

AMERICANS CROSS RHINE

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Japs' Banzai Assaults on Iwo Smashed by Marines

Explosives on Poles Fail to Harm Tanks

MacArthur's Men Lunge To South Luzon; 18 Jap Ships Blasted by Planes

(By the Associated Press)
Tanks racing the laborious marine advance on Iwo Island moved down a bizarre Japanese suicide charge, battlefield dispatches reported today.
With no weapons left to halt the tanks, Japanese infantrymen charged the armored units carrying explosives mounted on long poles. A "considerable number" of Japanese were killed; the tanks were unharmed.
The defenders blew up one of their own ammunition dumps to avoid capture as the marines seized a strategic hill and drove 500 yard salients into narrowing enemy-held sector.
Softened up by the shattering artillery bombardment the day before, enemy troops yielded on all fronts yesterday. In the northern central sector, the Japanese were forced to withdraw into their caves at times as they sought to throw back the oncoming Third division in hand to hand combat. A reconnaissance company found



PRICE OF IWO JIMA VICTORY—The power of the U. S. invasion armada stands out in ironic contrast with the scene on Iwo Jima beach. Marines of the Third division, covered with their ponchos, lie on the beach they gave their lives to win. A few thousand yards away the battle still rages. At right is pictured Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of the army air forces in the Pacific areas and top brain of B-29 raids on Japan, who is missing with nine other officers and enlisted men following a routine flight.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ONE suspects that poor Henry Wallace has taken another beating. On the day when confirmation by the senate of his nomination to be secretary of commerce was expected to be the big news on the home front, President Roosevelt returns from Yalta and addresses to the houses of congress assembled in joint session what turns out to be a surprisingly conciliatory and friendly message.
As a result, the Wallace confirmation barely makes the front pages of the evening papers. In most of them it is tucked away in an inconspicuous column down below the fold.

HERE in Washington, which is the home office of the nation's leading political experts, there is wide variance of opinion on Wallace's admittedly startling nomination as secretary of commerce, which by fairly general agreement is the one particular cabinet post, with the exception of secretary of the treasury, he is least qualified to fill with distinction.
There are several schools of

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Gen. Patton Swims Icy River As Example for His Army on Way to Lift Bastogne Siege

BALTIMORE, March 8.—(AP)—When Lieutenant General George S. Patton ordered thousands of his men to swim across the swift and cold Sure river with their equipment, he knew it could be done—and just to prove it, he did.
The story of Patton's inspiring swim across the 150-foot Sure, a water obstacle under heavy enemy fire near the meeting place of the Luxembourg, German and Belgian borders, was told by one of the men who followed him—Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Deffbaugh of Cumberland, Md.
Deffbaugh said that despite the hail of enemy machinegun and artillery fire, the Sure had to be crossed quickly so that the Fourth division could take the town of Bettendorf on the opposite bank, relieving pressure on the trapped American forces at Bastogne last December.
The soldier, one of the Bastogne heroes, said the troops first began to cross the river in three-man boats. Chunks of ice in the water gave evidence of the Sure's temperature.
"After a while, however," Deffbaugh said, "General Patton called the boats back and ordered the men to swim across with rifles, bazookas and everything they could carry because they were sitting pigeons for the Germans while in the boats, sitting two or three feet out of the water."
General Patton reasoned that swimming the river would present much smaller targets to the enemy.
To show his men that the river could be swum, general Patton jumped into the water and swam to the opposite bank and then swam back, Deffbaugh continued. "Thousands of troops followed him," the staff sergeant concluded.

\$50 Fine in Assault Case is Suspended

Robert Smith, ex-marine, was found guilty of assault and battery following a trial Tuesday in the Roseburg justice court. A fine of \$50 imposed by Judge Thomas Hartfield, was suspended conditional upon future good behavior.
Smith, who was accused of striking Z. E. Whitmore, a member of the Jehovah's Witness sect, pleaded not guilty, claiming self-defense and alleging that Whitmore struck the first blow. Whitmore, however, claimed he was only attempting to seize literature which Smith had knocked from his hands.
The case attracted much attention and it was necessary to move the trial to the circuit court room because of the large number of spectators. Despite the interest in the case, the crowd preserved good order throughout the trial.

