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4th Term Inauguration Rites Simple

Roosevelt's Address Only Of 551 Words

President Pledges U. S. To Total Victory in War And "Durable Peace"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—President Roosevelt began another four years in the White House today and, in a stately ceremony, dedicated the nation to achieving "total victory in war" and "a durable peace."

Against a background of wintry white, Mr. Roosevelt solemnly rested his hand on an ancient family Bible and repeated after Chief Justice Stone the oath that made him America's first fourth-term president.

The precedent-making oath was administered in what the president termed "a period of supreme test." He said:

"If we meet that test—successfully and honorably—we shall perform a service of historic importance which men and women and children will honor throughout all time."

Spectators Stand in Snow From the south portico of the White House, which he himself

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE spotlight of the European war has shifted with dramatic speed to the Russian front, where in less than a week the red army has broken the German defense line that held with rock-like firmness last summer.

IN five days, the Russians drove forward more than 100 miles. The important point isn't so much the ground they gained, although every mile they advance brings them that much nearer to Germany, as the fact that in this swift push they must have broken completely through the German defense line that held with rock-like firmness last summer.

A modern defense line isn't just one solid front, where men stand shoulder to shoulder and guns stand wheel to wheel. It is a SERIES of lines, one behind another. As each is broken through, another is encountered.

They ALL have to be broken before the comparatively open country in the rear can be reached. The extent of this depth is measured by the resources of the defending army. On the basis of

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Wheelbarrow Ride Omitted

Banquet, With Cigaretts, Pays Coos' Debt in Bond Contest

Headed by C. H. Coe, dynamic chairman of the Coos County War Finance committee, a live-wire Coos Bay delegation came to Roseburg Friday night to pay the forfeit in the "Battle of Bonds," staged between Coos and Douglas counties during the 6th War Loan campaign.

The roast turkey banquet was presented at the Umpqua hotel, being brought to Roseburg because of lack of suitable accommodations at Coos Bay. The visitors not only managed to supply each member of the Douglas county delegation with a package of cigarettes, as specified in the agreement, but furnished each Douglas county representative with his favorite brand.

The visitors in meeting the requirement that the losers furnish transportation to the scene of the banquet had offered, in view of the fact that the program was staged in Roseburg, to give the winners a wheelbarrow ride for two blocks on Jackson street, but the Roseburg committee was unable to secure wheelbarrows.

Chairman Coe of Coos county and Chairman H. O. Pargeter of Douglas county acted as joint masters of ceremony. Bruce Elliott, 6th War Loan campaign chairman for Douglas county, represented each member of the Douglas county group with a Minute Man label button.

Members of the Coos county group were: Chairman Coe, district manager of the Mountain States Power Co.; Harry Chapman, division manager of the



DOGS FIRST AND LAST —

"Woof" (at top), is the only quote Reporter Murray Moler gets from "Blaze," the bull mastiff who "bumped" Leon Leroy, Antioch, Calif., seaman, and two other servicemen from an army transport plane at Memphis, Tenn. The dog was being shipped to Actress Faye Emerson in Hollywood from her husband, Col. Elliott Roosevelt. Pictured at right is LeRoy, 18, with his own pet dog, "Dinky," with whom he was reunited after hitch-hiking to his Antioch home.

Elliott Denies Requesting Air Priority for His Dog

LONDON, Jan. 20—(AP)—Col. Elliott Roosevelt said today that his bull mastiff had made a flight with him from England to the United States on an official trans-Atlantic flight before it was flown from Washington to his wife, Actress Faye Emerson, in Los Angeles under an A-priority label.

Roosevelt said he never asked the army air transport command to fly the dog across the United States, but merely suggested that it be taken along "if an empty bomber happens to be going that way on an operational flight."

The president's son, who commands a reconnaissance wing of the U. S. Eighth air force, said he had "no connection with the whole affair," in which three service men with lower priorities lost their seats to the crated, 135-pound pet at Memphis, Tenn. "I have nothing to do with the ATC and never made any request," he said.



"Mile of Dimes" Gets Advance Contributions

Enough money was received yesterday in the first tabulation to add 176.4 feet to the "mile of dimes" infantile paralysis campaign, which is off to a flying start for the many events scheduled for Roseburg and Douglas county for the remainder of the period which continues through January.

Members of the committee for the president's ball in the armory January 29 were named yesterday by the Lions club. Carl Feltner is general chairman. Bruce Tuck will be in charge of tickets, and will be assisted by Forrest Losse, Ed Nolte and J. P. Mot-schenbacher. Marvin Brown is chairman of the decoration committee with Buckley Bell, Earl Henry and James Bewley as committee members.

