

Ohio River Flood Deals Death, Traffic Paralysis

War Output Upset, Trains Cancel Runs

Runoff Being Checked by Cold Wave; Thousands of Families Leave Homes

(By The Associated Press)
The Ohio river, out of its banks along nearly all its 981 miles today, took seven lives, and crippled war production, but a cheering note appeared in the official forecast of clearing and colder weather for most of the valley.

Heavy rains which had spilled as much as 1.31 inches by the time it ended virtually had stopped, the U. S. weather bureau at Chicago reported, and clearing and colder weather was en route. The cold, extending below freezing, was expected to check the runoff, and thus give the river an opportunity to drain its crests.

Louisville, Ky., where a 45-foot crest was expected later today, reported 1.55 inches of rain.

Pittsburgh, at the confluence of the swollen Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, which form the Ohio, reported precipitation totaling 1.31 inches.

Similar conditions prevailed along the watershed. Clarksburg, W. Va., had 1.73 inches.

Cold air moving across southern Illinois and southwest Indiana changed the rain to sleet, and by freezing the ground was expected to check the runoff. Temperatures of below freezing were expected to cover most of the Ohio valley by nightfall.

The cold spell, the weather bureau said, will be of short duration, and be followed by clearing and warmer temperatures from Minnesota southward.

Ohio River Claims Lives
In Ohio William Pinion, 15, drowned attempting to swim to a barge. An unidentified woman drowned at Owensboro, Ky., and at Davidsville, Ky., Holopple, Pa., two 8-year-old girls fell in while watching the rising waters.

From the Allegheny-Monongahela confluence the river was moving steadily toward crests approximately 10 feet under record 1937 marks. A 33-foot crest was predicted officially for Pittsburgh, but unofficial rivermen

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WASHINGTON is in a dither on the day this is written—which is the morning of March 1. It leaked out late yesterday afternoon that Mr. R. had arrived back from Yalta and would address the congress, in joint session of the two houses, at 12:30 p. m. today.

This question exploded, like a 16-inch shell, in several million minds all at once: "How the devil can I worm my way in to see the show?"

It isn't, you see, just a simple matter of dropping in to listen to the President's report of what was accomplished at the Crimea conference. It is MUCH more complex than that.

The address will be delivered in the house of representatives, which at best can hold only a few hundred (this writer doesn't know its exact capacity, but it must be less than a thousand). The senators and representatives will attend as a matter of duty. Their wives will attend as a matter of privilege. That, in itself, will take up a lot of the space. Add then the functionaries. You can see for yourself that any room left over will be at a very high premium.

It follows, therefore, that get-

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Court-Martial Frees Officer Who Mercifully Shot Flier Trapped in Flaming Plane

KUNMING, China, March 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—An officer at a forward American air base who fired two mercy bullets into the head of a flier hopelessly trapped in a wrecked and burning plane was acquitted today of voluntary manslaughter.

A general court-martial of seven colonels drawn from the U. S. 14th air force and associated service organizations returned the verdict after hearing 10 witnesses piece together one of the most soul-searing episodes of the war.

The defendant was a 31-year-old lieutenant colonel, commander of a fighter group, veteran of 80 air missions, and ranking officer at the base. The accident victim was a 26-year-old sergeant gunner in a B-25 bomber.

(No names were given in this dispatch. Presumably censorship withheld them.)

The incident happened Jan. 18. Two other crew members of the five-man bomber were killed in the crash, which occurred when the craft overshot the runway on returning to base from a mission against the enemy. The plane hurtled down a 60-foot embankment.

Witnesses said rescuers reached the wreckage almost immediately. Three men were in the flight compartment at the time

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YANKS TAKE COLOGNE, HEAD FOR BONN

Marines Open Drive on Last Two Jima Japs

Desperate Suicide Stand Being Made by 6,000 of Nippons on Rim of Cliffs

(By The Associated Press)
Behind the heaviest artillery barrage to hammer the volcanic little island in 16 days of fighting, marines yesterday launched an all-out offensive to push Japanese off the northern cliffs of two Jima. Japanese fought back so fiercely with mortars, automatic weapons, rifles and grenades that the Yanks were held to only local gains despite the support of tanks, land and naval artillery, carrier planes, and land-based fighters operating for the first time from an airfield on Iwo island.

Tokyo said "violent fighting" was under way in the "decisive stage" of the battle for Iwo, 750 miles south of the Japanese capital. The marines had 600 yards to go to the northeast shoreline and 250 yards to the edge of the island.

