oregon law school and public member of the National War Labor board announced the selection of his campaign manager here Saturday before leaving for Eugene to enter law practice.

Nazi Threat To Beachhead Base Smashed

Americans Gain Crest Near Cassino but Foe Keeps Up Fight in City

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A German plane which attempted a forced landing in Vatican City after an air battle with allied planes dropped a bomb inside the Vatican walls and another a short distance outside, a Rome dispatch to a Göteborg newspaper reported today.

The plane crashed and the crew was killed.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 7.—(AP)—American troops in the Anzio beachhead have repulsed a strong German attack which Saturday night broke through the allied perimeter, three miles west of the vital road and rail hub of Cisterna, and have restored their original positions. It was announced today.

Cisterna is astride the Apennine and a railway 26 miles south-east of Rome.

The Germans began the new assault Saturday evening with infantry, tanks and artillery. Fighting raged through the night and into yesterday, before the nazis were pushed back to the starting point with losses.

The nazis, reinforced along the beachhead perimeter to at least four divisions and an SS brigade by the arrival of an infantry division from southern France, made lesser attacks along the line. Some German elements were spotted forming for another attack against the British north of Carroceto, but the formation

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Three Children Die Under Streetcar Wheels

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Three children were killed when run over by a street car here Saturday night. They were Jean Hagland, 13; Diana Fletcher, 4, and Carol Fletcher, 2. Their bodies were found wedged under the front wheel when the car stopped.

Nazi Blockade Runners Land in Prison Camp



Into a barbed-wire prison pen march the prisoners from three Nazi blockade-runners sunk by American warships while sneaking across South Atlantic with vital war cargoes from Japanese ports. All three vessels were trapped within 48 hours early in January after being spotted by navy patrol planes. U. S. Navy photo.

Jap Counters Allied Charge Of Atrocities

Nippon Troops, Women Cruelly Treated, Says Spokesman for Tokyo

(By the Associated Press)
Sadao Iguchi, spokesman for the Japanese board of information, sought today to reply to United States and British charges of wholesale atrocities committed by Japan against captive civilians and prisoners of war—by citing what he said was the record of "numerous outrages" against Japanese.

"The Anglo-American campaign to spread hatred against Japan has been motivated by the desire to cover up their own crimes," Iguchi declared in a statement broadcast by the Berlin radio.

He charged that "many of the 2,400 Japanese women who were confined at the Japanese primary school in Davao were raped."

He added that "on Jan. 20 (1942) as Japanese forces were about to land a Davao American resorted to the most bestial treatment of ten Japanese who were preparing food for their fellow Internes. These men were bound with ropes, boiling water was poured upon them, their ears were cut off, their eyes gouged, their noses slashed and their arms and legs amputated—a sadistic torture that defies description."

Charges Never Verified

This was a more detailed version of a charge which the Japanese made soon after they launched their attack on the Philippines but which never has been verified by allied or neutral sources.

Iguchi cited what he said were some of the attacks "resulting in murder" and other acts of mistreatment against Japanese in

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Counties Seek Greater Share of O-C Receipts

Earl Day, state tax commissioner, former county judge of Jackson county and ex-president of the Association of Oregon Land Grant counties, and E. L. Pope, Clackamas county judge, now president of the association, are en route to Washington, D. C., to testify before a house committee in support of a bill to give counties 75 per cent of receipts from O. and C. revested lands, instead of the prevailing 25 per cent. They will join Attorney Guy Cordon of Roseburg, who has been in Washington for the past 10 days. Mr. Cordon, legal counsel for the Association of Oregon counties, is working on behalf of the bill and other public land matters.

Govt. Ballot Bill Survives 2nd Attack

Senate Defeats Move To Give Right-of-Way To 'States' Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The administration beat off a second senate attempt to sidetrack its federal ballot bill today, defeating an opposition move to take up a "states' rights" proposal which would leave armed service voting to the state.

The motion was rejected 44 to 42 on a roll call.

The same move, backed by a coalition of southern democrats and some republicans, lost on a tie vote Friday and its sponsors said then they would try again.

The effect of the vote was to keep the senate at work on the Green-Lucas federal ballot bill which it has been debating more than two weeks.

Had the motion carried, the senate would have had to shunt aside the administration bill for immediate consideration of the states' rights bill which the house has approved.

The motion was offered by Senator Overton (D-La.) who said over the weekend he did "not consider a tie vote conclusive on such an important issue."

Last Friday's vote was 42-42. The opposition's 42 votes stayed with Overton today, but the administration managed to pick up two additional votes.

House Rejection Forecast

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), opposing the administration bill, virtually conceded after today's roll call that the administration had the votes to put the Green-Lucas bill through the senate.

He predicted, however, that the federal ballot will never be accepted by the house which voted overwhelmingly against the idea last week.

Administration forces, driving

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Youths Recaptured After Sawing Out of Jail

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Two youths who sawed their way out of the jail at Salem Saturday only to spend the next night in a cell at Portland were returned to Salem today.

Earl J. Bonney, 19, and Lawrence A. Flynn, a 20-year-old sailor, were arrested here yesterday in an automobile which the owner, Bertha Priest, Milwaukie, said had disappeared from an Oregon City street shortly before.

