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Squeeze on German Bulge Tightened

Panzer Units Forced Back By U. S. First

Allies Also Gain Ground Near Strasburg, Where Enemy Crossed Rhine

(By the Associated Press) Marshal von Rundstedt hurriedly pulled back armored units from the tip of his blizzard-swept Belgian salient today under American pressure that now has squeezed the middle of his bulge to less than 10 miles.

U. S. First army troops on the north gained a mile or more, dominating 15 miles of the important lateral Laroche-St. Vith highway. Third army men on the south surged within two miles of the last east-west supply road, seizing Flanierge. Artillery shells interdicted at least part of this highway running through Houffalize.

The British sixth airborne division pressed in at the tip on survivors of three panzer divisions.

Allied troops regained some ground eight miles north of Strasburg, where the Germans had crossed the Rhine in one of several offensive wedges on the southern end of the western front.

The Germans' offensive in Alsace had thrown tanks into an expanding Rhine bridgehead. To the south in the Colmar area reinforced Germans seized two towns. Germans who speared

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN San Francisco, where these words are written, the weather is what would be referred to farther north as bracing. Here they call it chilly. Some of them place an adjective before the chilly. Occasionally the adjective used is unprintable.

They don't like chilly weather down here.

NIGHT before last the mercury got down to 41 above, which is considered unseasonable for the weather man. That was on the San Francisco side. Over on the east bay, in Oakland, it dropped to 34—which, of course, helped no end here. We can all endure unpleasantness with greater fortitude if we can just know that somebody else is having it a little worse.

The newspapers dug back into history and disclosed that once in January in 1888 it went clear down to 29.

THAT may all be true enough, but this writer remembers distinctly one frigid spell when it zoomed clear down to 17 above, and the lakes out in Golden Gate park froze over.

The ice was glassy smooth, and

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Reimbursement of Taxing Unit for National Park Aim of Bill to be Offered on Advice of Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Should states be paid back if the government comes in and takes over lands for national parks or monuments, wiping out chunks of tax income?

President Roosevelt thinks so, as does Secretary of the Interior Ickes. And, in line with their recommendations, Rep. Peterson (D., Fla.) will introduce within the next few days, a bill to pay back up to 25 per cent of the revenue from parks, annually, where the state or other taxing unit, loses on the deal. The measure will not be retroactive.

In his message vetoing a bill which would have killed the Jackson Hole national monument, Mr. Roosevelt said he would be sympathetic to such tax-loss legislation.

And, in a message to congress last year, which was given little public attention at that time, President Roosevelt proposed that compensation be paid the non-federal taxing units, such as states, counties, municipalities, etc.

The problem of compensating such taxing units however, is complex, chiefly because in many instances, a county, for instance, while losing tax revenue, might

Montgomery Belittles Nazis Drive into Belgium; As Allies Initiative Regained by Allies

21ST ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The sanguinary German drive in Belgium has failed in its strategic purpose, largely because of American valor, and allied armies "ready for anything the enemy has to offer," now hold the initiative, Marshal Montgomery declared last night.

Harry P. Dorch of Elgarose Ends His Life With Gun

Despondent over financial reverses and physical disabilities, resulting from a logging accident, which kept him from joining two brothers in military service, Harry P. Dorch, 25, engaged in farming at Elgarose, ended his life with a gunshot wound in the head early Sunday morning, Coroner H. C. Stearns reported today. Relatives told officers, Deputy Sheriff Richard Baker said, that a search made when Dorch's bed was found empty Sunday morning, resulted in finding his body in the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowell of Medford were visiting at the Dorch home and all came to Roseburg Saturday night to attend a late show, the officers were told. They did not retire until about 2 a. m. Upon arising Sunday morning they found Dorch's bed unoccupied but concluded he had gone out to feed stock. When he failed to respond to a call for breakfast, the brother-in-law, Mr. Rowell, went in search and found the body in the barn and notified officers.

Coroner Stearns, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police, and Deputy Sheriff Baker conducted the investigation.

They learned Officer Baker said that Dorch had been severely injured in a logging accident several months ago, and had recently lost considerable money in a logging venture. He was very despondent over his disabilities, which prevented entrance into the armed services. Two brothers are serving in the navy.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ada Dorch, and the following brothers and sisters: Joe Dorch, Portland; Ora Dorch, Seattle; Mrs. Patricia Rowell, Medford; Walter Dorch, Roseburg.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home. Arrangements for services have not been completed.

Colored Gasoline Sold To Deceive Motorists

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Washington and Oregon motorists are being duped by some service station operators who add drops of lubricant to "regular" gas to give it the color of "premium" gas so that it may be sold at premium prices, George Layman, Seattle district enforcement attorney for the OPA, said Saturday.