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Sidewalk Signs Boost Red Cross Fund Drive

Sidewalks in the Roseburg business district were marked today with stenciled signs advertising the current Red Cross war fund campaign. The signs—a cross painted in red, surrounded by the word "Give"—were placed throughout the entire business section last night by members of the Roseburg Junior chamber of commerce, under the supervision of Richard Maddox, chairman.

All civic clubs of Roseburg are being organized under the chairmanship of George Trappals to conduct a door-to-door canvass in an effort to raise Roseburg's part of the \$30,000 budget established for the Douglas county chapter in the current financial campaign.

Hunt Estate Sells Its Interest in 4 Theaters

MEDFORD, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—George A. Hunt estate interest in Medford's four theaters has been purchased by Walter H. Leverette, owner of Leverette Interstate Theaters, Inc.

Leverette, who was associated with the late George A. Hunt, owns theaters in Ashland and in Yreka and Weed, Cal. He has sold his interest in the Grants Pass Amusement Co., operating two theaters, to Mrs. George A. Hunt, William Von der Hellen and A. Orin Schenck of Medford.

Douglas Receives \$53,329 From Forest Revenues

Douglas county will receive \$53,329 from national forest receipts for the year 1944, it was announced today at Washington. The apportionment amounts to 25 per cent of receipts from national forests located entirely or partially within the county.

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Davis, Labor Chief, Named to Post, Succeeding Vinson

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt is appointing William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor board, to succeed Fred M. Vinson as economic stabilization director.

Vinson has been named federal loan administrator, taking the position formerly held by Jesse Jones before President Roosevelt ousted Jones to make way for Henry Wallace as secretary of commerce.

The White House also announced selection of George W. Taylor, vice-chairman of the War Labor board, to succeed Davis.

As economic stabilization director, Davis will be responsible in a sense for some of the same sort of problems with which he has dealt exclusively as War Labor board chairman—problems of trying to keep a balanced relationship between wages and prices.

One of the country's leading patent lawyers, Davis has been a key figure in the administration's labor field since he served with the National Industrial Recovery administration.

Aerial Bombs Lash Reich in Vital Places

LONDON, March 7.—(AP)—More than 900 U. S. bombers struck in a seven-pronged attack today at oil plants in the Dortmund area, a large railway viaduct at Bielefeld, and railroad yards at Soest and Siegen after steady RAF night assaults on German troops massed at Wesel on the Rhine.

The Eighth air force bombers were covered by 250 fighters in this 23rd straight day of aerial blows closely coordinated with the ground attack.

Oil targets included three benzol plants and a large refinery on Dortmund's outskirts. Bielefeld, Soest, and Siegen all are on main rail and highway routes from central and eastern Germany to the western front.

Smashing of the Bielefeld viaduct would stop the main flow of traffic from the big inland bases of Brunswick and Hannover to the Ruhr battlefield.

British night fleets, numbering

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Bones in Fire Debris Thought Missing Boy's

WALDPOR, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—A two-week hunt for 15-year-old Roy Bridges, who disappeared after his home burned near here Feb. 19, ended today with a report that the boy is dead.

Dr. Joseph Beeman, director of the state crime laboratory, said he found human bones in the debris of the fire. Beeman said there was no sign of foul play.

The search for young Bridges was launched when other bones found earlier in the house were identified as non-human. State Police Capt. Sam Malehorn said the youth's father, Wilkie Bridges, told such varying versions of the fire that they could not be sure whether the boy perished or escaped. The father, who came here from Los Angeles, was not in the house when the fire broke out.

Japanese Shell, Sent Home, Injures Woman

SAN GABRIEL, Calif., March 7.—(AP)—An exploding Japanese shell seriously injured Mrs. Virginia Grantello, 37, in her home today.

The shell, sent by her son-in-law, a coast guardsman, fell from the living room mantel into a wastebasket. Later, when she emptied the basket into the fireplace, the shell exploded.

The woman was taken to a hospital. Physicians said the small calibre shell fragment had so seriously injured her knee they might have to operate.

Lord Dawson, Famous British Physician, Dies

LONDON, March 7.—(AP)—Lord Dawson of Penn, physician to four British kings, died today at the age of 80.

His brilliance had won him many high honors in the medical profession and honorary degrees from many universities, including the University of Pennsylvania. He was president of the Royal College of Physicians from 1931-33.

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Tax to Build 22 Armories Up to People

SALEM, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—A \$4,650,000 program to build armories in 22 cities after the war by levying a .45 mill property tax for 10 years won senate approval today, and went back to the house for concurrence in a senate amendment.

The bill will be referred to the people at the next special or general election.

Armories would be built at Baker, Bend, Corvallis, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Gresham, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, La Grande, Lakeview, Lebanon, Newberg, Newport, Ontario, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Redmond, Seaside, St. Helens and The Dalles.