Truckers Urged to Get 2nd Quarter Gas Rations

All truck owners, operating under certificates of war necessity, were urged today by Story Iles, executive secretary of the OPA board at Roseburg, to turn in their certificates immediately for second quarter gasoline rations. The new period begins April 1. If certificates are turned in immediately, it will be possible for the Roseburg office to process applications in advance of the last-minute rush and thus assure prompt and better service, Iles said.

Pro-Nisei Assembly to Air Views at Gresham

GRESHAM, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Persons who do not oppose return of Japanese-Americans to the Pacific coast will meet Friday night in Gresham, where a throng recently assembled to voice opposition to the Nisei.
The meeting will be led by about 20 business men, professional workers, educators, ministers and farmers of Clatsop and Multnomah counties. Speakers will include Former Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Churchman Appreciates Slot Machine's "Pull"

BOISE, Idaho, March 8.—(AP)—Sen. George Brunt was arguing in the Idaho legislature in favor of a bill legalizing operation of slot machines. He was interrupted by Sen. Parley P. Jensen, who asked:
"Would you advocate putting a slot machine in your church?"
Brunt replied, "I would just as soon, because there are some people who couldn't be pried out of a dime with a crowbar, but they might take a chance on a slot machine."



Britain Hangs Yank For Murder; Girl Accomplice Spared

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—Karl Gustav Hulten, 22-year-old American paratrooper, died on the Pentonville prison gallows today while a middle-aged woman, protesting his execution for the hold-up slaying of a London cab driver, was trying to crash the courtyard gates in a garbage truck.
A crowd had to jump fast to avoid injury as the unexpected incident occurred outside the prison. The woman, Mrs. Elsie Van Der Elst, who long has been a vigorous opponent of capital punishment, repeatedly cried:
"You let the girl off, but you hang the man. It's a damned shame!"
She referred to the reprieve granted Hulten's co-defendant, Mrs. Elizabeth Marina Jones, 18-year-old British strip-tease dancer. Home Secretary Morrison recommended to the king Tuesday that her sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.
Hulten, whose home was in Cambridge, Mass., and the girl were convicted on charges of killing George Edward Heath, a taxicab driver last Oct. 6.
Hulten was the first American soldier to receive the death sentence at the hands of the British authorities in wartime.

Sgt. Millard Rietmann Prisoner of Germans

Sergeant Millard Rietmann who was reported missing in action Nov. 14, is alive and well and a prisoner of war in a German camp, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Rietmann, Sutherland. The parents have received a card written from the prison camp Nov. 20, reporting his capture. Sergeant Rietmann is a brother of Mrs. Marjorie Vang, 810 Hoover St., Roseburg.
Non-Support Charged
William E. Barron, 35, Sutherland, was in custody today on a charge of non-support of wife and children. Sheriff G. T. Carter reported. Appearing in the Roseburg justice court, he was given further time in which to enter his plea.

Sidelights on War On German Front

WITH THE U. S. 90th INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY, March 8.—(AP)—Staff Sgt. Gerald Dykstra, of Grandville, Mich., walked into an empty pillbox today and found the enemy communications intact.
He picked up the phone. Someone answered and Dykstra, speaking fluent German, said he and his American buddies were "frying fresh eggs for breakfast."
"If you care to join us, we will be glad to have you," he added. Five minutes later three Germans showed up for chow.

Reich Blasted by Air Armadas 24th Consecutive Day

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—German rail and oil targets were struck another blow today as 1,350 American bombers, following up the RAF's 1,250-plane night assault, attacked seven oil plants and five switching yards handling traffic to the Ruhr battlefields.
The most sustained air campaign of the war carried through its 24th consecutive day.
The American's targets included the chlorine yards at Essen, Albetdorf, Dillenburg and Glessen; six benzol plants and one synthetic refinery in the Gelsenkirchen-Dortmund regions were the oil objectives.
The British night attack was carried out by the largest force sent out by the RAF this year. The planes blasted the Germans' eastern front base at Dessau, struck vital oil refineries and gave Berlin its 16th successive night raid.
It was estimated that 3,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs were dropped on Dessau on Theelbe river 65 miles southwest of Berlin and now an important base for the eastern front. The city still was in flames today.
The British air ministry listed 39 bombers and one fighter missing from the night's operation. At least 14 German night fighters were shot down.

