REDS AT KUSTRIN, 39 MILES FROM BERLIN

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Daring Yank Jap-Guerrilla Raid Snatches 513 War Prisoners From Nippons

Heroes of Bataan, Corregidor, Emaciated From 3 Years' Ill Treatment, Freed From Camp

GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Feb. 1—(AP)—Men of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore—513 of them—were snatched from under the flaming muzzles of Japanese guns Tuesday night in an exploit of unmatched daring.

Some 400 picked men of the Sixth ranger battalion and Filipino guerrillas made a comando raid 25 miles behind Japanese lines to empty a prison camp and partially fullfill one of the Philippines objectives closest to Gen. MacArthur's heart.

They took Japanese guards by surprise and rescued 486 Americans, 23 British, three Netherlanders and one Norwegian—all that were left in the prison camp in Nueva Ecija province of eastern Luzon.

Many more hundreds of more able-bodied war prisoners had been sent to work camps in Japan. Hundreds of others had died.

All but two of the men were brought out alive by the 121 men of the ranger battalion who stormed into the prison stockade under command of Lt. Col. Henry Mucci, of Bridgeport, Conn. Their enfeebled hearts flickered out when they were in sight of American lines.

The rangers attacked with such merciless precision that not one of the Japanese stockade guards was left alive or able to resist. And they attacked with such care that not one of the prisoners was scratched.

Within a matter of minutes all had been released and were on their 25-mile journey to freedom, walking, carried on backs of husky rangers or riding in carabao carts.

Nearly 100 were so weak from malnutrition, disease and three-year-old wounds that they could not walk when they were cut loose from Japanese bondage.

27 Of Rescuers Killed

The rescue cost the lives of 27 rangers and Filipinos in a guerrilla unit led by Maj. Robert Lapham of Davenport, Ia., who fought off a savage tank-led Japanese attack along the escape corridor.

The raiders killed 523 Japanese—more than one for every prisoner released—and knocked out 12 enemy tanks.

The commando raid, ordered on short notice when intelligence reports disclosed the whereabouts

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SEABEE SOLON—To learn first-hand the problems of enlisted men which "too often are lost in the chair of commands," Rep. John E. Fogarty, above, of Harmony, R. I., enlisted incognito in the seabees, was rated a carpenter's mate, and served a month as a cement finisher. Former president of the Providence, R. I., Bricklayers' union, he started his third term in congress on Feb. 1.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS writer listened the other day to Carveth Wells, noted world traveler, an Englishman who became an American. His theme was America and peace—and how to get it.

His idea of how to get peace, and keep it, is to be ready and willing to fight for it at the drop of a hat.

Fight EFFECTIVELY.

HE spoke of the nearly half a century when Brittannia ruled the waves, and ruled with such a firm hand that for almost 50 years there was no war in the world in the sense that we now think of war. There were minor ruckuses, of course, but in comparison with the first and second world wars they amounted hardly to a dog fight.

He told of Kitchener and Khartoum, of the Agadir incident, of the Lord Beresford incident in Lisbon harbor. There isn't room to go into those affairs here. The point is that in each case, by acting swiftly and decisively and possessing the power to back up her action, Britain stopped im-

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Quiet, Please:

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Under provisions of a bill introduced in the New Mexico senate, boxing and wrestling matches would be prohibited if the spectators are "rough, noisy or profane."

House Rejects Substitute For Compulsory Draft

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP) The house today rejected a substitute for coercive manpower legislation that would have provided for filling labor needs voluntarily.

Offered by Representative Harness (R., Ind.) the substitute was defeated by a teller vote of 187 to 177 as the house sped toward passage of limited national service legislation for men between 18 and 45.

Harness' proposal sought to move deferred draft-age men into essential jobs through the procedure now followed by the United States employment service referral system.

Plight of German Refugees Painted In Berlin Dispatch

(By the Associated Press)

A grim picture of millions of German refugees fleeting a "gruesome fate" in the east was painted today in a Berlin wireless dispatch to German army newspapers. It attempted to reassure soldiers with relatives among the homeless by saying that "everything humanly possible" would be done by nazi welfare agencies and that news of individuals would be sent "as quickly as possible."

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Tidningen, meanwhile, said that "Berlin today looks like a city in the front line itself." The dispatch estimated German refugees from the east totaled 4,500,000.

