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Weather Monday maximum temperature 55, minimum 37. Precipitation—trace. Wind from the west. Partly cloudy. Partly cloudy west, fair and cool Tuesday; Wednesday fair, 10 to 15; change in temperature west; colder east part Wednesday.

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Nazis Counterattack Allied Beachheads; Reds Extend Leningrad 'Clearance Ring'

Pushkin, Pavlovsk Fall; All but One Rail Link Severed

Germans Continue Strong Counterattacks at Vinnitsa But 250,000 Are Encircled

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Tuesday, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The red army's "clearance ring" around Leningrad was reported expanded today, pushing southwest and south and cutting the next to the last western railway left to the Germans in that sector. Russian troops captured Pushkin and Pavlovsk in the southwestern and southern suburbs of Leningrad and severed the Krasnogvardeisk-Narva railway. The last line remaining in German hands to the west from Leningrad was the railway a few miles farther south running southwest to Pskov and with connections thence southwest to Riga and northwest to Reval, capital of old Estonia.

Directly south of Leningrad the soviets captured Ulianovka on the main Leningrad-Moscow railway just north of Tosno and closed in on that junction. The Russian advance also was speeded west and southwest of Novgorod on the Volkhov front. The Germans continued strong counterattacks east of Vinnitsa in the Ukraine, but their assaults were reported repulsed.

Service Vote Fight Circles Fourth Term

By JACK BELL WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The fourth term issue boiled over in the senate today with a charge by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) that War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox are supporting a uniform federal ballot for service personnel because they are "running" for another term. Sen. Lucas (D-Ill.), one of the authors of a proposed compromise on the absentee ballot bill, retorted that the Ohioan was talking "the purest kind of political popcock."

Challenging a joint statement by Stimson and Knox, republican members of the cabinet, that the war and navy departments could not guarantee the delivery of state absentee ballots to members of the armed forces, Taft declared: "The truth is the army and navy have determined to have a federal ballot and have determined not to have state ballots. Mr. Stimson and Mr. Knox are running for a fourth term, too. They are convinced they are essential to the conduct of the war." Lucas replied heatedly that if senate republicans kept up their (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

FR Intervenes For Richardson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Stepping into a struggle between the US army and civil authorities in Hawaii, President Roosevelt has pardoned Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., who was fined for contempt because he refused to obey a habeas corpus writ. Richardson, commanding general of the army's Hawaiian department, was cited last year by Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger in Honolulu, bringing to a head a dispute over the question whether the right of habeas corpus prevails under martial law. Richardson refused to produce two prisoners held incommunicado by the army, contending that despite a limited restoration of civil rights the army still had the privilege of holding prisoners without trial.

Harmon Won't Tell of Escape

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Tommy Harmon, who used to play a lot of football, told today about a grimmer sport—exchanging shots with Japanese Zeros—but he was completely tongue-tied on one big item: How did he make his way back to American lines 32 days after he was shot down by Zeros in a furious dogfight in China? "Well, he just wasn't saying—he wouldn't even mention the lake into which he parachuted after his plane was hit. "It would just mean reprisals by the Japanese and maybe put a rope around some other pilot's neck," explained the one-time Michigan football star who is now a lieutenant in the air force.

Marshall Stewart Receives Sentence

OREGON CITY, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Marshall Stewart, 35-year-old sailor of Salem, was sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined \$500 today by Circuit Judge Earl C. LaTourrette on a plea of guilty to a negligent homicide charge. The sailor, who was home on leave after receiving hospital treatment for malaria contracted in the southwest Pacific, was accused of driving into the rear of a car operated by Walter Schubel, Gladstone, on the Pacific highway near here January 7. Schubel died of injuries.

Allies Land Behind German Lines in Italy



American and British flags and arrow at left indicate where Berlin reported the allied Fifth army made new landings at Nettuno behind the German line in Italy. Allied headquarters reported that powerful forces had established the new beachhead several miles long on the Italian west coast but did not disclose exact location. Heavy line indicates present approximate front. (AF Wirephoto map)

Navy Bombers Range Jap-Held Marshalls

By WILLIAM HIPPLE PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Seventh AAF and navy bombers ranged over the Japanese-held Marshall Islands January 22 and 23, striking at six separate atolls in nine raids—the most widespread bombing of these enemy bases since the allied central Pacific offensive opened in mid-November—the navy said today. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed five enemy ships were damaged, including one large cargo ship. Six Japanese planes were shot down and ground installations heavily strafed and bombed in nine different missions against eight targets. Six atolls struck Saturday were the most ever raided in a single day. A total of 85 Japanese fighters attempted to intercept the bombers but the Americans suffered no plane losses except on one mission, on which losses were described as "small."

