

Stilwell's Men Near Kamaing

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In eastern India, meanwhile, British troops pushed ahead against the Japanese invaders southwest of Imphal, and mopping up operations also continued southwest of Kohima, 85 miles to the north, where the enemy has been reported regrouping in strength.

Allied progress in the India sector was slow. The Japanese are heavily dug in and have laid many mines and booby traps. American medium bombers succeeded in dislocating traffic to the Imphal front by blowing a hunk out of a road.

Reports received here said that allied Chindits operating in mid-Burma were supporting the allied attacks on the Imphal front by destroying large dumps of food and ammunition destined for the Japanese in that sector. A dispatch from Thoburn Wiant, Associated Press correspondent

ent with Stilwell's forces in the Mogaung valley, said a two-lane highway on which a procession of American trucks streams in both directions had been extended to the very edge of Japanese artillery fire.

He said Stilwell's forces had made amazing progress, that American camps were strung out all along the valley, and that troops and engineers have been laying the strongest foundations in the drive toward Kamaing and Mogaung.

Oregon GOP's Will Decide Senate Issue

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Sprague, governor from 1938 to 1942, and a Salem newspaper publisher.

Sprague has been active in the campaign, stressing his record as governor and his postwar views. Cordon has spent most of the campaign in Washington, and no mud has been thrown. Both candidates are liberal, and favor international cooperation among nations. Cordon has the advantage of being backed by the Snell organization, and by the friends he has made as agent for the Oregon land grant counties. But Sprague has an advantage of being better known because of his term as governor.

Two other republicans are in the race—John McBride, Portland, who is unknown; and Henry Black, Portland painting contractor, who is conducting his own campaign for president of the United States.

On the democratic side of this race, Willis Mahoney, former Klamath Falls mayor who has made two unsuccessful senate races, is unopposed.

Lightning Sets Fire To Dufur ME Church

THE DALLES, May 15—(AP)—A lightning bolt set fire to the Dufur Methodist church in the center of this city yesterday. Firemen, aided by heavy rains, kept the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings. The church was destroyed.

China Opens Big Offense Against Japs

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was encountered by the Chinese expeditionary force until the foothills were won. Some thrust along mountain trails were halted by units of Japan's battle-toughened 58th division which counterattacked in force.

The offensive had the strong support of Sky Dragons of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th air force, which bombed and strafed enemy positions over a wide area.

Fighting thus far, severe but on a small scale, has developed near the villages of Ping Ka, 24 miles southeast of Lunling in the Burma road; Hongmoshu, 21 miles east of Tengchung, north of the Burma road and about 50 miles from the eastern Burmese border; Taitangtsu, 29 miles northeast of Tengchung, and in the Kaoli mountain barrier approaches.

At the same time, in Honan province to the north the Chinese communiqué said that Japanese troops which had broken through into Loyang at three points had been annihilated, as defenders battled desperately to save the key city from capture. In that sector also Chennault's air force was active in support of the Chinese.

The communiqué indicated that Chinese forces in southern Honan still were astride the Peiping-Hankow railway, at Suiping, 110 miles south of Chengtsien, after reopening a gap in the Japanese hold on the line.

The immediate objective of Stilwell's Burma forces, the town of Kamaing, about 40 miles west of Myitkyina, is within about 150 miles of present Chinese positions on the Salween.

The Salween offensive was opened Wednesday night by troops under the command of Marshal Wei Li-Huang, seasoned veteran who is called "100-victory Wei" because of many successes in minor engagements.

On three successive nights the crossing of the turbulent Salween was effected in the face of severe clashes with the counterattacking Japanese at many points.

Both sides suffered heavy casualties at Ping Ka, where a hundred Japanese were reported dead and wounded of a force of 400. In the deepest thrust from the Salween a body of Chinese outflanked Tatung Tzu in a forced march.

This would indicate that the Chinese column had by-passed Mamiin pass, since Tatung Tzu is a small village about 13 miles west of the Salween.

Red Planes Pound Nazis

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Other transports and escort vessels were reported damaged. Attacking Nazi rail concentrations in old Poland, in the vicinity of Lwow, Soviet airmen started fires and explosions among German military trains and supply depots at Ravaruskaya, Stry, Dvinat, Ukho and Dobrozin, the high command said.

The Russian communiqué said 19 German tanks were destroyed and 33 enemy air planes brought down either in combat or by anti-aircraft fire on all fronts yesterday.

A supplement issued early today intimated the Germans were putting up a dogged fight in two secondary battle areas—southeast of Stanislawow, in old Poland, and northwest of Tiraspol on the lower Dniestr.

The Russians acknowledged the Nazis had "pressed back" Soviet formations and captured a small hill at Stanislawow, but said the situation later had been restored with about 400 Germans slain.

Holman, Morse to Get Together at GOP Rally

PORTLAND, May 15—(AP)—Sen. Rufus C. Holman and Wayne L. Morse, political opponents who could not get together on a proposed public debate, will appear at the same republican rally tomorrow.