He warned motorists to watch out for gas signs reading "guaranteed octane" with a smaller print below wailing "under 75 ASTM."

"Motorists are entitled to receive 75 octane gas or better if they pay premium prices," Layman said.

Companion of Slain Fugitive Faces Trial

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—As a result of the death of Clarence Harlan, 17, his companion, Timothy Berkeley, in an Emmett, Idaho, jailbreak will go to trial on charges of assault with intent to kill for the gunbattle in which they were captured.

Harlan died in a Baker hospital Saturday night. He was shot fatally when he and Berkeley tried to escape state police, who saw them driving a stolen automobile.

They escaped Wednesday from Emmett, where they were held on federal charges, Harlan accused of a Mann act violation and Berkeley of alleged forgery of a government document. The district attorney has filed assault charges against Berkeley, and he will be tried in circuit court.

Police are holding Arthur R. Rowe, 34, in the county jail. Sheriff Bob Brady quoted Rowe as confessing he shot Dorton as they grappled after Dorton and another man came to the house with Rowe's former wife, Mrs. Helen Lucille Lanning.

First Apportionment of Highway Money Listed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The state-by-state apportionment of the first \$500,000,000 of the \$1,500,000,000 highway program authorized by congress will include Idaho \$4,946,206; Oregon \$7,084,363; Washington, \$1,399,002.

Legislature Starts Grind In Quiet Way

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Oregon's 43d legislature opened today after completing its organization last night at caucuses smoothly and quickly.

Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby farmer, was elected president of the senate, and Rep. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville attorney, was chosen speaker of the house, both without opposition.

Another harmonious note appeared when it seemed evident that there would be no challenge to the rights of three senators to serve in the legislature—Merle Chessman, Astoria; Frederick S. Lamport and John Carson, both of Salem.

There had been some talk of challenging Chessman on grounds he can't serve both in the senate and on the state highway commission. The grounds against Lamport and Carson were that their term appointments expired at the last election. They were appointed to serve in the absence of Sens. Douglas McKay and Allan Carson, both of whom are in the army.

Staffs Are Chosen There were only three contests in choosing the senate and house staffs at last night's caucus.

The senate staff is: Chief clerk, Mrs. Zylpha Burns, Portland; assistant chief clerk, Mrs. Genevieve Cooper, Portland; calendar

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Easing of Ruling On Insurance Firms Favored by F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt favors the general principle of legislation giving the insurance business a moratorium until the Sherman antitrust act until March 1, 1946, except for acts of boycott, coercion or intimidation.

Mr. Roosevelt in a January 2 letter said such a moratorium, as provided in the bill of Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), would give the insurance business sufficient time to readjust itself to the supreme court decision holding insurance is "in commerce" and therefore subject to the anti-trust laws.

The president said the administration is not sponsoring federal legislation to regulate insurance or to interfere with the continuing regulation and taxation by the states of the business of insurance.

"But there is no conflict" he added, "between the application of the anti-trust laws and effective state regulation of insurance companies, and there is no valid reason for giving any special exemption from the anti-trust laws to the business of insurance."

Fiery Meteor Glimpsed In Oregon, Washington

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Numerous persons in Oregon and southwest Washington today reported seeing a fiery meteor in the southwest sky shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

The meteor probably streaked over southern Oregon or northern California and may have landed far at sea, said J. Hugh Pruett, Eugene astronomer. A great glow of light was sent up when the meteor struck, witnesses said.

Residents of Albany, Salem, Portland and Vancouver, Wash., all declared the meteor, with flames trailing, must have landed near their communities.

Train-Auto Crash Kills Two Basketball Players

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Two basketball players, on route home after a game here, were killed Saturday night when the car in which they were riding collided with a train at an intersection near the outskirts of town.

A third youth was seriously injured.

The dead were Donald E. Wren and Robert R. Swagart. Lawrence Beamer suffered a fractured leg and arm and cuts and bruises.

Charles Snyder said a light rain apparently obscured the driver's vision.

Oregon Convict Walks Away From Prison Farm

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Charles L. Morrow, 27, state prisoner convicted who left the prison farm Saturday evening, was still at large today.

He was sentenced in Portland June 7, 1941, to serve six years for forgery.

Power Plan Study Asked KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Klamath county chamber of commerce has voted to ask the state hydroelectric commission to investigate feasibility of a power district in Klamath county.