The senate added Newport and Seaside to the house bill.

Action on Other Bills
The senate approved and sent to the house bills to transfer narcotics law enforcement from the state board of health to the pharmacy board, and validating marriages of divorced persons who got married without waiting six months after the divorce decrees.

The house sent to the governor a bill requiring buildings with revolving doors to have fire exits, and completed legislative action on a senate resolution calling for appointment of an interim committee to study state

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Assault Case Of Ex-Marine Opens In Crowded Court

Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield was forced to move his court into the circuit courtroom today to accommodate spectators gathered to hear the trial of Robert A. Smith, ex-marine, charged with assault and battery upon the person of Z. E. Whitmore, member of the Jehovah's Witness sect. Despite the interest in the case and the fact that the courtroom was crowded to capacity, the audience, apparently about evenly divided in sympathy, preserved good order and decorum.

Testimony by both sides was concluded at the noon hour and the court adjourned until 1:30 p. m. after which arguments to the five-man jury were scheduled.

Smith was accused of striking Whitmore while the latter was offering literature of the sect upon a street corner in the city's business district. Smith claims Whitmore struck the first blow after he had brushed aside the literature which had been extended. Whitmore, on the other hand, claims that he struck no blows but was only attempting to seize the papers which had been knocked from his hands.

Teacher, Son Shot To Death in Cabin

MEDFORD, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Police sought for clues today to the deaths of a school teacher and her 15-year-old son, found in their homestead cabin shot through the head.

The bodies of Mrs. Opal Wheeler Mootter, 39, and her son, Lionel, who attended High school at Grants Pass, also was seen for the last time Thursday.

The woman had been separated from her husband for several years. Police were trying to locate him.

Vanport Bus Crashes Into Portland Home; 18 Hurt

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—A loaded Vanport city bus swerved through a crowded intersection late last night and crashed into the front porch of a house, injuring 18 passengers.

The 22-year-old driver, Paul G. Maranville, said the brakes failed to respond on a downhill grade. The impact sheared off the front wheels of the bus.

Six persons were hospitalized but none seriously injured. Twelve others were given first aid treatment.

The other 22 passengers escaped injury. But they complained bitterly that someone stole watches and billfolds, tossed into the street by the impact.

Meatless Day Reminder Frees Victim From Cat

NEW YORK, March 7.—(AP)—"Tiger," a trumpet-toting cat in Olsen and Johnson's Broadway hit, taffing room only, went berserk on the stage last night—but he brought out the trouper in comedian Frank Lubus.

Just at his cue when he was to blow his horn, "Tiger" decided instead to sink his teeth into Lubus's hand. And the ordinarily placid tabby would not let go.

While the audience howled, Lubus tried to reason with him—all to no avail. Finally the bald-headed comedian shouted in desperation:

"Don't you know today is meatless Tuesday?"

"Tiger" let go.



GERMAN CITIES FALL TO AMERICANS—Upper photo is a view of Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city, now largely in ruins and in the hands of American forces. Its famous centuries-old cathedral was spared in the American assault. Lower photo shows Yankee infantrymen advancing through the shell-torn streets of Neuss, on the Rhine river just south of Cologne.

Ruined Cologne Poses Hard Task for Yank Government; Water, Food Essential Needs

COLOGNE, March 7.—(AP)—This great Rhineland metropolis which once numbered almost 800,000 inhabitants, woke up today to find itself under an American military government setup headed by Lt. Col. John K. Patterson of Riverside, Calif.

Patterson himself did not yet know how many cellar-dwelling civilians still remained in the ruins of the city, utterly devastated by three years of heavy aerial bombardment. Some estimates ran as high as 150,000 and some as low as 10,000.

One of the AMG's first tasks will be to register every person found in the city. There have been reports of German soldiers donning civilian clothes in an effort to escape capture, and these must be weeded out.

A multitude of other problems await the AMG. Virtually all public utilities have been knocked out. There is no electric nor telephone.

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Yankee Mountain Troops Gain 5 Miles in Italy

ROME, March 7.—(AP)—American mountain troops have gained five miles in the rugged Apennines southwest of Bologna in the strongest advance on the Fifth army front in weeks, allied headquarters announced today.

(The German high command said in a broadcast communique that British troops made a "local attempt" to land behind German lines on the Adriatic coast, but the attack was beaten off.)

Fireman Dies in Wreck Of Great Northern Train

SEATTLE, March 7.—(AP)—A westbound Great Northern mail train was derailed six miles east of Skykomish in the heart of the Cascades early today, killing the fireman, Harold Fleming, Seattle.