Morse, who previously challenged Holman to a debate, said today he would attend an Oregon City meeting tomorrow evening planned by the Clackamas county republican club. Holman is one of the principal speakers on the program.

HOLLYWOOD TONIGHT!

LUM & ABNER
"SO THIS IS WASHINGTON"

RED SKELTON
"WHISTLIN' IN BROOKLYN"
Ann Rutherford

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Our eastern Oregon operative somehow got into a downtown ticket office in Portland in time to watch the maneuvers of a small, dark sailor lad who was dicker for a ticket to his home in Lafayette, La. He wore three campaign ribbons, one of which was thoroughly studded with stars, indicating he'd seen plenty of action, "probably in the southwest Pacific," says our EOO, though how anyone as color blind as he could know that is still a mystery to us.

The sailor told the ticket seller he'd been gone more than two years and that this was his first leave.

After the ticket had been properly routed, certified and so forth, and he'd forked over the required \$64 and something, he began asking pointed questions about the safety of railroad travel. "And," writes our EOO, "believe it or not, he wound up by purchasing one of those \$9000 travelers' life insurance policies!"

Nazis Expect Inland Attack

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mand to move troops on the immense scale that might be required.

The Belgian news agency declared that transport in Belgium was so disorganized that a "great part of the country's coal output is piling up at the pithead."

The continental underground reported the Germans were hastily reinforcing airborne and parachute forces in the west to aid troops that might be cut off in the rear. Another report from the same source said the Germans had withdrawn half their fighter forces from the west, leaving barely 250 first line planes to combat the massive allied air forces.

US Navy Can Police World

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the world has ever known. With it, we will have the naval air force and the marines with many years experience in the conduct of two and three dimensional warfare.

"This force by itself can police the world. It is the nucleus around which can be built one force."

Explaining why he favors keeping separate forces, he declared the British had to break down their single air force into a number of striking units to obtain the efficiency which repelled the Luftwaffe.

Allies Shred Gustav Line In Italy War

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order. He said the French had taken 1000 prisoners, 30 of them officers, with the number of captives mounting steadily.

Heavy fighting progressed in the Spigno area, with the French again in the thick of it. The Americans, after occupying Santa Maria Infante, pressed toward the strong point of Spigno, and at sundown the Germans are reported withdrawing from several areas.

(The German high command declared that German troops had recaptured Santa Maria Infante, DNB said in a broadcast.)

Across the bridges of the Rapido river the machinery of war moved swiftly, with the Eighth army spawning systematically at the German garrison in the lower Liri valley, which for months has barred the way to Cassino. Advance parties of allied forces have stabbed within a few miles of the Adolf Hitler line, a string of camouflaged pill boxes, dugouts and emplacements which the Germans have been ordered to hold at all costs. The Rapido bridgehead now is strongly established, said a field dispatch from Correspondent Lynn Heinzelring.

Earlier, Gen. Juin's Fighting French, battling their way to the tops of hills dominating the Liri valley southeast of Cassino, had captured the important town of Ausonia.

American doughboys, fighting on the left of the French, slashed across the important Ausonia-Fornia highway and captured commanding heights beyond, while British Eighth army forces deepened their hard-won bridgehead across the Rapido river south of Cassino to more than a mile and threatened to outflank Cassino's powerful defenses.

German troops trapped between the swiftly advancing American and French spearheads appeared to face the alternatives of fleeing into the lofty Arunci mountain range at their backs, surrendering or being annihilated. American units were fighting on the approaches of Spigno, five miles south of Ausonia, after having smashed the enemy out of the villages of Santa Maria Infante and San Pietro and captured vital mountain positions on both sides of the Assente river.

For the third straight day the allied air forces unleashed virtually everything on hand against the enemy, attacking him at every vulnerable point between his gun positions and command posts on the battle line and his freight yards in northern Italy.

Mustangs and Kittyhawk fighters maintained a "cab rank" above some sectors, whipping down continuously to bomb and strafe specific targets in conformance with radio orders from observers on the ground. A dozen types of combat planes piled up 2500 sorties yesterday.

Budget Group Trims Funds

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for the poundmaster's car, and \$89.30 from public library insurance costs.

Until there has been further investigation, the budget committee indicated it would resist the temptation to cut League of Oregon Cities dues in half to put them back on the 1943-44 basis of \$309.08. Mrs. Gertrude Lobdell, chairman of the committee dealing with the city's general expenses, was instructed to find out what other cities are doing about the increased dues.

Also left for reconsideration is the defense council item, which as submitted totaled \$2780. Alderman Tom Armstrong, chairman of the council's civilian defense committee, who submitted the original request, last night recommended that cost of telephone service to the city's special air raid sirens and of special channel sirens, totaling \$1180 be stricken out. Said Alderman L. F. LeGarde, "You might as well tear down the sirens, too."