Navy Prepared to Combat Any Robot Bomb Attack on U. S. Cities, Admiral Says

AN EAST COAST PORT, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, said today that enemy robot bomb action against New York and other Atlantic points "is possible and probable within the next 30 or 60 days, but effective steps to meet this threat have been taken."

"If such an attempt is made," Admiral Ingram said, "it would probably be limited to 10 or 12 bombs. These would not be of the 'block-buster' type. They might strike a building and destroy it, but the casualties would be nothing like those which the people of London are suffering under."

"If the Germans attempt to send robot bombs against New York or Washington, the weapons will hardly be of the explosive type as those being used against London. This is because the weapons could carry less fuel and less explosives than are being used in the attacks on London."

Romanian Aides Of Ex-King Carol Given Penalties

DETROIT, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Two Romanian orthodox priests and a Romanian publisher were given prison terms in federal court today for failure to register as agents of exiled King Carol of Romania in an alleged effort to bring him into the United States and ultimately restore him to the throne.

Judge Edward J. Molnet, upbraiding the trio from the bench, sentenced them to terms ranging from two years to five years and imposed fines of \$500 to \$3,000. They had pleaded nolo contendere (no defense) and last week had been refused permission to withdraw the plea.

The Rev. Gligheer Moraru of St. Peter and Paul Romanian orthodox church of Detroit, told by Judge Molnet "you should be unfrocked," was sentenced to five years and fined \$3,000.

The Rev. Stephan Opreanu, dean of St. George Romanian orthodox cathedral, Detroit, was given four years and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine. George Zamfir, publisher of "The Voice of Romania," was sentenced to two years and fined \$500.

Last word here of King Carol was that he was in Mexico. In each instance the fine was a "committed fine," that means, it was explained, that each defendant must pay his fine before becoming eligible to parole.

Eugene Flyer One of Two Killed in Plane Crash

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A plane crash 10 miles southeast of Bend Saturday was fatal to Lt. Max R. Smith, Eugene, and Capt. Ralph A. Thiessen, Hamburg, Fla. Col. S. B. Knowles, Jr., Portland, Eugene, was reported to day.

The BT13 plane was on a routine training flight from the Redmond army airfield.

Halt on U. S. Ownership of Oregon Forest Lands Asked By County Taxpayers League

The federal government now owns approximately 50 per cent of all forest lands in Oregon and this percentage should not be increased, directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers league contended in a general discussion held Saturday in connection with a board of directors' meeting. The league is urging the county court to either retain timber lands on which values are too low for sale, or to turn the property over to the state of Oregon for reforestation. It also was the opinion of the directors that all lands foreclosed by the county for delinquent taxes and offered for sale should be sold only on bid and that published notice of intention to sell be given in advance. The league president was instructed to appoint a committee of four to make a study of sales of county property and to submit such recommendations as they determine upon at the next regular meeting of the board.

The legislative committee conferred at length over matters expected to come before the session of the legislature opening this week. There also was some discussion of the county manager form of government, but no action was taken.

Officers Elected

C. E. Moyer was elected president for the ensuing year, with Arthur Marsh, G. N. Riddle, and Hugh Ritchie as first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively,

and H. O. Pargeter, secretary-treasurer. Henry Goodman, Dr. Darrall Carter, Myrtle Creek, were elected to fill vacancies on the board. Other directors include Frank Burr, Myrtle Creek; L. E. Thompson, Umpqua; R. A. Busenbark, Melrose; A. G. Clark, Glendale; John Fenn, Canby; R. R. Clarke, Glendale; Willard Smith, Glade; F. E. Bullock, Oakland; W. A. Burdick, Reedsport; Fred A. Goff, Roseburg; L. S. Compton, Drain; Clay Ulam, Myrtle Creek; Eugene Fisher, Roseburg; John Standley, Camas Valley; W. B. Garrett, Glendale; Joe Ledgerwood, Myrtle Creek; Elmer Metzger, Roseburg; V. H. Cornutt, Myrtle Creek; Jack Eppinger, Myrtle Creek; Arthur Ryehard, Yoncalla; Graham Ewens, Wilbur; Leo Sparks, Oakland; O. G. Sether, Glendale; Charles V. Stanton, Roseburg.

Members of the county delegation to the state legislature have made arrangements with the directors for a joint meeting early in February to review legislation that will be pending at that time.

Job-Skippers To Be Netted In Draft Hunt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—To find a way of grinding the job-control and manpower screws tighter, the government is reviewing the entire list of essential activities.

And this may be the result, it appeared today, although no decision has been reached yet.

Some activities, now classified as essential, will be dropped from the list.

Most activities, now classified as essential, will remain that way.

Some activities—such as those munitions industries which badly need manpower—will be listed not only as essential but critical.

