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In The Day's News

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CHICAGO. Rather early on a chilly day. The wind sweeping in off Lake Michigan makes the ears tingle. Rather surprised to learn from the paper that it's only around freezing.

It's really warm by Chicago standards. When this wind off the lake really means business, it blows through you without pausing, bounces on an adjacent building and blows right back through again.

SIX hours to kill before making connections for Washington. Six hours are too short to do anything and too long to kill. But there's compensation in these days.

If your connections are close, you might miss your train and if you miss your train you're OUT. A through reservation is nothing to be trifled with at this moment in history.

You tell yourself that consolingly as you twiddle your thumbs and try to pass the hours away.

THE streets are full of people. That's nothing new. The streets are always full of people back here. You note that service men in uniform are relatively much scarcer than in the cities of the Pacific coast.

You've noted already that the war isn't quite the all-absorbing topic here that it is in the West. You've noted also, as you scan the headlines across the country, a LESSENING interest in the Pacific war and a GROWING interest in the European war.

At the same time, you note an increasing number of European theatre campaign ribbons on the uniforms. That explains the situation. Our interest in the war centers on WHERE OUR BOYS ARE FIGHTING.

AN air corps private, who has been stationed at Palm Springs, is on his way back to Washington to visit his parents. He's one day late on his schedule, and in Chicago telephones to his people to explain the delay and

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Cunningham Pays Murder Penalty In Gas Chamber

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6.—(AP)—Harvey Cunningham, 38-year-old Negro, paid with his life in the state's lethal gas chamber today for the slaying of Richard F. Kerr, a Portland white man.

Cunningham was the first Negro to be executed by gas in Oregon.

He waived the reading of the death warrant, refused to have a chaplain in his final moments and uttered no statement before he went into the chamber.

Cunningham was convicted of first degree murder in the final shooting of Kerr at Portland August 29, 1942, during an argument.

After Cunningham, who had come to Portland about a month before Kerr's death to work in the shipyards, was brought to the state penitentiary to await execution he confessed knifing to death two Negroes at Kansas City, then repudiated the confessions.

Cunningham was taken to Kansas City where he was confronted by Lawrence Johnson, 62, Negro, who said Cunningham knifed him 17 times in 1942 and left him for dead. Johnson said he spent 31 days in a hospital recovering from his wounds.

Kansas City police said the other victim in Cunningham's confession was David M. Middleton, a Negro youth who was found dead there August 1, 1942. His slaying had remained unsolved until Cunningham confessed.

Ellsworth to Run Again For Congressman

Announcement Made on Present Visit to Oregon; District Needs Studied

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, former editor of the Roseburg News-Review, now serving in congress as representative from the Fourth Oregon district, announced today he will be a candidate for reelection. He expects to file his candidacy for the republican nomination with the secretary of state before leaving for his return to Washington.

He flew to Oregon as a member of the congressional group representing the congress at the funeral services conducted in Salem Friday for Senator Charles L. McNary, and remained to spend a few days in the state before returning to Washington.

Mr. Ellsworth arrived in Roseburg last night and remained through the forenoon, obtaining first hand information on matters on which he is now working in Washington in behalf of industrial and business interests within the district. He is very hopeful that the extension of the plywood industry into southern Oregon will result from efforts in which he is now engaged and which already have shown success, freeing many of the restrictions and priorities which have been limiting concerns in their plans to move existing plants or construct new factories.

Harmony Lack Deplored Regarding political matters in the national capital, Congressman Ellsworth expressed grave concern over the lack of harmony between the executive and legislative branches of government, declaring that studied attempts are being made to discredit congress, in order that the executive department may enlarge its powers.

"The majority of the members of congress," Ellsworth said, "are sincerely interested in constructive methods of efficiently advancing the war effort. Vastly more could be accomplished than at present if we could maintain harmony with the executive department, a condition we all sincerely desire."

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Reds Within Sixty Miles Of Rumania

12 German Divisions Routed After Two Days' Battle in Dnieper Bend

LONDON, Mar. 6.—(AP)—The Germans already are planning for another war in 25 years, with the United States as the arch adversary on whom to concentrate from the beginning, says the French underground newspaper "Combat."