Patrolman G. Tennant, an officer in one of the two squad cars which overtook the fleeing youths, said they were booked on charges of possessing a stolen automobile and being fugitives from Salem.

RHS Graduate Wins D. F. Cross For War Valor



DAYS CREEK—Claude E. Atherton of Days Creek has received word that his son, Lt. Clinton E. Atherton, above, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the award being made at the direction of the president by the commanding general of the Fifth air force. The citation accompanying the award was, in part, as follows: "For operational flight missions from April 9, 1943, to October 28, 1943. For heroism in flight and exceptional and outstanding accomplishment in the face of danger above and beyond the line of duty." These flights consisted of more than fifty missions including dropping supplies and transporting troops to advanced positions, involving flying over mountain terrain under adverse weather conditions in an unarmed transport plane, and also necessitating landing within a few miles of enemy bases.

Lt. Atherton is well known in Douglas county, being a graduate of the Roseburg high school, Class of '37. For three years before entering the service he was an employee of the Associated Oil Co., enlisting in the air service in April, 1941, he received his training at King City, Moffett field and Bakersfield, and went overseas in November, 1942.

Domestic Tragedy Hits Swan Island Shipyard

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The report of a gunshot rang out above the clank of steel against steel in Henry J. Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard today and Beulah Smith, 51, fell dead, a bullet through her head.

Another shot punctuated the clamor and B. B. Smith, 57, husband, slumped to the ground seriously wounded, detectives said, from a self-inflicted bullet. Hospital attendants said he was not expected to live.

Mrs. Smith worked in the yard's bolt salvage department in Smith in the pipe shop. The officers said the couple was married a few months ago and separated recently.

Willkie Invites Test In Nebraska Primary

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie said today he would enter the Nebraska preferential primary on April 11 as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Arriving in Utah for a "grass roots" survey of the political situation, the 1940 presidential candidate told reporters he would enter the Nebraska contest to demonstrate he had voting strength in the middle west.

The name of former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, now a navy lieutenant commander, is already entered in the Nebraska contest.

Youth Burns to Death While Clearing Weeds

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Richard L. McCarty, 17, burned to death yesterday when he slipped and fell into an abandoned reservoir which he and companions were burning clear of weeds.

Surprise Raid Throws Japs Into Jitters

Wild Firing Misses All U. S. Craft; Kwajalein Mop-Up Nearly Ended

(By the Associated Press)
The first United States naval bombardment of Japanese home territory—the northern stronghold of Paramushiro—was disclosed today as American control of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls brought the promise of intensified efforts to bomb and blockade the enemy's first-line bases in the Pacific.

Associated Press War correspondent Norman Bell, in a dispatch from a destroyer in the North Pacific, told of a task force attack which battered the harbor and land installations of Kurabu point on the southern tip of Paramushiro, 790 miles southwest of Attu in the Aleutians, last Friday.

He said the bombardment caught the Japanese off their guard looking skyward for another in the series of aerial attacks which have caused the enemy uneasiness. Not a naval ship was hit nor a plan hit. American planes were last reported to have raided the big base January 20.

The navy announced in Washington that the east coast of the island also was attacked.

Japs Badly Rattled.

Enemy gunners, either surprised or attempting to put out star shells which preceded the heavy blasting, fired into the air when the attack first started. Then, giving evidence of becoming more rattled, they fired along their own beaches and at the Pacific ocean and sea of Okhotsk, Bell reported. He added:

The wild nature of the Japanese gunnery indicated they feared an invasion was already under way. Tracer bullets from some of their guns spurted along the shoreline, apparently aimed at shadows or imaginary landing barges.

Every move of the task force had been exactly on schedule and after the attack was over it had seemed almost too easy.

None disagreed with the sailor who said, "why we ought to go ahead and take that place."

Bell said the army was represented aboard Rear Admiral Wilder D. Baker's flagship in the northern mission by Brigadier General E. D. Post, and that his presence "came while troops of the Alaskan department engaged in assault maneuvers which possibly will be aimed at Paramushiro."

Paramushiro lies at the northern tip of the Kurile Islands, which include the Japanese mainland itself.

Caroline's Next Objective.

Far to the south, the smooth-moving campaign on Kwajalein in the flanking assault on the Marshalls provided the United States with a new jumping off

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20 Hurt in Wreck On Great Northern

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Great Northern railroad officials reported "about 20 persons" were injured, some apparently seriously, when a special eastbound passenger train was derailed at Swift, 15 miles east of here, at 3:50 a. m. today.

The engine, tender and seven cars of the 14-car train were derailed. One of the coaches, in which most of those injured were riding, rolled down a 15-foot embankment. Two other coaches came to rest with the rear trucks on the roadbed and the front trucks at the bottom of the same embankment.

Most of the injured were reported to have been soldiers. All of the passengers needing treatment were taken to the Great Falls army air hospital.

Division Superintendent H. M. Shapleigh reported "a broken rail" caused the accident.

LEVITY FACT RANT
By L. F. Rasmussen

If southern politicians would consent to abolishment of the poll tax that bars negroes from voting, and northern dairy interests would consent to abolishment of the tax on Dixie-manufactured margarine, it might convince the public that congress is guided by all-American statesmanship instead of private sectional interests.