The whole purpose of this would be to force draft-age men into essential work but particularly into the critical industries.

It would be another step in nailing down the government's intensified effort to stop job-shifting and labor turnover.

Boards Get Orders The latest step in that direction

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Dog Law Officer Soon To Resume His Duties

Tom Fletcher, Douglas county dog law enforcement officer, expects to be back on the job in the near future, County Judge D. N. Eusebark reported today. Fletcher has been critically ill at a Portland hospital, but in a letter to the court reported he is making rapid recovery and hopes to be home soon. The court has been receiving numerous complaints concerning stock killing dogs, but refrained from appointing a substitute officer until it could be learned whether Fletcher would resume the work.

Wife Accuses Estranged Husband of Assault

Charles E. (Red) Hensley, Roseburg, was in custody today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported today. The complaint was filed by Hensley's estranged wife, who told officers that after recently filing suit for divorce she moved to the home of a daughter, where Hensley came Sunday and assaulted her, Morgan said. The woman reportedly suffered minor injuries.

Oakland, Drain Soldiers Wounded in Action

Two Douglas county men, who suffered wounds in action, were officially listed in casualty reports released today, although both were injured several weeks ago. The two T/S Merle E. Carter, son of Mrs. Mary L. Carter, Drain and Sgt. Dale C. Goodman, son of Mrs. Maggie L. Goodman, Oakland, were both in the Mediterranean area.

American Plan to Strike from North Foreseen as U. S. Fleet, Jap Forts Battle at Lingayen

(By the Associated Press) Excited Japanese broadcasts today reported more than 450 U. S. transports "steaming north" in the Philippines headed for an invasion of Manila bay or Lingayen gulf in the wake of a deafening two-day naval and air bombardment of the gulf, 150 miles north of Manila.

American commanders ignored the Tokyo broadcasts. Instead they reported devastating strikes along a 3,000-mile arc of enemy-held islands from Paramushiro to Manila, and two secondary invasions.

Simultaneously Chinese sources disclosed Japanese recently



U. S. WARSHIPS BATTLE JAP FORTS—Upper left corner of the above map shows location of the San Fabian area on Lingayen gulf, where, according to Tokyo reports, Japanese forts and U. S. warships battled for two days. The warships were conveying troops for an invasion of Lingayen in a companion move to another land invasion in the south of Luzon island, designed as a pincers operation against Manila.

made another amphibious landing on the China coast near Foochow, opposite Formosa, to meet an eventual Yank invasion of the continent.

All enemy broadcasts boasted of the strength of Japanese land defenses in the Philippines. None of them mentioned the Japanese fleet or attempted to explain why it did not come out to fight.

Pravda Irked by Press Comment On Pope's Message

MOSCOW, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An editorial in Pravda, citing the manner in which American newspapers commented on the pope's Christmas message, asserted yesterday that "the reactionary American press" serves as "friends and protectors of Hitler."

The pope's message was aimed to distract the minds of believers from the vital question of war and peace," said the communist party newspaper. "The New York World-Telegram offered an article about 'the claims of the pope for a fair peace' and the 'guarantee of equal rights to defeated nations and vanquishers.'"

"The Washington Evening Star attempted to prove 'no permanent distinction should be made between conquerors and conquered.' These newspapers, as well as the New York Sun, swore that Pope Pius is a determined protector of democracy."

"If democracy means support of a fascist regime (which is mentioned with admiration by many American and British newspapers) the pope is a democrat."

(Lee Wood, executive editor of the World-Telegram, commented: "Pravda's outbursts, which are becoming more common and irresponsible of late, do not permit any comment; to take notice of them would only dignify this irresponsible thinking."

Keats Speed, executive editor of the New York Sun, declared: "I think the best answer to Pravda's article is the one Brig. Gen. McAuliffe made."

(Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe had replied "Nuts!" to a German demand that his besieged troops in the Bastogne area surrender.)

(The Washington Star did not comment.)

Snell Vows Action on Illegal Slot Machines

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Answering charges that illegal slot machines are permitted to operate and thus taking revenues from the old aid assistance fund, Governor Snell promised today that action will be taken if such a condition exists.

Slot machines used for gambling are illegal, while pinball games are licensed to produce pension revenues.

Charges have been made that the operation of the illegal slot machines cuts into the pinball revenues.

The governor predicted an effort would be made in the legislature to legalize slot machines.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Mr. Roosevelt's jesting remark that the next meeting of the Big 3 might be held at either of the poles finds Joe Stalin already in possession of the Poles. Joe evidently doesn't intend to wait for the peace table to satisfy his territorial appetite.