Army to Crack Down on War-Dodging Athletes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—The army announced today that professional athletes no longer will be rejected by the army on ground of physical disability until all facts have been reviewed by the War department.

The announcement commented on the "inconsistency of rejecting an athlete for an ailment which is not sufficiently serious to prevent him from participating in professional games and exhibitions."

In the future, the army said, "such cases must be forwarded by the armed force induction station to the adjutant general accompanied by all pertinent information which has been used as a basis for the proposed rejection."

Japs Dance, Curse Yanks In Blasting Liberty Ship

Sub's Attack 2 Months Ago Told; Ten Die

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20—(AP)—Tacit admission that convoys sailing out of Pacific coast ports have been alerted against roving Japanese submarines came today after the navy disclosed the loss of the Liberty ship John A. Johnson and ten of its crew in a torpedoing and lifeboat stranding attack.

The sinking and machine-gun attack came last November between San Francisco and Honolulu, about 400 miles west of Hawaii.

Of the ten American seamen killed most of them died under sprays of bullets fired, survivors said, by frenzied Japanese who danced on the submarine's deck, shouting "banzais" and cursing the "Yankee."

The survivors told how they spent two terrifying hours submerging themselves and hiding behind wreckage to keep out of the range of the rampaging enemy craft.

They said the submarine in its surface hide-and-seek hunt straddled a lifeboat with machinegun bullets and rammed a life raft.

Lt. Peter Chelemados, San Francisco, experiencing his eighth torpedoing, said all of the ten who perished died after abandoning the Johnson. One was crushed between a lifeboat and the

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Drafted Canadians Go AWOL On Eve Of Embarkation

OTTAWA, Jan. 20—(AP)—Half of a group of 15,000 Canadian home defense soldiers drafted for overseas service went absent without leave before embarkation and 6,300 still are at large, Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton disclosed today.

Some 1,500 of these 7,800 returned voluntarily or were apprehended, he added, and about 500 of them sailed for Britain along with the others who did not take unauthorized leave.

He said this total of 8,300 conscripted men sent overseas was accompanied by "the full normal quota of reinforcements"—presumably men who had volunteered for service abroad.

The 6,800 still absent will be classified as deserters if they do not return within 21 days. Gen. McNaughton said the troop movement began Christmas week. But the majority of the men have not been classed as deserters yet, he added.

The 15,000 troops in home defense units were drafted for overseas duty under a policy of partial conscription adopted by Canada in November despite vigorous protests, principally from the French-speaking population of Quebec. Previously, Canada has sent only volunteers abroad.

4 Deaths in "Drunk Tank," Bring Order for Probe

PORTLAND, Jan. 20—(AP)—Four deaths in the city jail this month resulted today in an order by Circuit Judge Tooez for a grand jury investigation of the jail's "drunk tank."

"There have been altogether too many deaths in which this drunk tank was involved to ignore them any longer," Judge Tooez told the grand jury. "I am advised that many, if not all, of these persons were alcoholics. They should be treated as sick people and not as criminals."

Oregon Traffic Deaths Increase During 1944

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20—(AP)—There were 250 persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents in 1944, a gain of 17 over the 1943 figure. Secretary of State Farrell said today.

The total included 74 pedestrian fatalities, compared with 86 in 1943. Grade crossing accidents took 24 lives, against seven in 1943.

Bicycle deaths totaled 10, the same as in 1943. Astoria was the only city of more than 10,000 population without a fatality.

Doctor Prescribes One Every 2 Hours; Druggist Complies—It's Cigaretts

CHICAGO, Jan. 20—(AP)—Druggist A. C. Mayerson re-read the medical prescription handed to him by a customer. Apparently slightly puzzled, he walked out from behind the pharmacist's case.

He penned the directions—one every two hours—onto a label, added "not refillable," and pasted it to the prescription. He handed the package to the unidentified customer, who paid the bill for his goods and walked out.

Then Mayerson, who is president of the Chicago Retail Druggists' association, telephoned Dr. Otto Wallis, who had written the prescription, and asked:

"Did you prescribe a package of cigarettes for a patient?"

"Yes," the physician replied. "He was out. He asked me for one and I didn't have any, either."

Sixth Rout Japs, Seizes Heavy Booty

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 20—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Krueger is winning the important battle of the left flank.

His Sixth army is smashing Japanese tanks, silencing artillery concealed in caves and going after enemy soldiers in 10-foot-deep holes with flamethrowers. It is the first real fight since the Yanks landed at Lingayen gulf Jan. 9.