"Thousands of our comrades at the front will wonder 'where is my wife?' or 'what has become of my children, my parents?'" said the eyewitness nazi dispatch directed to the German army papers.

"Much snow has fallen on the roads of migration and suffering. The low farm houses in which we throw ourselves upon straw remain but ephermeral pictures for us. Behind us are tears, which were shed on the doorsteps of small and large farmyards in the Warthegau, and the red, glowing skies of the night which caused these peasant tears.

"Our ears still ring from the hard knocks at windows and doors in the middle of the night: 'Pack your belongings, put horses into harness, a pack of soviet tanks is approaching the village."

Oregon Farmers to Need No RAC Loans This Year

CORVALLIS, Feb. 1 — (AP)—Oregon farmers will need no regional agricultural credit corporation loans this year, The state USDA War Board reported today.

The board said Oregon's record 1944 farm production was accomplished without RACC loans, and that other credit facilities promised to be ample this season. RACC loans were made here in 1943.

Fifty Home Units for Eugene Given Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP)—Construction of 50 family dwelling units in Eugene, Ore., at an estimated cost of $3000 each has been approved by the National Housing agency, Representative Ellsworth said today.

The houses would be used for workers in lumber mills, the alcohol-from-wood plant, and other war industries.

Bataan Forts Bombarded by Yankee Fleet

(By the Associated Press)

The daring rescue Tuesday night of 513 early war heroes from a Japanese prison camp overshadowed tank-paced American drives today on Manila and Bataan, and the uncontested recapture of the Olongapo naval base.

The Sixth army overran the last major natural defense line within 25 miles of Manila.

The Eighth army seized Olongapo, former U. S. Naval station on Subic bay now being reconverted into a U. S. base. American warships began streaming into Subic bay from which Tokyo broadcasts reported they are bombarding Japanese emplacements on Bataan.

No noteworthy skirmishes were reported as the 14th corps rolled across the formidable Pampanca river into Calumpit, 28 road miles from Manila.

Small, bitterly won gains were reported in the Northern battle for Baguio.

Singapore Bombed.

India-based B-29s bombed Singapore for the third time in daylight today while three individual corties were reported over Japan in the unendding superfortress war.

Chinese conceded some of the gains the Japanese have already claimed in China. In Burma, Nipponese commanders gathered their forces for a last ditch defense of Mandalay against three

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20,000 Pints of Blood Flown to Pacific Areas

Portland, Feb. 1 — (AP) Nearly 20,000 pints of whole blood have been flown to Pacific combat areas by naval air transport service planes, The Navy announced today.

The blood, donated at Red Cross centers in San Francisco and Los Angeles, is iced at Oakland, Calif., packed in lightweight portable refrigerators, and flown across the ocean all within a few hours.

San Diego and Portland are being added to the West coast centers where whole blood will be contributed.

Collision of Trains in Mexico Kills 100 Persons

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1 —(AP) — More than 100 ersons were reported killed and about 150 injured in a rear end collision of trains at Cazadero, State of Hidalgo, about 100 miles North of here at 12:47 a. m. today.

It was said a freight train crashed into the rear of a passenger train of pilgrims passing the station of Cazadero and bound for Mexico City. The pilgrims were returning from a religious festival for the Virgin Mary at San Juan De Los Lagos, In the state of Jalisco.

Brothers in Separate Units Killed Same Day

DALLAS, Ga., Feb. 1—(AP)—Eugene Lester, 23, and his 20-year-old brother, Ned, were killed in action in Italy on the same day.

They were in separate military units.

Notice of their death came to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lester of Dallas, on successive days.

Three other Lester boys have been in the armed forces. Two now have medical discharges.

Bull Slayer Paroled From 2-Year Sentence

COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 1—(AP)—Lloyd Edward Wallas, stationed at the North Bend naval auxiliary air base, was on parole today to the base commandant, Comdr. E. B. Wilkins, after conviction for shooting and butchering a bull.

His parole followed a sentence of two years in the state penitentiary for the offense. Charlotte Smith charged that Wallas and a companion killed her purebred Hereford.

Increase in Salaries of Douglas County Officials Proposed at Legislature

SALEM, Feb. 1 — (AP) — A bill to give Douglas county officals salary increase of 20 to 25 per cent for two years begining July 1. was introduced in the House today by the Douglas county delegation.