U. S. War Casualties Reach Total of 823,632

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Army and navy combat casualties since the beginning of the war reached a total of 823,632, the two services disclosed today.
Secretary of War Stimson reported army casualties of 732,922 on the basis of individual names compiled in Washington through February 28. The latest navy casualty figure is 90,710.
A breakdown on army casualties and corresponding figures for last week:
Killed, 142,285 and 140,266; wounded, 438,734 and 430,757; prisoners, 60,666 and 60,535; missing, 91,237 and 91,037. Stimson said that 221,155 of the wounded, or more than half, returned to duty.
A similar breakdown for the navy:
Killed, 34,513 and 34,283; wounded, 41,317 and 40,904; prisoners, 4,317 and 4,476; missing, 10,671 and 10,674.

House Votes to Draft Unmarried Women Nurses

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The house yesterday passed legislation authorizing the draft of unmarried women nurses 20 through 44.
To forestall "marriage embolism" to escape the draft, it stipulated that a graduate nurse would be considered "married" only if she was wed before Mar. 15, 1945.
Exempt from induction were those with dependent children and those having children under 18 years of age.
Another amendment would prevent any discrimination against drafted nurses because of race, color or creed.

Anti-Loafer Measure Defeated in Senate

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate Wednesday rejected a proposal to impose a fine or jail penalty on men 18 to 45 who are not engaged in some "lawful occupation."
Previously the senate turned down, 60 to 23, an amendment which would have applied those penalties to any man from 18 to 45 not in the armed forces who turned down an essential war job.

School, County Manager Bills Win Approval

SALEM, March 7.—(AP)—Bills to create rural school districts to equalize school taxes and to set up the machinery for county manager form of government won house approval today and went to the senate, while the senate completed legislative action on a measure creating the state department of veterans affairs.
The school equalization measure, which would be referred to the people, would provide one school district for each county, but first-class districts would not be included.
The vote on the bill was 32 to 26, only one more than the 31 votes necessary to pass it. Last week the house defeated it with 28 votes for and 22 against.
The opponents objected to counties being forced to adopt the plan.
County Manager Wins Favor
There were only three votes against the county manager bill, which is carrying on the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by the people last November.
The bill provides that 10 percent of the voters of a county may petition for elections to come under the plan. The voters in the county would elect a county board of 3 to 7 members. The board would appoint a manager, who would name department heads. The board also would name the county judge.
The departments would be records and finance, education, public works, public welfare, and such other departments as the board might want.
All present county offices would be eliminated.
Vets Bill Outlined
The veterans department bill won speedy senate approval. It provides for appointment of a director who shall be responsible to a seven-man advisory board, on which shall be representatives of veterans organizations. The department will administer loans and benefits to veterans.
The senate approved house bills repealing 1943 income tax reductions which never became effective because they were contingent upon approval of the sales tax by the people; extending the governor's authority over fire seasons on forest lands, and allowing taxation of federal property when permitted by congress.
The house judiciary committee recommended passage of the service bill.

Veterans Loan Bill Passed by Oregon House

SALEM, Ore., March 8.—The house passed and sent to the senate today a bill providing loans up to \$3000 to veterans for purchase of farms and homes. The bill carries out the terms of a one-million property tax approved for the purpose by the voters last November.
The loans could be up to 75 percent of the value of the property, would bear 4 percent interest, and be amortized in 20 years.

Boy Bicyclist Killed By Blow From Auto

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 8.—(AP)—A driver was held for investigation today after 8-year-old Raymond Martin was killed while riding his bicycle along the Washington river road.
The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin, Washouak, was struck by a car yesterday. The sheriff's office said James H. Egan, 32-year-old shipyard worker, Camas, was driving the car.
Death Claims Man Hit By Eugene Elevator
EUGENE, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Glen Highland, 48, who peered out of a freight elevator as it started to descend, died late yesterday in a hospital here.
A fellow employee at the feed plant where the accident occurred said Highland thrust his head outside the elevator to see why it wasn't starting. At that moment the elevator moved downward, crushing him.

Ex-Negro Slave Gives Day's Take to Red Cross

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—A 93-year-old former Negro slave who marched through Georgia as a drummer with Sherman's army, will give his March 15th earnings as a bootblack to the Red Cross again this year.
Tom Howell said 20 cents shines should double his last year's donation of \$18, collected on 10-cent polishing jobs.