Street repair tax fund expenditures budgeted at \$19,751.57 "probably will not be spent next year but the committee wanted to retain the tax base," City Engineer J. H. Davis explained, to which Citizen Budgeteer Fred Paulus made answer that he had doubts as to the constitutionality of the operation of a street tax outside the six per cent limitation requirements. The entire item was held up for further investigation.

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Air War Hits Lull at Last

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ers stabbing at two English coastal cities a few hours after high-flying British heavies roared toward the continent in continuation of the intensive allied aerial offensive.

American heavy and British medium bombers carried the campaign through its 31st consecutive day yesterday with an attack on Hitler's continental coastal defenses. They met no air opposition.

The Berlin radio reported allied night raiders over Germany. Nazi planes retaliated with their second successive night raid on England's south coast, following Sunday night's attack in which six persons were killed and which cost the enemy at least 15 planes.

Approximately 260 Flying Fortresses and Liberators and an additional force of Thunderbolts and fighter-bombers bombarded objectives in northern France while A-20 light bombers drove clear to the Paris area and hit an airfield near the badly battered Creil railroad yards. Marauders bombed a railroad yard also.

The Vichy radio said the Lille and Valenciennes areas were hit. Not a bomber was lost of those involved in the operation.

ations nor in the far-flung RAF night bombing attacks a few hours before. British Mosquito bombers hit Cologne Sunday night and unspecified military objectives in France, Belgium and Holland.

One escort plane was missing today.

Outside that activity—with the Mediterranean air force diverted to close support of the new ground campaign in Italy—the great north-south allied air offensive which started April 8 was virtually at a standstill. It was an ominous hiatus for the Germans.

The southern half of the allies' twin triphammers now is preoccupied, at the rate of 2500 to 3000 sorties day after day, with executing on the restricted Italian front the same kind of ground-support campaign against communications and defensive installations that the combined airforces staged over the broad European battlefield.

Council Wades Through Bills

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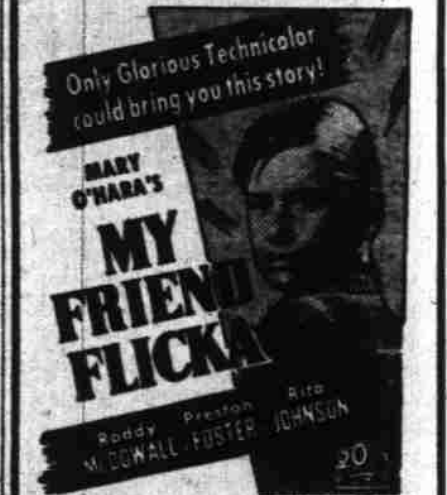
street between Gaines and Norway street were opened and June 19 set as day for the hearing. The ordinance permitting erection of a wooden structure on the courthouse lawn for a veterans' information center was given its first two readings, and final reading of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's new operating agreement was postponed to speed closing of the pre-budget council meeting.

STATE

- Opens 6:45 P. M. -

ENDS TODAY!
Betty Grable
"CONEY ISLAND"
TONIGHT WE RAID
CALAIS!
Annabella
John Sutton

TOMORROW!
The young star of
"Lassie Come Home" ...
In a sensational hit!



FUN CO-HIT!
Laurel & Hardy
"Jitterbugs"



LIBERTY

- Opens 6:45 P. M. -

Last Times Today!
Henry Fonda
"The Oxbow Incident!"
Ken Maynard
Hoot Gibson
"Westward Bound"

TOMORROW!
A rip-snortin'
pair of action
features!



JACKASS MAIL

WALLACE
BEERY
MARJORIE MAIN
I. CARROL NASH



CO-FEATURE!
"PARTNERS OF THE TRAIL"
And Another Thrill Chapter
"PERLS OF THE NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN"

EL SINORE
NOW!
Doors Open 6:45
SPENCER TRACY
IRENE DUNNE
A Guy Named Joe
Companion Feature
March of Time: "Sweden's Middle Road"

Continuous Show Daily From 1 P. M.
CAPITOL
PHONE 5050
Last Times Today
Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne, in
"WHAT A WOMAN"
And Merle Oberon, George Sanders,
Laird Cregar, in
"THE LODGER"
Starts TOMORROW

Katherine Hepburn
Joan Bennett
in
Louise May Alcott's
"LITTLE WOMEN"
with
Francis Dee
Jean Parker and
Edna May Oliver
Co-Feature
Pisito fly and guns
road.
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BOB LIVINGSTON · SMILEY BURNETTE

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of instalment buying has
now been modified.
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convenient monthly terms. An account
may be opened with any purchases
totaling \$10 or more. Most of the
merchandise we sell can be added
to an established account without any
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open a new account with a down
payment of only 10%. Please come
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In these two mighty
all-time hits!
Louis Bromfield's best-selling novel of human emotions at their peak... the catastrophic powers of nature at their wildest!
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THE RAINS CAME
A 20th Century-Fox Picture
RONALD COLMAN · CLAUDETTE COLBERT
ROSALIND RUSSELL · VICTOR McLAGLEN
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