Sailors Waive Grand Jury

DALLAS, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three sailors accused of shooting State Policeman Karl Murphy near Rickreall January 14 waived grand jury proceedings today and were charged with assault and battery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Murphy, who was not critically injured, said he was shot when he attempted to halt a stolen car. He identified the sailors as his assailants. The trio, arrested in a Salem hotel the following morning, are Byron Neil Dyson, San Francisco; and Samuel Wells, Jr., and Clarence Charles Larson, both of Bremerton, Wash. No date was set for entering plea.

Manchester Coal Workers Strike

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The first strike as a result of a new mine pay scale left 1400 haulage hands idle at a Manchester colliery today. Strikers contended the new scale was of no benefit to the higher paid workers and very little to others. The national tribunal for the coal industry Saturday announced a minimum weekly wage of \$30 for experienced underground workers and \$18 for surface workers.

Dimes Roll Into Collection Jars for Polio Fund

Dimes and pennies, quarters and dollars rolled into the collection jars at Salem theatres the past weekend to mark the public opening of the "march of dimes" to raise money for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. Tonight at their regular monthly dinner meeting, members of the Salem Business and Professional Women's club will take a similar offering, not only indicating their interest in the fund and the work of rehabilitation of infantile paralysis sufferers but their loyalty to their president, Dorothy Corbell, chairman of the women's

Japs to Lose Current

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—A Portland man who doesn't want to be warned by the Japanese current has launched a campaign to have the Pacific flow of water renamed the Oregon current. H. E. Richards, president of the farm rate of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, disclosed today that Gov. Earl Snell and Sen. Charles McNary are among backers of his proposal. The governor, he said, has suggested the change to Meredith F. Burdill, director of the department of interior. The current is "an American affair," Richards declared, because it starts in an American area near the equator and proceeds past the Philippines before swinging past Japan on its way to the west coast. Inasmuch as tickets can be obtained only through war bond purchases, attendance at the Grand theatre's fourth war loan premiere tonight is expected further to swell the Marion county total of individual investments which Monday night had reached \$582,000 or a little less than 37 per cent of the county's quota for this type of bonds. Additional features for the premiere, which is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., will be talks by Secretary of State Robert S. Farwell, Jr., and Jesse J. Gard, Marion county war finance committee chairman, and numbers by Glenn Henry's band and entertainers from Camp Adair—an aggregation which contributed much to the third war loan victory rally. Bill Talbot will be master of ceremonies. "What a Woman," featuring Rosalind Russell and Brian Aherne, is the premiere's centennial attraction. Planning for special events to

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Allied Airmen Shoot Down 51 Jap Planes

By ROBERT EUNSON ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Tuesday, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Hundreds of allied planes, swarming over Japan's two key southwest Pacific air strongholds of Wewak and Rabaul, scored their biggest triumph of 1944 by shooting down at least 51 and probably 85 Japanese planes Saturday and Sunday. The sky triumphs, which were announced by headquarters today and were tied in with destructive bombings of those bases, raised well above 300 the total of enemy plane losses this month in the south, southwest and central Pacific. More than 100 American planes from Solomons bases gave Rabaul, on the northeastern end of New Britain its 27th bombing of the past 33 days Saturday afternoon. A large flight of Mitchells, escorted by Corsairs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, smashed Lukanai's runway and revetments. Seventy Japanese planes intercepted. Eighteen were known to have been shot down and two others were listed as probables. Six American planes were lost, with the pilot of one Lightning saved. Saturday night, south Pacific Liberators and Mitchells returned to Rabaul and, flying into intense anti-aircraft fire as many searchlights fingered the sky, started huge fires. Smoke rose 3000 feet and the flames were visible for 75 miles. Sunday, the southwest Pacific's fifth airforce sent a big force of

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Canal Bridges Hotly Contested; Main Division Lashes 5th