The new salaries would be:

Judge, $3,000 a year, commissioners $10 a day, treasurer $2400 a year, clerk, sheriff and assessor, $3000 each, and school superintenden, $2700.

Reps. Hill and Gile, both of Douglas county, introduced a bill today to make it illegal for livestock to be on the state highway from Canyonville East to the bridge across Coffee Creek in Douglas county.

There would be a $50 fine for the first offense, and $100 for each additional offense.

Fund Voted to Probe State's Whiskey Deal

SALEM, Feb. 1 —(AP)— The five-man legislative committee to investigate the 1943 Waterfill and Frazier whiskey purchases was assured funds on which to operate today when the house passed and sent to the governor a bill appropriating $25,000 for the committee's expenses.

There was scattered opposition to the bill, some members repeating statements made in the senate yesterday that the investigation is unnecessary.

The vote was 50 to 8.

The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to put the state fish commission on an appropriation basis, so it won't have to operate on poundage fees. Sen. Chessman, Astoria author of the bill, said poundage fees drop in some years so greatly that the fish commission gets short of funds.

The senate also sent to the house a bill to compel motor vehicles to stop when approaching school buses discharging passengers.

Sheriff's Record Hit

The slot machine question was injected into discussion of a bill to continue $300 annual salary increases for Klamath county officers in the house today.

Rep. Harvey, Portland republican, read an internal revenue

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Father of Quadruplets Killed in War Action

GAINSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 1—(AP)—Pvt. Charles Lee, father of the quadruplets born here last summer, is dead in Germany.

The War department informed his wife that Pvt. Lee died in action during the recent nazi counter-offensive.

Pvt. Lee was given emergency leave from Camp Blanding, Fla., when the four boys were born and went overseas soon afterwards.

Two of the babies died shortly after birth. The other two have remained at Hall county memorial hospital here.

Senate Stays Vote on Name Of Wallace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The administration won a slender victory in the fight to salvage a cabinet post for Henry Wallace today when the senate voted 43 to 41 to delay action on the nomination.

The original vote on the Bailey motion was a tie, 42 to 42, but Senator Taft (R., Ohio) changed his vote in order to be able to move reconsideration of the motion of Senator Bailey (D., N. C.) to put the senate in executive session to consider the nomination immediately.

Taft's motion, however, was ruled out and Majority Leader Barkley moved consideration of the George Bill.

The senate began voting immediately on taking up the George measure, which would divorce the government lending agency from the commerce department.

It was not immediately clear whether Taft later could move for reconsideration of Bailey's motion to force the senate into immediate consideration of the Wallace nomination.

The senate voted 83 to 2 to take up the George bill.

(Senator Cordon, Oregon republican, voted against the Bailey motion.)

Coos County Mills Top Regional Lumber Cut

COOS BAY, Ore., Feb. 1—(AP)—Volumes of lumber in 1944 at Coos Bay and Irwin and Lyons Lumber companies were the highest among all southwestern Oregon coast sawmills, the Pacific lumber inspection bureau reported today.

Both the Coos Bay company, which cut 90,400,953 feet, and the Irwin and Lyon firm, with 84,718,338 feet, declared the volume was below peacetime cutting because of the manpower shortage.

Goat-ology Lesson Aim Of Legislator's Bill

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 1.—(AP)—An Idaho lawmaker, J. Elmer Williams, is for a bill he disagrees with. The bill, passed by the legislature, requires goats to be tethered or penned.

"I don't agree with the sponsors, but I'm for this bill as an educational measure," Williams declared. "They're going to be educated to the fact that you can't fence a goat in."

Oregon Plywood Proves O. K. for Boxcar Lining

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(AP)—Success of Oregon plywood as sheeting and lining for boxcars has so impressed Great Northern railway that the company will build 500 more such cars, reports F. J. Gavin, firm president.

Gavin said here yesterday that 1000 experimental cars constructed with the plywood are now "scattered all over the country," from Maine to California.

Reich Capital Preparing For Assault; Konigsberg in Panic, Populace of Silesia in Flight

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Russians, with fast-paced tanks and infantry, have smashed to the banks of the Oder northwest of Kustrin at a point about 39 miles or closer to Berlin, the German high command reported today.