Twenty Japanese tanks have been knocked out and 600 Japanese killed—some of them troops from Manchuria—in a three-day period along the left flank.

That flank cuts into the hilly, eastern side of Pangasinan province. The broader it gets the more effectively it isolates Japanese forces on the north around Baguio, Philippines summer capital, from other enemy forces on the

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Cat Fight Leads Man to Profitable Mistake

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 20—(AP)—A cat fight in the back yard of Mrs. Aubrey Williams' home in nearby Monson paid off in cash.

After some minutes of anything but close "harmony," she awakened her husband. He fired a blast from a shotgun. When the smoke cleared he discovered he'd killed a large bobcat, worth \$15 in state bounty.

The house cat escaped unharmed.

Woman Dies When Heater Tumbles Into Bath Tub

PORTLAND, Jan. 20—(AP)—Mrs. Joseph Demarco, 41, died last night when a small portable electric heater fell into the tub where she was bathing.

Her husband said he heard a scream but when he broke in the locked bathroom door she was face down in the tub, the heater beside her.

The coroner said he could not tell prior to the autopsy whether the woman had been electrocuted.

Salem Killer, 5-Time Loser, Faces Life Term

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20—(AP)—Edwin A. Kilmer, who shot William Neimeyer in a drug store hold-up last September, was convicted yesterday of being an habitual criminal. Kilmer, who has been convicted of five felonies, will be sentenced next Tuesday to life imprisonment, the mandatory penalty under the habitual criminal law.

Vanport Man Stabbed in Dispute Involving Family

VANPORT CITY, Ore., Jan. 20—(AP)—Peter Arthur Gilbert, 35, was found shortly after midnight today near his home here with serious stab wounds in the head, chest, and leg.

Deputies were questioning a man who Gilbert told them had been disputing with him over family affairs.

Salvage Heads Organize For County Drive

Organization of an executive committee to direct county-wide salvage activities was announced today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark. Members of the committee are: Abe Bean, general chairman; Charles V. Stanton, vice-chairman in charge of advertising; Bruce Elliott, vice-chairman in charge of business management; M. O. Ream, vice-chairman in charge of rural organization; Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, vice-chairman in charge of rural schools; Omer J. Monger, vice-chairman in charge of city schools; R. L. Preston, vice-chairman in charge of publicity; J. Roland Parker, vice-chairman in charge of agricultural cooperation; Harold J. Hickerson, secretary.

Members of the committee met Friday afternoon at the offices of the Roseburg chamber of commerce with Roderick Finney, executive secretary of the state salvage committee, who emphasized the importance of waste paper and cans in the war effort and urged a general county-wide collection campaign at the earliest possible date and formation of an organization to place collections on a continuing basis with a goal of shipments of paper and tin at regular intervals.

County-Wide Plan Talked Plans were discussed for organization of sub-committees in each community of the county and meetings with the community leaders in the near future to work out collection and trans-

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Labor Draft Bill Heads for House; Stiff Battle Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—(AP)—House military committee members today they'll have an administration-sought labor draft bill—armed with prison penalties for evaders—written and ready for house consideration Monday.

The bill, asked by the White House as a means of forcing men 18 to 45 into war jobs and keeping them there, faces stiff house opposition, however. Organized labor supporters are against it and some farm state representatives say they fear the heightened manpower drive may strip the farms of workers.

Abandoning the idea of military labor battalions for those who leave war jobs, the committee yesterday substituted as punishment the draft dodger penalties of the selective service act: maximums of five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Before the bill is finished the same punishment will be set up for those who ignore attempts to assign them to essential jobs. The committee also voted to give to War Mobilization Director Byrnes the power to determine what jobs are critical. His classifications would be followed by local draft boards in assigning war workers.

2 Killed, 5 Hurt When One Engine Rams Another

FLAGLER, Colo., Jan. 20—(AP)—Two men were killed and five injured early today when an eastbound Rock Island freight train rammed into the engine of another freight which had stopped to take on water at the Flagler yard.

The dead were identified as D. D. Heaton, 49, Kansas, brakeman, and Kenneth Linnell, 30, Kansas, fireman, both members of the eastbound train's crew. Names of the five other crewmen were not learned immediately. They were being treated in a Flagler hospital. The condition of one of the men was said to be serious.

Engines of both trains remained upright, but about 25 box cars were derailed or overturned.

Law's Rap Gets Harder

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20—(AP)—Drunk driving is getting expensive in Portland, where Municipal Judge Quillin just fined three motorists \$150 each.

