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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Showers tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight.

In the Day's News

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millions. They have had three years to pour ample troops into Luzon—where they must have known that a major battle must come sooner or later.

Why have they not done so? Why must they now take long, dangerous chances against superior sea power to get in reinforcements after the battle has begun?

Have they been afraid to commit a big army there? Have they feared that if they did it would be cut off and trapped?

Have they known from the beginning that their navy was inadequate?

THE dispatches tell us that the Jap convoys were encountered probably not more than 100 miles off Saigon and Camranh bay—point-blank range for land-based planes.

Why did not the Jap planes come out from their Indo-China bases and blast Admiral Halsey's 3rd fleet—as ours would have done if a Jap fleet had ventured that close to their bases?

Are the little yellow men SHORT OF PLANES? If so, this life-line to the south is a bad place to be short.

ONE might assume that they were caught by surprise—as the dispatches insist they have been before. But we have a definite report that Admiral Halsey's fleet, on its way south from Formosa, was shadowed by Jap scout planes. These scout planes must have reported our presence and our direction.

Why didn't the Jap land-based planes, thus warned, swarm out to meet us and destroy us? Again the only answer that seems to make sense is that they lacked the planes. If they had them, at the right place at the right time, it certainly looks as if they would have used them.

AS this is written, only light cruisers have been reported in the naval force conveying the Jap troops. Admiral Nimitz reports that it is now known that one of the Japs' newest and biggest battleships was sunk and another of the same class badly damaged in the Leyte naval battles.

Are the little yellow men even shorter of warships than we have thought?

YOUR map will tell you that if our navy can penetrate deep into the South China sea, in great force, we must have the Jap fleet split.

It is beyond our ability to believe that they wouldn't keep a lot of their naval strength up around their home islands. It stands to reason that they must maintain another sizable force in the neighborhood of Singapore.

If our navy, now deep in the South China sea, can STAY there, it will be hard for our enemy to get the two parts of his fleet together.

WE alone have great naval strength in the western Pacific. In addition, it is known that the British now have THREE fleets down there. London has told us that at least one of them

LET'S GET IN A HUDDLE

By Charles V. Stanton

NEARLY every newspaper we pick up these days contains columns of comment on the German break-through. Arm-chair generals and amateur strategists, columnists, military analysts, home-town editors, and even military leaders are attempting to outline strategy, and find scapegoats.

While we make no claim of being a military analyst, we believe the strategy surrounding the German counterthrust is easy to explain. In fact, any high school boy who has ever played a game of football is perfectly familiar with the plan. If you doubt that fact, just approach any member of the Roseburg high school team who played against the Grants Pass Cavemen last Armistice day.

The Indians had the Cavemen backed up to their own five-yard line where Grants Pass was in possession of the ball. The obvious play was a punt out to the middle of the field. Roseburg reinforced its strength in the line, hoping to block the kick. Every spectator expected a punt. But instead of kicking, the Grants Pass quarterback called one of those plays that makes a man a hero if it works and a chump if it fails.

Lutz, star backfield man on the Grants Pass team, took the ball six yards behind his own goal line. His interference (tanks) ripped a hole through the forward line, while his downfield blockers (airforce and mobile artillery) took out the defensive tacklers. Lutz went the length of the field for a touchdown.

Rundstedt's legions failed to reach their goal (Antwerp) because the allied defensive end (Patton), who had crossed the line of scrimmage and was racing in to block the punt, sprinted out and tackled Rundstedt so hard from the side, that the Germans lost the ball (the offensive). We lost a lot of yardage, but we're still across the midfield stripe in Germany's defensive territory. We'll have a hard job getting back down to pay dirt, but with superior weight in both the line and backfield we know that a touchdown is in sight even if it has been temporarily delayed.

That we believe explains the strategy. Who was to blame at Grants Pass? Was the captain at fault in distributing his players to meet the most obvious play? Were the linemen to be criticized because they could not stop concentrated interference? Was the tackle to blame because his arms weren't long enough and only his fingers grazed the ankles of the ball carrier in the futile diving tackle?

The majority of commentators are trying to place responsibility for the German break-through on allied intelligence. Intelligence should have known, these commentators contend, that the opposing quarterback was planning a trick. In war, as in football, trick plays are to be expected. A good team keeps all possibilities constantly in mind, and is prepared to meet them. We were outguessed in Germany. We were caught napping by a surprise play.

Any football fan knows that a ball carrier out in the open is plenty dangerous. On the other hand, he can be "boomed" a lot harder by a good tackler than in a fast closing play into the line. The ball carrier can be shaken up more when he is out in the open and running at full tilt.