It was possiblo that the Russians were even closer than 39 miles, for the German communique did not give the exact location of the penetration to the river. The Oder swings to within 28 miles of Berlin northwest of Kustrin. But immediately northwest of Kustrin it is 39 miles from the capital, and it seemed more likely that a point in the Kustrin vicinity was meant.

But at the center of his spearhead in the 40-mile wide Frankfurt salient between the Oder and the Warthe, the German high command said it had hurled in its reserves to halt the invading columns, which already had broken through a defense shield 23 miles east of Frankfurt.

Red air fleet planes raked to Berlin-Frankfurt highways and Moscow dispatches said nazi prisoners reported panic in the German capital because German civilians believed the airmen's red flares were artillery flashes.

Allies Deal Harder Blows To West Wall

(By the Associated Press)

The offensive in the west today mounted in fury. American artillery poured shells into the Siegfried lines as the U. S. First and Third armies pushed east at the rate of three to four miles a day, into weakened defenses. Virtually the last German foothold has been hacked from Belgian soil.

Lt. Gen. Hodges' First army advanced four miles on a broad front and sent patrols into outer Siegfried defenses, strangely silent in the sector. The First division pushed to within sight of the line, without challenge from enemy artillery, suggesting that the Germans had pulled back major forces from the area. The allies may know soon to what extent the nazis have weakened their western defenses by the shift of troops eastward.

Nazis Retreat in South

In the south the Germans in the Colmar pocket lost by allied estimate 5,000 killed and 2,500 captured in two days as French troops, aided by two American divisions, partly by-passed Cernay, where the nazis had put up stiff resistance. A London report said the German 19th army of 30,000 was in full retreat south of Strasbourg.

North of Strasbourg, U. S. Seventh army troops without opposition captured Gambsheim, eight miles from Strasbourg and two from the Rhine, suggesting a German withdrawal from the Rhine bridgehead.

Far to the north, British and Canadians mopped up in the dikes of the Maas island bridgehead north of Tilburg in Holland.

Thick weather grounded allied air might in the west again yesterday as the First and Third American armies pushed through slush and rain against a 40-mile section of the Siegfried line in an assault approaching proportions of a full-scale offensive.

A U. S. Fifth army patrol in

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DNB said Kustom, one of the chief defenses of Berlin, was approached by Zhukov's forces on the North side of the Warthe which captured Landsberg and then moved onto Beyersdorf, 63 miles North Eeast of Berlin.

It was about Frankfurt, a city of 75,000 on the West side of the Oder 17 miles South of Kustrin, that the Germans had grouped their strongest fortifications along the line of the Oder to protect communications between Berlin and Breslau in Silesia.

Zhukov Plans Knockout.

With his wings spread out on a 70-mile front, Zhukov was preparing for a mighty battle along the Oder which might break German resistance and let the Red army flood into Berlin.

The Germans were reported dynamiting, shelling and bombing the Oder in a frantic effort to break up natural ice bridges.

The Russians quoted German prisoners as saying large elements of the German air force had been stripped from the Cologne and Aachen sector of the Western front as the Nazi high command threw in everything to stop the Russians.

Toughness of the Oder defenses before Berlin was suggested by the fact that several days have now elapsed since the Russians have reported any appreciable progress from their Oder bridgeheads on both sides of Breslau in Silesia.

Konigsburg in Panic

In the Northeastern battle areas terrible scenes were reported being enacted at Konigsberg, encircled capital of East Prussia. Moscow dispatches said panic seized the city of 370,000, overcrowded with 150,000 refugees.

Although Konigsberg was tottering, the Russians apparently were faced with the task of

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Junior Chamber Organization Set Here For Friday

Organization of a junior chamber of commerce to serve the Roseburg area is expected to be perfected at a dinner meeting to be held at 7 p. m. Friday in the Civic room of the Umpqua hotel. A proposed constitution will be submitted for approval and plans will be made for election of permanent officers. Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager of the senior chamber of commerce, will be present to outline plans by which a junior chamber could be of service to the community. A delegation also is expected from Grants Pass Junior chamber, which is sponsoring the Roseburg organization.