Nazi Defense Lines Crumbling Before Onslaught; U. S. 7th Hurled Back Near Strasbourg

(By the Associated Press)

The whirlwind soviet winter offensive has driven to within 204 miles of Berlin near the upper Silesian border, where German home guards of the Volksturm battled the red army tide, the German high command disclosed today.

But in the west the Germans lashed out from their corridor positions on the west bank of the Rhine above Strasbourg with three successive attacks, smashing the U. S. Seventh army defense line back almost five miles to Weyersheim, 8½ miles above the Alsatian capital. The seriousness of the situation in that theater was reflected by the assault of more than 750 U. S. bombers with 600 fighter escorts today on railroads and bridges supplying the Germans in Alsace.

A German military commentator indicated today that the Russian offensive had invaded the reich in three places, as five red armies at least 3,000,000 strong surged westward.

The Moscow radio announced today that soviet Russia had signed armistice terms with the new Hungarian provisional government.

Senators Talk of Vandenberg For President in 1948

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—Senate republicans began today to talk about Senator Arthur Vandenberg, their Michigan colleague, as a possible G. O. P. candidate for president in 1948.

Vandenberg has been listed in the potential category before—in fact was an active but unsuccessful aspirant for his party's nomination in 1936 and 1940. He announced last year that he was through with such campaigning but the unusual reaction which greeted his recent foreign policy speech in the senate has boosted him into the limelight again.

The 60-year-old Michigan legislator, however, wants no part of it. He has stressed that he wants to approach foreign policy problems on a non-partisan basis.

He told a reporter that he has no desire to be president.

"Suppose the office seeks the man?" he was asked.

"If you hear of that," he retorted, "let me know and I'll run the other way."

But some of his colleagues on the republican side of aisle have different ideas.

Senator White of Maine, the minority leader, said he thought Vandenberg had established himself in a position of leadership in foreign affairs by his advocacy of the immediate signing of a treaty among the major allies to guarantee postwar demilitarization of Germany and Japan.

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Japan Votes More War Funds, Forced To Draft Seamen

(By the Associated Press)

The Japanese high command showed major concern today over methodical Superfortress raids on the home islands and the unwillingness of Japanese to sign up as seamen aboard ships making suicidal runs into waters patrolled by U. S. submarines, planes and warships.

The emperor's government appropriated two billion yen (\$1,688,000,000) for bigger air raid defenses and shelters, some of which the Domei news agency said will become the permanent headquarters of governmental agencies. The cabinet also decided to speed "evacuation of major cities."

These actions were announced as a single B-29 reconnoitered the Tokyo-Yokohama area and the 21st bomber command at Saipan checked results of the first raid yesterday on Akashi, where returning pilots said they "plastered hell out of" the big, new Kawasaki aircraft factory.

Photographs showed 315 bomb hits within a 4,000 foot radius, with concentrations of bursts in the engine plant, assembly plant, warhousing area and the dispersal area where 20 new airplanes were hit. Opposition was negligible and no Superfortresses were lost.

Domei announced that beginning next Thursday men would be conscripted to serve in the merchant marine and on army and navy auxiliary vessels. Officers will be given more money and higher rank. The move will man such vessels comprising a total of 104,000 tons of shipping U. S. carrier pilots sank in a three-day raid along the China coast at a cost of 22 American planes.

Man, 68, Freed in Fight Fatal to Victim of 76

PORTLAND, Jan. 20—(AP)—A Multnomah county grand jury has cleared Mike John, 68, of manslaughter charges filed by Deputy District Attorney Philip Bagley.

Bagley sought an indictment in the death of Jabez Knapp, 76, charging that John and Knapp were fighting when Knapp plunged 30 feet through a skylight in a hotel here December 23.

Woman Joins Waacs After Grant of Citizenship

PORTLAND, Jan. 20—(AP)—Helen Nemiroff, who spent four of her 24 years in a Nazi concentration camp, is not only an American citizen today but a Waac as well.

She took the oath as a citizen yesterday, then walked out of federal court and was sworn in as a Waac.

Mrs. Nemiroff is of Russian ancestry but was born on the banks of the Rhine. She was put in a concentration camp by the Germans without explanation, and came to the United States in 1941. Since July, 1942, she has been married to Sgt. Isaac Nemiroff and wants to "go back to the Rhineland to join the allied invasion."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

If hanging is considered too mild a punishment for Adolf Hitler and his fellow gangsters, why not put them in the "drunk tank" of Portland's city jail?