The engineer, Frank Clemmons, and brakeman, Earl W. Kilde, also of Seattle, were injured when the locomotive and six cars left the tracks in a ravine at 5:45 a. m. near Foss river. One of the cars was a coach.

Another Mountain Home-based bomber crashed a mile northwest of the field yesterday, killing all 10 of its crew members, and another went down Monday night near Battle Mountain, Nev., killing only the navigator, Second Lt. Gene L. Hamilton of Casey, Ia.

Roseburg Schools Forming Traffic Safety Patrols

Student traffic safety patrols are being organized in three Roseburg schools and will become operative within two or three weeks, Paul S. Elliott, city school superintendent, reported today.

Patrols will be organized to serve the Junior high school, Fullerton school and Rose school. A similar program was proposed at Benson school, but was not favored by the state highway department because the arrangement of streets in that area is not suitable for patrol work.

The schools have had the cooperation of the Roseburg Lions club and the state highway department in preliminary plans. Hats and Sam Browne belts have been furnished for students who will act as patrol officers. The highway department has marked off school crossings on the highway, and the city council has authorized similar markers in the Fullerton school area.

A city police officer will conduct classes of instruction of patrol officers, and state highway department motion pictures will be used in the educational program, prior to starting actual operation, Elliott reports.

Air Base Loses Three Bombers in Week; 20 Die

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, March 7.—(AP)—Three B-24 bombers lost within a week was the toll today for the Mountain Home army air base.

Col. John H. Gibson, station commander, said today wreckage of a plane near Denio, Ore., had been identified as that of a plane missing from this base several days. Names of the nine crew members were announced last week.

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Bonds and Blood

Keep on buying the former, keep on giving the latter. Both are still needed while the foe is reeling and ready for the knockout. Enemy No. 1 is the axis; No. 2 is complacency.

Ruined Nazi Cities Strung For 50 Miles

Latest Prisoners Include General Who Got "Nuts" Reply at Bastogne Siege

PARIS, March 7.—(AP)—The powerful American Third army drove routed Germans to within 15 miles of the middle Rhine today while the First army fought within three miles of Bonn, 15 miles south of fallen Cologne.

The dashing Third army tanks were reported at supreme headquarters to be near Monreal, a crossroads town just short of Mayern. The report, far behind actual progress, placed the Fourth armored division within 20 miles of Cologne, and 50 of the large Rhine cities of Mainz and Weisbaden. Frankfurt on the Main was 61 miles away.

On this fateful anniversary of Hitler's militarization of the now overrun Rhineland, the prisoner toll for all allied armies on the western front passed the million mark and rose 100,000 for the current campaign which started Jan. 30 with Lt. Gen. Patton's plunge into the Siegfried line east of Luxembourg.

Reich Cities in Ruins
A graveyard of German cities stretched from Cologne 50 miles

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Reds Near Berlin By Smashing Into Kuestrin Defenses

LONDON, March 7.—(AP)—German broadcasts today declared the Russians had opened the battle for Berlin, breaking into the northeastern defenses of Kuestrin on the Oder 39 miles from the reich capital, and assaulting Zehden on the Oder's east bank 31 miles from Berlin.

The red army's big guns were also declared to be shelling Stettin's eastern and southern outskirts as infantrymen edged forward within sight of fires set in the big German port by red air force raids.

This Russian group was said already to have captured a number of German naval installations.

To the northeast in the Polish corridor, the Russian drive for Danzig was said to be progressing at a quickened pace. At the present speed it was believed red army troops should be at Danzig's gates within a week.

Along the Pomeranian shores of the Baltic between the Danzig and Stettin areas many Germans were said to be trying to escape by sea. Heavy fighting was reported in Kolberg.

In the sweeps against Stettin the red army was securing its northern flank for an eventual direct thrust at Berlin.

Increase in Tires for Passenger Cars Halted

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Increased production of civilian passenger cars tires has been put off indefinitely.

Production will be limited to 5,000,000 a quarter, pending clarification of the impact of the shortages of carbon black and tire cord on future passenger tire output," the War Production board announced today.

This is the same production rate as for the first quarter of this year.

Alcohol Holiday Boosts Stockpile of Hard Liquor

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The January alcohol holiday added 28,281,238 gallons to the nation's stockpile of hard liquor.

Reporting this today, the treasury listed whiskey production during the month at 25,877,715 gallons, rum 161,715, gin 973,754 and brandy 1,288,054.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Anti-fascist Italians got rid of a Duce and a king only to find that in the latter's enthroned son, Umberto, they acquired a faker. Italian peace and progress demand government reshuffling, with the decadent house of Savoy tossed into the discard.