The paper, printed in Algiers, was quoted in the London Chronicle as saying that a preliminary memorandum for the next war has been drafted for the German general staff by Gen. Otto von Stuepnagel, in which he declared "we shall be wrong if we try to conquer Russia while leaving intact American industrial production."

Stuepnagel, military governor of France, before 1939 was chief of the German intelligence service.

Cliff Thornton Resigns Douglas Sheriff's Office

Way Opened for Popular Election This Year of Permanent Successor

Lieutenant Clifford Thornton, on leave of absence from his office as sheriff of Douglas county, today tendered his resignation to the county court and announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection. He has been spending a few days at his home here on leave from a post in the Puget Sound area, where he is serving with an anti-aircraft unit of the coast artillery.

"I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance given me in the office of sheriff," Thornton said, in announcing his resignation. "I am grateful for the support of the voters who elected me and for the co-operation received in the conduct of the office."

"I also appreciate the manner in which Bud Carter, who was my deputy and who has been acting sheriff in my absence, has so ably performed the duties I was forced to leave. His efficiency since assuming the responsibility of the office has been a source of much pleasure and pride to me personally."

"I believe, however, that in view of the forthcoming election, I should at this time announce my intention of not seeking reelection, in order that the field may be left open for a permanent appointment as well as clarifying the situation for those who may desire to become candidates."

The county court is expected to make permanent the appointment of Carter, who has been serving as sheriff pro-tem. Carter indicated his intention of seeking election in the event Thornton was not a candidate, and is expected to file for the republican nomination at the forthcoming primary as a result of Lieutenant Thornton's announcement.

Portland Store Raid Yields Liquor and Tires

PORTLAND, Mar. 6.—(AP)—A woodpile in a back room of the Service Machine company store here yielded 35 cases of liquor to agents of the state liquor control commission.

The agents, who said their suspicions were aroused when a man emerged from the store at night with a case of liquor, charged James Elkins with unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor.

Tires and tubes, also found on the premises, were confiscated by OPA investigators.

Wife Who Slew Husband Faces Prison Term

KELSO, Wash., Mar. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Maude Umiker, 38, Kelso housewife, convicted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of her husband, Archer, last January 9 today faced from 2 to 20 years in the state penitentiary.

Superior Court Judge J. E. Stone sentenced her to a maximum of 20 years and said he would recommend the state parole board set a minimum of two years.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 6.—(AP)—Allied Beachhead forces have repulsed another small German attack, it was announced today in a communiqué which also said that bad weather sharply reduced operations on all fronts in Italy.

Despite continuous rain and low clouds, fighter-bombers attacked shipping off the Yugoslav coast and gun positions on the Fifth army front without loss.

Except for the one enemy attempt to plunge into the beachhead lines, ground operations were confined chiefly to routine patrolling on all fronts. Eighth army troops threw back a minor German attempt to probe their lines.

Good Behavior by Doughboys Urged By Eisenhower

Declaring that "only a self-disciplined army can win battles," the allied supreme commander in this theater asked everyone, officers particularly, to be especially careful concerning:

"Improper use of motor transportation."

"Excessive drinking at any time. In this connection public drunkenness by officers will invariably call for the sternest disciplinary action permissible."

"Loud, profane or indecent language, especially in public."

"Slovenliness in appearance."

"Any discourtesy to civilians."

Buchalter Chooses Electric Chair to Turning Informer

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—(AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, one-time Brooklyn gangster chief, today chose a killer's death rather than turn informer—which possibly would have spared him from Slag Sing prison's electric chair Saturday night.

This was indicated yesterday by J. Bertram Wegman, counsel for the firm of Murder, Inc., who said:

"Buchalter had two keys in his hand. He chose to use the one that opened the door to 'eternity' rather than the other one."

He did not explain what he meant by "the other one" but Weman's remark gave point to equally terse comment on the case by Mayor LaGuardia and Assistant District Attorney Burton B. Turkus, who prosecuted Lepke on the murder charge which sent him to his death.

Said LaGuardia during a press interview: "Some people sweat a lot in the last few days."