So, the Germans are taking heavier losses now than if they had stayed in their defensive position. Their spearheads were composed of crack, veteran troops. The defenders in their forts and trenches were not their best fighters, if we are to believe reports from the front. Now we are killing their BEST soldiers.

It is true that we also have taken heavy losses, but whether these losses, in the long run, are less or greater than would have occurred had we been forced to dig their troops out of strongly entrenched positions over many months of grueling, inch-by-inch fighting, is a matter of conjecture. Perhaps, instead of prolonging the war, the defeat which Germany will suffer as a result of its attempt to cut our forces in two may hasten collapse of the western front.

Von Rundstedt's plan failed of complete fulfillment. It has had the effect of setting us back and temporarily delaying our crossing into the end zone. But perhaps the expenditure of energy in this dangerous thrust, which we succeeded in stopping just in time, may make our comeback that much easier. That remains to be seen.

But why waste time quarreling about responsibility? We can be quite positive our defense won't be caught napping again. So let's get into the huddle and hatch up some trick plays of our own instead of trying to find someone to saddle with disgrace.

is big enough to deal with the whole Jap navy.

THESE speculations are unavailably on the optimistic side and nothing is more dangerous than underestimating your enemy. Still, the questions that are raised in our minds by recent events are hard to dispose of in other than an optimistic way. The Jap just isn't doing TOO well.

WE must draw no wrong conclusions from the lack of heavy fighting YET on Luzon. It is probable that the Japs don't like our concentrated naval gun fire and are holding their counterattacks until the fighting lines get far enough inland to be out of range of it.

THERE are new intimations that the Japanese are getting out of Burma. It is asserted in recent dispatches that the British might be in Mandalay within a couple of weeks and that even Rangoon might fall to them in a few months.

If all this proves to be true, it will mean that the Jap has realized that in the days when he was going good he bit off more than he can hope to chew and is spitting out some of it.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Fortress Bomb Hits Train After Hitler Leaves it

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 15 (AP)—The Flying Fortress, "Heaven Can Wait," came near "getting Hitler" in the early part of 1943, says S-Sgt. Robert M. Fels of Sioux Falls, Calif.

It happened over Augsburg, Germany, on Fels' final combat mission and also his 30th birthday, as told in an interview with Sgt. Fels printed in "The Polar Tech," publication of the Sioux Falls army air field. Fels is now stationed at the field.

"Der Fuehrer was on his way to inspect a newly constructed aircraft plant—the one we were after, according to reports," the interview, written by Cpl. Robert Z. Simmons, quotes Fels.

"When we examined photographs of the raid back at our base in England, we saw that the train he had been on was blown to bits by a direct bomb hit."

Deferments Given Federal Workers Exceed Law, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Considerably more federal government employees under 30 have been given draft deferments than authorized by law, a selective service spokesman said today.

"But instructions have been issued to local draft boards to tighten up," he asserted, adding that the number deferred has been reduced substantially since last summer.

Selective service figures as of last Sept. 30, the latest available, show that exclusive of army and navy civilian personnel, a total of 6,940 physically fit federal workers under 30 were deferred.

Under the Lodge act, enacted in April, 1943, the only federal workers eligible for deferment were those cleared by the war manpower commission, which so far has approved only about 950 cases.

Officers Installed by Rebekahs at Reedsport

REEDSPORT — Three Rivers Rebekah lodge of this city held its annual installation of officers at the hotel last Thursday evening with Ada Sherman acting as district deputy president and Pauline Bloomquist acting as district deputy marshal.

Nisei Given Friendly Welcome in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—A 25-year-old Japanese-American who returned here two days ago said today he would tell his fellow-Nisei they can count on a friendly welcome from Portlanders.

Three Generations

THOMASVILLE, Ala., Jan. 15 (AP)—Mrs. J. M. Davis' birthday is January 10.

The United States had three presidents in one month, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison and John Tyler.

