

Hwaiyuanchen Appears to Be In Jap Hands

CHUNGKING, Nov. 24 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's communique reported today that Hwaiyuanchen, 50 miles west of Luichow on the Kwangsi-Kweichow railway, had been "bombed repeatedly" by American planes of the 14th air force, indicating the town had fallen to Japanese troops.

A Chinese army spokesman insisted, however, that Hwaiyuanchen still was in Chinese hands. (A broadcast by Domei, Japanese news agency, said Japanese forces had "completely occupied" an American military airfield on Yungning's western outskirts. "This," said the unconfirmed enemy broadcast, "the last base of the American air force in southwest China . . . has been completely occupied by our forces.")

Murray Flays Administration Of Wage Plan

CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (AP)—The CIO demanded today that the government allow wages to catch up to living costs, as Philip Murray, president, hurled a sharp challenge to the author of the "little steel formula" to quit the war labor board. Murray blamed all four public members of the war labor board, with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson, for what he termed "bad administration" of the little steel formula. But for Taylor he reserved his bitterest attack, accusing him of "machinations," and of being "biased" and "unfair."

If It Isn't One Thing It'll Be Another—Now Maybe It's Matches

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP)—Even if cigarettes should become more plentiful, which he doubts, there wouldn't be any matches to light them, Herman A. Oriol, managing director of the wholesale tobacco distributors of New York, said today. "Any book and safety matches



DUTCH METROPOLIS—Aerial view of a section of Rotterdam, Netherlands, showing the Maas River and main bridges across the stream.

Issue of 49th State Problem For Congress

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—Congress must decide whether it wants a 49th state called "Jefferson." If not, it will have to soothe the ruffled feelings of mountaineers in Oregon and California border counties when it considers the postwar highway bill, now up. And that's no easy job. Back in 1941 these counties got so mad at the roads their states built that they started a secession movement—stopped motorists at their borders and confronted them with signs saying: "Stop! Independent state of Jefferson."

Then the war came and they stifled their complaints (and their publicity). But now, it's up to congress either to show or be shown—by including funds for secondary country roads in the highway bill. The two congressmen who represent the irked counties are hoping

ing congress will help keep the areas in their districts. They're rather fond of them. Representative Claire Engle, democrat of California: "If this road bill does what they think it can do for them they will be connected once more with civilization. Otherwise they still reserve the right to form another state." Representative Ellsworth, republican of Oregon: "We do not need another state out there. What we need is the development of the resources of that region."

OPA Declared To Have Upset Turkey Mart

PORTLAND, Nov. 24 (AP)—OPA regional regulations have seriously dislocated normal methods of marketing Oregon's turkey crop, Federal Judge Claude McCulloch declared today, but because he "had no choice" he dismissed a restraining action launched by Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products Co. against the OPA. He explained that congress had withdrawn jurisdiction from local federal courts to consider validity orders under the price control act. The company had sought injunction against OPA enforcement of a ruling prohibiting turkey processors from wholesaling turkeys.

now going out are wholesalers' and manufacturers' stocks. When these are exhausted, which will be any time now, we will see share-the-match clubs."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—The senate war investigating committee decided today to look into the cigarette shortage.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS
Ornithologists around Salem who wonder whether the birds have gone south or are merely in hiding have been looking a bit questioningly at the brush on the chin of a certain blond, erstwhile handsome young giant.

There was a lady, too, a nice-looking lady, I'm told, who asked the owner of this landscaping development to settle an argument she had been having with her husband. At first, the young giant was convinced she thought he was a judge. But, as it turned out, the couple had been discussing him. What was his profession? What did he do? For thought he had seen him somewhere (twice the night the Russian chorus was in town). When the big blond told the little lady he was a moulder, she frowned, cupped right hand behind right ear and asked him to repeat. You see, she didn't think he could make a living at it, though she knew he looked as if he was moulding right then.

With this brief and touching introduction we give you Harold (Rosey) Rosebraugh, who is a character (never was the word better used) in the Salem Civic Players' upcoming Christmas-benefit comedy. Harold is a walking roadsign for the play—Woodman, spare that tree, though it is slightly moss-grown. Ah, we have it: He is a moss-Rosey!

WALLET DISAPPEARS
L. J. Monroe, Corvallis, reported to police Friday that his wallet containing three bus tickets, a \$10 bill, several pictures and personal identifications disappeared while he was on a shopping trip in Salem Friday. Monroe said he did not know whether he had lost the wallet accidentally or whether it had been stolen.

All Nine Fairview Youths Returned

The nine boys ranging in age from 14 to 16 years of age who "walked away" Thursday afternoon from Fairview home, Friday night were all back in the institution. Three of the youngsters

were picked up at Jefferson on Friday afternoon and Friday evening a guard at the state penitentiary picked up the remaining six at Turner.

Magnesium Output Will Be Halted in U. S. Plants

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—

Production of magnesium in government-owned plants will come to a virtual halt by Jan. 1, WPB said today in disclosing that military requirements for magnesium had continued to decrease and surplus stocks have almost doubled the amount regarded as a "safety reserve."

Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe—Terrific battle rages on the plains before Cologne as the allies drive the Germans from their last bridgehead in Strasbourg; allied troops reported crossing Rhine into Germany.

Russia—Red army and naval units clear the last Nazis from the Estonian island of Saare, guarding the gulf of Riga; Germans report 52 Russian divisions attacking in Latvia.

Italy—British throw five bridgeheads across Cosina river near Faenza.

Pacific—American airmen destroy another convoy attempting to land reinforcements on Leyte, an estimated 3500 Japanese soldiers dying; Tokyo war industries suffer heavy damage from great daylight attack by B-29 Superfortresses.

China—Japanese claim they've captured last American airfield in southwest China, in the suburbs of Nanning.

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Tomorrow!
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Last Times Today
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SWING IN THE SADDLE
WALT DISNEY'S
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Starts Sunday
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BATHING BEAUTY
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CO-FEATURE
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