Rainbow Grill Sold to G. Krueson, G. R. Mardin

The sale of the Rainbow Grill to Gene Krueson and G. R. Mardin of Sutherland, Ore., who have taken immediate possession, was announced today by Mrs. Vivian Padelford, former owner.
Mrs. Padelford, who has been in Roseburg for about 12 years, has managed the Rainbow two years. She will continue to make her home in Roseburg but has no immediate business plans.
The Grill was completely remodeled a year ago.

U. S. First Goes Over River at Night, Also Grabs Half of Bonn; Third Carves Path to Coblenz

PARIS, March 8.—(AP)—The American First army crossing the Rhine south of Cologne last night and secured a firm footing today on the east bank of the great German barrier stream.
Lt. Gen. Hodges poured more and more infantrymen across the river after his sudden and sensational crossing in darkness. The exact location of the bridgehead over the quarter mile-wide river was shrouded by military censorship because the Germans obviously did not know the exact situation.
First army infantrymen spanned the river against rather light opposition before the startled Germans could grasp what had happened, AP Correspondent Wes Gallagher said.
Other units of the First army captured half of the Rhine university city of Bonn (101,000) and half of nearby Bad Godesberg, where Hitler six years ago humbled the late Neville Chamberlain before Munich.

Flood Menaces 2 Ohio Cities; 9 Lives Lost

PORTSMOUTH, O., March 8.—(AP)—Flood waters inched closer to tons of files in this Ohio river city, but elsewhere along the 1,000-mile valley floods neared or passed their crest and at some points were beginning to subside.
The army brought combat tactics into play to keep steadily rising waters of the Ohio and tributary Scioto rivers from gushing over Portsmouth flood walls.
More than 25,000 empty sand bags were loaded on trucks at Cincinnati, to be used to an airbase at Wilmington, Ohio. From there C-47 transports would drop them to soldiers and volunteers who have waged near-constant battle to erect earthen levees and sandbag barriers atop existing flood barriers.
The river here was past the 60-foot stage, two feet higher than the city's flood wall. It was being held back by the hastily erected barriers. River forecaster George Marth said the crest here would be reached at 64.5 feet late today.
An estimated 125,000 persons were made homeless by the flood, greatest since the Ohio rampaged out of its banks in 1937 and caused nearly half billion dollars damage.
At least nine lives were lost in floods all in the industrial and agricultural valley.
22 Soldiers Rescued
Twenty-two soldiers were rescued today from the flood-swollen White river in Arkansas into which they spilled when their boat capsized on assignment for emergency levee repair work.
A Negro soldier was reported

Russians Now 25 Miles From Berlin

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—The Russians have driven to within 25 miles of Berlin's city limits, outflanking the fortress of Kuersin and reaching the city from the west side of the Oder, a German broadcast from the German capital said today.
Berlin is directly east of the city and is 12 miles west of the Oder. It is on the main railway skirting the Oder which connects Stettin and Frankfurt.
Fighting was reported flaring along a 125-mile front along the Oder from Stettin bay to Crossen following a terrific artillery barrage. The enemy said the focal point of the attack was on three sides of Kuersin.
The Russians had already removed the last threat to Zhukov's northern flank by powerhouse strokes that sliced off Pomerania and virtually neutralized the great port of Stettin at the mouth of the Oder.
A Russian communique told of a great soviet victory near Schivelbein, further inland in Pomerania, in which nearly 7,000 naz troops were annihilated as they fought to escape westward.

Lumber-Sawmill Local Backs Red Cross Drive

A resolution pledging 100 percent cooperation with the Red Cross War Fund campaign was adopted at the regular meeting of Roseburg local No. 2671, Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) Tuesday night. Opposition was expressed by the local to HB 233, now before the state legislature. The bill would set up a compulsory system of compensation for injuries to or death of employees.
The union's next regular meeting will be held March 20.

OPA Agents to Advise Clothiers of Prices

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—Four teams of OPA pricing experts will visit 35 Oregon cities soon to advise clothiers of new regulations and prices in the coming campaign to roll back apparel costs.
The plan calls for 90 percent of materials to go into medium and low priced garments and for ceiling prices to be tagged on each garment at the factory.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinhardt
If "Old Blood and Guts" Patton doesn't slow up on the western front, he may collide head-on with the Russians advancing on the eastern front.