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Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles. REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1945. 6:45—Yvonne Patry, 6:55—Schrieker Auction, 7:15—White King Soap, 7:30—Country Club Reports, 7:45—State and Local News, Boring Outlook, 8:00—The Beehive, 8:15—Rhaphany in Wax, 8:30—Haven of Rest Crew of Good Ship Grace (ABC-ROOS), 8:45—Give-Away Jambooree, Fisher Flourish, Mrs. Studebaker, 8:55—Easy Listening, 9:00—William Lang and the News, Kream, 9:15—Man About Town, 9:30—S. S. Marine Band, 9:45—Shoppers Guide, 9:55—Music, 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, 10:15—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture, 10:30—Paula Stone & Phil Brito, Kream, 10:45—Let's Go Shopping, 10:55—Cedric Foster, Kamper's Sav-Mor, 11:15—Jane Cowl, 11:30—Open House, 11:45—Organ Chimes, Presbyterian Church, 12:00—Musical Interlude, 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer, 12:30—Rhythm at Random, 12:45—State News, Hansen Motors, 12:55—News-Review of the Air, 1:00—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt, 1:05—Miniature, 1:15—Sentimental Serenade, 1:30—Tommy Harris Time, 1:45—Handy Man, 1:55—Western Serenade, 2:00—Prayer, 2:15—Griffin Reporting, 2:30—West Records, Henningsen Marks, 2:45—Johnson Family, 3:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co., 3:15—Time Tabloid, 3:30—Musical, 3:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God Church, 4:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods, 4:15—Superman, Kellogg's, 4:30—Tom Mix, Hatten's Parina, 4:45—Night News, Studebaker, 4:55—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Tooth Paste, 5:00—Fiddler, Carter Products, 5:15—Music You Remember, Douglas Sapp, 5:30—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son, 5:45—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co., 6:00—Musical Interlude, 6:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co., 6:30—Stardust Serenade, 6:45—Songs of Good Cheer, Copps, 6:55—Let Us Forget, 7:10—A Date With Annalors, 7:25—Mysterious Traveler, 7:40—Alka Seltzer News, 7:55—Rex Miller, Wildfoot, 8:10—The Jap Cast, 8:25—Music for You, 8:40—Fulton Lewis, Jr., 8:55—Music for the Night, 9:10—Sign off.

Fat Salvage in Douglas County Being Surveyed

A fat salvage survey among housewives and farmers of the county is being undertaken by the agricultural extension service in cooperation with the War Food administration. Doris McWhorter, war food assistant, assigned to the county agent's office for six months in connection with the food production and conservation program, will conduct the survey.

Eight states, including Oregon, are making a fat salvage survey to determine ways and means of increasing the salvage of fats needed in greater quantities in the manufacture of war materials. Housewives are requested by the War Food administration to save all fats not required in cooking or other household uses and to turn in all surplus fats regularly to local butcher shops.

The need for fats is greater than ever in providing materials and equipment for the armed forces. An acute shortage in fats required for the war effort is expected unless greater quantities are salvaged by housewives and turned in to collecting centers.

Rose Theater to Close 4 Days for Renovation

In connection with the opening of the new Star theater, Wednesday, Jan. 17, the Umpqua Amusement company will close the Rose theater temporarily for renovation. Mrs. Donn Radabaugh, manager, reported today.

The Rose theater will be closed after Tuesday and will be reopened Sunday, Jan. 21, following complete renovation and minor repairs.

The new Star theater will open Wednesday night with a gala premiere, which will be attended by celebrities of the motion picture field. A ceremony at 6:45 p. m., at which Mayor W. F. Harris will officially open the new film house by cutting the tape at the entrance, will be broadcast over remote control facilities of radio station KRRR.

New School Principal Employed at Reedsport

REEDSPORT — The Reedsport school board has announced the resignation of Shirley Brannock, who has held the position of principal of the Reedsport schools for the past two years, and employment at the beginning of the new term Monday of a new principal in the person of Jack Fluge, who came to the school here at the beginning of last fall term from Watertown, S. D., as a teacher and athletic coach, to fill out the year.

It is understood that Mr. Brannock has accepted a position elsewhere and he and his family left this city last Friday for his new post.

UNCLE SAM TO HAND OUT 32,000,000 EXTRA RED POINTS

The greatest windfall of extra red points ever is going this month, and each month following, to American housewives throughout the country.

32 million extra red points, approximately, will be handed out by meat dealers to customers who turn in used fats in a great Victory drive for this essential of medicines, gunpowder, synthetic rubber, soap, paints and a hundred other necessities on the battlefield and home front. For each pound of fat turned in, every housewife is entitled to 2 red points.

The need for used fats is still urgent. Women are urged to save every drop, every spoonful of grease possible and keep swine until final Victory over both Germany and Japan.

Ammunition for Farmers To Be Scarcer in 1945

Shorter supplies of ammunition for protection of crops and livestock against predatory animals and birds are in prospect. Developments on the battlefronts brought a WPB directive this week to ammunition manufacturers bringing to a halt manufacture and sales by manufacturers of ammunition for civilian use.

Oregon has a small special allocation of ammunition for control of predators which is distributed to farmers and ranchers in range livestock counties on AAA committee certification. It appears now that this allocation will have to last much longer than originally intended.

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