Paul Hess, temporary chairman of the Roseburg chapter, reports considerable interest. Invitations to Friday's meeting have been accepted, he reports, by Heston Gross, Delbert Parker, Claude Bennett, Bruce Carter, C. E. Smith, all of the Hansen Motor company; Letella McCool, and Wm. Adair, U. S. Tire store; Adrian Bowen, Coen Lumber Co.; W. G. Schoenleber, Roseburg dairy; Jerry Gilbo, Safeway stores; C. Peterson, O. and C. administration; Richard Maddox, Carsten's Furniture Co.; Del Ramsdell, Gilbert Walters, Cy Smith, K. R. N. R.; Bob Dotey, West's Firestone store; Bill Black, Darrell Cordon, Umpqua Amusement Co.; R. B. Bowiby, Independent trucker; Dr. Bruce Tuck, Boring Optical Co.; Don Johnson, Union Oil Co.; Dr. F. W. Fields, dentist; Dr. Stephen Aesen, veterinarian; John Todd and John Pooley, Todd Building Co.; Hal Ayotte and Henry Flury, Olympia Supply Co., and Karl Kimmel, Roseburg Pharmacy.

Although invitations have been extended to men from 21 to 35 years of age engaged in the businesses listed above, Friday's meeting is open to all men in the specified age group who may be interested, Chairman Hess states.

Dr. L. Clendening, Health Hint Giver, Commits Suicide

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—(AP) Dr. Logan Clendening, 60, who gave daily health hints to an estimated 50,000,000 readers in a syndicated newspaper column, became so despondent over his own failing health yesterday that he took his life.

Benton Tibbs, a detective, said Dr. Clendening had slashed his left wrist and cut his jugular vein. The body of the wealthy physician, clad in pajamas, was found in his shade darkened bedroom. There was no note, but he had told friends recently that he feared he was suffering from leukemia, a disease for which there is no known cure.

Dr. Clendening taught in the University of Kansas medical school in addition to his writing and lecturing, and Dr. H. R. Wahl, dean of the school, said he had "developed what is undoubtedly the finest, most effective and thorough course in medical history in the nation." Much of the material for the course came from the doctor's own collection of antique medical books.

Police Crack Down On Bail Bond Racket

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(AP)—An order that no person be allowed to visit those in jail here except upon the prisoner's request was in effect today to forestall fee-splitting between police and bail bondsmen.

Police Chief Harry M. Niles proclaimed the ruling after City Judge J. J. Quillin declared motorists were being arrested on drunken-driving charges merely for a "shake-down." They would be released on bond, the judge charged, and then—afraid of a stiff sentence—often would pay money to have the charge dropped.

Smith Wood Co. Logging is Resumed East of Sutherlin With Adjustment of Wages

Work has been resumed at the Smith Wood Products company logging company camp east of Sutherlin following a brief shutdown due to wage difficulties.

Because the company had neglected to secure War Labor board approval of wage increases negotiated between the company, the union, and the U. S. conciliation service in March, 1943, an order recently was issued requiring that wage rates in the brackets where increases had been given, be rolled back to the former rate.

As this situation was satisfactory to neither the company nor union, work was halted temporarily pending an adjustment.

Following an appeal, the West Coast Lumber commission has granted authority allowing the company to pay the prevailing rate of wages until a decision is issued from the appeals which both the company and the union are submitting to the commission for consideration.

Delay Is Explained

"The reason for the difficulties at the Smith Wood Products company operation was not due to any labor-management trouble whatsoever," Sam S. Truax, business agent for IWA local No. 7-307, declared today. "The public should be advised that there is no dispute between the company and the workmen.

"The union feels that the company was not entirely at fault, but that the conciliator, who assisted in the negotiations, should be held partially responsible for failure to inform the company that it was necessary to submit the negotiated scale to the War Labor board for approval. Because the company failed to follow up the wage negotiations with the formality of filing the new schedule of wages, the issue was considered as a violation of the 1942 wage stabilization act and an order was issued requiring the company to roll back wages

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MOTHER, DAUGHTER GUERRILLA TEAM—Mrs. Iralina Dunning Acosta, and her daughter, Dolly Dunning, 15, formerly of Los Angeles, reach the safety of American lines in Luzon after being flown out from a secret guerrilla airfield. Both are Americans, were caught in Manila at the start of the war and escaped to join guerrilla forces—the mother holding the rank of lieutenant while her daughter worked as a nurse. Signal corps photo.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

Before the start of the war, Hitler offered England his "outstretched hand." He may soon be offering Russia his stretched-out neck.