Repetition of Salerno Seen Coming; Italians Cut Rome-Cassino Railway

By Edward Kennedy ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Small but determined German tank, artillery and infantry forces were disclosed tonight to have opened counterattacks against the allied beachheads south of Rome, where another Salerno-type battle may be in the making. Even while the main divisions of the most powerful Nazi army ever massed in Italy lashed savagely at allied positions along the old fifth army front to the southeast, some of Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's combat teams opened a series of hot fights for canal bridges in the flatlands where British and American troops landed Saturday virtually unopposed. The Germans battled all-out in an effort to repair the epic staff blunder that permitted American and British troops to land between their cross-Italy defense line and Rome. The increasing fights at the canal crossings in the beachhead area gave quick point to a warning from the allied commander in chief: "It is more than possible that you will see a repetition of Salerno once again." News of the Nazi resistance at the bridges came in delayed dispatches written at the scene Sunday. They told of some bridges changing hands several times, with action still on a small scale, but decidedly vigorous. The Bari radio in liberated southern Italy reported that Italian patriots had cut the important Rome-Cassino railway "at least temporarily." This giving some aid to the allied beachhead forces. The Nazi high command evidently hoped to deal a devastating blow to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces on the Cassino front and then to turn and smash the amphibious force back into the sea. It appeared to be a desperate gamble, as allied landing troops were officially disclosed to have captured the port of Nettuno, 30 miles south of Rome, and to have driven four miles inland. This brought the Appian Way, main coastal highway between Rome and the Germans' southern front, within effective range of allied artillery. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, allied commander-in-chief for the Mediterranean, called the amphibious operation "classical" (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Invasion Coast Bombed Again; RAF on Wing

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—American heavy bombers returned to their old hunting ground in western Germany today, bombing unspecified targets while hundreds of medium and fighter bombers attacked the French invasion coast for the 23rd time in 25 days. The heavy bomber raid into one of Germany's most productive industrial areas was supported by a strong escort of new far-ranging fighters as well as Thunderbolts and Lightnings. The escort and the heavy bombers destroyed 21 enemy planes, a communique announced, while the RAF got three more off Holland. From all the day's operations, two heavy bombers, a fighter-bomber and ten fighters are missing. Nationalities were not specified in the bulletin. Of the 21 shot down in the USAAF sweep, the bombers were officially credited with two and the escort with 19. A brief official announcement did not give details, but from a flying fortress station came a story of how one formation, hampered by clouds over its primary objective, managed to discover an important target further north and destroyed it with an accurate salvo of several tons of bombs. Meanwhile, early tonight there was an air raid alarm in Bern, capital of neutral Switzerland, and the German DNB agency said "Anglo-Saxon aircraft flew over southwestern Danubia; bombs were dropped."

Sailors Injured In Train Crash

By ROBERT C. WILSON JORDAN, N.Y., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Five sailors were injured tonight when the 11 car New York-to-Chicago water level limited left the New York Central main line tracks after plowing into a derailed east bound freight train. The injured were taken to an Auburn hospital. Hospital authorities said none was seriously injured. Names were not available. Railroad men, at the scene said the freight train was derailed near the Jordan station a few minutes before the limited's arrival. They said there was no time to set off warning flares.

Hangary Bombed

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Budapest correspondent of the paper Morgon Tidningen reported today that allied bomber squadrons flying in the direction of Austria had dropped bombs on two places in the vicinity of Zala-Egyenas in western Hungary.

Ration Boards Face Gasoline Quota System

A "quota" system for gasoline rationing, under which the local office of the war price and rationing board is allowed to ration out only a specified amount of the motor fuel, was explained to tire inspectors here Monday night by J. H. Hedric, associate mileage representative of the OPA. The system, discussed in its relationship to the Salem earlier in the day by Hedric as he conferred with Florence S. Bell of the Salem office, is to involve coupon control. If it does not greatly reduce consumption of gasoline, the petroleum administrator has served notice that the coupon value will be cut, Hedric explained. If the local office does not build up credits by control of individual use of gasoline, it will have no extra gasoline to allot to anyone regardless of need and eligibility for it, under the new system, he said.

Willkie to Enter Oregon Primary

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie, who announced yesterday that he would not enter the California presidential preference primary, is expected to enter the Wisconsin, Nebraska and Oregon primaries, it was learned today. The Wisconsin primary is April 6, Nebraska's April 11 and Oregon's May 19. Willkie is expected to announce shortly his candidacy for the republican presidential nomination.

Murphy Operation Set

State Police Officer Karl Murphy, shot twice as he attempted to take into Dallas three sailors in a stolen car 10 days ago, today is scheduled to undergo a bone operation. One of the shots mushroomed along a bone near the knee yesterday.