Turkus said that Lepke's death would have spared him from Slag Sing prison's electric chair Saturday night. Only Lepke's wife and stepson and a few relatives attended his services.

The third member of the trio, Louis Capone, will be buried later this week.

The three were convicted of slaying Joseph Rosen, a Brooklyn storekeeper, eight years ago.

Cordon Confers With Assistants of McNary

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—(AP)—Guy Cordon's first move as Oregon's new U. S. senator was to confer with members of the late Sen. Charles L. McNary's staff.

Cordon indicated he would await the return of Sen. Rufus C. Holman before taking the oath.

Holman was scheduled to fly back to Washington March 12 and it was considered likely that Cordon would be sworn in the next day. Holman went to Oregon for McNary's funeral.

Cordon probably will return to Oregon to clear up private matters after disposing of public lands matters that have occupied him here.

Soldier Nabbed After Jewelry Store Robbery

ALBANY, Ore., Mar. 6.—(AP)—A Camp Adair soldier, who police Chief Perry Stellmacher said was captured after fleeing down Albany's main street tossing jewelry aside as he ran, was charged with burglary today.

The 22-year-old private, Carlos S. Rodriguez of Abilene, Tex., still had \$300 worth of bracelets and rings when arrested, Stellmacher said. Police said they took chase after noticing the soldier in front of the smashed windowcase of a local jewelry store.

Both Sides in Admiralties Reinforcing

Showdown Combat in Making; Casualties of Japs Thus Far 3,000

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Mar. 6.—(AP)—More American troops and supplies are being poured onto Los Negros island in the Admiralties, against indications that the Japanese may make another strong attempt to recapture Momote airdrome.

Gen. MacArthur said today mopping up of the island was in progress and additional supplies and reinforcements for the First Cavalry division were constantly being landed. It was reported that the enemy also was renewing his strength after his costly defeat Saturday.

There was evidence of eastward movement of Japanese troops from the garrison at Lorengau on Manus island, adjacent to Los Negros island on the west, a headquarters spokesman said. This led to the belief that another battle was in the making.

Sporadic fighting flared when the Americans came up against enemy groups which survived the fierce battle Friday night and Saturday, when the Japanese hit the cavalry's defenses around the airdrome again and again without denting the line.

In this night effort to retake the airdrome, which fell so easily to the invaders when they landed February 29, the Japanese left more than 700 dead, MacArthur said.

Three thousand Japanese have been killed or wounded since the landing, MacArthur said Sunday, against American losses of 61 dead and 244 wounded.

Allied aircraft bombed Japanese installations west of Momote, without interception, and American destroyers shelled islands at the entrance of Sessler harbor at Lorengau, destroying gun positions.

Rabaul Gets No Respite. More than 100 Solomon-based army and navy bombers hit Rabaul, the enemy base in New Britain, Saturday with 164 tons of explosives, centering their attack on the waterfront. Damage could not be determined because

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Woodworkers May Be Asked for Strike Vote

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 6.—(AP)—CIO International Woodworkers of America in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and northern California may be asked to vote on a strike.

District council leaders yesterday authorized the union's negotiating committee "to submit a strike ballot to the membership when the committee deemed it advisable in order to obtain proper consideration of IWA wage demands."

Worth Lowery, president, said the action was taken because of "the denial of wage increases after both the War Manpower commission and War Production board had certified the lumber industry was in a critical condition."

The west coast lumber commission last week denied pay increases asked by the IWA and AFL Lumber & Sawmill Workers for 60,000 men in 600 fir and pine operations, but will reconsider the demands March 22.

509 Italian Civilians Die in Railway Tunnel

NAPLES, Mar. 6.—(AP)—A total of 509 Italian civilians were asphyxiated early Saturday morning when the freight train on which they had hitched rides stalled in a railway tunnel in southern Italy.

Allied railway officials conducting an investigation said that several hundred civilians apparently had climbed aboard the 45-car train in the darkness while it was halted at one of the last stations through which it passed before entering the tunnel.

The victims apparently met a quick death as carbon monoxide generated by the engine spread swiftly through the tunnel.

Officials said no allied personnel was aboard the train.

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